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THE consecration and meeting of the Universal Chapter, recorded in our last, are memorable, if on no other Masonic grounds, for this one fact, the many excellent and thoughtful speeches which are to be found in the report of the gathering and the proceedings. As a rule, all after dinner speeches are rather a trial and a bore. "Cut it short," is an adage very much in fashion and favour just now, and not without good reason, not without many sufficient causes of often hard necessity. The utterers of words are very many,—effective speakers are very few. Nothing is so trying to men of intellect, as the wearisome, peddling, maundering speaker who has nothing to say, and does not even know how to say that very nothing. But when "the ferst of reason and the flow of soul" accompany our symposia, then indeed the treat is great for the cultivated imagination and the healthy mind. We hardly ever remember reading speeches (and actual hearers confirm our second-hand impression after some little experience too) when more Attic salt was offered to an appreciative audience, when the points were better made, the turns were more happy, and the clear and sensible words of the various speakers went more home to the "assembled selections." How many a good speech, (good perhaps relatively only), is spoiled by the speaker not seeing that he has made his point. No; he will boggle on, and generally winds up with two or three halting periods, several inconclusive illustrations, and, above all, a most obscure and meaningless peroration. Where all the speakers were so good it seems invidious to praise specifically. We can only commend their speeches and these remarks to the notice and thinking powers of our many indulgent readers.

OUR attention is called elsewhere to a pamphlet entitled "Persecution of the Jews in Russia," and which certainly represents a most distressing and shameful state of things. The cruelties, persecution, insults, and outrages to which the Jews have been exposed, alike all sexes, ages, and conditions, almost sound as the very acts of barbarism, and if not, alas! altogether unparalleled in the history of the world, strike us as something very dreadful in reality to bring before our minds, an everlasting reproach to the country which permits them,—a scandal to our boasted civilization. There seems to be no possible exaggeration; indeed, we greatly fear the stern reality of the horrors committed far exceeds the painful and humiliating narrative.

WE rejoice to note the continued and advancing prosperity of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. By the reports read at the last Quarterly Communication it seems that the income for the year was £3535, including £863 of rents and £45 of interest; and the expenditure £2253, including interest £429; excess of income over expenditure being £1282. The funds and estate at the end of 1881 amounted to £19,387, being over £1200 in excess of 1880. The Masonic Fund of Benevolence now amounts to £5872, and £482 have been granted on charity in 1881. There have been eighteen charters granted to new lodges, and there were 3865 new entrants. Altogether the account is most satisfactory, and we congratulate heartily all concerned in such salutary changes and such progressive ameliorations.

THE R.A. compact, to which the GRAND SCRIBE adverted on Wednesday last, is historically for Royal Arch Masons a very interesting document. Though the fact is not new in itself, and has long been known to students, yet we are pleased to note that the GRAND SCRIBE mentioned the matter officially to Grand Chapter, and has taken the proper means to preserve so valuable a document for inspection and reference. It is a fact, explain it as you will, that this quasi-recognition of the Royal Arch was not officially made by Grand Lodge until 1813, though in 1767, as the GRAND SCRIBE has pointed out, the Grand Chapter, if unofficially as far as Grand Lodge was concerned, was set up at Freemasons' Hall. The history of the Royal Arch

is still in a certain manner somewhat obscure. The old theory of OLIVER that DERMOTT obtained it from RAMSAY, is not now accepted. DERMOTT seems to have brought the Royal Arch from Dublin, where it may have come from RAMSAY, though that, too, is doubtful; and though later the Irish Grand Lodge, despite the earliest acknowledgment of it at all by FIELD D'ASSIGNY, seems to have repudiated it. The Royal Arch itself, nevertheless, seems to have come from DERMOTT, who hailed from Dublin, in its distinct formation and its peculiar terminology. But the earliest mention of it in the Antient Grand Lodge minutes is comparatively late. Whether "Scotch Masters," to whom frequent allusion is made in English lodge minutes from 1740-50, had anything to do with this higher development must still be left to time to demonstrate, and research to unravel.

THERE are some very interesting papers in *Knowledge* relating to the Great Pyramid, which we commend to the notice of Bro. ROWBOTTOM, the ingenious lecturer on the Great Pyramid and Masonry. The opinion of Mr. PROCTER, the able Editor of *Knowledge*, is clearly that, whatever other use the Great Pyramid was intended for, it was also astronomical, and so far he goes, or seems to go, along with the Pyramidal School. Where he differs from that School, and the difference is important, consists in this, that he looks upon the astronomical knowledge of that day as practical and limited—not full or perfect,—and, above all, does not accept the theory that the mason or astronomical builders of those days were enlightened beyond the age in which they lived, or were among the "Theodidaktoi." We have always hesitated a little at one or two postulates of the Pyramidal School, which seemed to require that the knowledge of 1882, with improved apparatus and telescopic powers, must be identical with that of the times of ABRAHAM.

OUR distinguished Bro. the LORD MAYOR'S Mayoralty will be memorable for the three great funds he is identified with. We are glad to see that the two Irish funds are prospering,—that for property defence is now over £17,000; that for the poor suffering ladies over £14,000. We should be glad to see the latter considerably increased, as the wants of many ladies are very urgent; their real suffering and humiliation very saddening. We hope that Grand Lodge will make a liberal grant towards such an effort of real humanitarian beneficence. The fund for the suffering and outraged Jews has already overpassed £39,000 in a few days. We trust that it may still further increase. There is no doubt of its absolute need; there is every ground, as we have sought to point out elsewhere in this issue, for its existence and application. It appeals forcibly to the humane feelings of all thinking persons.

THE Parliamentary Session has begun amid much of excitement and interest, and disinterested observers seem to presage a stormy gathering and protracted debates. Happily, the *Freemason* is altogether removed from the troubled sea of political questions and sectarian controversies, and looks philosophically on all such extraneous evidences of personal antagonism and heated combinations. Parliaments come and go, sessions pass and re-pass, and the world wends its way, and, as Mrs. Kendal's song has it, "Time moves on."

THE monthly meeting of the Managing Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution took place on Wednesday, when there was a good attendance. The number of candidates to be polled for and selected in May was finally declared for the two funds, and we only regret, and regret very much to add, that the number to be elected will be comparatively very small in respect to the number of candidates, and that the funds of the institution do not allow safely any larger number to be elected to receive the benefit of this excellent institution. Bro. Terry mentioned that the Widows' Fund was overdrawn, and that the number of Stewards was still greatly in defect of last year. It may be feared, we apprehend, owing to various contingencies, that with all the efforts of the Stewards there is all probability of a temporary falling off in the returns of the festival, unless indeed the intervening time is wisely used to assist the Secretary, and strengthen the hands of the Managing Committee. THERE ARE MANY BROTHERS, LODGES, AND CHAPTERS WHO HAVE YET DONE NOTHING AT ALL FOR THIS MOST NEEDFUL AND WELL-MANAGED CHARITY OF OUR GREAT ORDER. Let them bethink themselves and bestir themselves in the interval, and then the Managing Committee may feel themselves justified in recommending to the Quarterly Court, in May, to extend the liberal provision of their invaluable annuities to a larger number of eager applicants for them than is now probable or possible. All who are thinking of becoming Stewards should send their names in to the Secretary, without the loss of a day.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Saturday last at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. S. Rosenthal in the chair. There were also present Bro. William Roebuck, G. P. Britten, Rev. Richard Morris (Head Master), L. Ruf, W. H. Perryman, Don. M. Dewar, Alfred Williams, W. Maple, F. Adlard, W. H. Saunders, E. Baxter, A. F. Godson, F. Binckes (Sec.), and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

The report of the Audit Committee was read and received, and ordered to be entered on the minutes, and the Chairman was authorised and requested to sign cheques as recommended by the Audit Committee.

There was but one petition for the admission of a boy on to the list of candidates for the October election, but as he was not present to read, the petition was deferred.

One outfit was granted to a former pupil of the Institution, and the SECRETARY reported that in the case of another boy to whom a grant was made on condition that his friends found the remainder of the sum necessary to article him to an architect and surveyor, the condition had been complied with. The grant was therefore confirmed.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

An emergency meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held on the 3rd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Southampton, under the presidency of R.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., the P.G.M. There was a large attendance, including the following brethren :

W. Bros. W. Hickman, D.P.G.M.; J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G.S.W.; Dr. O'Connor, P.G.J.W.; Frost, P.G. Treas.; A. J. Miller, P.G. Sec.; G. J. Tilling, P.M. 1461, P.G. Supt. of Works; C. B. Whitcomb, P.M. 1705, P.G.J.D.; T. Lashmore, P.M. 359, P.G.D.C.; V. Brown, P.M. and Treas. 903, P.G. Purs.; W. Bowyer, P.M. 1461, P.P.G.A.D.C.; F. Meredith, 487; J. Wallingford, P.M. 903; S. Myer, P.M. 130; J. Robertson, S.W. 130; E. A. Mersell, I.P.M. 35; R. W. Mitchell, P.M. 903; W. Furler, P.M. 304; J. Bunt, J.W. 1880; E. W. Downing, I.P.M. 603; C. J. Phillips, P.M. 130, P.P.G.S.D.; R. R. L. Rosoman, P.M. 1461; G. Davis, W.M. 130; J. Cole, P.M. 130; J. T. Craven, P.M. 342; W. Berry, W.M. 1780; D. O. Hobbs, S.D. 1361; A. Algar, Sec. 1780; L. H. Saunders, S. 1860; Rev. A. C. Hervey, S.D. 309; R. Dampier-Child, S.D. 1860; White, P.M. 357; H. Cawte, P.M. 342, P.G.R.; E. Goble, P.M. 309; E. T. Howell, P.M. and Sec. 304; F. S. Wright, 551; Clayton, W.M. 698; C. B. Whitcomb, P.M. 1705; R. Child, 350; H. P. Aslatt, P.M. 304, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Laverty, S.W. 1428; A. L. Hancox, I.G. 1770; W. Miles, Org. 1776; W. Cole, 359; J. E. Aldis, J.D. 359; G. Brooks, W.M. 1112; J. R. Sharp, 1112; G. W. F. Mortimer, S.D. 1112; J. Dew, P.M. 609; Longlands, J.W. 370; T. B. Hill, 1350; J. R. Hayman, W.M. 309; A. J. Blackman, 370; T. P. Payne, W.M. 304; Henry Lashmore, J.W. 304; J. Brickwood, W.M. 342; I. Harle, P.M. 1780, P.P.G.P.; G. A. Green, P.M. 309, P.P.G.D.; J. Short, 550; H. Webb, J.D. 359; J. K. Linstead, 130; H. Cook, Sec. 1004; F. B. Tanner, 1780; J. Hart, J.D. 130; J. Adams, P.M. and Sec. 359, P.P.D.C.; W. Jenvey, 359; A. Barfield, P.M. 35, J.G.D.; A. P. Young, Steward, 359; E. C. Kemp, 130; W. A. Marshall, 309; R. Croisdale, 1331, P.G.S.B.; Douglas, P.M. 133; Groves, W.M. 175; W. Daniell, I.G. 903; A. Wheaver, W.M. 1705; B. E. Horn, 903; W. Smith, 903; J. Howell, Sec. 1705; G. W. Strick, P.M. 1428; J. Crook, 1780; J. C. Stroud, 359; G. Pearce, 359; J. Clark, P.M. 359; J. R. Weston, P.M. 130, 359, P.P.G.R.; J. T. Gidden, 359; Williams, W.M. 309; W. Short, 359; A. A. Headley, 309, P.G. Chap.; M. S. Futeher, W.M. 1712, P.D.C. Wilt; C. Travers, D.C. 1428; S. R. Ellis, P.M. 342; C. W. A. Jellicoe, P.M. 130; F. Powell, W.M. 903; G. Pack, P.M. 175; T. E. Rodwell, 359; G. Warcham, 359; G. Haysom, 359; W. T. Dupree, J.D. 1069; W. G. Clarke, 359; S. Johnson, 1331; W. M. Outridge, J.W. 487; H. Wheeler, P.M. 354; G. Pearman, Org. 487; W. Footner, W.M. 1372; W. Brunwin, S.W. 603; T. Wood, 1069; J. S. Pearce, P.M. 1780; A. Wendover, W.M. 1069; Ino. Beer, 359; E. S. Main, 1776, P.P.G. Org.; T. Good, 1834, P.G.S.; J. N. Palmer, 698, P.P.G.W.; Alfred Scott, 551, P.G.S.; J. Gieve, P.M. 1040, P.G.S.; J. Biggs and J. Exell, P.G. Tylers; and G. Harrington, 350, W. Vare, 259, R. Eames, 309, G. Carter, 257, and Val Vennicombe, 1428, Tylers.

The chief business of the meeting was to receive and consider the report of the Provincial Bye-laws Committee, who brought up a code of bye-laws which provoked a brief discussion, and ultimately, on the motion of W. Bro. J. R. HAYMAN, it was remitted to the Committee, whose number was strengthened by the addition of the Provincial Grand Registrar, Bro. Lancaster, and the Master or other representative of each lodge in the province, such representative being a member of Provincial Grand Lodge.

The province was shown to stand seventh in financial rank, as contributors to the total of £15,774 given to the Schools and Benevolence in the past seven years. The seven provinces standing first are West Lancashire, £3186; West York, 2101; Kent, £3315; Warwickshire, £3215; Middlesex, £2034; Lincolnshire, £2034; Hampshire and Isle of Wight, £1671. There are now thirty-five lodges in the province, and five of these were represented by seven Stewards, whose lists reached a sum of £300, at the late Festival for the Boys. The province has contributed in all £1672, and to this must be added £583 for the Girls' School, and £1276 for the Benevolent Fund, the aggregate contributions to the three funds being £2829.

A large number of the brethren afterwards sat down to a banquet, provided by Bro. Dartnall, the P.G.M. presiding.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

A meeting of the Grand Chapter of the above province took place on the 3rd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Southampton, under the presidency of the M.E. Comp. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Provincial Grand Superintendent, as Z.; M. E. Comp. W. Hickman, as H.; and M.E. Comp. T. P. Payne, J.; Comp. G. A. Green filling the P.S. chair. The following companions signed the attendance book, viz.:

Comps. M. E. Frost, P.E. 257 and 487, P.G. Treas.; R. Sharpe, Z. 130; R. Osborne, Z. 487, P.P.G.R.; R. W. Downing, P.G. Org.; V. Brown, Z. 903, P.P.G.A.S.; F. Powell, 903, S.E., P.P.G.D.C.; A. Portsmouth, 604 and 414, P.Z.; J. H. Askham, J. 723; G. Pearman, Org. 487; C. B. Whitcomb, P.Z. 903, P.P.D.C.; J. Cole, H. 304; W. Waters, J. 130; C. W. Bemister, A.S. 130; G. F. Lancaster, Z. 342, P.P.G.S.; R. Dampier-Child, 175; R. Rood, 130; F. S. Wright, P.Z. 546; G. M. Passenger, jun., P.Z. 130; S. Myer, N. 130; T. Lashmore, A.S. 130; G. Douglas, J. 1331; R. Croisdale, H. 1331; E. C. Kemp, 394; J. Beer, 359; T. S. Futeher, P.Z. 586, P.G.H. (Wilt); J. C. Stroud, 359; Henry Lashmore, 130; A. Scott, 175; G. Davis, 394; J. H. Davey, 359; W. Short, 130; W. Brunwin, P.S. 993; J. Hart, 394; A. Algar, A.S. 359; G. Silverthorne, 359; D. Hobbs, P.S. 359; G. Pack, J. 175; J. Robertson, N. 394; L. H. Saunders, 175; C. A. Dyer, P.Z. 359, 394; H. P. Arthur, 359; W. Berry, N. 359; H. Dusautoy, H. 359, P.P.G.S.; W. Bowyer, P.Z. 359, P.P.G.S.B.; H. P. Paris (United States); G. J. Tilling, Z. 359; G. A. Hursell, A.S. 175; J. S. Pearce, 359; J. Dew, P.Z. 694, P.P.G.J.; C. W. A. Jellicoe, Z. 394; Rev. A. A. Headley, A.S. 309; E. Goble, N. 309; J. H. de Rheims, P.S. 487; W. Jenvey, 130; G. Cross, J. 359; J. W. Lamb, Z. 604; G. Bond, P.Z. 407, P.G.A.S.; J. Harvey, A.S. 694; J. N. Palmer, Z. 175; S. P. Ellis, P.Z. 342; J. Naish, P.Z., J. 76; M.

Emanuel, 130; H. P. Aslatt, P.S. 130; J. Brown, 394; J. B. Thomas, P.Z. 394, P.P.J.; J. Clark, P.S. 359; J. Wallingford, P.Z. 903, P.P.G. A.S.; J. O'Connor, H. 257; J. R. Hayman, N. 257; G. M. Mason, 342; J. Brickwood, 342; J. Gieve, 407; J. Howell, 903; F. Meredith, 487; R. Barnes, P.J. 342; W. M. Outridge, E. 487; G. P. Arnold, E. 342, P.G.P.S.; G. R. Strick, N. 1428; T. Francis, H. 404, P.P.G.A.S.; W. Smith, 903; C. Travers, D.C. 1428; T. Williams, 342; J. R. Weston, E. 130, P.P.G.E.; G. Drake, 342; W. A. Marshall, 1428; T. Craven, P.Z. 342; J. W. Wilmott, H. 342, P.P.G.S.B.; A. H. Hancox, 903; W. Miles, 342; E. Groves, 487, 803, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Biggs and J. Exell, P.G. Jans.; L. Cauvin, 903, E. Carter, 257, and W. Vare, 359, Jans. and Asst. Jans.

The Prov. Grand Treasurer's accounts, which were adopted, showed a balance in hand of £46 4s. 11d.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer having been re-elected by the Grand Chapter, the Prov. Grand Superintendent invested the officers for the ensuing year as follows:

M.E. Comp. Hickman	...	...	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" Lamb, 694	...	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" J. E. Le Feuvre (re-appointed)	...	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.F.
" G. Frost	...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" C. W. A. Jellicoe	...	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" Croisdale, 1331	...	...	...	...	Prov. G. P.S.
" G. J. Tilling	...	...	...	...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" G. H. Pack, 175	...	...	...	...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" Dr. O'Connor, 237	...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Taylor, 309	...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" Barnes, 342	...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Strick, 1428	...	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Pearman	...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
M.E. Comps. Biggs and Exell	...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Jans.

After the transaction of formal business, the Grand Chapter was closed in ancient form.

## WORSHIPFUL MASTERS—II.

BY BRO. WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

Bro. Whythead has drawn attention to a very important subject in a thoughtful and suggestive article on "Worshipful Masters;" but as a matter of fact, I find it much easier to agree with him in his estimate of many Installed and Past Masters than to furnish a prompt remedy for so unsatisfactory a condition of things. The evil appears to me proximately to have its origin in the insatiable thirst after office, to obtain which some brethren will almost do anything, and after which they care little or nothing about the responsibilities attached to the positions attained.

Though the present requirements or pre-requisites for the chair of a lodge are but carrying out the rule of over a century and a half, as to the Masters being selected from Wardens of twelve months' service or more, I have often thought that the Scottish system of electing brethren to the chair from the Master Masons, by increasing the number of eligible brethren, is in many respects a great advantage; though I quite admit there are disadvantages attached to such a system, and as it is never likely to be the law in England, we need not discuss the plan.

As in Germany, so in Scotland, the Master may be re-elected as often as the members desire; but in England and Ireland that officer can only be elected for two consecutive years, unless by a dispensation, and then only in cases of real necessity; but as he is eligible again for election after one year has elapsed, the alteration of the law would not really result in much benefit, neither do I think it at all called for.

My impression is that Bro. Whythead has reached the real source of the trouble and difficulty in alluding to the class of members we keep adding to our ranks; for, unless the membership of the Craft be raised considerably in social status and general intelligence in many parts of England, I fail to see how we can expect to have good Masters elected by the votes of brethren utterly incompetent to exercise their Masonic franchise. It is too much the custom to open the lodge, and if there is no "work" (i.e., "no Degrees to give") the Master closes almost immediately after the members have assembled, acting as if the business of the lodge was simply to confer Degrees, and too many, alas! favour the same view; hence, when there are no Degrees to give, the majority of the brethren stay away from the meeting, unless, indeed, a postscript is to be found on the "summons" to the effect that a banquet is to follow.

As also many of the annual subscriptions payable by members are not sufficient of themselves to meet all the expenses incurred by banquets, suppers, &c., there is naturally a desire and a necessity almost to encourage the "initiation" of new members as much as possible, for without such additional aids the lodges thus acting would soon be unable to continue from lack of funds. Now, to meet the expenses of banquets, &c., partaken of by subscribing members out of the fees payable by candidates on initiation is a most pernicious system, and, in my opinion, is one reason why, in some lodges, the membership is drawn from a class below the fair standard, socially and intellectually. I cannot myself understand how ordinary policemen, able seamen, labourers, and others, can possibly be suitable candidates for Freemasonry, however honest, honourable and respectable they may be, as their incomes are not sufficient to enable them to afford such a luxury, and if they desire to join a secret society it certainly should be such as the "Odd Fellows," the "Foresters," or other excellent benefit societies.

I have long advocated the increase of the minimum fee for initiation to six guineas, and the fees for "registration and certificate" to one guinea or more, believing that such a change would, at all events, tend to secure a better class of members financially and socially, though, of course possibly not morally. Candidates should be in good or "respectable circumstances" when proposed for the Craft, and hence when men seek to join who are destitute of such qualifications they must do so either from mistaken notions of the society, or "from mercenary or other unworthy motives." To improve the class of Wardens, then of Masters, and then of our Provincial Grand Officers especially, we must begin at the beginning, and obtain an improvement in our new members, so that the change for the better may gradually work upwards.

I trust that the capital and most timely article by my friend will tend in that direction as soon as possible, by leading the better class of members (Masonically, socially, and generally) to carefully guard the ballot box; for if two or three are agreed in a lodge to keep out unsuitable candidates they can easily do so, and earn the gratitude of all right-thinking Craftsmen by excluding improper material. I most warmly support Bro. Whythead in his laudable attempt to raise the standard of Masters and members of lodges and I hope to see a useful correspondence on the subject in the *Freemason*.

## TIME IMMEMORIAL LODGES.

BY ROBERT FREKE GOULD.

The oldest English Lodges are, present Nos. 2 ("Antiquity"); 12 ("Fortitude and Old Cumberland"); and 4 ("Somerset House and Inverness"). These Lodges were in existence before 1717, and together with a fourth Lodge, long since defunct, formed and created in that year the Grand Lodge of England—the earliest Grand Lodge recorded in history.

According to the engraved list of Lodges published in 1729, wherein Lodges were placed for the first time in order of seniority, the date of constitution of the Lodge of Antiquity is fixed at 1691. No year is placed opposite the description of present No. 4 (Somerset House), but as this Lodge appears below another to which the date of 1712 is ascribed, it is clear that in the opinion of the Grand Officers deputed to arrange the precedence of the Lodges, the birth of present No. 4 was to be looked for between 1712 and 1717 (1716, old style). Present No. 12 (Fortitude and Old Cumberland) is described in the engraved list of 1729, as

No. 11, Queen's Head, Knave's Acre, Feb. 27, 1723.

Not to linger over details, which I have treated at considerable length in my "History of the Four Old Lodges,"\* it may be shortly stated, that present No. 12, although more instrumental perhaps than any other, in creating the "Premier Grand of the World"—the preliminary meeting which led to the formation of the Grand Lodge of England having been organised by its lineal ancestors—and although from its ranks was selected the first Grand Master, yet, by the decision of a coterie of Grand Officers in 1729, its position on the list of Lodges was lowered from the second or third place to the eleventh. I use the expression *second* or *third* place, because it is far from clear whether present No. 12 was entitled (in point of age) to rank next, or next but one, to the Lodge of Antiquity. It admits of no doubt that the existing Lodges—Antiquity, and Somerset House—were the oldest and youngest respectively of the Four "Old" or "Original" Lodges. But the relative positions of the intermediate Lodges are indeterminable. For present purposes, however, the decision of this question is immaterial. One of the Lodges, younger than "Antiquity," and older than "Somerset House," is dead. The other still survives, no matter what its position on the roll, and is unquestionably the second oldest Lodge in South Britain.

Proceeding now with a definition of the term "Time Immemorial," as employed in Lodge nomenclature, I think Bros. Hughan and Woodford will agree with me that its application has been restricted to Lodges of prior date (or existence) to the Grand Body of which they form a part. We find accordingly, that by the practice of the earliest Grand Lodge of England, two Lodges—Antiquity and Somerset House—have (subsequently to the engraved list of 1729) been styled as of "immemorial constitution" in the official calendars published under its sanction. The Lodge of Fortitude, present No. 12, has been "dropped out" of this classification—wrongly I think—but I have already referred any curious reader to my fuller argument on this point. I may, however, be permitted to note before passing to another branch of the general subject, that besides recording an indignant protest against their deprivation of seniority in 1729, the members of what is our present No. 12, made a vigorous effort at the change of numbers in 1756, to recover their former position on the roll, and were defeated mainly by the opposition of the lodge then standing next below the "Horne" (now Somerset House), from whose minutes (present Friendship, No. 6) I derive my information.

"22 July, 1755. Letter being [read] from the Grand Secy: Citing us to appear at the Committee of Charity to answer the Fish and Bell Lodge to their demand of being plac'd prior to us, viz., in No. 3. Where our Rt. Worsl. Masr. attended, and the Question being propos'd, was answer'd against [it] by him with Spirit and Resolution, well worthy the Character he assum'd, and being put to Ballot was Carr'd in favour of us. Report being made this night of the said proceedings, thanks was Return'd him, and his health drank with hearty Zeal by the Lodge present."—*Minutes of the George Lodge, No. 4* [Now Friendship, No. 6].

Passing from the "Moderns" to the "Ancients," I will, first of all, observe that these epithets were invented by the Grand Lodge of 1753 to lower the prestige of the Grand Lodge of 1717. The so-called "Moderns" being the real "Ancients," and the "Ancients" the actual "Moderns." The titles, however, have stood, and, though very misleading, I shall follow in the wake of my betters, and allude to the senior Grand Lodge of England [1717] and its subordinate lodges as the "Moderns;" giving the junior organisation [1753] the felicitous title, which, no doubt, contributed greatly to its success, viz., that of "Ancients."

The "Ancients" (like the Grand Lodge of Ireland) never re-numbered their Lodges, but promoted junior Lodges on payment of a fee. From this practice arose many inconveniences. For instance, assuming that No. 100 purchased the place of No. 5. The promoted Lodge would continue its work, under one of three dissimilar warrants:

1. The warrant of original No. 5.
2. The warrant of original No. 100.
3. A new warrant dated the day the purchase was approved in Grand Lodge.

Many specimens of each class of warrant will be found in the exhaustive collection of "Atholl Warrants," published by Bro. John Constable, P.M. No. 185.

At the union of the Grand Lodges in 1813, the Lodges respectively No. 1 on the roll of either, tossed up for first place, and No. 1 "Ancients" won the toss. The Grand Masters Lodge, No. 1 "Ancients" [constituted 1759, and revived 1787] became No. 1 on the roll of the United Grand Lodge, and the Lodge of Antiquity No. 1 "Moderns," [at the lowest computation nearly a hundred years its senior] became No. 2. Fidelity No. 2 "Ancients," secured the *third* place; Somerset House, No. 2 "Moderns," became No. 4, and so on alternately throughout the rolls of the amalgamated bodies.

It may be observed, parenthetically, that up to the period of the Union (1813), the dates of constitution of private lodges, whilst given in the lists of the "Moderns," were omitted from those of the "Ancients." The calendars of the United Grand Lodge 1814-80, continued the practice of the "Moderns," so far as their lodges were concerned, but blanks were left opposite the lodges of the "Ancients." Readers were therefore able to determine at a glance whether any one of the "Union" Lodges hailed from the earlier or later parent stem. In making this remark I do not forget one solitary exception to the general rule, in the description of the "Ancient" (or Atholl) Lodge, "Royal Athelstane, No. 19, against which, at the request of its members, was placed the date 1769.

\* Spencer & Co., Great Queen-street.

In the Calendar of 1881 the dates of *origin*—not, it must be observed, of *constitution*—were for the first time affixed to the descriptions of the whilom "Ancient" lodges. The *even* numbers from 3 to 15 inclusive, formerly Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, ("Ancients") being styled as of "immemorial origin." Of the above recited numbers, the warrant of the last-named (8), was the *first* issued by the "Atholl" or "Ancient" organizations, and it was signed by the Masters of Nos. 3, 4, 5, and 6 ("Ancients") in favour of James Bradshaw, Master; Thos. Blower, S.W.; and R. D. Guest, J.W., in 1751. All the senior lodges on the "Atholl" roll [present Nos. 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, and 13] were represented at the earliest meeting of which any record has come down to us (17th July, 1751), consequently their exact periods of constitution range beyond historical investigation. Whether, in strictness, present No. 15, which we know was formed in 1751, should be bracketted with its elders as a "time immemorial" lodge, is a fit matter for discussion; though, as we have seen, following the analogy of the "Modern" practice, all lodges formed before the establishment of their Grand Lodge would be entitled to this designation. Numbers, rather than names, or dates of formation, were the indications of rank and precedence amongst the Atholl Masons. A lodge moved up to a higher place, and secured as often as not the warrant and seniority of constitution, as well as the vacant niche of its predecessor. At the Union (1813) the lodges of both Grand Lodges were guaranteed the retention of privileges enjoyed prior to the fusion.

On applying therefore the test of dates to the "Ancient" lodges, for the first time, in 1881, it was only practicable to assign a period of *origin* in conformity with the Atholl registry.

The dates, therefore, assigned in the calendars to the "Ancient" Lodges, represent, as nearly as may be, when the places or positions on the Atholl roll, from which they were transferred, were originally created. The calendar of Grand Lodge, does not attempt to settle the exact measure of antiquity to which each lodge would be entitled, were we to trace upwards and to allow no gaps. Such an endeavour would be productive of infinite confusion. Some lodges have, and others in a like position have not, been vested by means of centenary warrants with a "flavour" of age belonging rather to the numbers they occupy than to the periods of their *original* formation. To digress for a moment, I may state, that though in theory the usage of the "Moderns" was dissimilar, in *practice* it was often the same. A good illustration of my last remark is afforded by the "Amphibious" lodge, No. 258. Why the brethren of Heckmondwike where this excellent lodge is now situate, should have selected such a title for an *inland* lodge may well challenge inquiry. The puzzle, however, is solved, when we discover that the Amphibious Lodge [present number, 258] was originally founded in 1787 at Plymouth by the (Royal) Marines; that it became defunct, and that the warrant was re-assigned to an entirely new lodge. The Act of Parliament, 39 Geo. III., cap. 79,\* I admit, influenced the practice of both "Ancients" and "Moderns," but my digression must here terminate.†

Returning to the "Ancients," if we examine into the *continuous existence* of each of the sixteen lodges above cited, many gaps will be found. For example, No. 1 "Ancients" (Grand Masters), though formed in 1759, was revived, or rather reconstituted in 1787; No. 3 (Fidelity) was formed in 1754 as No. 32, and became No. 2 on the Atholl roll, in 1784, on payment of six guineas; No. 5 (St. George and Corner Stone) started on its career as No. 55 in 1756, became No. 3 at a cost of £4 14s. 6d. in 1759, and after the Union (in 1813), was united with a "Modern" lodge, then No. 37 ("Corner Stone"), warranted 25th March, 1730;‡ No. 7 (Royal York) had its constitution renewed in 1774, and in 1832 absorbed No. 409 (Moderns), constituted 1776; No. 9 (Albion) was re-constituted in 1774; No. 11 (Enoch) was "knocked down" to the brethren of No. 37, for one guinea, in 1754; No. 13 (Union Waterloo), represents many amalgamations. This number was purchased by the members of No. 86 (constituted 1761), for one guinea, in 1788.

The vicissitudes of the "Modern" lodges, represented in this article by the *even* numbers, from 2 to 16 inclusive, have not been quite so varied. No. 2 (Antiquity) seceded, became a Grand Lodge, and eventually returned to the fold. No. 4 (Somerset House) was erased from, and restored to, the roll. Present No. 6, meeting in 1767 at the "Sun and Punch Bowl," was "sold, or otherwise illegally disposed of," in the same year to certain brethren, who christened it the "Friendship." Amongst the offenders being the Duke of Beaufort and Thomas French, shortly afterwards Grand Master and Grand Secretary respectively of the Grand Lodge of England? No. 12 (Fortitude and Old Cumberland) was degraded in 1729, and lifted over the heads of two seniors in 1756. No. 16 (Royal Alpha) really dates from 1813 or 1814, when advantage was taken of a vacant warrant, possessing a high number, to establish what was virtually a *new* lodge.

It will be seen, therefore, that the only English lodges which can trace a continuous ancestry from that mythico-historical period of time ending with the formation of the Grand Lodge of England in 1717, are the Lodge of "Antiquity" (2); the Lodge of "Fortitude and Old Cumberland" (12); and the "Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge" (4). It is somewhat remarkable that the histories of these three lodges remains to be written. The fame of "Old Antiquity," the vicissitudes of the Lodge of "Fortitude," and the galaxy of worthies in "Somerset House and Inverness" may yet, I venture to hope, suggest the subject matter of lodge-histories, which will interest the universal Craft.

It may be observed, in conclusion, that England is not the only country where the piece of paper or parchment constituting a lodge charter is held in superstitious reverence. In one of his able articles in the "Voice of Masonry," entitled, I think, "Four Old Lodges," Bro. Cornelius Moore traces the very intermittent careers of some famous American Lodges. From a common-sense point of view, it seems, indeed, highly ridiculous that a lodge should acquire *age* by virtue of some mouldy diploma granted to a set of brethren whom its latest possessors can only claim as ancestors by *adoption*. I am not aware of any instances in which warrants have been re-issued by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, but the practice is common in Ireland, and explains the longevity of the Military Lodges on the Masonic registry of the latter kingdom.

\* See "Atholl Lodges," p. viii.

† It was for some time believed, that after the enactment of this statute no *new* lodges could be established, and both Grand Lodges of England adopted the expedient of re-issuing dormant charters to the applicants for warrants of constitution.

‡ The status of this lodge affords, perhaps, the very best illustration of a judicious union or absorption. In 1843 one lodge, the "St. George's" (recently removed from the Mile End-road), holding a high "Atholl" place, No. 5, was located at the "George and Vulture," Cornhill. Another, the "Corner Stone," No. 37, a "Modern," but boasting a pedigree extending to 1730, met at the "Piazza," Covent Garden. A fusion took place. No. 5 contributed rank, and No. 37 age. The result being that the amalgamated lodge retained (and retains) the high place and antiquity of its several moieties.

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[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.]

#### APOLLO UNIVERSITY LODGE.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you allow me to correct a slight mistake which occurs in your interesting "Historical Calendar" for February, in your last issue? It is stated therein that the Apollo University Lodge was opened on February 10th. This is not quite correct. There was, it is true, an informal meeting on that day, but no W.M. had then been installed, and no officers had been formally appointed. This was done on February 10th, 1819, when the first regular meeting was held, and then the opening of the lodge may be more correctly said to have taken place.

I am, yours fraternally,

A MEMBER OF No. 357.

#### AN APPEAL.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

May I ask you to kindly insert in your next issue the following statement of facts and appeal on behalf of a most deserving case of distress which has come under my notice as Chairman of the Charity Committee of East Lancashire, the particulars of which were embodied in a petition to the Grand Lodge of Benevolence, and forwarded to the Grand Secretary by me on the 16th day of December last?

The petition sets forth—

"1. That your petitioner's husband was initiated into Freemasonry in the Sutherland Lodge of Unity, No. 460, at Newcastle-under-Lyme, in the year 1864, and continued a subscribing member thereto for fifteen years; served the various offices therein, and was elected Worshipful Master in the years 1870, 1871, and 1873. He also joined the Sutherland Lodge, No. 451, at Burslem, in the year 1871; and also the Portland Lodge, No. 637, at Stoke-on-Trent; and was appointed Senior Grand Warden of Staffordshire in the year 1872 by the then Provincial Grand Master, the Hon. the Earl of Shrewsbury.

"2. That he was also associated with the Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Association from its establishment in 1871, as one of the Committee during the years 1871 and 1872, and elected Vice-President during the same year, and afterwards Secretary from 1875 to 1879.

"3. That he was a Life Governor of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and served Stewardships for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls in the year 1874, with a list of £63, and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons in 1875, with a list of £102 10s.

"4. That your petitioner's husband was in affluent circumstances, but in the years 1878 and 1879, from speculations, he lost everything he possessed, and about sixteen months ago left your petitioner, and she has heard no tidings of him since, leaving your petitioner with six children, viz.: Ennice, aged 19 years, who is in a situation; James, 14 years, Henry, 11 years (these two are earning small amounts in situations in Manchester); Sydney, 8 years; Edward, 6 years; and Stanley, 3 years.

"5. That your petitioner has been located in Manchester some time, and has no means of existence but by the casual help of a few friends.

"6. That your petitioner has not the slightest idea whether her husband is living or dead.

"Under these circumstances she prays that the sympathy shown by her husband towards the distressed when he was in affluent circumstances will be reciprocated towards her."

By the next post the petition was returned to me, accompanied by a letter, of which the following is a copy:—

"Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

"Grand Secretary's Office,

"Dec. 17, 1881.

"Dear Sir and Brother,—

"I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 16th inst., and regret I cannot put the petition on the list, as the Lodge of Benevolence has no power to deal with a case of this kind.

"I am, Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

"SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G.S.

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

"Chairman of the Charity Committee, E. Lanc."

I cannot refrain, therefore, from bringing this case before the notice of the Craft generally (inasmuch as the portals of organized Masonic charity are closed to this worse than "widow," who, by no act of her own, is, with a large family, reduced from affluence to the lowest ebb of poverty and distress) in the hope that an appeal to the benevolent Mason for assistance will not be in vain.

Her husband, as the petition states, held high office in his province, and in his time was energetic and charitable. All the allegations contained therein are verified, and I, together with Bro. Huet, W.M. of the Shakespeare Lodge, No. 1009, who well knew her husband and family in their affluent circumstances, visited her personally, and can corroborate the statement as to her present position.

It is not my wish to take up any more of your valuable space than is absolutely necessary, nor to enlarge upon the merits—the petition speaks for itself.

Under the circumstances, I therefore appeal to the Craft generally. I can conscientiously state that in my experience with cases of charity extending over a period of more than a quarter of a century, I never met with one more deserving of sympathy, nor one that calls more loudly for help.

It is hoped that by this means sufficient may be raised to place her in some position by which, with her own exertions, she may be enabled to provide for herself and family.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully,

J. L. HINE, P. Prov. G.S.W. E. Lanc.,

Chairman of the Charity Committee of East Lancashire.

[We do not usually allow appeals for charity, but think it right to make an exception in this case, and will call attention to the subject in our next. Ep. F.M.]

#### PRECEDENCE IN LODGE.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

A week or two ago I was present at the Installation meeting of a distinguished Red Apron Lodge. At the banquet, the Treasurer, who appears to be the oldest Past Master, sat on the right of the W.M., and next to him, and then according to their rank, several Present and Past Grand Officers. Will you kindly tell me whether this is correct, as remarks were made during the banquet about it; and as the M.W.G.M. has lately in a circular directed attention to the proper position of Grand Officers it is desirable that this should be strictly conformed to.

I remain, faithfully and fraternally yours, P.G.O.

#### A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Will you please allow some legal brother to point out how the "Book of Constitutions" deals with the following question, which appears to be of interest to the Craft in general.

A brother who had passed the chair left the lodge, and for some years was not a subscribing member of any lodge. He was then proposed and balloted for in the usual way as a joining member, and wished to take his place again as a P.M. This was objected to; and at a meeting of P.M.'s, held after some communication with the Prov. Officers, it was decided that the brother had ceased to hold the rank, and had lost the privileges of a P.M. for the following reasons:—

1st. He had ceased to be a subscribing member of any lodge, and therefore his name had been erased from the roll of Grand Lodge, and he could not attend the meetings of Grand Lodge; and,

2nd. That his position was the same as a new initiate of the same date, except that having been a Warden, he was eligible for election to the chair.

This appeared to be borne out by a letter received from the late Grand Secretary, but the subject has cropped up again, and because there is not a definite enactment in the Book of Constitutions, there is a difference of opinion which ventilation may set at rest.

I enclose card, and am, yours fraternally,

ENQUIRER.

#### TRINITARIANISM AND THEISTIC TEACHING.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In an old book that was lent to me the other day, from which the front and back have been ruthlessly torn, but which purports to be "An Authentic Key to the Door of Freemasonry," and to have been published when Lord Petro was Grand Master of England (*i.e.* circa 1796 or 1797), I find the following prayer:—

"PRAYER IN THE FIRST DEGREE.

"Brethren,—Let us pray.

"O Lord God, thou great and universal Mason of the World and first Builder of man, as it were a Temple; be with us, O Lord, as Thou has promised when two or three are gathered together in thy name, Thou wilt be in the midst of them. Be with us, O Lord . . . and grant that this our friend may become a faithful Brother. Let Grace and Peace be multiplied unto him, through the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. . . . and grant, O Lord, that Masonry may be blest throughout the World . . . and grant that we may be all united as one through our Lord Jesus Christ who liveth and reigneth for ever and ever. Amen."

I do not pay much heed to the book myself since the writer says at the conclusion: "This is the whole of Masonry in all its branches, and I defy any Mason to prove the contrary." And as he goes on to intimate that he has himself never been regularly admitted, but has surreptitiously gained the secrets of the Craft, I think that he was one of those cowans who, in the latter part of the eighteenth century, cast dishonour on the Craft.

I am afraid I have taken up your time in reading this letter to no purpose, but still I trust that you will forgive

Yours very faithfully and fraternally,

T. WARD CHALMERS, P.M. 726.

#### THEISTIC PRINCIPLES OF FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have been much interested in some editorial remarks which I find in to-day's issue of the *Freemason*, and as I believe that many Masonic Theists think with myself in the matter, I am induced to lay my complaint before your impartial judgment.

Although in common with our Jewish and Mahomedan brethren we are fully prepared to avow our belief in, and reverence for, the G.A.O.T.U., we do so on the purely Theistic basis laid down by the principles of Craft Masonry, the only principles it seems to us which can fully carry out that great doctrine properly denominated by you to-day as the key-note of all true Masonic precept and practice.



This being the case, I must, speaking for myself, protest against the practice indulged in by so many Lodge Chaplains (who are generally clergymen of the Church of England) of introducing forms of grace at our banquets, and theological allusions in their lectures, which it appears to me are totally at variance with the broad Theistic platform erected by our forefathers for the Craft we love so well.

I could give chapter and verse, but I doubt not that many of my brethren will, without further remarks on my part, recognise the necessity for, and the reasonableness of, my complaint.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, fraternally yours,  
February 4th, 1882. J. D. 472.

**BEGGING MASONS.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I had an application for relief yesterday evening from James D. Baird, who stated that his certificate had recently been sent to London to help his wife in obtaining some assistance; that he had been formerly a member of a London lodge (I think he said No. 511), and lately of No. 1418, Stockton-on-Tees; that he had come from Northampton, where he had received assistance from the D.P.G.M. of Northants, and was now on his way to Bedford.

I appointed to see him this morning at ten o'clock, and informed him that I should telegraph to the Secretary of No. 1418 in the meantime. I am not surprised that I have not seen him again.

The reply to my telegram was: "J. D. Baird is not known here, and is no member of Lodge of Fraternity."

This plan of making enquiries before giving relief appears to have caused a wonderful decrease in the number of applicants here. I strongly recommend all my brother Almoners to give it a trial, as I believe it to be the only effectual way of detecting impostors.

Yours fraternally,  
THOS. TAYLOR, P.M. 1410,  
Provincial G.S.W. Berks and Bucks.

February 4th.

P.S.—Since writing the above I have had another applicant, professing to belong to No. 444. His time was too precious to wait a reply to a telegram,

**OUR HISTORICAL CALENDAR.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It seems to me the Calendar you are now publishing each month in the *Freemason*, giving the dates of many things which have happened in the Masonic world, is very useful. Besides being a record of events, it might be found useful by Masters of lodges and others who have to make speeches. If they would look what happened on the particular day on which they have to speak, they would find very often the ground-work of a speech, and be able to make it more interesting than such things often are. I intend cutting out the Calendar each month and preserving it.

I will only add, in conclusion, that the *Freemason* being the recognised organ of the Craft ought to be read by every Mason who takes a real interest in Masonry. Every profession and trade has its popular publication read by every one, so ought Freemasons to read the *Freemason*.

Yours fraternally,  
A YOUNG AND EARNEST MASON.

**THE "COSMO."**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I note in the "Cosmo" that the monthly meeting of the Managing Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution is fixed at three o'clock in the afternoon, whereas the official summons signed by Bro. Jas. Terry calls the members together at four. It seems well to note this little discrepancy.

Fraternally yours,  
A MEMBER OF THE R.M.B.I.

**Reviews.**

**THE MAGAZINES.**

The Magazines came before us this month, though to say the truth, we do not quite take the roseate and serene views of serial literature which some enthusiastic writers affect to do. Just now it appears to us we do too much abound in gush and above all unreality. Formerly reviews may have seemed too harsh, and reviewers too pungent, but we are not quite certain but such a state of things was good for writers and trade. Just now the reviewers of serial literature seem to us to run always into the Scylla and Charybdis of contemporary criticism, platitudes, and personality; and we read far too much of that meaningless praise, or hard incriminating censure, which in both cases becomes neither praise or censure worth heeding, or deserving of note or remembrance.

"Temple Bar" we turn over monthly with mingled feelings of pleasure and pain. We think, ourselves, that it has become a little duller than of yore, and despite friendly comments and admiring paragraphs, we do not think that the February number rises much, if anything, above the customary level. Some of the articles are, however, most readable and truly interesting. Among them we may specially note and mention the authoress of "Auld Robin Gray," "Potemkin," "Three Great Dictionaries," "Marie, the French Queen," "The three stories," "A Ball Room Repentance," "The Story of Marie Dumont," and "The Freres," are all, more or less interesting, and, as usual,

well written. What they want, it seems to us, is alike reality of character and practicality of moral. But, then, we are terribly old-fashioned.

"All the Year Round." This is a wonderful serial for nine pence. It is always full of interesting matter and effective tales, and we like the tone and "morale." At the same time we do not profess to have ever got into the involutions and digressions which mark the story of "Jack Doyle's Daughter." We like, however, "Lad's Love," "Open Sesame," "Shepherd's Sunday," "A Notice B Meeting," and "Daffodil" very much. "Daffodil," which now begins with Chapter 1, promises to be full of interest, and, we think, power.

"The Century" keeps its foremost place, alike in literature and illustrations, that is to say, "selon nous." We are too much citizens of the world to quarrel with any one's fancies, or proclivities, or approvals, or disapproval; and though we do not go so far as George Borrow, in quoting approvingly the Spanish proverb which bids you be "of the same religion and politics as the man with whom you happen to dine," we yet have long realised how true is the French adage "tous les goûts sont respectables," and, as good Freemasons, we are tolerant and enduring. "The Tile Club Ashore" is full of intellectual and æsthetic power, and deserves attentive perusal, and call for much enjoyment. We can commend the article on "Frederick Robertson" and "Stolz's Beat." "Esmeralda" is a little bit too mining for us, though its moral be good and its characters be true. "Euphemia among the Pelicans" is simply delightful; and who has forgotten "Rudder Grange?" Does not the Irish echo answer, "No one who has had the pleasure of reading it in 'Scribner's' happy pages!" "A Literary Success," in "Bric-à-Brac," is very good; and some of our experienced lawn tennis players will like to see the American idea, though we may fancy that our go-a-head cousins have yet to learn a wrinkle or two from the old, old country. We think that it does not comport with American gallantry to have forgotten the ladies; and we beg to say, in the clearest and most dogmatic way possible for a reviewer and a Freemason, that we greatly prefer, "sous tous les rapports," the "pose" of the young ladies,—the angels in pink and the angels in blue,—to any possible amount of male tennis playing.

"The Bibliographer," No. 3, is very well got up, and is full of matter which interests those whose taste lies in old books. We cannot, however, commend the tone or temper in which the article "The Bishop's Bible" is written. In such a serial, and in such a professedly archaeological essay we do not want to be confronted with the dead and buried ghosts of obsolete controversies and partizan terminology. We want facts not theories; we ask, especially in "The Bibliographer," for the hard, stern certainties of archaeological research, not the animus and the vernacular of the "odium theologicum."

"The Antiquary," No. 26, vol. v., is, as usual, replete with matter which gratifies amiable "Dryasdusts," and cheers up desponding bookworms. We can conscientiously commend the work, as it comes before us on its own merits, which, we think, entitle it to public approval and public patronage.

**PERSECUTION OF THE JEWS IN RUSSIA.**

Spottiswoode and Co., New Street-square, London.

This pamphlet, reprinted from the *Times*, must affect all thinking persons and humane minds with much pain and sorrow at the too lucid, and, we fear, irrefragable evidences it sets before us of almost unheard of cruelties and barbaric outrages directed towards an industrious and inoffensive population, and only because they are—Jews. We who, as Freemasons, solemnly profess ever manfully to denounce the debasing practice of persecution under all circumstances and in all lands, will, and indeed all benevolent persons, a we before remarked, must regret to think, that we have still to realize, in 1882 this fanatical outburst of savage fury, of atrocious insults, outrages, sufferings often worse than death itself, to say nothing of actual and wilful destruction of property and life. The savages in Ireland and the savages in Russia seem very much on a par just now; and we can, and must, all of us grieve to believe and to know that nothing seems to change the natural degradation and baseness of humanity when roused by the hateful influence of unceasing fanaticism, to throw off, amid the exultation and excitement of loathsome cruelties, the temporary venter of sanctimonious theories. The dastardly cruelties to dumb, helpless beasts in Ireland, the painful and despicable persecution of poor Jews in Russia, will long remain on the pages of our memory as two of the saddest chapters in the annal of contemporary civilization, (Heaven save the mark!) and progress.

**KNOWLEDGE.** Wyman and Sons, Great Queen-street, W.C.

"Knowledge," though a weekly periodical, has also a monthly issue, and terms itself "An Illustrated Magazine of Science." We liked it much when it first appeared, we are still more pleased with its remarkable progress, and glad to note, indeed, that its scientific character does not prevent it being clearly understood by its now many friends. "He who runs" may truly "read." We continue to think that it supplies a great desideratum in our contemporary literature, inasmuch as, without being pretentious, it is learned, sound, temperate, and lucid. It may not please the sciolist—it may not recommend itself to that large class now which has a smattering of many things, but knows nothing thoroughly correctly,—but for all true students, wherever their vocation be, and whatever their favourite subject may be, it sets before them in well-chosen and sufficient words the data, the facts, the evidences, the reasoning power on which, if they be true loyal students, not mere amateurs playing with science, they will be able to rear a safe and steady building of thought, of inference, of induction; nay, of positive accuracy.

**REPORT ON THE CITY DAY CENSUS, 1881.** By the Local Government and Taxation Committee of the Corporation of London. Second Edition. Lond on Longmans, Green and Co., 1881.

Most people will agree with the remark of Dr. Farr, placed as a motto on the title-page of this report, to the effect that, in considering the relative importance of the City of London, it is fair to take into account the fact that persons having offices in the City sleep out of it. This is not taken into account in the Census, and, consequently, the mere figures contained in that return cannot be taken as the true index to the actual importance of the City

proper. We will even venture further than Dr. Farr, and say, that the figures contained in the Census returns, so far as they affect the City of London in comparison with other cities and towns in the United Kingdom, are calculated to produce an impression the reverse of the truth. This is clearly enough shown in the report before us. The night population of the City as taken on the 8rd and 4th April of last year was in round figures 50,000, being a decrease since 1871 of nearly 25,000. On the other hand, the Day Census shows the number of persons "residing, occupied, or employed," were over 261,000, or close upon 91,000 more than in 1866. Over 797,000 persons frequent the City in the course of the twenty-four hours which make up day and night, being an increase since 1866 of more than 68,000. Nearly 72,000 vehicles enter it in the course of the twenty-four hours. Its net rateable value is over £3,500,000, or sevenfold what it was in 1801, while in order to show its fiscal position, its net profits charged to Income Tax, under the Commercial Schedule D in 1879-80, amounted to £39,263,424, or more than the total so charged for the next seventeen "largest" incorporated cities and towns of England and Wales taken together. Further, and taking the same ground of comparison, the total profits charged to Income Tax, under Schedule D, for the City and the eight Parliamentary divisions of the metropolis, namely, Marylebone, Westminster, Finsbury, Southwark, Lambeth, Tower Hamlets, Chelsea, and Hackney, amount to £81,088,368, of which the aforesaid £39,263,424 belong to the City alone. It is unnecessary, however, to pursue the comparison and quote further details. Those who are curious in statistics of this description will find abundant matter for study and reflection in this interesting and important report, than which, indeed, it is hardly possible, having regard of course to the limited area it traverses, to conceive one that is more valuable.

**LECTURE ON FIRE INSURANCE.** Explanatory of the Principles on which the Perpetual and General Fire Insurance Company, Limited, has been founded. By Bro. E. C. MASSEY. Published by Winter and Bailey, 24, Chancery-lane, E.C.

It is a mere truism to say that the subject of fire insurance is one of universal interest. Wherever men congregate together, whether in large numbers, as they do in cities and towns, or in small numbers, as in hamlets or houses standing alone and far removed from each other, there is ever present to them the danger to life and property from fire. The utmost precautions may be taken to guard against this danger, but it is, of course, impossible to insure absolute immunity, and it has now come to be recognised almost as a duty that is imperative to effect an insurance against the loss to property by conflagration. Hitherto this has been done by the payment to one or more insurance societies of an annual sum called a premium, but this "Perpetual and General Fire Insurance Company" (Limited), of which our worthy Bro. E. C. Massey is the General Manager and Secretary, has been established with a view, as its name implies, to effecting at once and for ever such insurance. This is a new and undoubtedly an important feature, and one that cannot be too strenuously urged in connection with fire insurance. The manner in which it is effected is simplicity itself. A policy contract, "applicable to the buildings and contents of approved dwelling-houses" is issued to each applicant on payment of half-a-crown on deposit, and £1 2s. 6d. on allotment if approved. This policy contract is then exchanged for a perpetual policy of insurance against damage or destruction by fire to the extent of £100. In other words, by a single payment of twenty-five shillings, the owner of £100 worth of property in a private dwelling-house is insured against loss through either its partial or complete destruction by fire. It does not need the wisdom of a Solon to point out the advantages of such a scheme, and we are confident our readers will join with us in wishing the company which has inaugurated it, and its worthy Secretary and Manager, Bro. E. C. Massey, who in this lecture has so lucidly explained the plan, all possible success.

**Masonic Notes and Queries.**

**A MS. RITUAL.**

Can any possessor of the above lend it to the undersigned for a special comparison and collation? Great care will be taken of it.  
EDITOR "FREEMASON."  
16, Great Queen-street, W.C.,  
February 4, 1882.

**FREEMASON.**

What is the name of the earliest dictionary in which the word Freemason is found? Nicolai, according to Heldmann, says that in Elisha Coles's Latin and English Dictionary, 1677, he finds Freemason as derived through *Cimentarius* and *Lapidarius*.

**MASONIC STUDENT.**

**THE THINKER UPON FREEMASONRY, &c.**

Can Bro. Hughan or any one give an account of this work credited to London, 1752? I have searched for it in vain. Equally have I hunted for "Print of a Freemason," formed out of his own materials, London, Tringham, 1754, though I fancy I have seen somewhere an allusion to it. How greatly do we want an English Bibliography of Freemasonry.  
BOOKWORM.

**ANCIENT MASONIC MEDAL.**

I have just added to my collection of Masonic medals a silver one, described to me as of the time of George II. The following description of it, as given at page 29 of "Marvin's Medals of the Masonic Fraternity," may not be uninteresting: "Obverse—Arms of the Grand Lodge of Scotland; azure, a chevron between three castles argent (the compasses are omitted); crest, a castle argent. A collar of thistles and thistle leaves encircles the shield, passing behind the crest; from the collar is suspended a jewel containing St. Andrew and his cross. Legend, 'In the Lord is all our trust.' Reverse—A mosaic pavement, over which two brethren are approaching; a temple in the background, in front of which stand two pillars. Above the temple, on the left, is the sun; on the right the moon and seven stars; and over the centre the All-seeing eye, darting its rays upon the taller of the two brethren, who holds his companion by the hand, and with his right hand points to a female figure, seated on the right. At her feet is a

Corinthian capital; her left arm rests upon an altar, upon which is a closed book; her right hand closes her lips. In the right foreground, the Bible, square and compasses, surrounded by three burning tapers. Between the brethren are a gavel and level lying on the pavement. In exergue, 'Amicitia virtute et silentio' (by friendship, virtue, and silence), in two lines; size 10. An impression of this curious old Scotch medal, in silver gilt, is in Mr. Appleton's collection. It is evidently quite ancient, and is not mentioned by Merzdorf. At page 228 of the same book Marvin says: "This medal must have been struck previous to 1756, as the seal of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, on the charter of St. Andrew's Lodge of Boston, issued in that year, has those arms impaled with the lion of Scotland." I shall be pleased if any brother can give further information as to this medal.

JAMES NEWTON.

#### "MANCUNIAM" ON THE "THIRD DEGREE."

It is not easy to say exactly when the Master Mason's Degree was first worked, though as a separate and distinct Degree it does not appear to me to date before the second decade of the last century. The only reference in the first Book of Constitutions that I can find, which can at all be taken as an allusion to the Third Degree, is at p. 61 (A.D. 1723), viz., "Apprentices must be admitted *Masters* and *Fellows* Craft only here, unless by a dispensation" (i.e. in Grand Lodge). This may refer, however, to the *Master* of a lodge according to some views, but I think not myself, as the installation of that official in a lodge is provided for in the same work. The earliest minute traced of the Degree being worked is of A.D. 1724; so it is probable the statement advanced by "Mancuniam" is correct as to the "Third Degree not being worked in regular lodges at that date" (1723), an opinion held by several brethren.

W. J. HUGHAN.

#### ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this Institution was held on Wednesday afternoon at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Col. J. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, presided, and there were also present Bros. J. H. Leggott, James Brett, J. Newton, John Bulmer, G. Bolton, Wm. March, Wm. Clarke, Charles John Perceval, A. J. Duff Filer, Raynham W. Stewart, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, C. A. Cottebrune, J. R. Gallant, Charles Daniel, Charles Lacey, C. G. Dilley, William Hilton, C. G. Rushworth, Charles Atkins, J. A. Farnfield, Edgar Bowyer, Fredk. Adlard, James Terry (Secretary), and H. Massey (Freemason).

The minutes of the meeting of 11th January were read and confirmed, and the Secretary reported the deaths of three annuitants and an approved candidate for the May election. The Warden's report was read, and the chairman was authorised to sign cheques for the annuitants and the current quarter's accounts.

The application of two widows for half their late husband's annuities was granted.

The SECRETARY submitted a statement of receipts and disbursements, also of the number of candidates for next election. For the males' annuities there are forty-seven candidates and sixteen vacancies; and for the females' annuities sixty-three candidates and nine vacancies. It was resolved to elect nineteen males and twelve females. Of these sixteen men and nine widows will be elected to the immediate receipt of the annuities, and three of each class will be deferred until vacancies occur after the 19th of May.

A proof of the balloting papers was submitted to the Committee, after which Bro. Raynham W. Stewart was appointed solicitor to watch the interests of the Institution in the two railway bills now before Parliament which affect the Institution.

The Committee then adjourned.

#### JOHN HERVEY MEMORIAL FUND.

A meeting of the committee took place on the 30th ult., when there were present, Bros. Sir John B. Monckton, F.S.A., P.G.D., President of the Board of General Purposes, in the chair; Thomas Fenn, P.G.D.; C. A. Murton, P.G.D.; J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.; R. E. K. Wilkinson, W.M. No. 7; F. Adlard, P.M. 7; Henry Greene, P.M. 625; and R. R. Davis, P.M. 256, Hon. Sec. to the Fund.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the report of the Auditors' (Bros. T. Fenn and H. Greene) was received and ordered to be entered on the minutes. It showed that the receipts to 31st December, 1881, had amounted to £927 4s. 6d., of which the sum of £800 had been invested in the purchase of £804 1s. 10d. New Three Per Cent Stock, in the names of four trustees and that after payment of expenses for printing and postage there was a balance in the hands of the London and Westminster Bank of £75 6s. 10d.

In order to give effect to the object of the fund at the earliest date possible, it was proposed by Bro. Greene, seconded by Bro. Adlard, and resolved, that the dividends to be received in April be applied in giving sums of five pounds each to the two highest unsuccessful male candidates, and also to the two highest unsuccessful female candidates at the next election of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

The following resolution, proposed by Sir John Monckton and seconded by Bro. Henry Greene, was then proposed: "That the kind and ready acquiescence of the Publisher of the *Freemason* to the request that the names of subscribers to the fund might appear in that paper free of charge, merits the best thanks of the committee, which are hereby unanimously voted."

Thanks having been tendered to the Chairman the meeting was then adjourned.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS will be found the best friends to persons afflicted with ulcerations, bad legs, sores, abscesses, fistulas, and other painful and complicated complaints. Printed and very plain directions for the application of the Ointment are wrapped round each pot. Holloway's alterative Pills should be taken throughout the progress of the cure, to maintain the blood in a state of perfect purity, and to prevent the health of the whole body being jeopardised by the local ailments. Bad legs, old age's great grievances, are thus readily cured, without confining the patient to bed, or withdrawing from him the nutritious diet and generous support so imperatively demanded when weakening diseases attack advanced years or constitutions evincing premature decrepitude.—[ADVT.]

#### ANNUAL BANQUET OF THE FRIARS LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1349.

The annual winter festival of this prosperous lodge was held at Bro. J. H. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Barking-road, Canning Town, E., on Tuesday, the 7th inst. The proceedings were of a decidedly successful character, fully bearing out the axiom "That nothing succeeds like success." Bro. W. Musto, P.M. 1349, the worthy Preceptor of the lodge, presided, and was ably supported by his lieutenants, Bros. W. H. Myers, P.M. 820 and 1445, and W. J. Smith, W.M. 860.

The company comprised Bros. B. C. Rawe, W.M. 781; A. Peterken, S.W. 1349; W. J. Musto, 1349; G. Cox, 205; C. Winterton, 1349; Watkins, Day, Spencer, Wood, C. Eschwege, 1349; S. Moss, 212; J. Keeble, Easy, Bailey, Hilton, Roddam, Professor Smith, Hobbs, Hattersley, Jones, Byford, Willoughby, J. H. Pavitt, J.D. 860; G. H. Stephens (Freemason), and others.

Justice having been done to a really well-prepared repast, Bro. Musto said, as in times past, he should couple the first four toasts in one, as owing to the distance from town their time would be limited, and he had no desire by making long speeches to deprive the brethren of time which could be more enjoyably spent in harmony. (Cheers.) He would, therefore, ask them to drink to "The Queen and the Prince of Wales, as the head of the nation and the ruler of the Craft." Bro. Musto said it was unnecessary for him to dilate upon the many good qualities of Her Majesty the Queen as to tell them how well H.R.H. the Prince of Wales watched over the affairs of the Craft. He would ask them as loyal subjects to give a hearty response to the toast. This was enthusiastically accorded.

The next toast, the President said, was the toast of the evening, and the one which was the cause of their assemblage there that evening, namely, "Prosperity to the Friars Lodge of Instruction." Bro. Musto made feeling allusion to the absence, through illness, of the respected Hon. Secretary, Bro. E. Worsley. It was the first occasion of the kind at which his burly figure was missed. However, when it was the will of T.G.A.O.T.U. to prevent them having the pleasure of a brother's companionship, whether by illness or for good by the hand of death, they bowed reverently to the will of The Great I Am. In Bro. Worsley's lamented absence, he next came to the names of two brethren to whom, in no small measure, the success and establishment of the lodge in its present quarters was mainly due—Bros. Pavitt and Smith. He was sure that in the future, as in the past, they would continue to strive for the good and welfare of the Friars Lodge of Instruction, and do their best for all the local brethren, and those who came down from town in the unavoidable absence at times of himself. He coupled the toast with the name of Bro. Smith.

Bro. Smith returned thanks. He assured the brethren it afforded him great pleasure to be there that night, and also to attend the lodge as often as possible; in fact he had attended as often as any of its members. He should like to see many brethren come there, for under Bro. Musto's teaching they would acquire that correctness of ritual which was necessary to good working. He (Bro. Smith) had attended and profited by so doing, as all that he knew and whatever proficiency he displayed he had derived from Bro. Musto's preceptorship.

Bro. MYERS, P.M., next proposed, in eulogistic terms, "The Health of the Preceptor," whom he had known for over thirty years, and who had not altered, except as to improvement.

Bro. MUSTO acknowledged the compliment. He regretted he was rather deaf that evening, and had consequently not caught all the kind remarks of Bro. Myers. Of that brother he could say he had known Bro. Myers nearly thirty-five years, and like good wine, he had improved with age. It was very gratifying, and perhaps the most satisfactory thing, for a Preceptor of a lodge to hear his pupils who had distinguished themselves come and acknowledge the source where they obtained their knowledge. Such was the case. He could only say if he was severe in his teaching he endeavoured to be so with kindness; indeed, he regarded it more necessary to be strict in a lodge of instruction rather than in a mother lodge. In the one brethren came to apply themselves that they might obtain knowledge and instruction, but in a mother lodge the opportunities for doing so were far less frequent.

The proceedings were rendered more than ordinarily enjoyable by the excellent singing of Bros. W. J. Musto, Eschwege, Winterton, Easy, Peterkin, Rowe, Prosser, and others. An eulogistic treat was also furnished by Bros. C. Eschwege, J. Keeble, W. J. Musto, and G. H. Stephens.

#### THE GREAT CITY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

In response to an invitation, a large number of members and visitors assembled at the Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426, on Thursday evening, the 2nd inst., to hear a reading explanatory of the entire ceremonies of the First Degree, by Bro. James Stevens, a P.M. of the Mother Lodge. There were present: Bros. R. Baker, S.W. 1527, as W.M.; H. H. Room, 1851, as S.W.; H. B. White, S.W. 101, as J.W.; G. W. Saul, P.M. 1201, Preceptor; C. F. Goodenough, S.D. 1745, Sec.; C. Taylor, W.M. 1426; W. H. Paddle, W.M. 1851; H. Sibley, 1851; W. Kibble, S.W. 1426; F. S. C. Keeble, J.W. 1426; C. N. Sochin, W.M. 1201; G. W. Blackie, P.M. 1426; N. B. Headon, P.M. 1426; Geo. J. Farney, 511; Edwin Storr, E. M. Mallett, J. Young, 1745; and others.

The W.M. briefly introduced Bro. Stevens, who prefaced his reading by an earnest request that the brethren present would criticise to the fullest extent anything he might advance, and favour him with their unbiased and candid opinions, his only object being to separate, as much as possible, the dross from the gold, to distinguish between the essential and the non-essential, and thus secure greater uniformity of working.

Bro. Stevens's reading occupied nearly two hours; but the interest was unbroken, and the wrapt attention of the brethren was secured as point by point he laid bare the many solecisms, anarchisms, and anomalies with which the ritual abounds. It was urged that by carefully pruning and grafting the present chaotic ritual might be reduced to something like order and symmetry. From many of the best standard authorities on historical and other matters it

was clearly shown that certain points in the ritual had no foundation whatever; and that so long as these discrepancies and unwarranted innovations are permitted the seeds of future dissensions are gradually but surely being sown, and may ultimately result in a schism in the Craft.

The subject was very warmly received and discussed recently by the brethren of the Panmure Lodge of Instruction, No. 720; and, indeed, the reading furnishes so much matter for serious thought and reflection that every lodge in England would do well to hear it.

At the conclusion of the reading, the W.M. proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Stevens for his lecture, evincing, as it did, so much skill and labour in its preparation. He considered the subject matter intrinsically of the utmost importance to all who have the good of Freemasonry at heart.

Bro. GOODENOUGH seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Bro. STEVENS, in acknowledging the vote, thanked the brethren for their kind and patient attention, and said that his aim was to smooth down the many asperities found in the ritual which now so frequently set a lodge at variance, and one brother against another, disturbing the harmony and peace which ought always to be found in a lodge. At present there is no court of appeal to settle these differences, and their tendency is rather to increase than to diminish.

We understand that Bro. Stevens is willing to give his reading to any lodge desirous of hearing it.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren dispersed.

#### FEMALE FREEMASONS.

Our contemporary, the *Birmingham Daily Post*, has the following humorous article relative to the above subject:—

"A French Masonic lodge has not only decided to admit women as members on equal terms, but has, according to the *Rappel*, already elected one lady, initiated her into the mysteries of the Craft, and entrusted her with a first instalment of those secrets which Mrs. Caudle was so eager to discover, and which her sleepy husband dared not divulge. It is not very likely that the example thus set by the Pecq Lodge will be copied in England. We are much too conservative for such a startling innovation to find favour among the brethren; and even in these days of 'woman's rights' there is not much fear of 'the sex' being successful in passing the stern janitor who stands at the lodge portal to keep off all intruders, and of their becoming practically familiar with the Eleusinian mysteries of the 'hot poker,' concerning which the outer world professes to be so wise. The curiosity of the ladies on these grave matters cannot, therefore, be satisfied just yet in England; at any rate not by the legitimate method of membership. Legend has it that one woman did contrive, by secreting herself in a hiding-place in lodge, to learn some of the secrets of the Craft; and a mysterious shake of the head on the part of the narrators of the story is meant to imply that 'the subsequent proceedings interested her no more.' If there had been daily journals in those days, a paragraph would have gone the round of the papers, headed 'Mysterious disappearance of a woman.'

"Why women should be excluded from participation in the benefits of Freemasonry is a bit of a puzzle to those who impartially enquire into the subject. Some people say it is because a lady cannot keep a secret, and that if she were entrusted with the signs and passwords of the Order she would be bound to communicate them to her bosom friend the very first time they met. That is very hard on the fair sex. They do impart their little confidences, we all know; and they don't like to be uncommunicative when some particular information has been entrusted to their keeping; but there is no reason why they should not be as 'mum' regarding the secrets of Masonry as the most taciturn of men. In some respects, perhaps, the Craft would gain by the introduction of female members. If the principles of Freemasonry are good for men, it is difficult to see how they can be bad for women. But then, we selfish creatures like to have some place of well-fenced seclusion to which our women-kind cannot gain admission. Masonry would probably lose half its charm to a great many men if they knew that they were going to meet their wives at lodge. Their Masonic engagements constitute a sort of domestic holiday—a temporary escape from the yoke. They know that the 'better half' cannot follow them; that they are safe from intrusion and interruption. It is no doubt very bad taste, but this gleeful sense of liberty does undoubtedly exist on the part of some married Masons. If their wives were eligible, these Benedicts would speedily discover that the advantages of Masonry had been greatly over-rated, and would become very lax in their attendance. The great principles of brotherhood and charity would be found less attractive than they are under existing conditions.

"We are by no means sure that the Pecq Lodge means to admit the wives of its brethren. The lady initiated a few days ago was a 'mademoiselle.' Perhaps, on the whole, much of that sort of thing would be rather worse than a liberal allowance of 'madame.' These venturesome spinsters, who boldly pry into the dread secrets of Masonry and make speeches afterwards which excite frantic applause, are very much akin to the 'strong minded women' with whom the satirists have made us familiar. A few of them in a lodge would certainly make it anything but a Paradise. In all likelihood they would very soon have it all to themselves. But then there happen to be loquacious and self-assertive men who are, in every respect, as objectionable; and possibly Masonic Lodges may not be altogether unacquainted with them. We men—it must be admitted with as much candour as circumstances will allow—are not altogether faultless.

"Perhaps a judicious blending of the sexes in a Masonic lodge would have a beneficial effect, when the novelty of innovation had once wore off. Masonesses would be quite as zealous in works of charity as Masons, and possibly they would tone down the exuberance which sometimes characterises the ceremonial of 'the Knife and Fork Degree.' Still, the day is no doubt distant when 'sisters' will be allowed to take part in English Masonry. There is no more conservative institution in the world, and the very suggestion of the admission of women, put in any serious way, would probably shake the Grand Lodge worse than an earthquake, and upset the equanimity of all the P.P. G.M.'s and P.W.M.'s, and other alphabetical enigmas of the Order, so that they could not attend banquet for a month. In the days of the millennium, when the lion lies down with the lamb, such a thing may be possible, but hardly before."

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**FORTITUDE AND OLD CUMBERLAND LODGE (No. 12).**—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on the 6th inst., at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, and was numerously attended. The chair was occupied by Bro. R. Coombs, W.M., he being supported by Bros. E. E. Barratt Kidder, S.W.; J. Bedell, J.W.; Dudley Rolls, P.M.; Treas.; A. Snellgrove, P.M., Sec.; D. Matthews, S.D.; G. Pigache, J.D.; W. Jones, I.G.; Angold, Lemaitre, W. B. Kidder, L. Ruf (the father of the lodge), Lilley, Capes, S. Rolls, Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., Past Masters; and the following visitors: Bro. T. Vincent, P.M. 1863; Valeriani, J.D. 1687; A. H. Carr, Leheymer, 1196; Dr. Ramsay, P.P.G.D. Middx.; W. Scales, P.M.; Cook, J.W. 1744; W. R. Berkeley, W. M. Stiles, W.M. 1509; Tate, I.P.M. 862; Brown, W.M. 862; E. Storr, 167; J. J. Goode, 1580; Pearson, 1319; W. Marston, P.M. 55; Millward, 170; Rev. J. Rose, 1677; Paget, 228; Scott, 78; Paul Storr, 811; Fredk. Binckes, P.G.S. Cheshire, P.M. 1287, Sec. Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; H.M. Levy, P.M. 188.

The lodge having been formally opened, Bro. O. F. Peall was passed to the Second Degree, after which Bro. Barratt Kidder, the W.M. elect, having been obligated, a Board of Installed Masters was opened and he was duly placed in the chair of K.S., Bro. W. B. Kidder performing the ceremony in a most perfect manner.

After receiving the salutation of the brethren, the W.M. appointed the following as his officers: Bros. Bedell, S.W.; Matthews, J.W.; Rolls, Treas.; Snellgrove, Sec.; Pigache, S.D.; Jones, J.D.; H. Rolls, I.G.; and Marsh, Tyler. The ceremony of installation was then completed, and the W.M. proceeded to close the lodge. Before doing so he invested the I.P.M. with a Past Master's jewel, which he did in most appropriate terms. The brethren proceeded, after the close of the lodge to banquet, which was provided by Miss Painter in first rate style.

At the conclusion of the repast, grace was said by Bro. the Rev. J. Rose, and the W.M. proceeded with the loyal toasts of the evening. With the toast of "The Grand Officers" the name of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart was coupled, and that brother duly responded.

The toast of "The Visitors" followed from the chair, the W.M. expressing the pleasure that members of the lodge felt in seeing so many present. Nothing added more to the good feeling which existed among Freemasons than the frequent interchange of visits among the members of the Craft.

Bro. Ramsay replied. He expressed what he felt must be the opinion of every visitor, the pleasure he had experienced in witnessing the perfect working of Bro. Kidder, senior, and the able presidency of Bro. Kidder, junior, and begged to tender both them and the other members of the lodge the heartiest of good wishes for their future prosperity.

Bro. Coombs, I.P.M., then gave "The Health of the Master," referring to the work undertaken by Bro. Kidder to render himself fit for the office to which he had just been installed. He felt that the new Master of the Fortitude and Old Cumberland Lodge would be able to discharge the duties of his office in such a manner as to maintain for the lodge the high reputation which it had secured in the past.

Bro. Kidder, in reply, thanked Bro. Coombs and the brethren generally for the reception they had accorded to the toast. He felt it was a very great honour for any man to occupy the position of W.M. in a lodge which dated back as far as 1772; for himself he fully appreciated the honour that had been paid him. Brethren, six or seven years since he had sat in the chair of the initiate of the lodge, and on that occasion it was remarked to him that he would never sit in it again. He had then replied "no," but expressed a hope that one day he might occupy the chair next to it; and now his great ambition had been attained. He trusted he might be able to fulfil the duties appertaining to the position during the ensuing twelve months. He then proposed "The Health of the Past Masters," expressing the pleasure he felt in seeing so many present.

Bro. Coombs replied, feeling proud at being now classed among so worthy a body of Masons as the Past Masters of No. 12. He referred particularly to the working of Bro. Kidder, who had to-night installed his son into the chair of the lodge in such a manner as to create envy in the hearts of all who heard him. He trusted it might be many years before either of the Past Masters would be missed from their seats, but that each might live for many years to take part in the working of the lodge. He concluded by proposing the health of Bro. Kidder, the installing master, referring to the pride which must naturally be felt by a father when placing his son in the chair, and expressing a hope that Bro. Kidder might live to place his grandson in a similar position.

Bro. Kidder responded. It had, indeed, been a great pleasure to him to have the opportunity of installing his son, more particularly as it was in his own mother lodge, as well as his son's, that the ceremony had been carried out.

The W.M. next gave the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary." They were two brethren who so ably performed their duty that he felt the lodge must prosper so long as it had them to assist in its management.

Bro. Dudley Rolls replied. He remembered how some fifteen years since the lodge had met only some seven or eight members strong, now they assembled in such large numbers as to severely tax the accommodation of the old Ship and Turtle Tavern. They had that night witnessed a most pleasing ceremony—that of a Past Master of the lodge installing his son—and when they bore in mind what an excellent Master the father had made, they could but hope the son would follow in the same course. He regretted that his colleague, the Secretary of the lodge, had been obliged to leave in consequence of a domestic affliction, but felt gratified in thanking the brethren on his behalf for the kind reception they had accorded to the toast.

The toast of "The Charities" followed from the chair, the W.M. referring to the presence of Bro. Binckes, the Secretary of the Boys' School, for which Institution he (the W.M.) had undertaken the office of Steward. He trusted the brethren would do their utmost to make his list a good one, and that in due course they would not forget the other Institutions.

Bro. Binckes having replied, the W.M. gave the toast of "The Officers," impressing on them the necessity there was for studying the ritual, in order that the work of the lodge might be conducted properly. The two Wardens responded.

The Tyler's toast was given, and this finished an evening which was described as one of the most enjoyable ever remembered in this old and influential lodge.

During the evening several songs and recitations were given by the brethren, which added considerably to the enjoyment of those present.

**LANGTHORNE LODGE (No. 1421).**—The installation meeting of the above-named lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 2nd inst., at the Swan Hotel, Stratford; Bro. G. F. Dix, W.M., in the chair. The officers and brethren of the lodge present were Bros. R. W. Biggs, S.W. and W.M. elect; J. Hunt, J.W.; T. S. Taylor, Treas.; G. Ward Verry, Sec.; C. Lacey, P.M.; B. Cundick, P.M.; H. M. Taylor, P.M.; J. Terry, Sec. Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; A. Myers, S.D.; J. Bullwinkle, J.D.; C. Mansfield, I.G.; W. Buckle, D.C.; T. Loane, W.S.; C. Hopson, Org.; W. March, W. Hope, F. England, S. F. Waterer, P. Mills, J. S. Stevens, D. R. Hirst, C. H. Bardoleau, S. Darley, J. Wilkes, F. Keith, W. G. Padwick, A. Furness, N. J. Middleton, and J. Simkins.

The visitors who signed the attendance book were as follows: Bros. E. W. Walter, P.M. 554; J. Boulton, S.W. 1056; T. J. Barnes, P.M. 554; W. Musto, P.M. 1340; T. Godwin, P.M. 1343; J. W. Freeman, S.W. 147; J. Rogers, 1508; H. Conolly, 1508; A. Symes, 554; G. A. Payne, S.W. 933; H. Cushen, 933; D. R. Bye, 1507; K. Smith, Org. 1820; J. Everett, J.W. 1781; W. Allaway, D.C. 1598; G. D. Hilliard, P.M. 174; J. K. Job, W.M. 1076; J. F. Frazer, S.W. 174; E. H. Page, 55; J. W. Simpson, 907; J. Jones, 1685; and H. Tapley, P.M. 1076.

The lodge being opened the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Secretary, Bro. Verry, then read the report and balance sheet, which proved very satisfactory, inasmuch as the lodge is out of debt, and all the arrears were £1 19s. On the motion of the W.M. the report and balance sheet were adopted. The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with, when the W.M. Bro. Dix, installed Bro. Biggs into the chair of K.S. in a most impressive manner, most of the Past Masters present remarking that they had never seen the ceremony more ably worked. Lodge was then resumed and the three charges impressively delivered by Bro. Dix.

After the usual compliments had been paid the newly-installed W.M., he presented to Bro. Dix a splendid 18-carat gold jewel, which bore the following inscription: "Presented by the brethren of the Langthorne Lodge, No. 1421, to W. Bro. George Fredk. Dix, P.M., as a mark of esteem, and for his efficient services as W.M. in 1881-82, January 26, 1882." Bro. Dix acknowledged the gift in suitable terms, and the lodge was then closed in the usual manner.

The brethren then sat down to a most excellent dinner. After the cloth had been removed, the W.M. proposed "The Queen and the Craft," and in doing so said that no society of men honoured the Queen and Royal Family more than did the society of Freemasons. The toast was most loyally drunk and the National Anthem sung.

The W.M. proposed "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master," and bore testimony to the many excellent qualities of His Royal Highness.

The following toasts were also proposed and cordially drunk: "The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master," "The Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. J. F. Dix said he had to propose the toast of "The W.M., and he did so with a great amount of pleasure, for the duty was a most agreeable one. He was glad that Bro. Biggs had followed so closely in his footsteps. Bro. Biggs had entered upon his term of office when the lodge was in a very prosperous state, which he hoped would continue for many years to come. He was sure that nothing would be wanting on Bro. Biggs' part to make the lodge a still greater success. He would ask them to drink "The Health of their W.M." in bumper.

The toast was most enthusiastically received; and the W.M., in responding, thanked the brethren for having placed him in the position of W.M. of the lodge, and he assured them he would do all he could to carry out the duties of the lodge satisfactory to them and also to himself. He would not presume too much, for he hoped that his deeds would speak more eloquently in the future.

The W.M. next proposed "The Past Masters of the Lodge." He did so with a great amount of pleasure, for the Past Masters who had preceded him in the chair were good men, and who had worked hard in the Craft. He was sorry to say they had not a long list of Past Masters, but it arose from the fact that the Langthorne was but a young lodge. What, however, they lacked in quantity, they possessed in quality. When they looked at Bro. Lacey, P.M., they ought to be thankful they had such a brother connected with them. No brother was never more ready and willing to work hard on behalf of Freemasonry than was Bro. Lacey, in that or any other lodge. He would also like to thank Bros. Cundick and Taylor for the kind help they had always rendered him, and they also had helped the lodge very materially. The services that Bro. G. F. Dix had rendered the lodge were so fresh in their memories that he would say very little about him, but commend him for the very excellent manner in which he had fulfilled his year of office. Bro. Dix had left the chair with a balance in hand. He thanked Bro. Dix for the able manner in which he had worked the installation ceremony that night, and he firmly believed it would not have been possible to have worked it better.

Bro. Lacey, P.M., in responding, said he did so with a great deal of pleasure, for inasmuch on the present occasion he had a brother standing on his right hand whom he had some years ago initiated into Freemasonry. When he saw him that night on his right hand, occupying the proud position of I.P.M., he felt proud of him. As he had the good fortune to be first W.M. of that lodge he had watched its progress with some amount of anxiety. The early days of the lodge had been of a rather unfortunate nature, but at the present time, thanks to the brethren who had followed him, it was in a prosperous state. He hoped that Bro. Biggs' term of office might prove as prosperous as was Bro. Dix's. These brethren, who were the promoters and founders of the lodge, began by displaying a great amount

of earnestness on its behalf, as well as for the welfare of the Craft. That was the great object they had in view when they called it into existence, and he hoped that such a spirit would continue to be fostered by all the brethren connected with the Langthorne Lodge.

Bro. G. F. Dix remarked that Bro. Lacey had left but little for him to say. When he was initiated in 1874 he felt great interest in Freemasonry, and had continued to feel it ever since. When Bro. Lacey installed him, twelve months previously, he said he hoped that he (Bro. Dix) would be enabled to conduct his duties to the advantage of the Order, the satisfaction of the brethren, and his own lasting credit. He hoped most earnestly that he had fulfilled Bro. Lacey's wish to its full, and to the satisfaction of the lodge, and the welfare of Freemasonry. He thanked the brethren for the cordial support they had rendered him during his term of office.

Bro. Cundick also acknowledged the compliment, and said that after Bro. Lacey he was the next I.P.M. of the lodge, and had helped, as well as Bro. Lacey, in getting it out of the slough of despond into which it had fallen. Bro. Lacey had helped the lodge in every way, and had done an amount of good scarcely to be expected from him. Mainly under the wise direction of Bro. Lacey, a benevolent association had been formed in connection with the lodge, and in four years the sum of £4000 had been subscribed to Masonic Charities. He hoped that during the Mastership of Bro. Biggs the lodge would enjoy a still greater amount of prosperity.

Bro. Taylor, P.M., also responded, thanking the brethren for their kind recognition of his services.

The W.M. next proposed, in a telling speech, "The Masonic Institutions," observing how gratified he was at the presence of Bro. Terry, the Secretary to the Benevolent Institution.

Bro. Terry said he had much pleasure in responding to the toast. He was exceedingly gratified to hear that in connection with the association connected with the lodge they had been enabled to subscribe £1000 to the Three Masonic Institutions. Many of the brethren had consequently been enabled to take up a Life Governorship, which otherwise they could not have done. After touching on other matters, Bro. Terry said he had come down to the east end that night, where he was so well known, to plead the cause of the Benevolent Institutions, which were so sadly in need of funds. From 1880 to 1881 the subscription to these institutions had fallen off £7000. For the elections in May next 112 applications had been sent in, forty-six being from men and sixty-six from widows, all of them deserving cases. The most lamentable part of the matter was that there were only vacancies for fourteen men and seven widows. He hoped they would do all they could to help the institutions.

The W.M. next proposed "The Visitors," whom he was pleased to see numbered over twenty. He would couple with the toast the names of Bros. Barnes, Musto, Godwin, Cushen and Halloghan.

Each of the brethren named responded to the toast, thanking the W.M. and the lodge for the kind welcome they had received, Bro. Barnes, remarking that he had seldom been in a lodge where the general working was so good, or where the installation ceremony had been so well performed. The remaining toasts, "The Officers of the Lodge" and the Tyler's toast having been honoured, the brethren then separated, after a most enjoyable evening's profit and pleasure.

**ALL SAINTS LODGE (No. 1716).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday evening, the 3rd inst., at the Town Hall, Newby-place, Poplar. There were present Bros. W. C. Young, W.M.; Joseph House, J.W.; W. G. Wilshaw, Sec.; T. L. Kennett, S.D.; H. J. Hancock, J.D.; W. J. Rundell, I.G.; Leonard Potts, I.P.M.; J. Kemp Coleman, P.M.; E. Witherstone, who temporarily occupied the S.W.'s chair; R. H. Harland, J. Smith, S. Kirk, T. Johnson, W. Pearson, D. Brown, H. J. Day, J. C. Pittam, R. Nichols, W. Jones, W. La Riviere, J. Robinson, J. J. Pearson, N. West, and several visitors.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the preceding meetings were read and confirmed. The W.M. then proceeded with the work of the evening, which consisted of raising Bros. D. Brown and W. Pearson, jun.; passing Bros. La Riviere, Jones, and Nichols; and initiating Mr. N. West.

It had been the intention of the W.M. to work the whole of the ceremonies in their entirety by giving the ancient charges and the lecture on the tracing board in each Degree, but the dense fog which prevailed prevented the attendance of many of the officers and brethren at the hour fixed for commencing, and thus time did not admit of this being done.

The W.M. announced that the All Saints Lodge first Charitable Association had just terminated, having been the means of adding to the funds of the various Institutions a sum of £400, representing 44 Life Governorships. A second Association had been formed, under the able management of the Secretary of the previous Association, Bro. Leonard Potts, I.P.M. Thirty-one shares had already been taken up, and he invited the brethren to join.

On the motion of Bro. Leonard Potts, I.P.M., it was resolved to contribute £5 5s. from the lodge funds to the list of Bro. W. C. Young, W.M., who was serving as Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Letters from several brethren were read, regretting their inability to be present, and other business of no general interest being transacted, the lodge was closed, after an evening of thoroughly good work.

**MONTAGUE GUEST LODGE (No. 1900).**—This lodge, although one of the youngest, shows unmistakable signs of vigour and life, doubtless due, in a great measure, to the energy and admirable working of the W.M., Bro. Dean; but, perhaps, in an almost equal degree, to a certain *esprit de corps* derived from the association in London of brethren connected with the province ruled over by the distinguished brother whose name has been given to the lodge. The regular meeting was held at the Inns of Court Hotel, on Wednesday last. Present: Bros. W. S. Dean, W.M.; G. P. Festa, S.W.; F. R. W. Hedges, J.W.; Montague Guest, M.P., Prov. Grand Master, Dorsetshire, Treas.; J. D. Collier, Sec.; F. Travers, P. Prov. G.S.W. Dorset, acting I.P.M.; H. Slyman, J.D.; S. Brooks, D.C.; W. H. Gardner, I.G.; W. H. Staff, Org.; E. Doble, Stwd.; C. M. Tate, W. A. Austen, E. J. Pitts. Visitors: C. Hambro, D.P.G.M.,



Dorsetshire; J. B. Docker, P.M. 1687; Albert Fish, P.M. 1366; and W. Lake, P.M. 131, P.P.G. Reg. Cornwall (*Freemason*).

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. proceeded to raise Bro. Doble to the Third Degree, and to pass Bro. Austin to the Second. A ballot was then taken for two candidates, Mr. J. M. Campbell and Mr. John Goring, and the latter being present, was duly initiated, the whole of the ceremony being performed by Bro. Dean in a masterly manner. Bro. Dr. David Shorter was then balloted for, and elected, as a joining member, and Bro. Montague Guest also proposed Bro. Hambro, D.G.M. for Dorset, as a joining member. Two other gentlemen were then proposed for initiation, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was exceedingly well-served by Bro. Gosden.

At the termination of the banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed in happy terms by the W.M., and duly honoured. Bro. Travers in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said that he had much pleasure in doing so, but regretted that their respected Treasurer, the Prov. Grand Master for Dorset was not present to perform that pleasing duty. He nevertheless was very proud of the honour; he could not say more than they all felt with regard to the W.M., and they wished him and the lodge all prosperity.

Bro. Dean, in reply, thanked the brethren most heartily. They knew, he said, the great interest he took in the Montague Guest Lodge, and it gave him the utmost pleasure to preside over them. In the ceremonies of the lodge everything worked so smoothly that his duties were rendered comparatively easy. Their success had been more than they anticipated. He was particularly gratified at the presence, for the first time in the lodge, of Bro. Montague Guest. He could assure them that he would have been with them on previous occasions, but he had been unavoidably prevented. That evening he had to leave to attend to his Parliamentary duties, but in April he trusted they would be honoured with his company. They had also been honoured that evening with the presence of the D.P.G.M. for Dorset, Bro. Hambro, who unfortunately had to leave early as well, but as a member of the lodge they hoped to welcome him at the next meeting.

The W.M. then gave the toast of "The Initiate," whom he was very pleased to see had taken great interest in the ceremony, and he hoped as he proceeded onward that interest would be deepened.

Bro. Goring replied in suitable terms.

Bro. Dean then proposed "The Health of the Acting I.P.M., Bro. Travers." He thanked him for the kind assistance which he always rendered, often coming a long distance to be present. Bro. Travers was so well known in Masonry that nothing he could say would add to his merits.

Bro. Travers, in reply, said that when first he took the office of acting I.P.M. he promised to be present as often as he could. Fortunately he had been able to arrange his business in London to fit into the lodge meetings. It gave him great pleasure to fill that chair, as he always met there, as in all other lodges, a cordial and hearty reception.

The next toast was that of "The Visitors," the W.M. remarking that no lodge could be more pleased at their presence than the Montague Guest.

Bros. Docker, Fish, and Lake replied, each expressing the great pleasure it had given them to be present, and congratulating the W.M. on the success which had attended his rule.

Bro. Dean then gave "The Health of the Secretary, Bro. Collier," than whom a better did not exist in any lodge. Much, he said, depended on the Secretary; although the W.M. might do a great deal, if his efforts were not backed by that officer it would be of little use. In Bro. Collier they had a Secretary zealous in his duties and prompt in all his work.

Bro. Collier, in reply, thanked the W.M., and said that he had only done what every officer ought to do—his duty—and in that he was following in the footsteps of the W.M.

In proposing "The Health of the Officers," Bro. Dean said that no W.M. could be more fortunate than he in his officers. The Senior Warden, Bro. Festa, had seconded him in all his efforts, and when at the expiration of his year of office he received from his (the W.M.'s) hands that gavel, the brethren would feel assured that the duties would be performed as efficiently as he had been able to do. The J.W., Bro. Hedges, too, had been an excellent worker, and altogether he had reason to be proud of his officers.

Bro. Festa, in reply, thanked the W.M. for all the kind things he had said of him. He felt flattered at being chosen one of the officers of the lodge, and would continue to do all he could to promote its interests. It had started under excellent auspices, and if T.G.A.O.T.U. permitted him to succeed the W.M. he would endeavour to follow in his footsteps.

Bro. Hedges also replied, and said that if the officers had not all been such ardent Masons they must have blushed to hear their praises sounded in the way they had been that evening; but whether deserved or not, he thanked the W.M. for all he had said.

The other officers also returned thanks, and a very enjoyable evening was brought to a close.

During the evening several brethren contributed to the pleasures of the gathering by songs and recitations, which were well received and heartily applauded.

**BRIXTON LODGE (No. 1949).**—The first regular meeting was held at the Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, on Saturday last. Owing to the dense fog there was some delay in opening the proceedings, but eventually all the officers were in their respective positions. The W.M., Bro. H. Lovegrove, opened the lodge, supported by Bros. H. B. Marshall, S.W.; W. E. Farrington, J.W.; A. J. Cox, Secretary; Firth Groves, S.D.; H. Baldwin, J.D.; C. Kiffing, J.G.; and J. Daly, Tyler. Bro. Poore acted as I.P.M. The visitors were Bros. Field, P.M. 902; Williams, 72; Manning, 177; Poore, P.M. 720; Knight, 1507; Miller, 177; Farr, 1293, and others. The following were elected as joining members: Bros. Day, Colyer, Wilkins, Phillips, Hooper, Axford, and W. Farrington. Three initiates, Messrs. R. Poore, E. Newby, and E. P. Albert, were balloted for and initiated, the first named (by the courtesy of the W.M.) being initiated by his father, who is so well known and respected in the Craft. The discussion and approval of the By-laws followed. Bro. W. Day was elected Treasurer, Bro. Colyer was appointed M.C., and Bro. R. Poore, Steward. Thus ended a very successful meeting of the new lodge.

**SOUTHGATE LODGE (No. 1950).**—An emergency meeting of this lodge (which was consecrated by the Grand Secretary and numerous Grand Officers on the 19th ult.) was held on Thursday, the 2nd inst., and Messrs. Ward, Dickson, Clevely and Clarke were initiated into the mysteries of the Craft by Bro. R. P. Forge, W.M., all the officers being present. The newly-made brothers were very much impressed in the manner in which the W.M. performed the ceremony. Among the visitors we noticed Bros. Gilham, P.M. Stewart Lodge; Osborne, W.M. Sir Hugh Myddleton; A. Macpherson, Royal Caledonian; Dunsford, Industry Lodge; and others.

**BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).**—The regular monthly meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 2nd inst., and proved to be one of a most interesting nature, not only because it was the day for the installation of the new W.M., but also on account of the large attendance of members and of brethren from other lodges.

Punctually at four o'clock (the brethren having taken their seats in the spacious hall, the Grand and Provincial Grand Officers, and those of the lodge, entered in procession, having been marshalled as usual by the excellent Director of Ceremonies. When all had assumed their respective places, the W.M., Bro. Radway, opened the lodge, supported by Bros. Dr. H. Hopkins, P.M. 41, 43, 958, and P.P.G.S.W. Warwickshire, I.P.M.; the following P.M.'s of No. 41, T. B. Moutrie, P.P.G.S.W.; J. Rubie, P.P.G.J.W.; Capt. R. Peel Floyd, P.P.G. Reg.; J. S. Turner, P.P.G.S.D.; F. Wilkinson, P.P.G.S. Works; S. G. Mitchell, P.P.G.D.C.; and P. Braham, P.P.G. Org. All the officers of the lodge were present, namely, Bros. R. B. Cater, S.W.; E. J. B. Mercer, J.W.; Ashley, P.M. and P.P.J.G.W., Treas.; T. Wilton, P.M. and P.P.G.J.W., Dir. of Cers.; J. W. Murlis, Sec.; A. Holmes, S.D.; T. Ames, J.D.; W. L. Baldwin, Org.; W. Peach, I.G.; T. E. Wilton, Steward; and Bigwood, Tyler. Among the distinguished members of No. 41 were Col. M. Ramsay, P.D.G.M. Punjab, India; C. Wilkinson, P.S.W.; and F. Baldwin, P.M. 335. The following were present as visitors: of the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 53, Bros. Col. J. R. Ford, P.M. and P.P.G. Reg.; C. Milson, P.M. and P.P.G.J.W.; Rev. C. R. Davey, P.M. and P.G. Chap.; E. T. Payne, P.M. and P.G.D.; and B. H. Watts, P.M. Of the members of the Royal Albert Edward Lodge, No. 906, Bros. E. L. Hill, P.M. and W.M.; C. Becket, P.M.; L. Howes, P.M. and P.P.G.D.C.; W. Scott, P.P.G.S.W. Bristol; J. Wood, P.M.; J. Stuckey, P.M.; W. Williamson, P.M. and P.P.G.D.C.; J. Hayward, S.W.; W. Reeves, P.M. and P.P.G. Org.; Clements and Thornton. Of visitors from other lodges: Bros. Rev. J. A. Lloyd, W.M. 357, P.G. Chap. Wilts, and P.P.G. Chap. Oxon; W. Butterfield, P.M. 1085; W. Robotham, J.W. 1271; J. Hoare, P.M. 973; Loder, W.M. and P.M. 379; Hartnell, S.W. 772; R. Cooke, P.M. 335; and G. Kay. Of course there were many members of No. 41 whose names are not recorded here.

The Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. R. C. Else having been announced as demanding admission, a deputation of P.M.'s was sent out, by whom he was escorted to his chair with the usual salute from all present. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed, also those of an emergency meeting. Several letters of apology for unavoidable absence were read, notably from Bros. Col. Adair, P.P.G.M.; W. J. Hughan, P.C.D. &c.; J. L. Stothert, P.M. 53, &c.; Rev. A. G. How, W.M. 53; H. C. Hopkins, P.M. 379, P.P.G.D.C. Bro. R. B. Cater, W.M. elect, was then presented to Bro. C. W. Radway, the Installing Master, to receive the benefit of installation. A board of Installed Masters, numbering nearly thirty, was opened, in whose presence Bro. R. B. Cater was duly installed in the chair of K.S. The usual processions, salutations, greetings and proclamations took place, and the ceremony was concluded by the customary addresses, that to the W.M. being given by the Installing Master, and those to the Wardens and brethren by Bro. Dr. H. Hopkins, after the W.M. had appointed and invested the following as his officers: Bros. C. W. Radway, I.P.M.; E. J. B. Mercer, S.W.; J. W. Murlis, J.W.; T. P. Ashley, Treas.; T. Wilton, P.M.; F. Wilkinson, P.M., D. of C.; A. Holmes, Sec.; T. Ames, S.D.; W. Peach, J.D.; W. L. Baldwin, Org.; T. E. Wilton, I.G.; W. B. Gregory, and J. G. Wilton, Stewards; Bigwood, Tyler.

The W.M. addressed the brethren at some length, thanking them for the honour conferred upon him, pledging himself to do his utmost to maintain the high character of the lodge, and explaining how it was that, though he had been a member of it for fifteen years, he had hitherto been prevented from attaining his present high position. He concluded by proposing a vote of thanks to the visitors for their attendance, naming several of distinguished rank, and especially the D.P.G.M., Bro. R. C. Else.

This was responded to briefly by the D.P.G.M. on behalf of the whole. He called particular attention to the admirable manner in which the ceremony of installation had been performed by Bro. Radway.

On the proposition of Bro. Ashley, a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the retiring W.M. for his eminent services during the past year; and the compliment was acknowledged in a few words only, in the hope of expressing himself more fully at a later part of the evening.

The lodge was closed at six o'clock p.m., and the brethren adjourned to the Grand Hotel for the banquet, to which nearly eighty sat down, amongst those present being Bro. J. S. Bartram, (Mayor of Bath). The number would have been much greater, but for the circumstance that a very large social political meeting, attended by the Members for Bath, was being held at the Guildhall, and a high-class concert at the Assembly Rooms, it being known that at least fifteen who would otherwise have been present were prevented by attendance with their families at the latter. The proceedings at the hotel were of the usual pleasant and congratulatory character. The entertainment was sumptuous, and the musical arrangements, carried out by professional men, more than usually complete. It may be added that many brethren from other lodges, whose names have not been given above, and whose arrangements had prevented their attendance at the Masonic Hall, joined the party at the banquet, thus evincing their respect for the W.M.

**PRESCOT.—Lodge of Loyalty (No. 86).**—The members of this ancient and most honourable lodge (one of the oldest in the Province of West Lancashire) met to celebrate their annual installation festival at the Crown Hotel,

where there was a goodly gathering of the Fraternity. Bro. J. W. McFear was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. W. Tyrer, P.M. and P.P.S. of W., in a most impressive manner. The W.M. then appointed and invested the following officers: Bros. J. Bamford, S.W.; S. H. Hartley, J.W.; S. Green, Sec.; E. F. Hall, S.D.; John Goldsworth, J.D.; Frederick Pritchard, I.G.; John Leatherbarrow, S.S.; and W. Goldsworth, jun., J.S. Bro. W. Tyrer was also invested as Treasurer, and Bro. J. Wood, as Organist. Bro. Benjamin Lawton was unanimously re-elected Tyler.

The banquet was of a most *recherché* character, and reflected great credit on Mr. Webster, the proprietor of the hotel. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and most heartily responded to. The musical programme, as arranged by Bro. Wood, was an exceptionally good one, the chief vocalists being Bros. G. Barton, Webster Williams, W. Tyrer, and J. Wood. About forty-five brethren sat down, and amongst the visitors were Bros. J. T. Callow, P.P.G.T. West Lanc.; Wilson, J. S. Robinson, Thompson, Brook, and others of St. Helens, and Bro. J. W. Carille, of Widnes.

**NORWICH.—Perseverance Lodge (No. 213).**—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Club, No. 23, St. Giles-street, on Tuesday, the 17th ult., which in every way was a decided success.

The lodge was opened about seven o'clock in the evening by the retiring W.M., Bro. George Kersey, P.G.P., who was assisted by his officers as follows: Bros. Jas. E. H. Watson, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., I.P.M.; Chas. Fendick, W.M. elect, S.W.; Chas. E. Sexton, J.W.; Geo. Baxter, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Treas.; Arthur E. Le Good, S.D.; T. C. R. King, J.D.; J. Dunsford, P.M., P.P.G.P.; S. N. Berry, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W. Org.; W. J. Butler, P.G. Steward, I.G.; Harold Youngman, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; E. C. Thompson, and Thos. Smith, junr. Stewards; Joshua Morse, Tyler.

Among the brethren present, in addition to those above mentioned, were Bros. Joseph Stanley, P.M., P.P.A. G.D.C.; O. D. Ray, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C.; G. R. Fitt, 213, 1808; C. Stapleton, W. Baldwin, Hy. Fitt, F. Burtonshaw, P. Soman, P.G. Steward; Geo. Carpenter, R. J. Silburn, Bexfield, C. W. Bacon, 213, 1500 and 1808, P.G. Steward; and Samuels. Among the visitors were Bros. E. Baldwin, P.M. 40, 943; G. Jewson, W.M. 93; J. H. Brockbank, 93; W. M. Arnold, P.M. 362; H. Fieldson, W.M. 548; Rob. Baldry, P.M., P.G.D.C.; T. Campling, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; G. Green, W.M.; J. J. Hunt, T. Winter, W. N. Cooper, Hy. Rosling, R. E. Thoms, W.M. 943; H. Burrage, 943; J. Harper, W.M.; Quarter Master F. Mills, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; T. Isley, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; A. Bullard, P.M., P.A.D.C. 1500; J. Weyer, 1500; J. Dixon, 1808; and J. W. Browne, 807, P.G. Steward (*Freemason*).

The lodge being opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were duly read and confirmed, and the ceremony of inducting Bro. Charles Fendick into the chair of K.S. then took place, which was very ably performed by Bros. Jas. E. H. Watson and James Dunsford, who carried out the proceedings with remarkable care and precision.

Bro. Fendick having been duly installed, appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Geo. Kersey, I.P.M.; Chas. E. Sexton, S.W.; Arthur E. Le Good, J.W.; H. Youngman, Sec.; T. C. R. King, S.D.; W. J. Butler, J.D.; W. Baldwin, I.G.; S. N. Berry, Org.; Jas. Dimsford, M.C.; F. C. Thompson and Thos. Smith, jun., Stewards, who were respectively invested with the collars of their office. Bro. Geo. Baxter was then re-elected Treas. and Bro. Joshua Morse, Tyler.

Some other unimportant business having been transacted, "Hearty good wishes" were given by the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

The brethren then adjourned to a banquet, admirably prepared and supplied by Bro. E. Wilkin, the Steward of the Club, at the conclusion of which the usual loyal, Masonic, and complimentary toasts were given and duly acknowledged.

In the course of the evening Bro. Geo. Kersey rose and proposed "The Health of the W.M." in highly complimentary terms, and spoke of him as one deserving the esteem of the brethren of the lodge; that they found in him a true brother in his Masonic, private, and business capacities. It was in consequence of this geniality that the brethren had thought fit to place him in his present proud position; and he trusted the brethren would rally round and support him to make the ensuing year successful to the lodge. In conclusion, Bro. Kersey observed that he trusted Bro. Fenwick in his new position would be a true and shining light in Masonry, that its beauty might appear more radiant.

Bro. Fendick rose amidst great enthusiasm, and responded in suitable terms, promising the brethren that it should ever be his duty to promote the welfare of the lodge, and strictly to adhere to the ritual of Masonry.

The next important toast was proposed by the W.M., which was "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Geo. Kersey," and spoke of the present duty as being a very onerous, although pleasing one, inasmuch as their past year had been highly successful for the lodge. He commented at length upon Bro. Kersey's good qualifications, and concluded by observing that he had been deputed by the officers and brethren of the lodge to present Bro. Kersey with a very handsome P.M.'s jewel subscribed for by them, stating that the brethren were unanimous in thinking Bro. Kersey well deserved the honour.

The jewel bore the following inscription on the back thereof: "Presented to Bro. George Kersey, W.M. Perseverance Lodge, No. 213, by the officers and brethren, as a mark of esteem and regard. Jan. 17, 1882."

Bro. Kersey, on rising to respond, was received with great applause, and observed that his kindness and present had created in him a feeling of difficulty in that he could not sufficiently thank them for the honour they had done him, which came so unexpectedly; he could only express to them his very deep gratitude. He observed that his year of office had been a pleasant one, in that he had always received the cordial and hearty support of his officers, which had rendered his duties less onerous. He was proud to congratulate the brethren on their success during the past year. They had had the average number of initiations, the funds of the lodge were in a prosperous condition, and that it had ever been his pleasing duty to keep it so; and that so long as he should be connected with them he should ever consider it to be his duty to work for the honour and welfare of the lodge. Bro. Kersey resumed his seat amidst hearty applause.



Other toasts were given and duly acknowledged, and the meeting broke up at 12.30, all acknowledging they had spent a very pleasant evening in Masonry.

The proceedings were agreeably enlivened by the musical abilities of Bro. J. H. Brockbank (Cathedral Choir) and others.

**MANCHESTER.**—Lodge of Affability (No. 317).—The first meeting of this lodge under the new W.M. took place on Thursday, the 2nd inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, when the following brethren were present: Bros. H. Walmsley, W.M.; W. Nicholl, I.P.M.; Robert Tomlins, S.W.; James Wilson, J.W.; J. Dawson, P.M.; Reg. John Smethurst, P.M., Treas.; J. W. Edwards, Sec.; W. J. Cunliffe, S.D.; R. R. Lisenden, (Freemason), J.D.; R. B. Harper and John Garside, Stewards; John R. Lever, P.M., Org.; J. Smith, I.G.; J. Sly, Tyler; J. Bladon, P.M., D. of C., P.G.A.D. of C.; Mark Vickers, P.M.; D. Doubayand, P.M.; Daniel Jolly, Francis Hilton, Chas. Hart, and Ludwig Oppenheimer. Visitors: Bros. J. S. Levi, 287; W. H. Jutsum, 332, 302, and 571; and W. H. L. Marshall, Star of Central China.

The lodge was opened at 6.50, and the minutes of the previous (installation) meeting read and confirmed. There being no further business the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 7.45.

**HOLYHEAD.**—Lodge of St. Cybi (No. 597).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday the 31st ult., in the presence of a large number of the brethren of the lodge, and of several visitors, among whom we noticed Bros. Henry Platt, W.M. 1849, P.P.G.J.W.; J. S. Boucher, P.M. 606, P.P.G. Chap.; R. J. Davids, W.M. 606, A. McMillan, P.M. 384, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. J. Bates, P.M. 257, P.P.J.D.; F. Jones, P.M. 384; and others.

The Installing Master was Bro. John Peters, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., who, in his usual masterly style installed the W.M. elect, Bro. John Lloyd Griffith, P.M., P.P.G.S.D. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. John James, S.W.; Robert Evans, J.W.; James Lloyd, Treas.; H. T. Barber, Sec.; S. B. Williams, S.D.; R. Martin, J.D.; O. W. Jones, Chap.; G. P. Griffith, P.M., Org.; John Peters, P.M., M.C.; W. R. Jones, I.G.; J. H. Stammers and Robert Owen, Stewards; and W. Williams, Tyler.

Bro. John Peters who had consented to act as Steward at the Festival of the Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows brought the claims of the Charity under the notice of the lodge, and on the motion of Bro. Weston, P.M., seconded by Bro. Elliott, P.M., it was unanimously resolved that ten guineas should be subscribed from the funds of the lodge.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, at the London and North Western Railway Hotel. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to, Bros. Peters and Elliott responding for the Masonic Charities.

**DERBY.**—Repose Lodge (No. 802).—The anniversary of the above lodge was celebrated on the 26th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Gower-street, under highly satisfactory conditions. There was a large and influential gathering, and the proceedings of the occasion were altogether harmonious and profitable in character. The brethren assembled at six o'clock to transact the business of the lodge, the principal feature of which was the installation of the W.M. for the ensuing year. The suffrages of the brethren having fallen upon the S.W., Bro. Wm. L. Ball, the outgoing occupant of the chair of King Solomon, Bro. Geo. Cay, undertook the duty of installing him in ancient and solemn form. The interesting ceremony was most impressively conducted, Bro. Cay receiving the valuable co-operation of Bros. Thomas Cox, P.P.S.G.W., and Bro. F. Campion, P.P.S.G.W., who respectively delivered the charges to the Wardens and officers. Upon the conclusion of this important work, the W.M. invested his officers for the ensuing year, in the following order: Bros. Edwin Belfield, S.W.; Tom Smith, J.W.; S. Steele, Treas.; Walter J. Piper, Sec.; A. J. Waller, S.D.; Thomas Owen, J.D.; W. Butterfield, D. of C.; Wm. Parker, I.G.; Frank Bryant, and E. Smith, Stewards. Thereupon, the W.M. presented to Bro. Cay, in the name of the brethren, an exceedingly handsome Past Master's jewel, in recognition of the assiduity and sound judgment with which he had conducted the affairs during his year of office.

Bro. Cay, who was cordially received, acknowledged the gift suitably, and the proceedings (which had derived a welcome point and emphasis from the efforts of Bro. P. Wallis in the capacity of Director of Ceremonies), soon afterwards closed, and were followed by an admirably served banquet, Bro. Steele's efforts in catering for which received the unqualified approbation of the brethren. The healths of the newly-elected and retiring Worshipful Masters were drunk with enthusiasm, and in connection with these and other toasts testimony was freely borne to the greatly improved position and encouraging prospects of the lodge. The visiting brethren were numerous and included the following: Bros. G. T. Wright, P.P.J.G.W.; Cox, Campion, Edwards, P.P.G.A.D.C. (Yorkshire); J. E. Russell, W.M. 1085; W. Whittaker, W.M. 731; Wallace, W.M. 850; A. Frazer, P.M. 731; Lyttle, W.M. 787; W. P. Ellis, P.M. 332; J. Brown, P.M. 731; W. L. Dodd, P.P.G.O.; Malcham (Sheffield); G. Bull, 624; E. Horne, P.G.O.; R. Broughall, 1085; F. Bennett, J.W. 787; J. Bland, J.W. 731; Fitchett (Malton); W. Helps, 731; J. Stevens, 731; I. Goddard, 731; C. J. Whitehurst, 923; and Henry Henderson, 615.

**NORWICH.**—Cabbell Lodge (No. 807).—The members of this highly successful lodge held their annual installation meeting on Thursday, the 26th ult., at the Masonic Club, No. 23, St. Giles-street, a large number of brethren being present.

The lodge was opened by the W.M. of the past year, Bro. Geo. Green, who was assisted by his officers as follows: Bros. S. N. Berry, P.P.G.S. of W., I.P.M.; Jas. J. Hunt, W.M. elect, S.W.; H. A. W. Reeves, J.W.; Geo. Baxter, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Secretary; Henry Rosling, S.D.; John W. Browne (Freemason), P.G. Stwd., J.D.; Thos. Campling, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., M.C.; Robt. A. Madge, Organist; Thos. Winter, I.G.; Chas. Payne and W. N. Cooper, Stewards; and Wm. Murrell, Tyler.

Among the brethren present additional to those already

mentioned were Bros. Robt. Baldry, P.M., P.G.D.C.; Arthur E. Atkinson, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; A. J. Berry, P.M., P.P.G.P.; E. Pankhurst, P.M.; B. L. Nockall, P.M., P.P.G.P.; J. Holt, Chas. Holborn, A. King, M. J. Bailey, W. F. Stratford, G. H. Hammond, W. Chambers, J. B. Bateman, G. J. Berry, P.G. Steward, and others.

Among the visitors were Bros. H. J. Barwell, P.M., P.G. Sec., and A. H. Santy, P.M., P.G.J.W., 52; Robt. Gunn, P.M., P.G. Tyler, Hugh Fox, P.M., J. H. Brockbank, and H. J. Brookes, 93; Geo. Kersey, P.M., P.G.P., Jas. E. H. Watson, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; Harold Youngman, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; Jas. S. Offord, P.M., and Chas. E. Sexton, 213; John Talbot, W.M. 225; R. E. Rawling, 838; R. E. Thoms, P.M.; E. Baldwin, P.M. 40; Geo. May, 943; Jno. Harper, W.M., Qtr. Mr. F. Mills, P.M., P.P.S.S.B., Geo. Brittain, P.M.; Jesse Weyer, and Chas. W. Bacon, P.G. Stwd., 1500.

The lodge being opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were duly read and confirmed. The ceremony of installing Bro. J. J. Hunt then took place, Bro. Green in a very excellent style performing the first part by placing Bro. Hunt into the chair. Bro. A. J. Berry, afterwards gave the charges in an exceedingly impressive manner.

Bro. Hunt appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Geo. Green, I.P.M.; H. A. W. Reeves, S.W.; H. Rosling, J.W.; J. W. Browne, S.D.; T. Winter, J.D.; W. N. Cooper, I.G.; S. N. Berry (elected) Treas.; G. Baxter, Sec.; Thos. Campling, D.C.; R. A. Madge, Org.; C. Payne, J. Holt, and A. King, Stewards; and W. Murrell, Tyler.

Bro. R. Baldry was then elected as the representative on the Charities' Committee, and Bro. G. J. Berry Director of the Norwich Masonic Association.

In the course of the ceremony of investing the officers, Bro. H. A. W. Reeves, on behalf of the brethren of the lodge, presented the Stewards' collars, and received the graciously expressed thanks of the W.M., who duly invested the brethren appointed to those offices as above-mentioned. "Hearty good wishes" were then given by the visiting brethren, and the lodge closed in due form.

The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting-room. At the conclusion of a sumptuous repast, the usual loyal, Masonic, and complimentary toasts were given and duly acknowledged.

After the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England; the Pro G.M., the Dep. G.M., and Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past," and "The Prov. G.M., Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Suffield, K.C.B.," had been proposed and drunk, the W.M. gave "The Dep. Prov. G.M., Bro. Major Penrice, and Officers, Present and Past, of Prov. Grand Lodge."

The Prov. G. Sec., who was one of those chosen to respond for the toast, spoke of the pleasure it gave him in being present, and congratulated the lodge on the number of installed Masters who were present that evening to do honour to the occasion. Bro. Barwell regretted to say that he had been obliged to tender his resignation as Prov. G. Secretary, from circumstances over which he had no control. He found that the increasing number of brethren in the province necessarily augmented the work of Prov. G. Secretary, and he found his duties materially interfered with his private business more than he could give; however, he should always be happy to give such assistance as might be wanted, and would still have his heart in Masonry, as before.

The W.M. then rose, and said, that he had now come to the toast of the evening, which was that of "The Retiring W.M., Bro. George Green," and he only wished that the toast had fallen into better hands. He observed that they all knew Bro. Green's qualifications better than he could express—that his attention to Masonry had been most assiduous. The brethren had just had a proof of Bro. Green's proficiency in the recent ceremony. The W.M., continuing, said that he had now a most pleasing and gratifying duty to perform, which was to present Bro. Green with a small token of the respect and esteem of the brethren. The W.M. then handed to Bro. Green an exceedingly handsome Past Master's jewel, subscribed to by the members of the lodge, and, in doing so, observed that he hoped Bro. Green might have long life and good health to wear it amongst them. He concluded by observing that he hoped Bro. Green would not look upon it for its intrinsic value, but only as a present, and a token of the esteem in which he was held by the brethren of the lodge.

Bro. Green, in rising to respond, was received with immense cheering, and, in returning thanks, said, that it might truly be said of the position in which he found himself placed that evening, that there are moments in our lives which are too pleasant to give expression to, but which are calculated to impress us during the remainder of our existence. He congratulated himself he had passed through every chair in the lodge, and had at all times received the greatest amount of kindness from the brethren, and he looked upon their kind present that night as only a security for their lasting kindness. Bro. Green observed that no brother knew better than he did his failings, both before and whilst in the chair, but his desire had been to save the lodge and its interest, and he trusted to possess their sympathies and esteem, as hitherto shown him, for many years to come. Before sitting down, Bro. Green said: I now, once more, possess the gavel. It is the privilege of the I.P.M. to give the toast you are all expecting, and although in this lodge it is our custom that the banquet on these occasions is considered to be given to the retiring W.M., still I consider this toast of their present Master, Bro. J. J. Hunt, to be the toast of the evening. It was a fact that persons late in life had great difficulty in mastering the important duties of the chair and maintaining the honour and prestige of the lodge over which they had the privilege of presiding, and although Bro. Hunt had experienced that difficulty, I will undertake to say that, considering the pains and assiduity he had shewn in his past career, he will not be found wanting in those important duties. I hope that when his year of office expires he will look back with pleasure, as I do upon the past year, which has been one of the happiest of my life. Brethren, I give you the toast of "Our W.M., Bro. J. J. Hunt."

The W.M. on raising was received with great enthusiasm, and [said, I thank you, Worshipful sir, and you brethren, for the kind manner, in which you have received the toast of my health. I really cannot find words sufficient to thank you. I can only say that I will do my best to carry on the lodge as well as I can, and I trust we shall have a prosperous year, and be as successful as hitherto. It shall not be for want of my trying to make it so, but only through my want of ability in doing it.

The toast of "The Visitors" was proposed and duly

acknowledged by Bros. Rawling and Quartermaster F. Mills.

The remaining toasts of the evening were "The Past Masters of the Cabbell Lodge," "The Past Masters of other lodges," "The Officers of Cabbell Lodge," "The Ladies," and "The Tylers toast," which brought the evening to a close about 12.30.

During the evening some excellent songs were rendered by Bros. J. H. Brockbank, J. S. Offord, Robt. Baldry, and others.

The following inscription appears on the back of the jewel presented to Bro. G. Green: "Presented by the brethren of Cabbell Lodge No. 807, to Bro. Geo. Green, on the termination of his year of office as W.M., as a token of their esteem and fraternal affection. Jan. 26 1882."

**SALFORD.**—Lodge of Harmony (No. 935).—The installation meeting took place, and festival of St. John was celebrated on Thursday, the 26th, at the Masonic Hall, Adelphi-street, when the following brethren attended: Bros. Thos. Hall, W.M.; J. W. Baldwin, S.W.; Wm. Ollier, J.W.; Eccleston, Treas.; J. H. Clarke, Sec.; F. Wibberley, S.D.; J. M. Graham, J.D.; W. H. Malkin, I.G.; P. H. Nicholls, Tyler; Thomas Southern, I.P.M.; Benj. Taylor, P.M., P.P.G.T.; E. Simpson, P.M.; Henry Hotier, W. Boswell, John Davies, Luke Simms, Alfred Avery, Thos. Greaterex, W. Ashton, H. Swales, Jas. Coop, John West, Thos. R. Shaw, L. J. Griffiths, Danl. Galloway, Frank Roberts, Robt. Thomas, Richard Robinson, Thos. Goodwin, John Dutton, W. R. Harrison, and G. A. Slack.

Visitors: Bros. J. M. Dutton, P.M. 1166, 361; James Ansell, J.W. 1166; Jno. H. Jenkins, P.M. 999, 1147, P.P.G. Std. B.; Jas. C. Mather, W.M. 1345; William Dunville, P.M. 1011; Alfred Lewtas, D. of C. 1588; W. Bradshaw, 1055; Thos. Oliver, 999; Chas. Turner, 1011; S. Bailey, P.M. 191; George Hall, 1055; and R. R. Lisenden, J.D. 317 (Freemason).

The lodge was opened at half-past three o'clock, and after confirmation of the minutes, a gentleman was ballotted for and elected a member of the lodge, and subsequently initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. The ceremony of installation then commenced. Bro. Benj. Taylor, P.M., P.P.G. Treas., Installing Master, occupied the chair, and after the presentation to him of the W.M. elect, Bro. Wm. Ollier, and the customary preliminaries, he installed that esteemed brother into the chair of K.S., with due right and ceremony. Bro. Benj. Taylor next invested the newly appointed officers as follows: Bros. F. Wibberley, S.W.; J. M. Graham, J.W.; Thos. Hall, P.M., Treas.; J. H. Clarke, Secretary (second time); W. H. Malkin, S.D.; Frank Roberts, J.D.; Thomas Southern, P.M., D. of C.; Ballantyne, I.G.; John Davies and W. Boswell, Stewards; and P. H. Nicholls, Tyler. Bro. Taylor also addressed the W.M. and brethren, and Bro. J. M. Dutton, P.M. 1166, the Wardens.

When the ceremony was finished, a proposition was put and carried that the I.P.M. be requested to sit for his portrait, which, when framed, to return to the lodge and hung up with those of the previous P.M.'s, and also that a fac-simile be presented to Bro. Hall for his services as W.M. The proposition was carried. When "Hearty good Wishes" had been expressed the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 6.40.

The festival of St John was afterwards celebrated with a banquet, at which, when the cloth had been removed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

In response to that of "The Dep. P.G. Master, Geo. Mellen, and the Past and Present Prov. Grand Officers," Bro. Jno. H. Jenkins, P.P.G. Standard Bearer, thanked the brethren on behalf of the Prov. Grand Officers, and also the W.M. for his kind invitation. He congratulated the lodge on its favourable position and considered it second to none. He stated this was the first time he had visited the Harmony Lodge and was pleased that he was present on such an auspicious occasion, when his old friend Wm. Ollier, had been installed W.M., a brother who was very highly respected, as was his family by everyone in Broughton, and he wished Bro. Ollier every success and a prosperous year of office.

The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Initiate," which was cordially received and duly responded to.

Bro. Goodwin, P.M., in rising to propose the toast of the evening, viz. "The W.M.," said there appeared to him to have been a spirit of mischief afloat during the evening, which had culminated in fixing on him the duty of proposing this toast, which he thought he should be unable to do justice to, inasmuch as he was not so thoroughly acquainted with the W.M. as some of them were, but for all that, he believed they had elected a brother to preside over them who would fulfil his duties with credit to himself, and one who was highly esteemed, not only by them, but by all his neighbours, and therefore they had done themselves an honour in thus electing one whom he was sure had the ability to do what was required of him, and who had the highest respect for the opinions of others. In conclusion, Bro. Goodwin said he had not been present with them during the last two years, but if spared it was his intention to attend more frequently, and he would, following the toast, ask the brethren to rise and drink heartily the health of their W.M. The invitation was promptly responded to, and the W.M. in a few happily framed sentences returned thanks.

Bro. Benjamin Taylor, in eulogistic terms, proposed "The Health of the I.P.M." In the course of his remarks he said he considered he was taking his fair share of the mischief which Bro. Goodwin said was afloat, which he took especial pleasure in doing, inasmuch that twelve months ago he had the pleasure of installing their I.P.M. in the chair, and he was sure the brethren would all agree with him that no one could possibly have deserved their thanks more than Bro. Hall, who had striven hard to do his duty, and had been successful. Bro. Taylor went on to say, we cannot speak too highly of him, and he had greater pleasure in presenting him in the name of the lodge with a gold Past Master's jewel, as a proof of the high esteem in which he was held by them all; and as he had no doubt Bro. Hall would appreciate the gift, he hoped that when his children looked upon it they would be impelled to say, "My father has won by this token the golden opinions of his lodge, and I will go and do likewise."

Bro. Taylor's remarks were received with warm approval by the brethren, and the jewel, which was of 15-carat gold, and very chaste in design, was passed round for the brethren's inspection and much admired. It was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, Bridge-street, Manchester.

Bro. Hall, in acknowledging the gift and complimentary remarks of Bro. Taylor, was very much overcome with emotion.

Several other toasts were proposed and responded to, and a successful meeting was brought to a close about eleven o'clock.

The musical portion of the programme was ably carried out by those well-known artists, Bros. A. Lewtas, William Dumville, Chas. Turner, and S. Bailey, who sang some choice glees and quartettes, whilst Bro. C. Whittington, Prov. G. Org., presided at the piano and conducted his own composition of the setting of the well-known lines, "Burns' Farewell to his Lodge," and which was admirably sung by the brethren before mentioned.

**NORWICH.**—Sincerity Lodge (No. 943).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Club, No. 23, St. Giles-street, on Tuesday, the 24th ult., and was highly successful. The lodge was opened by the retiring W.M., Bro. R. E. Thoms, who was assisted by the following officers: Bros. T. W. Muskett, P.M., P.G. S. of W., I.P.M.; R. J. Mills, S.W., W.M. elect; G. W. G. Barnard, J.W.; E. Orams, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Treas.; R. Gunn, P.M., P.G. Tyler, Sec.; E. H. Jones, S.D.; Jacob A. Mills, J.D.; Chas. Thoms, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., M.C.; Geo. Brittain, P.M. 213, 1500, P.P.G.O.; W. H. Moss, I.G.; and Joshua Morse, Tyler.

Among the brethren present were Bros. John Hotblack, P.M., P.P.C.R.; W. W. Stanley, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. C. Chittock, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; H. W. Stacey, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; Thos. Ballard, P.M. 507; E. Baldwin, P.M. 40; J. H. Ladyman, Frank Thoms, Capt. Geo. Clements, Jno. Francis, W. Shorten, W. F. Ransome, Geo. May, Doyle, and H. Bunago. Among the visitors were Bros. J. Boyce, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; Henry G. Barwell, P.M., P.G. Sec.; G. A. Collier, and C. T. Collier, of 52; G. Jewson, W.M.; Hugh Fox, P.M.; H. Thoulless, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; W. Smith, and J. H. Brockbank, of 93; Chas. Fendick, W.M.; Jas. S. Oford, P.M.; and J. Stanley, jun., P.M., P.P.A.S.D.C., of 213; Geo. Green, W.M.; Arthur E. Atkinson, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Thos. Campling, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Arthur J. Berry, P.M., P.P.G.P.; Geo. Baxter, P.P.S.D.C.; Thos. Winter, and Jno. Wm. Browne, P.G. Std. (*Freemason*), of 507; J. H. B. Rodwell, 929; W. S. Wilson, W.M. 1084; Jno. Harper, W.M.; A. Bullard, P.M., P.A.G.D.C.; J. H. H. Cooper, Jno. Cox, and C. W. Bacon (213, 1808), P.G. Std., of 1500.

The lodge was opened at about 6.30 p.m., and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. R. J. Mills was presented for installation and duly placed in the chair of K.S., the ceremony, including the charges, being excellently performed by Bro. R. E. Thoms, the retiring W.M. Bro. R. J. Mills appointed his officers as follows: Bros. R. E. Thoms, I.P.M.; G. W. G. Barnard, S.W.; Jacob A. Mills, J.W.; Edwd. Orams (elected), Treas.; Robert Gunn, Sec.; Edwin Baldwin, S.D.; W. H. Moss, J.D.; Capt. Geo. Clements, I.G.; and Joshua Morse, Tyler.

The report from the Audit Committee was then read, proving the lodge to be in a flourishing condition. Representatives on the Charities Committee and the Masonic Association respectively, were then duly elected, and the lodge was afterwards closed in peace and harmony.

The brethren then adjourned to a most *recherché* banquet, prepared by the Stewards of the club, in the banqueting room, at the conclusion of which the usual loyal, Masonic, and complimentary toasts were given and duly acknowledged.

In the course of the evening the I.P.M., Bro. R. E. Thoms, rose and proposed "The Health of their Newly-Installed W.M., Bro. R. J. Mills," in the course of which he spoke of these occasions as being a sort of complimentary mutual admiration society, although he believed that the compliments were generally well deserved, and the more especially so on the present occasion. It had been to him both a pleasure and an honour in installing their present W.M. into the chair of K.S., his past career fully justifying the choice of the lodge. He believed he had done a duty which would fully benefit the lodge, as a better Mason and a better W.M. the lodge could never possess. In conclusion, he wished Bro. Mills a prosperous year, and enjoined the brethren to drink the toast with the heartiness it deserved.

The W.M., on rising to respond, was received with great enthusiasm. He thanked the brethren for the kind reception they had given to the toast of his health, and for the honour conferred upon him by their having placed him in his present position, and he trusted to the lodge having many pleasant evenings during his year of office—as pleasant as that they were now enjoying. In conclusion, he thanked Bro. Hotblack for having introduced him to Masonry, and the brethren and visitors for their presence that evening.

The toast of "The Visitors" was then proposed and responded to by Bro. Jewson, W.M. 93.

The W.M. afterwards proposed the toast of "Bro. R. E. Thoms," who duly responded.

Other toasts followed, and the brethren separated shortly after twelve o'clock, having spent a most enjoyable evening.

Some excellent songs were rendered by Bros. J. H. Brockbank and Henry Thoulless (Cathedral Choir), J. S. Oford, and others, which in no small measure contributed to the pleasure and harmony of the evening.

**COCKERMOUTH.**—Skiddaw Lodge (No. 1002).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening last, when there were present Bros. T. C. Robinson, I.P.M., presiding in the absence from the county of Bro. L. F. B. Dykes, W.M.; H. Peacock, S.W.; R. W. Robinson, J.W.; W. Shilton, P.M.; R. Robinson, P.M.; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M., Treas., and Org.; W. F. Lamonby, P.M.; J. Black, P.M.; T. Mason, Sec.; J. Borrowscale, S.D.; J. Towers, J.D.; H. Carruthers, I.G.; J. Armstrong, Steward; J. Hewson, Tyler; S. Thwaite, J. Bolton, W. M. Tolal, J. Fearon, E. L. Waugh, W. Paisley, J. W. Isted, and R. S. Marsh. The visitors were Bros. G. Dalrymple, W.M. 872, P.M. 1660; T. Weatherston, S.W. 371; and J. Lewthwaite, I.G. 962.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, Bro. Marsh was passed to the Second Degree. A circular was read from Bro. G. J. McKay, P.G. Secretary, on behalf of his Stewardship for the approaching festival of the Old Folks' Institution, and the same was ordered to stand over for a month.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Rampant Bull for an interesting ceremony. After partaking of an excellent supper, and honouring the usual toasts, Bro. R. Robinson, on behalf of the members of Skiddaw Lodge, presented a massive and unique gold jewel to Bro. Lamonby, P.M., as a mark of their esteem for him during the sixteen years he has been a member, and of regret at his leaving England for Australia.

The jewel is a model of the lodge banner, the colours being beautifully enamelled; one side, it may be mentioned, representing the ancient arms of the borough of Cocker-mouth. The centre clasp bears the following inscription: "Presented to Brother W. F. Lamonby, P.M., P.P.G. Registrar. A mark of esteem from his brethren of Skiddaw Lodge, Feb. 7, 1882." Bro. T. C. Robinson, P.M. also read an address, signed by the members, and beautifully illuminated and engrossed on vellum by a non-masonic friend.

After a suitable reply from Bro. Lamonby, a very enjoyable evening was brought to a close with the Tyler's toast. Bro. Lamonby sails for Australia on the 23rd inst.

**BUXTON.**—Phoenix Lodge of St. Ann (No. 1235).—The annual installation festival was held in the Court House, after the ceremony of installation in the chapter attached to this lodge had been completed. The lodge was opened at 2.30 by Bro. Sutton, W.M. assisted by the following officers and brethren, viz.: Bros. C. Wilkinson, S.W.; W. Hyde, J.W.; J. E. Harrison, Sec.; J. H. Lawson, P.M., P.P.G.D.; R. Hulme, S.D.; J. Gladwin, J.D.; E. C. Milligan, P.M., P.P.G.D.; P. Le Gros, P.M.; T. Cooper, Organist; W. F. Mill, I.G.; S. Lane, Stwd.; W. Boughen, P.M.; G. Smedley, P.M.; E. J. Sykes, P.M., P.G. Swd. Br.; W. C. Moore, P.M. 1688, P.P.G. Pursuivant; C. Adams, R. H. Lomas, J. E. Sutton, George Goodwin, E. Broomhead, W. Lees, J. Stanley, Treas. 1769; H. Wint, J. Hall, A. Oram, A. E. Ainsworth, P.M. 1140. Visitors: Bros. J. Chadwick, P.M. 44, P.G. Sec. E. Lane; J. H. Sillitoe, P.M. 1387, P.P.G., D.C. East Lanc.; Frederick Binckes, P.M., Past Grand Steward, Sec. Boys' School; James Terry, P.M., P.P.S.W. Northampton, Sec. Ben. Institution; W. H. Hopkins, P.M. 633, P.P.G.D.C. East Lanc.; John Hawthorn, S.W. 654; Joseph Harrison, 206; James Whitehead, P.M. 654; J. H. Thompson, S.W. 240; M. Hilt, W.M. 1495; W. Telford Gunson, 1009, and others.

After the minutes had been read and confirmed, and other routine business transacted, Bro. E. J. Sykes, P.M., &c., occupied the chair; and the W.M. elect, Bro. Chas. Wilkinson, having been presented by Bro. Sillitoe, was installed by Bro. Sykes in the W.M.'s chair in a very impressive and able manner. Then the following officers were invested by Bro. W. Boughen, P.M., viz.: Bros. Geo. Smedley, P.M., S.W.; Robert Hulme, J.W.; J. H. Lawson, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; J. E. Harrison, Sec.; J. Gladwin, S.D.; W. F. Mill, J.D.; E. C. Milligan, P.M., P.P.G.D., D.C.; T. Cooper, Org.; W. Lees, R. Lomas, and W. C. Cheever, Stewards; and A. Pyle, Tyler.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren, numbering about fifty, adjourned to the Old Hall Hotel, where a *recherché* dinner was served under the superintendence of the esteemed host and hostess, Bro. J. H. and Mrs. Lawson, and presided over by the newly-installed W.M.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts met with the accustomed hearty reception, and "The Health of the W.M." was enthusiastically received.

The W.M., after replying, proposed "The Health of the I.P.M.," and during his remarks presented Bro. Sutton in the name of the members of the lodge with a beautiful Past Master's jewel, suitably engraved.

"The Masonic Charities," feelingly proposed by Bro. Jno. Stanley, proved the toast of the evening, to which Bros. Terry and Binckes responded in such an eloquent and impressive manner that the usual subscription (which is always a distinguishing feature of this annual gathering) on this occasion reached the large amount of £40 for each of the Institutions which these two brethren so worthily represent.

Bro. P. Le Gros, P.M., accepted a Stewardship for the Aged Freemasons' Festival, and Bro. W. Boughen, P.M., for the Boys' School, and, no doubt, both these brethren will materially augment their lists before they are sent in.

Other toasts, interspersed with songs and recitations, followed, bringing a very harmonious and enjoyable evening to a happy close.

**WIDNES.**—Equity Lodge (No. 1384).—The annual festival of this lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons was held on Thursday, the 2nd inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Alford-chambers. There was a fair gathering of brethren from Widnes and neighbouring lodges. The lodge was opened by Bro. Carlile, M.V. Bro. James White, P.M., then installed Bro. Jonas Foster as W.M. for the ensuing twelve months, and invested the following officers: Bros. Kyle, S.W.; M'Tear, J.W.; Copland, Treas.; Purver, Sec.; Pankhurst, S.D.; Matthews, J.D.; Robinson, I.G.; Wood, S.S.; Hough, J.S.; Watson, Org.; Kennion, Tyler.

The installation ceremony being over, the annual banquet was held at Bro. Fowler's Central Hotel, at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—An emergency meeting of the members of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday afternoon, the 31st ult. Bro. John Atkinson, W.M., was in his place, supported by Bros. W. W. Sandbrook, I.P.M.; W. Savage, J.W.; J. B. McKenzie, P.M., Treas.; J. M. Boyd, Secretary; J. L. Shrapnell, J.D.; O. W. Sanderson, I.G.; Dr. Whittle, S.S.; H. Round, J.S.; J. O. Marples, A.S.; R. Burgess, Organist; J. J. Monk, Asst. Org.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The members present included Bros. A. Ricketts, Owen Dueroy, D. Cumming, W. Addis, G. Graham, J. Chambers, Julian Cross, H. Williams, L. Neubert, W. S. Cook, Goodhart, Parker, Hawksworth, J. Boardman, Campion, Braham, and Martin. The visitors were Bros. Avison, 852; R. Foote, W.M. 1504; E. J. Callow, S.D. 1094; T. Hoskins, 1505; C. Wadsworth, J.W. 202; W. Hogarth, 182; Dutton, S.W. 1182; and A. V. Speer, P.M. 431, P.P.G. S.W. North Antrim, and P.P.G.S. Armagh, South Monaghan.

The lodge was called for the initiation of Messrs. Henry Cook, Fred. Cairns, Richard Hicks, and Captain E. W.

White. The ceremony was performed with great impressiveness by the W.M., who was ably assisted by his officers.

Refreshment followed labour, and during the evening an excellent and enjoyable programme of music was given by a number of the visitors and members, including Bros. W. Hogarth, Arthur Ricketts, Julian Cross, Crook, F. Cairns, and R. Hicks. The accompaniments to the various songs were admirably played by Bro. J. O. Marples, A.S., and Bro. J. Chambers.

**MANCHESTER.**—Avon Lodge (No. 1633).—The annual installation meeting took place at the Denmark Hotel, Lloyd-street, Greenheys, on Wednesday, the 25th ult. The following were present: Bros. A. B. Whittaker, W.M.; G. McFarlane, S.W.; A. B. Brown, J.W.; Wm. Bostock, P.M., Treas.; A. T. Forrest, Sec.; Geo. Yates, J.D.; Wm. Byway, I.G.; Geo. Burrows, Tyler; Thomas Cavanah, P.M.; W. H. Leigh, P.M.; S. D. McKellen, P.M. 1496; C. Swinn, J. N. Squirrell, Dr. W. J. Martin, J.W. 1814; W. T. Allitt, J. Bracewell, C. Fairbank, Beddoes Peacock, Wm. Craven, Wm. Lyon, and Jas. Boylan. Visitors: Bros. G. A. Packwood, P.M. 852, P.P.G.A. Purst.; B. Taylor, 204; J. Roberts, P.M. 204; W. Bagnall, P.M. 204; J. Bolland, P.M. 126, D.C. 1504; W. Hollins, P.M. 152; W. Whittle, 1814; J. Coxon, J.D. 152; J. Mountford, 152; F. Long, 1490; J. H. Aldred, P.M. 1140; A. Pearce, 1357; and R. R. Lisenden, J.D. 317 (*Freemason*).

The lodge was opened in the usual manner at 4.35, and the minutes of the emergency and last regular meetings read and confirmed. The annual balance-sheet, which bore a very healthy appearance, was reported on by the Auditors, Bros. Geo. Yates and Wm. Byway, and adopted.

Bro. S. D. McKellen rose, and said, he could not let the present opportunity slip by without commenting in terms of high praise on the careful and painstaking manner in which during the past year Bro. A. B. Whittaker had managed the affairs of the lodge, which had resulted in clearing off a debt of between thirty and forty pounds, and the valuable services rendered to the W.M. by their indefatigable Treasurer, Bro. Wm. Bostock, were, he felt sure, highly appreciated by the W.M. and every member of the lodge; so much so, that Bro. McKellen said he felt he should not be doing his duty unless he proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Bostock.

The proposition was received with evident pleasure by the brethren, seconded, and carried unanimously.

Bro. Bostock acknowledged the compliment paid him, and, in doing so, stated that in resigning his office as Treasurer, he could do so now with the satisfactory feeling that, to an extent, he had been instrumental in bringing about such a beneficial result.

At this stage the Installing Master, Bro. W. Bostock, took the chair, and Bro. W. H. Leigh, P.M., the S.W.'s; and the W.M. elect, Bro. Geo. McFarlane, after being presented by the W.M., was, with customary formalities, installed into the chair of K.S. Bro. A. B. Whittaker, I.P.M., then invested and addressed the newly-appointed officers as follows: Bros. W. Brown, S.W.; Henry Bracewell, J.W. (by proxy); W. H. Leigh, P.M., Treas.; C. Fairbank, Sec.; Geo. Yates, S.D.; Wm. Byway, J.D.; A. T. Forrest, I.G.; J. C. Emerson, Wm. Lyon, and Dunkerley, Stewards; Wm. Bostock, P.M., D. of C.; and Geo. Burrows, Tyler.

Bro. Thos. Cavanah, P.M., delivered the address to the W.M.; Bro. S. D. McKellen to the Wardens; and Bro. Wm. Bostock, P.M., to the brethren. The ceremony being concluded and "Hearty good wishes" expressed by the visitors, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 6.45.

The brethren afterwards sat down to a tea *à la fourchette*, at the conclusion of which the usual toasts were proposed.

In proposing that "The W.M.," Bro. A. B. Whittaker said that although the toast might have been trusted to able hands, yet he was sure no one could be more sincere, and wishing the brethren to heartily respond to it as he could look back with pleasure from the time when the lodge was consecrated, and he (Bro. Whittaker) was I.G., whilst their present W.M. was S.S., not one unkind word had ever passed between them, and he felt sure their new Master would fill his position with credit to himself and honour to the lodge, and it augured well for the Avon Lodge when they saw such men coming forward as had that day been invested as officers, for no work could be better executed than theirs had been during his (Bro. Whittaker's) year of office. The I.P.M. went on to say he felt sure no one would be backward in supporting their W.M. in his position, and he trusted he might have a successful year.

The W.M. replying, said there were times in a man's life when words could be scarcely found to express his feelings, and such a time now presented itself to him. He was aware that most of the good a lodge could do depended in a great measure upon its W.M., and consequently he thought honours in prospective were better than future responsibilities, and he would do his best to merit them. He further said the Avon Lodge had had in Bro. Whittaker, their late W.M., a man of wonderful energy and occupation, and following in his (Bro. McFarlane's) track were officers of similar capacity and power, and he therefore hoped that the attractive power of the former and irresistible force of the latter would cause him to acquit himself satisfactorily, and he trusted all the brethren would give them their cordial support and be regular and punctual in their attendance, and, in feeling sure he should have the able assistance of the P.M.'s, he trusted his shortcomings would be compensated for by their able assistance.

Bro. Wm. Bostock, P.M., in proposing "The Health of their I.P.M.," said he remembered the time when Bro. Whittaker, who was filling one of the minor offices, looked wistfully towards the east, and, in the language of our late great statesman, said, "there will come a time when you shall hear me," which prophetic utterance had certainly been fulfilled; and, in the language of our great poet, Bro. Whittaker had certainly taken the tide at its ebb and been led on to the fortunate position of W.M. Bro. Bostock further stated that their I.P.M. had worked well, and deserved the greatest praise, and more especially the gold P.M.'s jewel which he in the name of the lodge was now about to present to him, and in so doing he hoped it would act as a sort of talisman on the minds of the younger members to earn for themselves so honourable a reward.

The affixing of this mark of the brethren's appreciation on Bro. Whittaker's breast was the signal for loud applause, which having subsided, the respected recipient rose, and said he would merely say he deeply thanked them for the handsome jewel. Such an expression, however, fell very

short of his feelings, and every time he pined it to his breast the present occasion would come vividly before him. He felt extremely grateful for the appreciation which the brethren had shown for his services; he assured them he had tried his utmost to promote the interests of the lodge, and they were aware that during his tenure of office, when there was no business on the circular he had created some by delivering the tracing board lectures, and trying by such means to engrave on the minds of the brethren that there was something more in Freemasonry than mere feasting.

In referring to the satisfactory balance sheet, Bro. Whittaker remarked that the clearing off of the debt which hung over the lodge when he was installed W.M., was only achieved by perseverance and to valuable assistance rendered him by the Treasurer, Bro. Wm. Bostock, and Secretary, Bro. A. T. Forrest; in fact, the latter brother deserved special mention for his indefatigable exertions, having never once left undone any portion of his duties, and had it not been for these two highly esteemed brethren he could never have brought about such a pleasing result; and, in conclusion, he would say that all he had done had been for his love of Freemasonry and the welfare of the Avon Lodge, and for what they had been pleased to present him with, he asked them to accept the thanks of one of their most humble servants.

Bro. S. D. McKellen next proposed "The Health of the Visiting Brethren" in his usual forcible style, which was responded to by several of their number, after which the toasts of "The Masonic Charities," "The newly invested Officers &c." were given, and a pleasurable evening was brought to a close at eleven o'clock.

**GREAT TORRINGTON.—Torrige Lodge** (No. 1885).—A meeting was held on the 27th ult., at the Market Hall. The ceremony of the installation of Bro. Philip Rousham, W.M. elect, was ably performed by Bros. J. Lynn, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Baxter, P.M., P.G.S.B.; and H. M. Burrow, P.M. The newly-installed W.M. then invested his officers as follows: The Hon. S. Trefusis, S.W.; Capt. H. L. Mallet, J.W.; Rev. P. Jones, Chap.; T. W. Haverfield, R.N., Treas.; C. Colling, Sec.; J. Hagley, S.D.; S. Tapley, J.D.; W. Turrell, D.C.; Dr. J. Norman, I.G.; Dr. Sutcliffe and R. Pettie, Stewards; and J. D. Copp, Tyler. There were present, in addition to those above mentioned, Bros. Dr. R. C. Jones, I.P.M.; Rev. W. C. Wallace, J. Tucker, J. Jackson, Lieut. How, J. Read, W. P. Bencraft, R. Yeo, and Col. A. Macartney. Visitors: Bros. T. T. Wickham, P.M. (Mayor of Bideford); J. Causey, P.M.; H. Arscott, W.M. 489; G. Pollard, I.P.M. 489; J. Johnson, P.M. 160; W. Vincent, S.W. 489; J. C. Clark, J.W. 489, and others.

The annual dinner afterwards took place at the Globe Hotel, at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

**INSTRUCTION.**

**STRONG MAN LODGE** (No. 45).—This old lodge met as usual, on Monday, the 6th inst., at the Excise Tavern, Old Broad-street, E.C. Present: Bros. Collinson, W.M.; W. Vizzard, S.W.; Larchin, J.W.; J. W. Gush, Preceptor; Fox, Sec.; Morris, S.D.; Jones, I.G.; Ulverston, Jones, Hoon, Stephens, and others. The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was worked, Bro. Ulverston being the candidate. Bro. Larchin, J.W., worked the Second; Bro. Fox, Sec., the Third; and Bro. Gush, Preceptor, the Fourth Section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Jones, 1682, was admitted a member of the lodge. Bro. W. Vizzard was elected W.M. for the meeting to be held on the 13th inst., and lodge was closed.

**ISRAEL LODGE** (No. 205).—At the last regular meeting, at Bro. W. Yetton's, the Rising Sun, Globe-road, E., the chair was occupied by Bro. W. J. Musto, who was supported by Bros. J. H. Pringle, S.W.; D. Moss, J.W.; J. Taylor, S.D.; J. T. K. Job, J.D.; W. Gray, I.G.; W. Musto, P.M., Preceptor; G. H. Stephens, Hon. Sec.; I. P. Cohen, P.M.; H. Marks, W. Yetton, P.M.; and others.

Lodge was duly opened, and minutes confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was very ably worked, especially considering that the W.M. is only young in Freemasonry. Bro. Marks, the candidate, afterwards was instructed so as to qualify him for taking the Second Degree. Bro. Musto, P.M., worked the First, and Bro. Moss the Fifth Sections of the Lecture. Bros. Cohen and Taylor respectively worked the Second and Third Sections, the brethren in the last two cases assisting. Bro. H. Marks, 1349, was duly elected a member of the lodge; and a vote of condolence was passed in sympathy with Bro. H. J. Phillips, I.P.M. 205, upon the loss of his mother, Bro. Stephens being requested to communicate the same. Bro. Pringle was elected W.M. for next meeting, and lodge closed.

**DORIC LODGE** (No. 933).—A meeting of this lodge was held as usual at Bro. J. Clayton's, the Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, on the 3rd inst. Bro. J. R. Macgregor, W.M.; W. Richardson, S.W.; C. H. Bardouveau, J.W.; J. R. Shingfield, S.D.; W. Musto, P.M., Sec.; B. Cundick, P.M., Preceptor; Siegenberg, I.G.; J. West, D. Moss, Benjamin Stephens and others.

Lodge was opened with all due formalities, and the ceremony of initiation was worked, Bro. Darnell candidate. The W.M., worked the First, Second and Third, and Bro. Moss the Fourth Sections of the Lectures, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Richardson was elected W.M. for the next meeting; and an Audit Committee, consisting of Bros. Musto, jun., Bardouveau and West, was elected to report on the lodge finances at the ensuing meeting. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded Bro. Macgregor for his working in the chair for the first time in the lodge. All business being ended, lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned.

**BURDETT COUTTS LODGE** (No. 1278).—A successful meeting of the above lodge (which has of late not been so regularly attended as it used to be) was held on Wednesday last, at the Lamb Tavern, Wilmot-street, Bethnal Green, which is immediately opposite the Bethnal Green Junction of the Great Eastern Railway. Bro. R. Sturtevant, W.M. of the mother lodge, was in the chair, and was supported by Bros. A. Jones, S.W.; Chilson, J.W.; A. Hand, Sec.; B. Stewart, S.D.; Bonner, J.D.; Brittain, I.G.; Hubbert, Clark, and others. Lodge was

duly opened and the minutes read and confirmed. The initiation ceremony was worked, Bro. Hubbert being candidate. Lodge was next opened up for Bro. Hubbert to be interrogated and entrusted, and lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of raising efficiently worked, the same brother acting as candidate. Lodge having been closed down, Bro. A. Jones was elected W.M. for the next meeting, when we trust he will have a good attendance. A sum of £5 5s. was voted from lodge funds upon the list of W. Bro. R. Sturtevant, who represents the Burdett Coutts Lodge at the forthcoming festival of the Girls' School. This concluded the business, and lodge was closed and adjourned to the following Wednesday evening. The lodge is easy of access both by rail and tram, and being under Bro. Past Master Musto's Preceptorship, brethren seeking Masonic instruction would attend here with advantage.

**EARL OF ZETLAND LODGE** (No. 1364).—Despite the heavy fog which visited the whole of London on Saturday last, the members of the above lodge met at Bro. Richardson's, the Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney.

Lodge was opened by Bro. W. Gray, W.M., who was supported by Bros. A. Wright, P.M., as S.W.; G. Pope, J.W.; W. Fieldwick, P.M., Preceptor; Ernest Wright, P.M., Secretary; F. Crook, D.; Darnell, G.; Stephens, and others.

Lodge having been duly opened, the minutes were submitted and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was worked, Bro. E. Wright candidate. The First Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Fieldwick and the brethren. It being the first time that Bro. W. Gray had occupied the chair, a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to him for his able working.

Bro. Wright, P.M., was duly elected W.M. for the 11th inst., and lodge was closed and adjourned until that date; a good evening's working having been obtained notwithstanding the unfavourable weather.

**THE GREAT CITY LODGE** (No. 1426).—A meeting of this lodge was held at Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C., on Thursday, the 26th ult., when there was a good muster of brethren, amongst whom were Bros. G. W. Blackie, P.M. 1426, acting as W.M.; H. H. Room, S.W.; H. B. White, J.W.; G. W. Saul, P.M., Preceptor; C. F. Goodenough, S.D. 1745, Hon. Sec.; T. Hamer, P.M. 1426; Keeble, J.W. 1426; E. A. Baber, P.M.; R. Fendick, J. Laurence, F. T. Davies, Robt. Greening, and several others.

The lodge was opened in due form at 6.30 p.m., and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed by Bro. Blackie, Bro. Lodge acting as candidate. The lodge was then called off for refreshment. During the interval a ballot was taken for a Life Governorship of one of the Charities, which fell to the lot of Bro. Keeble, J.W. 1426, after which the brethren adjourned to a room below, where tables were laid for a supper, which was served up in a very satisfactory manner by Bro. Wood. After justice had been done to the rest the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, interspersed with songs. The supper table was ably presided over by Bro. C. Taylor, W.M. 1426, and the brethren separated about 10.30, having spent a pleasant evening.

**TREDEGAR LODGE** (No. 1625).—At the last regular meeting, at Bro. Yates's, the Royal, Mile End-road, there were present Bros. Scheerboom, W.M.; C. Kendall, S.W.; Deeson, J.W.; Maud, S.D.; H. Clark, J.D.; M. Isaacs, I.G.; T. J. Barnes, P.M., Treas.; B. Stewart, Hon. Sec.; F. Robinson, Job, Hubbert, and Tyler.

After necessary formalities had been complied with, the lodge was advanced, and Bro. Isaacs was interrogated and entrusted. Lodge was opened up, and the ceremony of raising was capably worked, Bro. Tyler being candidate. Bro. Job worked the Second Section of the Lecture, assisted by Bro. Stewart. Lodge was closed down in ancient form, and Bro. C. Kendall, I.P.M. of the mother lodge, was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Lodge was formally closed.

**LANGTON LODGE** (No. 1673).—The weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held on Thursday, the 2nd inst., at the Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-street, E.C., the offices being filled as follows: Bros. Buc, W.M.; Marshall, S.W.; Vialls, J.W.; Shaw, S.D.; Chubb, J.D.; Saunders, J.G.; and Sudlow, Preceptor; Bros. Steingaber, Morriss, Money, Barnett, Tanqueray, Pocock, and Saunders also being present.

The lodge having been opened in the First Degree, and the minutes read and confirmed, the lodge was opened up to the Third Degree, and resumed in the Second, Bro. Money acting as candidate, and after answering the usual questions, the lodge was resumed in the Third Degree, and the candidate raised to the Degree of M.M. After a call off, the lodge resumed in the First Degree. Bro. Sudlow, Preceptor, assisted by Bro. Tanqueray, worked the Sixth Section of the First Lecture, and also the First Section of the First Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Marshall was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and gave notice that the ceremony would be the First Degree, the Fourth Section of the Second Lecture, and the First Section of the Third Lecture; after which the lodge was closed.

**Royal Arch.**

**ST. JAMES'S CHAPTER** (No. 2).—This distinguished chapter held its usual meeting on Thursday, the 2nd inst., at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Comp. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.S., as M.E.Z. The normal business of the chapter was gone through, and Bro. Tressillian Skipp, of No. 2, was exalted to the Supreme Degree of a Royal Arch Mason by the M.E.Z., assisted by M.E. Comps. Letchworth, as H., and Captain Davis, as J. The election of Principals and officers then took place for the current year, who will be installed and invested at the next chapter.

The companions adjourned to a very agreeable and pleasant banquet. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received with that heartiness and thoroughness which always characterises the St. James's Chapter; and the valuable services of the Grand Treasurer as Treasurer of the chapter and a member for twenty-five years, and Comp. Sampson Peirce, as Scribe E., were specially dwelt upon and warmly acknowledged.

M.E. Comp. R. F. Gould returned thanks in an effective speech for "The Grand Chapter;" and Comp. Dr. Ramsay for "The Visitors."

After a very enjoyable evening and much agreeable sociality, the companions separated at an early hour.

**DOMATIC CHAPTER** (No. 177).—This old and distinguished chapter met on the 26th ult. for the dispatch of business. Among those in attendance were Comps. Lawrence, M.E.Z.; Briggs, H.; Harrison, J.; Cottebrune, P.Z., S.E.; Buss, P.G.S.B., Treasurer; Maclean, S.N.; Noton, P.S.; Morrison and Webb, Assistants; George Everett, I.P.Z.; T. Cubitt, P.Z.; Hill, P.Z.; and Verry, Janitor. The visitors were Comps. Gompertz, P.Z. 141; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.D.C. Middx.; and Yonge, 1216. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, three brethren were duly exalted to the Supreme Degree of the R.A. The election of officers for the year ensuing then took place with the following result: Comp. Briggs, M.E.Z.; Harrison, H.; Maclean, J.; Cottebrune, S.E.; Webb, S.N.; Buss, Treasurer; Noton, P.S.; and Verry, Janitor.

Upon the motion of Ex. Comp. Buss, a Past Principal's jewel was unanimously voted to the outgoing M.E.Z. The chapter was shortly afterwards closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet, which was well served.

The cloth having been removed, the usual routine of toasts followed, but in consequence of the lateness of the hour they were but briefly proposed and responded to.

Comp. Buss, as usual, made a short but extremely interesting speech in response to "The Health of the Grand Officers." "The Health of the M.E.Z." was given in well chosen terms by the I.P.Z., and Comp. Lawrence having replied, then gave "The Exaltees." This important toast having been enthusiastically drunk, the newly-exalted companions suitably acknowledged the compliment.

The toast of "The Visitors" followed. This pledge was acknowledged by Comps. Yonge and Walls.

"The Past Principals" came next, coupled with the name of the I.P.Z.

Comp. Everett, in reply, after dilating upon the subject toast, said that, although he had but just recovered from a severe attack of indisposition, yet he felt that it was his duty at all hazards to be present that evening, as it was his last appearance in the character of Immediate Past Principal, and he wished to show the companions that his interest in the chapter was unabated, and that he was ready to perform the duties of the chair, should that necessity had arisen.

"The Treasurer and S.E." followed. In giving this toast the M.E.Z. expressed his personal obligations to the companions occupying those important positions for the great attention they gave to the duties of their respective offices, and the matured advice that they were at all times ready to give to any young member of the chapter.

This pledge having been warmly received, Comps. Buss and Cottebrune replied.

Comp. Buss having expressed his acknowledgment in brief terms, said he left the most hard-working member of the whole community to speak for himself.

Comp. Cottebrune, in a modest speech, said that what he did for the chapter was a labour of love. He had been connected so many years with the Domatic that nothing afforded him greater pleasure than to contribute his Masonic knowledge, humble though it might be, to any member desiring the same.

The toast of "The Officers," coupled with the names of Comps. Norton and Webb, terminated the proceedings.

**BUXTON.—Chapter of St. Ann** (No. 1235).—The annual installation meeting of this chapter was held in the Court House on Thursday, the 2nd inst. The chapter was opened at 12.30 by Comps. J. H. Lawson, Z.; P. Le Gros, H.; and Wm. Boughen, J. There were also present Comps. J. Taylor, P.Z.; E. C. Milligan, P.Z.; E. J. Sykes, P.Z., P.G.S.B.; G. Smedley, S.E.; W. C. Moore, P.S.; A. Oram, H. Whitehead, J. E. Harrison, and W. Hulme. Among the visitors were Comps. J. Chadwick, P.G.S.E. East Lancashire; J. H. Sillitoe, P.P.G. 1st Asst. Soj. East Lancashire; and W. H. Hopkins, P.P.G.D.C. East Lancashire.

After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the Three Principals vacated their chairs, which were then filled by Comps. Sillitoe, Z.; John Chadwick, H.; and E. J. Sykes, J. The Principals elect were duly presented to, and installed by, Comp. Sillitoe in their respective chairs, viz., Comp. P. Le Gros, Z.; W. Boughen, H.; and W. C. Moore, J. The following officers were afterwards invested: Comps. E. J. Sykes, S.E.; James Whitehead, S.N.; W. Boughen, Treas.; and A. Pyle, Janitor. The other officers being absent their investiture was deferred. After a vote of thanks to the Installing Principals, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to luncheon at the Old Hall Hotel.

**MANCHESTER.—Trafford Chapter** (No. 1496).—A regular meeting of this chapter was held on Thursday, the 26th ult., at the Alexandra Hotel, Moss-side, when there were present Comps. W. S. Watson, M.E.Z.; H. P. Jones P.Z., H.; J. Lever, J.; G. Burslem, Scribe E.; D. Johnson, Scribe N.; S. D. McKellen, P.S.; G. McGrath, 1st Asst. Soj.; E. White, 2nd Asst. Soj.; W. Hill, Janitor; G. Hunt, R. P. Wood, and W. Biggs.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Henry Patterson, of the Trafford Lodge, No. 1496, who had been duly balloted for and elected, was in attendance, and was exalted to the Supreme Degree of a Royal Arch Mason, the beautiful ceremony being performed in a very impressive manner.

The chapter having been closed, the companions adjourned to refreshment, where the toast of the newly-exalted companion, proposed by the M.E.Z., was drunk with appropriate honours, and duly responded to.

**Mark Masonry.**

**ERA LODGE** (No. 176).—The election meeting of the above flourishing lodge was held on the 25th ult., at Sa, Red Lion-square, W.C. Present: Bros. C. H. Driver, W.M.; J. Hammond, S.W.; R. T. Brickdale, acting J.W.; D. M. Dewar (P.G.M.O.), M.O.; W. C. Brasher, acting S.O.; H. J. Lardner, J.O.; T. Horton, Treas.; W. Pennefather, Sec.; W. F. Driver, S.D.; and others. After due formalities had been observed the ballot was taken for the following brethren: Bros. W. A. S.



Humphries, S.W. 45; W. Ball, J.W. 45; J. Smith, S.D. 45; H. T. Nell, J.D. 45; L. S. Fountain, I.G. 45; W. H. Thomas, 45; J. Davison, P.M. 209; W. Slater, 1744; with a unanimously favourable result. The above named brethren were accordingly advanced to the secrets and mysteries of Mark Masonry. Ballot was next taken on the propositions of Bros. W. C. Brasher and R. T. Brickdale, both of the West Smithfield Mark Lodge, No. 223, as joining members, with a favourable result; also the election of a W. Master for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, when Bro. John Hammond was unanimously selected for that honour. Bro. T. Horton was re-elected Treasurer of the lodge.

No further business offering lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Albion Hotel, Southampton-row, W.C., where a capital banquet awaited them, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were afterwards duly honoured and a most enjoyable evening passed.

**HAMMERSMITH LODGE** (No. 211).—An excellent gathering in connection with this lodge was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith, on the 27th ult., when there were present Bros. Alfred Tisley, W.M.; Haynes, P.G.S., S.W., W.M. elect; Goodall, J.W.; T. C. Walls, G. Swd. Br., I.P.M.; J. W. Baldwin, P.G.D. Middx. and Surrey, Treas.; Lawson, M.O.; Millis, S.O.; Page, J.O.; Weber, S.D.; Potter, Tyler; D. M. Dewar, P.G.O., &c.; Brown, W.M. Croydon Lodge, &c.; Pitt, P.M. Croydon Lodge, &c., were visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken upon behalf of Bro. Skinner, 1425, and it proving to be unanimous he was duly advanced to the Degree of a M.M.M., the ceremony being well performed. Bro. Haynes was then presented to the W.M., who installed him into the chair according to ancient custom. The officers appointed and invested were Bro. Tisley, I.P.M.; Goodall, S.W.; Lawson, J.W.; Millis, M.O.; Page, S.O.; Weber, J.O. Org.; Baldwin, Treas.; Walls, Sec.; Skinner, J.D.; Potter, Tyler. The other offices were not filled.

The brethren shortly afterwards adjourned to the banquet, which was exceedingly well catered for by Bro. Gilbert. Upon the removal of the cloth, the customary toasts were duly proposed and honoured.

Bro. Dewar, in responding upon behalf of "The Grand Officers," spoke at length upon the present flourishing state of the Order and the distinguished position which the Grand Mark Lodge deservedly held. It was composed of some of the most shining lights in Masonry, and though the position of the Mark Degree at the present time was most gratifying, yet the speaker believed it was destined to hold a still higher rank in years to come.

"The Provincial Grand Officers" was acknowledged by Bros. Pitt and Brown.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed in the most kind and fluent terms by the I.P.M.

Bro. Haynes having responded, gave "The Advance," who replied in a neat speech.

The toast of "The Past Masters," coupled with the name of Bro. Tisley, I.P.M., followed. After congratulating Bro. Tisley upon his "working" capabilities, the W.M. presented him with a Past Master's jewel in recognition of his services.

The I.P.M. having briefly acknowledged the compliment, "The Health of the Visitors" came next in order, and drew from Bros. Pitt and Brown exhaustive replies.

The respective toasts of "The Treasurer and Secretary" and "The Officers" were then proposed, and both pledges having been warmly received, Bros. Walls, Goodall, Lawson, and Weber duly responded, the speech of Bro. Goodall, in particular, being especially happy and pertinent.

The proceedings, which were throughout most enjoyable, terminated at an early hour.

**WHITEHAVEN.**—Fletcher Lodge (No. 213).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 27th ult., Bro. William White, P.G.D. of C., was installed as W.M. by Bro. W. B. Gibson, P.P.G.S.O. The officers were appointed and invested as follows: Bros. W. B. Gibson, I.P.M. and Treas.; Ed. Tyson, S.W.; J. W. Miles, J.W.; Geo. Sparrow, M.O.; J. Rothery, S.O.; W. Bewlay, J.O.; Stuart Hall, Chap.; George Dalrymple, Sec. and Reg.; J. Atkinson, S.D.; J. Milligan, J.D.; J. Cooper, Org.; J. Moore, D. of C.; Ben. Grey, I.G.; and J. M. Salisbury, Tyler.

A vote of thanks having been accorded to Bro. Gibson for discharging the duties of Installing Master, the lodge was closed in form.

**READING.**—Leopold Lodge (No. 235).—On Monday, the 30th ult., the annual meeting of this lodge took place in the Masonic Hall, and was well attended, not only by members of the lodge, but by brethren from the province of Berks and Oxon and from the surrounding provinces. The following Grand Lodge Officers were also present: V.W. Bro. F. Davison, G. Treas.; V.W. Bro. R. Eve, P.C.M.O.; W. Bro. T. J. Pulley, G.S.D.; and W. Bro. E. Mayrett, P.G.S.

The principal work of the meeting was the installation of W. Bro. W. G. Flanagan, Prov. G.S.O., who succeeds in the chair of the lodge W. Bro. G. Westall, P.P.G.J.O. The ceremony was admirably performed by V.W. Bro. C. Stephens, D.G.M. of the province of Berks and Oxon, and the working of the lodge, which was careful and accurate, was rendered the more impressive by the manner in which the musical portions of the ritual, both vocal and instrumental, were carried out. W. Bro. F. H. Cozens, Prov. G. Org., presiding at the organ. The proceedings of the day were increased in interest, not only by the advancement of three brethren to the Degree of M.M.M. and the investiture of the officers for the ensuing year, but also by the presentation of two jewels, one a P.M.'s jewel to the retiring Master, W. Bro. G. Westall, and the other an Organist's jewel to W. Bro. W. Hickie, P.P.G. Org., whose services, generously given, the lodge desire to recognise.

Subsequently to the meeting of the lodge, the brethren and their visitors, who warmly congratulated the lodge on its vitality and strength, dined together at the Ship Hotel, where they were joined by V.W. Bro. F. Binckes, G. Sec., who was unable to reach Reading in time for the meeting of the lodge.

Bro. Ex-Sheriff Crawford, No. 1, has been elected honorary solicitor of the French Hospital, in the place of the late Mr. Frederick Ouvrey.

## Ancient and Accepted Rite.

**HULL.**—Antient York Chapter of Redemption (No. 68).—A meeting of this chapter was held on the 2nd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Princes-street. The chapter was opened by Ill. Bro. Gilbert Wilkinson, 30°, P.M.W.S. (in consequence of the lamented death of the M.W.S., Bro. J. H. Emes), assisted by the officers. Bro. J. Pyburn, M.D., who was unanimously elected as a candidate for the Degree, being called away professionally could not attend, Ill. Bro. M. C. Peck, 30°, Prov. G. Sec. N. and E. Yorks, Prov. G.S.E., and Chancellor for the same province, was then presented and accepted by Ill. Bro. Walter Reynolds, 31°, to Ill. Bro. Charles Bannister, S.G.I.G., 33°, as M.W.S. elect, for installation, which he gave with his usual impressive care and solemnity. The following brethren were then appointed and invested by the M.W.S., with appropriate addresses to each: Ill. Bro. Gilbert Wilkinson, 30°, I.P.M. W.S.; Expert Bros. J. Johnson Field, High Prelate; J. H. Wellstead, 1st. Gen.; J. Campbell Thompson, 2nd Gen.; Edward Keefe, G. Marshall; J. N. Scherling, R.; Ill. Bro. Walter Reynolds, 31°, P.M.W.S., Recorder, M. of C.; Expert Bro. Geo. E. Harding, Org.; Thomas Thompson, C. of G.; Bro. D. Swallow, Equerry.

The business of the chapter being over, it was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-hall, to dine under the presidency of the M.W.S., who gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were responded to by the brethren whose names were included with each toast. Song and sentiment added much to the enjoyment of all present, by several of the Ill. brethren, including the M.W.S., Ill. Bro. W. S. Woodhall, 32°; Expert Bros. Harding, Thompson, and others, and a truly happy evening was spent.

## Red Cross of Constantine.

**KENT.**—St. John and St. Paul Conclave (No. 112).—A meeting of this conclave was held at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Erith, on Saturday, the 4th inst., the conclave being opened by Sir Kt. J. Giesman Chillingworth, M.P.S., assisted by E. Sir Kt. F. Spurrell, V.E. The conclave having been opened in imperial form, the minutes were read and confirmed. The following brethren were unanimously elected by ballot and installed Knights of the Order: Kts. William George Lemon, Frederick Wood, John Elliot, William Thomas, Charles Russell Lightbody, Arthur Henry Bateman, Francis Evelyn Houghton, and George Martin.

The ceremony of installation was performed by Sir Kt. J. Giesman Chillingworth, in the most able manner, who also enthroned his successor, Sir Kt. F. Spurrell, as M.P.S. for the ensuing year, and Sir Kt. S. W. Gibson was consecrated V.E. in a College of Viceroys. A sanctuary of K.H.S. and commandery of St. John was opened, at which Sir Kt. J. G. Marsh, P.G.S.G., presided as Eminent Commander, and the following Knights were exalted to the K.H.S. Knight St. John Degrees: Frederick Wood, William George Lemon, Arthur Henry Bateman, and George Martin, the ceremony being impressively rendered. Considering the bad state of the weather over London, there was a very satisfactory attendance of Sir Knights present. A letter was read from the Grand Sovereign, Sir Knt. F. Burdett, apologising for his non-attendance.

The conclave having been closed, the Sir Kts. adjourned to a repast, which was provided in a most satisfactory manner by Mr. Starling, the proprietor of the hotel.

## Royal Ark Mariners.

**GROSVENOR LODGE** (No. 144).—On the 27th ult., a meeting of this lodge was held at the Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, under the presidency of Bro. H. C. Levander, W.C.N. The lodge having been regularly opened, Bro. C. F. Hogard, the Secretary of the Grosvenor Mark Lodge was unanimously elected, introduced, and elevated into the Order. After which the ceremony of enthronement was ably performed by Bro. Thomas Poore, and Bro. G. A. Rooks, J., was duly placed in the first chair. The following officers were appointed: Bros. Murley, J.; Moses, S.; Cox, D., Hogard, Scribe; Hammerton, Treasurer; Reinhardt, W. Bro. Poore was elected an honorary member of the lodge, and, in acknowledging the compliment, referred to the progress which the degree was making, and to the number of the brethren present. The brethren afterwards dined together at the Café Royal.

## Scotland.

### QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE.

A Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held in Freemasons' Hall on the 2nd inst., the Grand Master Mason of Scotland, the Earl of Mar and Kellie, presiding. The Senior Warden's place was filled by the Earl of Breadalbane, Junior Grand Warden. Major Crombie acted as Junior Grand Warden. The Earl of Breadalbane and Sir Molyneux Nepean, Bart., who had been elected as Junior Grand Warden and Grand Bard respectively, were installed into office and took the usual obligation.

The Grand office-bearers in attendance were Bros. R. F. Shaw Stewart, Sub. G.M.; D. Murray Lyon, G. Sec.; David Kinnear, G. Cashier; Rev. W. W. Tulloch, G. Chap.; Andrew Kerr, G. Architect; John S. Matheson, G. Jeweller; Geo. Fisher, G. Bible Bearer; Major Hills, G.D. of C.; Sir Molyneux H. Nepean, G. Bard; J. T. S. Elliot, jun., of Wolflee, G. Sword Bearer; James Turner, President, and James Crichton, Vice-President, of the Board of G. Stewards; Pearce, Prov. G.M. Glasgow; Martin, Prov. G.M. Dumbartonshire; W. Mann, Proxy Prov. G.M. of all India; W. Officer, Representative of the Grand Lodges of Pennsylvania and Egypt; W. Maclean, Representative of the Grand Lodge of the Bahamas; James Dalrymple Duncan, Proxy Prov. G.M. Newfoundland; Col. James T. Stewart, Proxy Prov. G.M. Peru; F. A. Barrow, Glasgow, Proxy Prov. G.M. Bermuda; Sheriff Thoms; W. Hay, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

Apologies for absence were intimated from Bros. Colonel Archibald C. Campbell, of Blythswood, Bart., Dep. G.M.; the Earl of Haddington, S.G.W.; and others.

The Finance Committee reported that for the month ending 21st ult. the income amounted to £374, and the expenditure to £290; whilst in the corresponding month last year the income was £343, and the expenditure £219. A report of the Fund of Masonic Benevolence showed that during the three months ending 26th January 1882 had been voted for charity. A statement of the accounts of Grand Lodge was submitted for the year from 30th November, 1880, which showed that the income for the year had been £3535, including £863 of rents and £45 of interest; and the expenditure, including £429 of interest, £2253—the excess of income thus being £1282. The funds and estate as at the end of the year amounted to £19,387, and at 30th November, 1880, to £18,105. During the year there had been 3865 entrants to the Order, and 49 applications. There had been 16 charters issued to new lodges. Regarding the Masonic Fund of Benevolence, a statement for the same period showed an income of £661, and expenditure to the amount of £501, of which £482 had been devoted to charity. The funds and estate amounted at the beginning of the year to £5712, and at the end to £5872.

It was reported by the Grand Committee that a recommendation by a special Committee had been approved by them to the effect that the office of Grand Tyler, whose proper place was on the outside of the door of the Grand Lodge, should be conjoined with that of the hall-keeper; that Grand Lodge should create the honorary office of Grand Pursuivant, whose duty should be to guard the door of Grand Lodge on the inside, and that the resident housekeeper be dispensed with, and the duties of that office be undertaken by the hall-keeper, who, with his wife, should be resident on the premises. It was further reported by them that from a list of sixty-seven candidates they had appointed Bro. Joseph Paterson, Alloa, as hall-keeper, at a yearly salary of £85, with free house, coal and gas. This was approved of by Grand Lodge. Bro. Frederick Ernest Villiers, of Closeburn, was, on the petition of the Prov. G. Lodge and several lodges, appointed to the office of Prov. G. Master of Dumfriesshire, in room of Bro. Lauderdale Maitland, deceased. Grand Lodge, on the recommendation of the Prov. G. Master of Aberdeen City Province, Bro. Robert Beveridge, M.D., resolved that a charter should be issued to Lodge Bon Accord, Aberdeen. Satisfactory reports of the condition of the lodges and of the state of Masonry within their provinces were submitted from the Prov. Grand Masters of the Middle Ward of Lanarkshire and of Renfrewshire by Bros. J. Clark Forrest and Col. Sir Archibald C. Campbell, of Blythswood, Bart.; and these brethren had been thanked by Grand Committee for their reports, and the latter for his services in connection with the promotion of the interests of the Craft within his province. A printed copy was submitted of the annual report of proceedings of the Prov. G. Lodge of Peebles and Selkirkshires, in which a favourable view of the present state of Masonry in the province was given; and thanks were voted to the Prov. G. Lodge for its diligence.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of thirteen members of Grand Committee, when the following were elected, with the votes as here given, all being re-elections, except those of Bros. Middleton and Smith: Bros. Dr. J. Falconer, Proxy Dist. G.M. New South Wales, 147; Dr. J. Middleton, 147; Col. J. T. Stewart, Proxy Prov. G.M. Peru, 145; J. D. Duncan, Proxy Prov. G.M. Newfoundland, 145; James Crichton, Master of Lodge 1, 139; David Hume, Master of Lodge 520, 137; Geo. Fisher, G. Bible Bearer, 133; J. Guthrie Smith, 133; Andrew Kerr, 117; John Morgan, Master 219, 105; Councillor Alexander Henry, 104; Peter Sinclair, 94; and Francis S. Melville, 93.

Bro. MACFARLANE, Dumbarton, then proposed, and Bro. M'Nidder seconded, a motion to this effect—"That Grand Lodge expresses disapproval of the custom which prevails in some places of using Masonic emblems for business purposes (other than those properly pertaining to the Craft), and direct daughter lodges to exhort any of their members who may be guilty of this unmasonic and mercenary practice to discontinue the same. In supporting this resolution, Bro. MacFarlane said the main object was to get at the principal offenders with regard to Masonic emblems—he referred to the brethren in connection with the public-house interest. He would not to give a teetotal lecture—he was not a teetotaler himself—(laughter)—but he did not see why these brethren should use Masonic emblems for the purpose of promoting their trade. He had seen them in Aberdeen and in his own town; they were to be seen in almost any town of any size. After some discussion as to the exact terms of the resolution, Bro. W. Officer moved the previous question. He held that Grand Lodge should not deal with this matter, as it involved delicate questions. The practice, he said, was universal, and Masons were taught to give a preference in their dealings to Masonic brethren. This amendment was seconded by Bro. A. W. Rennie, and was carried by a majority.

The other business was not of general interest.

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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### BIRTHS.

**HINDLEY.**—On the 6th inst., at 8, Eardley-crescent, Earl's Court, the wife of Mr. Godfrey Charles Hindley, of a daughter.

**PATRY.**—On the 5th inst., at Holly Brow, Sydenham-hill, the wife of Mr. James Henry Patry, of a daughter.

### MARRIAGE.

**BUSHELL—DUDLEY.**—On the 4th inst., at the parish church, Chingford, William Henry, son of Mr. William Bushell, to Alice Mary Sherren, daughter of Mr. John William Dudley, of the Limes, East Dulwich.

### DEATHS.

**BROOKMAN.**—On the 1st inst., at Girdlers'-road, Brook-green, W., Sarah, wife of Bro. E. Brookman.

**SCRIVENER.**—On the 6th inst., at Liverpool, Mr. C. A. Scrivener, aged 56.

**The Theatres.**

Bro. Toole's theatre, late the Folly, will be re-opened next month after almost rebuilding, so extensive have been the alterations. New entrances have been constructed, the stage has been enlarged, and a verandah over the main entrance for a smoking lounge in the summer months. The colouring of the upholstery work is light blue satin and crimson plush. The refreshment department has not been overlooked either. The drop scene has been painted Mr. W. Glover, and the scene is Loch Katrine with a view of the silver strand and Ben Nevis. Londoners will be glad to welcome back our distinguished brother after his long absence from London, his theatre always being a popular one.

"Pandora," it is said, is to be the title of yet another new theatre in Leicester-square, where at present the panorama of "Balaclava Charge" is being exhibited. It has a powerful directorate at its head.

M. Marius, of the Avenue Theatre, has engaged Bro. Henry Bracy for a term of five years, commencing in the opera of "Madame Favart." Bro. Bracy will be greatly missed at the Royal Comedy, where he sings with much *éclat* in "The Mascotte" his song, "Love is blind." M. Marius shows much shrewdness in making this engagement. Mr. H. J. Turner will also join the company. The theatre will be opened, although the South-Eastern Railway wish to buy it to enlarge their station at Charing Cross; probably this will not be carried out for years.

We understand there is no truth whatever in the report which has gone the round of the papers, that Bro. Kendal has stipulated with provincial managers not to produce Mr. Cair's play, "Far from the Maddening Crowd," until after the St. James's Company have visited the large country theatres.

"Manola," which will be played to-night (Saturday), at the Strand, for the first time in England, is in the hands of a strong company. Bros. W. J. Hill, Henry Ashley, Mons. Desmond, Miss Irene Verona, Miss Maud Branscombe, Miss Rose Lee, Miss M. Turner, and Miss Vere Carew are amongst those taking characters. We shall say more about the opera in a future number of the *Freemason*.

Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has presented Bro. J. L. Toole with a scarf pin set in onyx and diamonds, and Mr. G. Loveday with a scarf pin set in turquoise and pearls, as souvenirs of the recent dramatic performance at Sandringham House.

Bro. Edward Terry's engagement at the Gaiety Theatre will terminate at the close of the present season, in July next. Before the end of the year this popular performer will reappear elsewhere in the double capacity of manager and actor. Fortunately for himself, Bro. Terry, in attaining this commanding position, will be relieved in some degree of the cares which attend even the most successful of theatrical speculations, a friend having undertaken with this view to build and take upon himself the responsibilities of a new theatre.

Mr. Robert Brough, a young comedian, who for sufficient reasons is rapidly rising in public estimation, has been engaged to appear in the neighbourhood of the Strand.

A noteworthy reform in the arrangements of Mr. Wallack's recently-erected theatre in New York is the fact that every seat is stated to be numbered, not excepting even the places in the gallery. A short-sighted notion that in busy times audiences may be packed more closely than is comfortable and thus made to contribute more to the receipts, is we believe, the only obstacle to the introduction of this system in England. It would, of course, put an end to the custom of gathering in large crowds at the entrances before the opening of the doors, which is always tedious, and in bad weather must be injurious to health. For the new Wallack's, tickets will be presumptively sold at an adjacent office, first-comers securing the best places. Thus there will be no necessity to open the doors till a few minutes before the rise of the curtain, and the humblest visitor, in common with the possessor of a stall, may then go to a theatre knowing beforehand where he is going to sit. This arrangement seems well worthy of the attention of English managers.

**Music.**

The Sacred Harmonic Society's concert of Friday evening last took place, as usual, at St. James's Hall. Owing to serious illness—from which, however, we rejoice to say he is recovering—Bro. Sir Michael Costa was unable to conduct the programme. Nevertheless, his place was ably filled by M. Sinton, who, at the close of the evening, was rewarded with a special tribute of applause, in testimony of his valuable services as conductor. The programme consisted of Handel's "Coronation" anthem, "Zadok the Priest;" Gounod's "Messe Solennelle;" and Beethoven's "Mount of Olives." The "Messe" which, though comparatively seldom performed before English audiences, is always accorded a worthy reception, was listened to throughout with profound attention. The solo artistes, Miss Anna Williams, Mr. Maas, and Mr. Thorndike, and, for the most part, the orchestra acquitted themselves extremely well, while the other parts of the programme were equally as well rendered and received.

Bro. Barrett, Mus. Bac., delivered a lecture on Tuesday last on "Old English Country Songs" at the College of Organists.

Thursday evening was fixed for the first concert of the present season—the seventieth—of the Philharmonic Society.

The Tufnell Park Choral Society gave a concert on the evening of the 2nd inst., at the Athenæum, Camden-road, Hofmann's "Cinderella" being given for the first time in England, while the post of conductor was most ably filled by Mr. W. H. Thomas. The performance, notwithstanding the difficulties that had to be encountered, went admirably, the solo parts being successfully interpreted, by Miss Margaret Hoare, *Cinderella*; Miss Philips, *Queen*; Mr. James Sauvage, *Prince*; and Mr. Grylls. There was no orchestra, but the accompaniments were played on a pianoforte and two harmoniums by Mr. F. L. Thomas, Mr. S. Partridge, and Mr. F. Partridge. It cannot be otherwise than a most gratifying evidence of the increasing spread of musical taste in this country when we find a novelty performed for the first time in an outlying suburb of London; and the Tufnell Park Choral Society are to be congratulated on the excellence of this performance and the heartiness of the reception it experienced.

Mdlle. Amanda Holmberg, a German vocalist, made her first appearance at the Brighton Aquarium on Saturday last, her contributions including the well known "I Love my Love," and a selection of German lieder. Madame Rose König played the first movement of Beethoven's pianoforte concerto in A, with other *marcatus*.

We are glad to hear that a building, which shall serve as an opera house and theatre is in course of being erected at Bournemouth, the well-known and fashionable watering-place on the coast of Hampshire.

The meeting in connection with the proposed establishment of a Royal College of Music has been fixed by the Prince of Wales for noon on Tuesday, the 28th inst., and will take place at St. James's Palace. Invitations have been addressed to a large number of distinguished personages, as well as to the Mayors and municipal authorities of the most important places in the United Kingdom. It is said His Royal Highness will personally explain his views at the meeting, and urge on those present the necessity of founding a purely National School of Music.

A series of German opera performances is announced to take place during the present season at the Theatre Royal, Drury-lane. The first performance will be given on Thursday, May 18th, and among the operas that will be given must be mentioned "Lohengrin," "Fidelio," "Tannhauser," "Der Fliegende Holländer," "Die Meistersinger," "Cosi fan tutti," "Euryanthe," and "Tristan and Isolde." The leadership will be entrusted to Herr Hans Richter.

Mdlme Christine Nilsen, one of the most finished and popular operatic artistes of the day, has recently met with a sore affliction. Her husband, M. Rouzeaud, is out of his mind, and but little hope is entertained of his restoration to sanity.

A new *Marguerite*, Mdlle. Krauss, has been drawing large audiences and creating quite a sensation at the Grand Opera, Paris, by her brilliant interpretation of the well-known character in Gounod's opera of "Faust." Her acting is described as highly dramatic, and her singing as most impassioned.

A new opera by M. Ambrose Thomas is in course of rehearsal at Paris, entitled "Francisca di Rimini," and is said to promise a grand success, while the spectacular display is expected to be very gorgeous.

A grand military concert by the combined bands of the Guards is announced, in connection with the grand military assault-at-arms and gymnastic performances which will take place this (Saturday) afternoon at the Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington, in aid of the funds of the Royal Cambridge Asylum for Soldiers' Widows. The performances will commence at half-past two o'clock, and the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the other members of the Royal Family, it is expected will be present.

It was arranged that the same Society's concert of yesterday (Friday) should be conducted by M. Sinton, the programme to include Mendelssohn's "42nd Psalm," a new Te Deum, by Mr. W. G. Cousins, and Mr. Sullivan's "Martyr of Antioch."

**Science and Art.**

The second of a series of heads of animals in course of being painted by the celebrated French animal painter, Mdlle Rosa Bonheur, has been engraved by Mr. Simmons. The first, which was entitled "An Old Monarch," and represented the head of a fine old lion, was published by Mr. Lefèvre some months ago. This is now followed by the head of a demure-looking donkey, and is styled "An Humble Servant." Mr. Simmons has been very successful in his reproduction of the original.

The Fine Art Society has just published a fine mezzotint engraving, by Mr. Herkomer, of Millais's, portrait of the late Earl of Beaconsfield. Mr. Herkomer's work is worthy of his reputation, and will doubtless become popular as one of the most pleasing records of the great statesman's features.

The question of the earliest record of a London fog having been raised in the pages of the *Athenæum*, Mr. T. Carew Martin writes to that journal, in reference to Mr. Hales's mention of Evelyn's name in connection with a fog noticed by the latter in 1684, to the effect that twenty-three years previous to that date the diarist published his "Fumifugium; or the Inconvenience of the Air and Smaok of London Dissipated, together with some Remedies humbly proposed, by J. E., Esq.," &c., "Published by His Majesty's command," MDCLXI. Mr. Martin adds that the warmth of expression used in this little tractate, now very scarce, would certainly point to the long settled existence of the fog and smoke nuisance in the metropolis; indeed, the energy of the attack of this

original Fellow of the Royal Society; his notice of the injury done to the health of the inhabitants; to the public buildings of London; and the furniture and movables generally, singularly coincide with the sentiments expressed about us in the present day. He adds that Evelyn in his "Diary" records that "the thickest and darkest fogg on the Thames that was ever known in the memory of man" occurred on 15th December, 1670.

At a general meeting of the Royal Academy, held at Burlington House on Monday afternoon, the eminent sculptor, Mr. J. E. Boehm, was elected a Royal Academician.

By the almost total destruction by fire on Monday night of Holton Hall, near Halesworth, Suffolk, the residence of Mr. Charles Easton, a collection of valuable pictures by Holbein, Sir Benjamin West, and other distinguished artists, has been destroyed.

A medical contemporary mentions the result of certain experiments, three in number, made by a Dr. J. V. Quimby, Jersey City, U.S.A., with a view of proving "the possibility of chloroforming a person in sleep." In one of three cases, the Doctor was experimented upon successfully by a gentleman of his acquaintance; the other two cases were those of boys of thirteen and ten years respectively; the former of whom had refused to take ether for a minor operation, while the latter was suffering from an abscess. The chloroform was successfully administered to both, and on both the operations were performed without awakening the patients. From these facts Dr. Quimby drew the following important inferences: "Minor surgical operations may be done with perfect safety, and much more pleasantly than in the ordinary way; and, secondly, a person somewhat skilled in the use of chloroform may enter a sleeping apartment and administer chloroform with evil intentions while a person is asleep. Hence the use of this drug in the hands of a criminal may become an effective instrument in the accomplishment of his nefarious designs."

It has been resolved to establish an Art Gallery and Museum for the City of Aberdeen, and the funds derived from the exhibition of the Prince of Wales's Indian presents shall be made over for the purpose.

Messrs. A. Tooth and Son have recently published a highly finished engraving by Mr. Arthur Turrell, after the picture by Mr. G. B. O'Neill, entitled "Tolling the Bell," and representing two children—boy and girl—engaged in burying a dead canary. The picture, when exhibited at the Royal Academy, attracted general attention, and the public will appreciate the opportunity now afforded them by the Messrs. Tooth of purchasing engravings of it, the more so as the engraver has successfully reproduced the spirit and expression of the original work.

At the Society of Arts on Monday, the second of the *Cantor lectures on the subject of photography* was delivered by Captain Abney, F.R.S. Having explained some new developers, the lecturer went on to explain the action of various sensitizers. He also exhibited photographs showing the place of *maximum* sensitiveness in the case of the four haloid salts, and proved by experiments that in order to arrive at a *maximum* sensitiveness in a plate a sensitizer must be present that is capable of disposing not only of the iodine, but of the bromine also. He added that the safest light photographers could use for developing their pictures was that which resulted from the use of stained red glass and ruby glass combined.

There is an extremely interesting collection of unique portraits at Mr. Bassano's studio, in old Bond-street. They represent the present and past princes of the reigning Dynasty of Siam. These life-size portraits have been painted very efficiently from photographs and from drawings supplied by native artists, and the manner in which they have been built up as it were, upon such indifferent material, reflects the highest credit upon the studios in which these works have been executed. We have here a remarkable instance of the power photography is gradually exercising upon art, particularly that phase of art which appertains to portraiture. It is now quite possible to produce a perfect portrait without calling upon the sitter to go through the labour of repeated sittings, by simply furnishing the artist with a photograph, with of course the necessary description, such as would be required in a passport for instance. It has now become the custom amongst the best portrait painters, to call to their aid the powerful assistance which photography is able to render them. The portraits of the Princes of Siam and the Court Dignitaries of that state, which have been executed at Mr. Bassano's studios, present an indisputable proof that photography, with its marvellous truthfulness, will eventually compel portrait painters to submit to its authority, because painted portraiture has now to compare with the realism of nature reflected, at it were, in the looking glass.

The regular meeting of the Royal Geographical Society will take place on Monday, when Sir Richard Temple will read a paper on the geography of the birth-place of a cradle of the Mahratra power in Western India.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales will take the chair at a meeting to be held at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, on Monday, the 27th inst., with a view to promoting the International Fisheries Exhibition in London in 1883.

"A. T. C.," writing to *Knowledge*, speaks of an enormous worm, which, according to some accounts, is fifty yards long and five broad, and is covered with bones as with a coat of armour. This monster, which is named the Minhocao, has its habitation in the bog lands of the southern provinces of Brazil, while there are traditions from time immemorial of the existence of a similar worm in Vicaraque. The Minhocao in its burrowings uproots large trees, diverts streams into fresh channels, throws up heaps of earth, and makes trenches about five yards wide. In reading of this we are naturally reminded of the sea-serpent, yet in the case of this worm, the reports, according to "A. T. C.," are pretty well authenticated.

## Masonic and General Tidings.

Bro. Horace B. Marshall, C.C., F.R.S.S., has been placed on the Board of Management of the Asylum for Fatherless Children, at Reedham.

Bro. Don Carlos and suite have arrived in London for the season.

Bro. Sir Evelyn Wood, V.C., is expected to arrive this week in London from Egypt, where he has been travelling after leaving South Africa.

Bro. W. H. Pannell, 1827, C.C., Fellow Chartered Accountants, has been appointed trustee in the matter of Tapp and Melhuish, coal merchants, of Cosford.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, supported by Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Hanson, and Mr. Sheriff Ogg, will preside at the Albion on April 19th, at the annual dinner of the London General Porters' Benevolent Association.

Bro. R. J. Mills was, on Tuesday, the 24th ult., duly installed W.M. of the Sincerity Lodge No. 943, Norwich.

Bro. Ex-Sheriff Hubert Jameson Waterlow, who was sheriff with Bro. Alderman Fowler, M.P., last year, has been elected a member of the Ex-sheriffs' Club.

Bro. Wm. Langton Lyon, C.C., took the chair at the annual dinner of the South-East London Swimming Club, at the Bridge House Hotel, last Monday, when the prizes were distributed by Bro. Lyon, the President.

Bro. Sir Francis Truscott, P.G.J.W., was the first to introduce the use of electric bells in domestic houses, having had his house in Park-crescent fitted up some years ago.

Bro. J. J. Hunt, was on Thursday, the 26th ult., duly installed W.M. of the Cabbell Lodge, No. 807, Norwich.

Bros. Alderman Fowler, Edward Clarke, Colonel Maskins, Montague Guest, Baron de Worms, Lord Perry, and Sir James McCard Hogg were amongst the earliest to go down to the House on the opening of Parliament, on Tuesday, and take their seats for the session.

Bro. Henry Wright, J.D. 1827, has been gazetted a lieutenant in the 1st Tower Hamlets Rifles.

At the National Hospital for Diseases of the Heart and Paralysis, Soho-square, the number of patients under treatment for the week ending February the 2nd was 893.

Bro. Deputy Brass, C.C., has been appointed chairman of the Bridge House Committee, Bro. E. Dresser Rogers, General Purposes Committee, and Bro. F. Pearce Morrison, 1827, City of London School Committee of the Corporation of the City of London. During the latter's year of office the new school on the Thames Embankment will be opened.

At the marriage of Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold with Princess Helene of Waldeck there will be eight bridesmaids, of whom two are Lady C. Russell and Lady C. Campbell, daughters of the Dukes of Bedford and Argyll, also Lady J. Cozyngham, Lady A. Vane, and Lady A. Anson, daughter of the Earl of Lichfield, and Lady E. Brooke, daughter of the Earl of Warwick.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Hanson, and Mr. Sheriff Ogg will support Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold at the festival of the Royal Caledonian Asylum on Wednesday, the 23rd inst., at Freemasons' Tavern.

Bros. Sir Garnet Wolseley, G.C.B., Sir J. B. Monckton, President Board of General Purposes, Edwin Freshfield, F.S.A., G. C. Sims, the Masters of the Armourers' and Braziers' and Painter Stainers' Companies, Sir Seymour Fitzgerald, Admiral Sir W. Hewett, the Hon. R. W. E. Byng, P.G. Chap., and Canon Gregory were amongst the company invited to the banquet given by the Master of the Clothworkers' Company at their hall, on the 2nd inst.

Bro. the Duke and the Duchess of Abercorn are shortly expected from Biarritz in London for the marriage of their daughter, Lady Georgina Hamilton, with the Earl of Winton.

We understand that it is intended to hold a Masonic Ball at the Assembly-rooms, at Great Yarmouth, similar to that held last year. The exact date we believe has not yet been fixed.

Bro. the Lord Mayor has been elected a life member of the Royal Agricultural Society of England.

A Masonic Ball will be held at the Masonic Club, No. 23, Giles Street, Norwich, on Thursday the 16th inst., in connection with the Perseverance, No. 213, and Cabbell, No. 807, Lodges, which promises to be a great success.

A fund is being raised in the Province of Oxfordshire to present the Prov. G. Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, with a wedding present. Subscriptions are limited to £1 is., and about £100 has been already raised, but further subscriptions from any former members of the province will be gladly received at the Old Bank, Oxford.

On Tuesday evening last, the sixth annual ball of the New Concord Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Tavern amidst much *clat*. Upwards of seventy couples were present to enjoy the festivities, which included a supper of a very *recherché* character. The Terpsichorean exercises were carried on with much zest to the strains of Bro. H. J. Dean's string band, Bro. R. Johnson efficiently acting as M.C. The toasts after the supper included "The Queen and Royal Family," followed by "The President," appropriately responded to by Bro. Pierpoint; "The Ladies," acknowledged by Bro. F. Perl; and "The Stewards," for whom Bro. Haslip, S.W., replied. The arrangements were admirably carried out by a competent staff of Stewards, consisting of Bros. Pierpoint, Haslip, Tiddeman, George, Harper, Stead, Bartlett, Cusworth, A. and W. Potter, Harnett, Musroe, Stilwell, Boulton, Sinclair, Tedman, and F. and A. Perl. The festivities were kept up until after four o'clock in the morning.

Bro. Chas. Fendick was on Tuesday, the 17th ult., duly installed W.M. of the Perseverance Lodge, No. 213, Norwich.

Bro. Jonas Duckett, P.M. and Secretary, United Pilgrims, 507, is a candidate for the office of churchwarden for Camberwell parish.

The annual installation meeting in connection with the Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1380, took place at Waterloo, near Liverpool, on Monday afternoon, when Bro. F. W. Barnes was placed in the chair.

The United Pilgrims' Lodge, No. 507, which is one of the oldest and most important in the south of London, will in future meet at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge. This change of place of meeting is owing to the rapid increase of the number of members, and to meet the convenience of the brethren who reside in all parts of London. The joining and initiation fees have been more than doubled, a fact which may be accepted as proof that this lodge has reached that state when it can be the means, in conjunction with prudence exercised by the members, of making a choice of candidates who will be a strength and credit to Freemasonry.

Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught has consented to preside at the annual festival in aid of the Hospital for Sick Children, which will be held at Willis's Rooms, on Wednesday, March 8th.

Bro. Sir John Bennett will lecture on "Our Next Reform Bill" to the Wallingford Liberal Association in the Town Hall on Monday evening.

Bro. H. J. Waterlow, who served the office of one of the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex last year, has been unanimously elected a member of the Ex-Sheriffs' Club.

We have very much pleasure in recording the progress which the Lodge of Integrity, No. 163, Manchester, has made in the cause of charity. For the Boys' School the lodge receives seventy-eight votes; for the Girls' School thirty-seven; for the Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons (Male Fund), seventy-six, (Female Fund), seventy-four; for the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution, 141 votes; and for the Manchester Warehousemen and Clerks' Orphan Institution, eleven votes. The foregoing particulars show that the lodge has contributed £1103 to the Masonic Charitable Institutions, for which it receives 350 votes in perpetuity, and add to this sixteen votes for annual subscriptions, makes a grand total of 406 votes. Truly this is a noble example to follow.

Bro. the Rev. J. E. Cox, D.D., vicar of St. Helen's, Bishopsgate, has contributed a paper entitled "Shakespeare in the City," to the last number of "The Play."

Bro. G. A. Sala is to preside at the distribution of prizes to the students of the West London School of Art on Saturday, the 25th inst.

A grand concert in aid of the Leeds Masonic Educational and Benevolent Fund will be given at the Victoria Hall, Leeds, on Wednesday next.

Bro. C. E. Soppet, of 48, Newgate-street, public accountant, has been appointed official liquidator of the Texas Freehold Farm and Emigration Union (Limited).

A new attempt is being made in London to organise popular concerts for the people at low prices, without the usual music hall accompaniments of alcohol and tobacco. The entertainments are to be of a high class, all coarseness and vulgarity being prohibited. The absence of intoxicating drinks and of smoking will be a great boon to the working classes. The promoters hope to succeed in attracting many of the *habitues* of ginshops from their wonted haunts, and at the same time to raise the musical taste of the people. On the executive, which is called "The Popular Ballad Concert Committee," are two abstainers and prohibitionists—Dr. Norman Kerr and Mr. R. E. Farrant. The Hon. Secretary is Mrs. Ernest Hart, 38, Wimpole-street, W.

Bro. C. W. Thompson, of the Vacant Lands Office, Guildhall, who has been for the last twelve years an Associate of the Institution of Surveyors, has on his own application, been transferred by the Council to the Class of Fellows of this institution, which has received the grant of a Royal Charter. Bro. Thompson's application was endorsed by many gentlemen of eminence in his profession.

Notice is given that the State apartments of Windsor Castle will be closed on and after this day (Saturday), until further orders.—*Gazette*

Bro. G. Tutill presided at a complimentary dinner given to Mr. J. T. Pedder, at Anderton's Hotel, in recognition of his services to the parish of St. Luke's.

The Council of the City Church and Churchyard Protection Society recently held a special meeting, Bro. E. Freshfield, M.A., F.S.A., in the chair, when the Council took into consideration the case of St. James's, Garlickhithe. The rector, the patrons (the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's), and the parishioners are adverse to the demolition of the building, and the Council unanimously decided to oppose the London and South-Western Railway Bill, so far as scheduling the church in the line of demarcation is concerned. Bro. Henry Wright (the Secretary) stated that the Painters' Company, whose hall is situated in the parish, and close to the church, is opposing another Bill which purposes to take their hall. Bro. Freshfield suggested it would be advisable to learn what steps the Vinters' Company is going to take, their hall being in the line of deviation of the railway. It was resolved that the solicitor take the necessary steps to oppose on the standing orders, and a sub-committee, amongst whom were Bros. Edwin Freshfield, F.S.A., and Henry Wright, was appointed to take the necessary steps. Bro. Edwin Freshfield informed the Council that he had brought before a meeting of the churchwardens and vestries of the City parishes the subject of the proposed legislation for destroying churches of the City of London, and the meeting unanimously agreed to oppose any scheme by which the proceeds of the sale of any church or churchyard went for application into the hands of persons over whom the parishioners had no control, and a committee was formed to watch any proposed legislation.

The installation meeting of the Creton Lodge, No. 1791, was held on Thursday last, a large number of brethren being present. A full report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

In our report of the consecration of the Universal Chapter last week, we ought to have mentioned that the success was largely due to the exertions of Bro. Howard, who from the first has been active in promoting the interests of the chapter.

Bro. the Rev. Jackson Wray will deliver a lecture on "Hugh Latimer," at the Lecture Hall, St. Aubyn's-road, Upper Norwood, on Monday, the 13th inst.

"OIL, THE SONG OF THE WOODEN SPOON!"—*Cantabile* ballad, written for the Last of the Wranglers, on the occasion of the disappearance of the gallant Senior Wrangler-ship in the waters of Oblivion.—*Punch*.

Bro. Dr. B. W. Richardson presided on Saturday week at a preliminary public meeting, held at the rooms of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, to consider a reform of the methods of slaughtering animals required for food. It was resolved that a society should be formed to secure, amongst other objects, public slaughter-houses and efficient daily inspection.

Justice Kay the other day described as "a shocking state of things" the swallowing up of an estate in costs. An action was instituted in a case of *Meyrick v. James*, in 1874, for the administration of the estate of a person who died in 1846. There was a sum of £709 in Consols, another sum of £136 on deposit, and another sum of £8. The only debt against the estate was a sum of £40. The money in Court, the above sum of £853, was not sufficient to pay the costs of the proceedings, which have been going on since 1874. His lordship directed that there should be a very careful taxation of costs, and refused to give liberty to apply in Chambers, but ordered that any application should be made in Court, as he wished the Court to keep its hands over the money until he saw what the costs were.

Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, K.G., has graciously consented to preside at a festival dinner, in aid of the Charity Hospital for the Paralytic and Epileptic, at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Tuesday, the 14th March next.

A few minutes before the commencement of the afternoon service on Sunday, the one-and-a-half ton weight of the new chimes at the St. Albans Abbey fell a distance of twenty-four feet on to the tower ceiling. The ceiling was not pierced by the weight, but one of the painted panels was splintered, and several pieces of wood fell into the body of the church. One person received an injury to his skull, and another injury to an arm. In consequence of the accident neither the afternoon nor the evening service was held. The new chimes were erected only last summer. The wire attached to the weight gave way on Sunday, hence the fall.

Bro. P. Saillard's premises, 87, Aldergate-street, were the scene of a fire, on Tuesday evening last, which, however, was chiefly confined to the third floor.

H.R.H. Princess Christian, of Schelswig Holstein, will (D.V.) this day (Saturday), lay the foundation stone of the parish church of St. James, Paddington, on which occasion a handsome silver and ivory trowel, together with a silver triangle, richly engraved with rose, shamrock and thistle border, and suitable inscription in centre, will be presented to Her Royal Highness, the same having been specially designed and executed at Kenning's manufactory, Little Britain, London, E.C.

Bro. Sir Watkin Wynn's hounds have afforded the Empress of Austria some excellent sport, the meet, the other day being the largest ever known. Her Majesty, who was dressed in an elegant riding costume, was mounted on a bay mare, Pegasus. The scent for the first fox turned out bad, and Reynard was lost. Afterwards, however, there was a fair run of nearly an hour and a half, when a kill was effected at Broughall. The Empress was well to forego all the time.

Bro. Lord Hartington, M.P., will preside at the annual dinner of the friends and supporters of the Warehousemen and Clerks' Schools for Orphans and Necessitous Children, at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Wednesday, the 15th inst.

Bro. Sir George Elliott, M.P., not having yet returned from Egypt, will not take his seat in the House of Commons for a short time, and has for the present paired with Mr. Villiers Stuart, M.P. for county Waterford.

The members of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, gave their sixth annual ball at the Town Hall, High-st., Kensington, on Thursday, the 2nd inst., the greatest success attending it. There was a very large attendance, upwards of 400 being present, among whom was Bro. the Rev. Charles Darby Reade, M.A., the W.M. of the lodge; Bros. G. Penn, Treas.; W. J. Murlis, Sec.; S. H. Parkhouse, E. M. Lander, S. Smout, Past Masters; S. Smout, jun., S.W., most of the minor officers, and a large proportion of the members. Bro. Charles Godfrey conducted the orchestra, which was composed of members of the string band of the Royal Horse Guards (by permission of Col. Frederick Burnaby), and most efficiently he discharged his duties. Dancing was kept up with great spirit until four o'clock, all present seeming to thoroughly enjoy the entertainment provided. We can but express a hope that the financial result of this ball may be as satisfactory as those which have preceded it, and that the institution which may be fortunate enough to come in for the surplus may have a large amount to receive.

Bro. Sir Michael Costa, about whom the Queen and Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales make daily inquiries, still makes slow progress towards recovery.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Saturday, February 18, 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 11.

- Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
173, Phoenix, F.M.H.
1328, Granite, F.M.H.
1426, The Great City, Cannon-st. Hot.
1446, Mount Edgcombe, 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 Cornwall, F.M.H.
Chap. 1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
Mark 234, Brixton, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13.

- Lodge 5, St. George and Corner Stone, F.M.H.
29, St. Alban's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
58, Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
59, Royal Naval, F.M.H.
90, St. John's Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
136, Good Report, Inns of Court Hot.
193, Confidence, Anderton's Hot.
223, St. Andrew's Holborn Viaduct Hot.
957, Leigh, F.M.H.
1571, Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey.
1656, Wolsey, White Hart Hot., Hampton Wick.
1657, Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-st.
1789, Ubuque, M.H., S. Air-st., Regent-st.
1805, Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow-rd.
1891, St. Ambrose, Baron's Court H., W. Kensington
Chap. 22, Mount Zion, Guildhall Tav.
720, Panmure, Horns Tav., Kennington.
862, Whittington, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Hot., Highgate.
1537, St. Peter Westminster, F.M.H.
Mark 173, Temple, Green Dragon Tav., Stepney.
K.T. Precept. 140, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.
Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
Sincerity, Ship Tav., Hart Street, Mark Lane, 7.30.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., at 8.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Perfect Ashlar, Jamaica Tav., Southwark Park-rd., Bermondsey, at 8.
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney, 8.
Loughborough, Cambria Tav., Loughborough Junc., at 7.30.
Hyde Park, The Westbourne, 1, Craven-rd., at 8.
West Smithfield, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., 7.
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6.
Royal Commemoration, R. Hot., High-st., Putney, 8 till 10.
St. Mark's, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 8.
Kingsland, Canonbury Tav., N., at 8.30.
Metropolitan, "The Moorgate," Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.
Strong Man, Excise Tav., Old Broad-st., at 7.
St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hot., W. Kensington, at 7.
Old Kent Mark, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, 2nd and 4th.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14.

- Lodge 46, Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
96, Burlington, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tav., Hampstead.
180, St. James's Union, F.M.H.
198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
211, St. Michael's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav.
235, Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
834, Ranelagh, Criterion, Piccadilly.
917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-st. Hot.
933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
1199, Urban, F.M.H.
1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
1604, Wanderers, F.M.H.
1614, Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly.
1635, Canterbury, 33, Golden-sq., W.
1668, Samson, 68, Regent-st.
1769, Clarendon, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
1803, Cornhill, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.
Chap. 145, Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.
185, Jerusalem, F.M. Tav.
Supreme Council, 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.
St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, 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 Bgds., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.
Royal Arthur, Duke of Cambridge, 216, Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe, at 8.
Islington, Crown and Cushion, 73, London Wall, at 7.
Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington, 7.30.
Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey, at 8.

- Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-rd., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, Finchley-rd., at 8.
Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Docks, at 7.
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
Eleanor, Angel Hot., Edmonton.
Chaucer, The Grapes, St. Thomas's-st., Borough, at 8.
Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.
Metropolitan Chap, Jamaica Coffee Ho., St. Michael's Alley
Earl of Carnarvon Chap., Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15.

- Gen. Com. Grand Lodge, at 6.
Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.
140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich.
174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tav.
199, Oak, F.M.H.
700, Nelson, Masonic Hall, Woolwich.
969, Maybury, Inns of Court Hot.
1044, Wandsworth, Lecture Hall, New Wandsworth
1150, Buckingham and Chandos, F.M.H.
1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Cribbed Friars.
1382, Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, E.
1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
1624, Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly.
1629, United, F.M.H.
1673, Langton, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
1677, Crusaders, Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct.
1681, Londesborough, Regent M.H., S. Air-st.
Rose Croix 44, Bard of Avon, 33, Golden-sq.
Supreme Council, 33, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16.

- House Com. Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 23, Globe, F.M.H.
49, Gibon, Guildhall Tav.
55, Constitutional, Inns of Court Hot.
63, St. Mary, F.M.H.
109, Temperance, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
179, Manchester, Anderton's Hot.
181, Universal, F.M.H.
233, Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
813, New Concord, Guildhall Tav.
1139, South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.
1287, Great Northern, F.M.H.
1475, Peckham, S.M.H., Camberwell.
1512, Hemming, Lion Hot., Hampstead.
2013, Cripple-gate, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
1728, Temple Bar, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
1872, St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton.
1901, Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich.
Chap. 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tav., Kennington.
1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-sq., W.
Mark Bon Accord, Sa, Red Lion-sq.
7, Carnarvon, Cafe Royal, Regent-st.

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, Ponsby-st., Millbank, at 8.
Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at 8.
Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham, at 8.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Southern Star, The Pheasant, Stangate S.W.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
Burgoyne, Cock Tav., St. Martin's-crt., Ludgate-hill, 6.30.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
Vitruvian, White Hart, Belvedere-rd., Lambeth, at 8.
Royal Oak, Lecture Hall, High-st., Deptford, at 8.
Covent Garden, Constitution Hot., Bedford-st., Covent Garden, at 7.45.
Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Stockwell, Cock Tav., Kennington-rd., at 7.30.
Victoria Park, The Two Brewers, Stratford, at 8.
West Middlesex, Feathers Hot., Ealing, at 7.30.
Guelph, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton.
Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-st., at 6. (Emulation Working.)
St. Michael's, Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement, at 8.
Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich, at 8.
Upton, Swan Tav., Bethnal Green-rd., at 8.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17.

- House Com. Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
143, Middlesex, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
201, Jordan, F.M.H.
1794, Anchor, Cannon-st. Hot.
Chap. 62, Moira, The Criterion, Piccadilly.
Mark 104, Macdonald, Guildhall Coffee House, Gresham-st.
K.T. Precept. 45, Temple Cressing, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
Rose Croix 10, Invicta, 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, 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.
United Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7.
Doric, 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 Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30.
Clapton, White Hart Tav., Clapton, at 7.30.
St. John's, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8.
Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18.

- Lodge 715, Panmure, Cannon-st. Hot.
1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
1012, West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing.
1641, Crichton, S.M.H., Camberwell.
1732, King's Cross, Anderton's Hot.
Chap. 1706, Orpheus, F.M.H.
Mark 205, Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow.
251, Tenterden, Anderton's Hot.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE

For the Week ending Saturday, February 18, 1882.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13.

- Lodge 292, Sincerity, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
314, Peace and Unity, Militia Mess R., Preston.
721, Independence, M.R., Chester.
941, De Tabley, Royal George, Knutsford.
1021, Hartington, M.R., Barrow.
1359, Fernor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool.
1499, Trafford, Alexandra Hotel, Moss-side, Manchester.
1588, Prince Leopold, M.R., Stretford.
Red Cross Conclave, Walton, Skelmersdale, M.H., Liverpool.
Derby L. of L., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14.

- Lodge 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool.
322, Peace, Warren Boldley Arms, Stockport.
1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.R., Wigan.
1476, Blackpool, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.
1713, Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, near Liverpool.
Chap. 537, Lion, M.R., Birkenhead.
Stanley L. of L., 214, Great Homer-street, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15.

- Lodge 178, Antiquity, M.H., Wigan.
537, Zetland, M.R., Birkenhead.
758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.
823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
950, Hesketh, Royal Hot., Fleetwood.
1086, Walton, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool.
1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
De Grey & Ripon L. of L., M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
Downshire L. of L., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16.

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17.

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