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BEFORE we again greet our readers the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will have taken place. We need hardly say that we wish it all success, and trust that the returns will gratify all the friends of this excellent, needed, and beneficial institution. Bro. TERRY'S labours for the charity he serves so well are too well known in the Craft to require eulogy from us, but we feel we are not saying too much when we express the heartfelt wish, that such efforts may be cheered with the reward, (the best reward in his opinion we know) he so well merits,—a crowning festival. So mote it be.

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IT will be seen by the official report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution that at the election in May there will be forty-seven male candidates and sixteen vacancies, and sixty-three female candidates and nine vacancies. Nineteen men and twelve widows will be elected, but of these only sixteen men and nine widows will be absolutely elected; three of each will be deferred elections, only to take place as death vacancies in either list occur. Owing to the state of the funds it is clearly impossible and unsafe to elect more, *unless indeed the returns of the festival are so good as to justify an increased number of elected candidates of both sexes.* Let our readers and brethren look to this—it is in their hands.

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THE sad case alluded to so ably by our well-known and esteemed Bro. J. L. HINE in last week's *Freemason* deserves the attention and sympathy of our readers. The laws of our Order and our Board of Benevolence only recognize the actual widows of Freemasons, and do not take cognizance of the case of those who cannot produce satisfactory proof of their husband's death, whose Masonic position entitles their widows to aid from Masonic funds. This is clearly a special and most abnormal case, and therefore we think may fairly appeal to that Masonic sympathy and liberality which never are invoked in vain.

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Our French brethren, always on the look out for an excitement, are now it seems raising the question of admitting ladies to the Order. We should have thought that the unfortunate experience, and the evil results of Androgyne Masonry, the Maçonnerie d'Adoption of the last century, would have convinced French Freemasons of the folly and inexpediency of such proceedings. We can hardly believe that the story is true, and look upon it as a facetious canard. If it be really founded on facts, we trust that the ruling Masonic authorities in France, if any authority exists in French Masonry, will put a summary stop to such nonsense. If it really be the case, as appeared in our columns last week, it will only be another downward step in the absolute degradation of French Freemasonry. We hope for a denial of the statement.

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BRO. GOULD'S able paper on Time Immemorial lodges raises questions which are equally valuable and interesting for the Masonic students. It is remarkable to realize how little we yet know of early eighteenth century, and much less of seventeenth century Masonry. There are no minutes so far existing, or at any rate available, as far as we are aware, in the Grand Lodge archives before 1723, though it is just possible that the old lodges Antiquity, Somerset House, Fortitude and Cumberland, may possess early documents. We have also heard that the St. Alban's Lodge has some very old documents. There is, as far as we can see, nothing for the Masonic student but to plod on in patience and hope, trusting that time and circumstances may give him that information and those facts he now seeks for so earnestly, but seeks amid every difficulty and drawback, and seeks so far,—in vain.

WE would impress upon all our readers, as we have again touched upon the subject, that if they know of old papers or old books bearing on Masonry, they should not keep them to themselves, but should at once place themselves in communication with a Masonic expert. Among them may be mentioned Bro. HUGHAN, Truro; Bro. GOULD, London; Bro. WHITEHEAD, York; "MASONIC STUDENT," London; Bro. W. H. RYLANDS, London; and then the true value of such finds will soon be ascertained, their importance attested, and their reality made known.

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THE meeting of the Savage Club on Saturday last was very interesting for various reasons. The hearty reception of our Royal GRAND MASTER was a very striking feature in the evening's proceedings, and we can quite understand how those who were gathered together under that genial and æsthetic banner welcomed their new honorary member with loyal enthusiasm. We note many names of brethren of our Order among those who were present, and we, who warmly appreciate the thorough and dominant character of the Savage Club, venture to offer to it our sympathetic admiration, and our "Hearty good wishes."

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THE Pennsylvania Freemasons are about to celebrate their Grand Lodge 150th anniversary, at which natural fact some writers in America affect doubts and astonishment. The truth is, that ignorance of Masonic history prevails; as in England so in America. There is no Grand Lodge with an older lineage or safer title deeds than the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and it may fitly celebrate June 24th, 1882 (D.V.), its 150th anniversary of actual Grand Lodge formation and work. All honour and prosperity to it

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A GREAT proof of the universality of Freemasonry was afforded us by the morning's post which greeted us at the office on February 13th. There were letters and papers from India, New Zealand, Athens, Madrid, America, Canada, France, Germany, and all parts of England, Scotland, and Ireland. Ubique is, indeed, the great motto of Freemasonry.

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WE rejoice to note that our esteemed correspondent and able contributor, Bro. the Rev. W. TEBBS, formerly Prov. Grand Chaplain for Somersetshire, is working for Masonry in New Zealand, despite the many claims of his very large parish—St. Matthew's, Auckland. He is now Prov. Grand Registrar of the District Grand Lodge, and writes to us cheerful accounts of his family and himself (who are also improved in health), and of his ministerial and Masonic labours. Some kind contributions of his are on their way to us from New Zealand.

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A NEW chapter was consecrated by M.E. Comp. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G.S.E., assisted by M.E. Comps. PHILLIPS and AMBROSE W. HALL, on Saturday last. We call attention to a special report of the interesting proceedings and speeches elsewhere.

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THE installation meeting of the Aldersgate Lodge was a very successful one, an actual Lord Mayor and an ex Lord Mayor are somewhat of abnormal appearance at a Masonic meeting. The success of this excellent lodge is all that can be desired, and its good work for the charities is truly commendable.

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OUR esteemed and worthy confrère of the Philadelphia *Keystone* is much exercised over what he terms the "æsthetic insanity" of Mr. OSCAR WILDE, and that he is listened to, followed, cheered, and applauded. Believing that intemperance of thought and taste is rampant just now, our brother editor rejoices in the fact that this professor of august æstheticism is not a Freemason, and he accordingly invokes the moderating teaching of Freemasonry, to restrain his morbid æsthetics and to meet his intemperate conceits and his idiosyncrasies. He then says: "He is a distorted extremist. The only middle course he ever steers is in parting his hair. His teachings make feminine men and masculine women. We are the disciples of true beauty, but not of mock beauty on stilts. Grace in man and woman, and picturesqueness everywhere, are always to be upheld, but not their namby-pamby burlesques. Give us the exemplification of the good old Masonic foundation doctrines of truth and temperance, in speech and behaviour, in building and ornamentation, in dress and deportment, in business and in society, and banished over the sea be all those who teach or practice the false lessons of morbid art." We will only add for the comfort and consolation of our friend and brother, whom we so much respect and admire, that we

have fully discounted the nonsense of æstheticism run to seed in England, and that this, like all crazes, will have its little hour, and be forgotten.

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THE credulity of our good, dear English people is very great indeed. It only requires the deep cunning of an ORTON, the plausible persuasiveness of some distinguished member of the "swell mob"—a "Baron," for example, the ingenious subterfuges of the professional swindler, or the noisy claim of an interesting exile for liberty, to open the purse and soften the heart of JOHN BULL. Lo and behold! here has been a young woman, in man's attire for several years, passing herself off as a suffering male member of the British aristocracy, lying under unjust suspicions and cruel aspersions, and positively able to obtain thousands of pounds from confiding sympathizers. What next? Can the course of folly further go? The daily and weekly papers teem literally with startling accounts of the frauds on society, with the performances, and often, happily, the punishment, of this, in some respects, the most dangerous class to society; and yet the British public "will" be done, and the Police "shan't" save them. As a distinguished official at Scotland-yard puts it in his last admirable report, "Oh, fortunati nimium," &c., &c.

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THE LORD MAYOR'S Fund for the Jewish sufferers is now, we believe, close upon £50,000. The recent accounts, instead of diminishing, increase the horror of the situation, and the awful reality of diabolical outrages, and the fearful excesses of uncontrollable and all but permitted savagery make reflecting minds shudder and grieve at such events, disgracing all civilization and all humanity. Let us hope that the barbarity which personal excitement and the sense of ignominious cruelty lend to the accounts of eye witnesses may be a little exaggerated, and that any supposed apathy of the authorities is a mistake. The facts are, however, too plain and painful, we fear, too awful almost to reproduce, not to warrant the apprehension, that energy is wanting, or that the Government is powerless to keep down the crimes and horrors which the Press sadly teems with, and the exiles confidently narrate.

#### LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at the Freemasons' Hall. The chairs were occupied by Bros. Joshua Nunn, President; James Brett, Junior Vice-President; and C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; the other brethren present were:

Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.; H. G. Buss, Assist. G.S.; A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd, Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, G. Chap.; Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; A. J. Duff Filer, P.G.S.B.; F. Binckes, P.G. Stwd.; Henry Garrod, P.M. 749; J. H. Matthews, P.M. 143; E. F. Storr, P.M. 22; John Constable, P.M. 185; W. Mann, P.M. 186; Charles Darcy, P.M. 141; Thomas Cull, P.M. 1446; J. D. Collier, P.M. 1366; F. R. Spaul, W.M. 1124; Arthur E. Gladwell, P.M. 172; W. Porter, W.M. 1381; J. P. Hutchings, P.M. 147; William Drake, W.M. 1386; Walter Hopekirk, P.M. 179; G. Dayrell Reed, W.M. 1118; James N. Spence, W.M. 66; F. A. Manning, W.M. 452; Charles Cutlbertson, W.M. 27; C. Darby Reade, W.M. 1642; A. W. Duret, W.M. 1758; E. H. Finney, P.M. 1361; F. W. Ramsay, M.D., 1891; Frederic Davison, W.M. 10; W. H. Perryman, W.M. 1351; R. Forster, W.M. 1441; J. L. Jones, W.M. 1744; J. McLean, W.M. 177; E. W. Wilson, W.M. 169; C. Breden, P.M. 781; Henry Smith Syer, W.M. 13; T. Jewett, P.M. 1548; J. H. Watts, W.M. 63; E. E. Barratt Kidder, W.M. 12; Wm. Groves, W.M. 749; Thomas Cross, W.M. 1191; Karl Bergmann, I.P.M. 328; T. Schofield, M.D., W.M. 46; Edwd. Lawson Home, P.M. 227; John Waugh, W.M. 1563; Walter E. Gompertz, P.M. 1475; John J. Kern, W.M. 1139; Joseph Thorp, W.M. 1658; J. W. Crossley, W.M. 30; B. H. Mallam, P.M. 382; Jer. Corke, P.M. 453; Walter Rowley, P.M. 289; S. H. Goldschmidt, W.M. 1641; Fredk. Binckes, P.M., P.G. Steward; Edmund Coste, P.M. 9; R. Vincent, W.M. 1685; George Willson, W.M. 1321; W. F. Smart, W.M. 766; T. Wallis, W.M. 201; Louis Hirsch, I.P.M. 1818; W. Clifton Crick, P.M. 1733; William Topp, W.M. 879; G. Bolton, P.M. 1155; Bedford Lemere, P.M. 193; Charles Russ, W.M. 382; Albert Knott, W.M. 1593; W. Gibson Bott, W.M. 1839; George W. Hemmings, P.M. 217; H. Sadler, G.T.; and H. Massey, W.M. 1928 (*Freemason*).

The Board of Masters was first held, and the agenda paper for the next quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge, in March, was submitted.

At the Lodge of Benevolence the brethren first confirmed the recommendation made at last meeting of the lodge to the extent of £265. There were thirty-seven new cases on the list. In the course of a four hours' sitting, two of these were deferred for further information, and the remainder were relieved in a total sum of £1065. This was composed of one £100 (£100), nine £50 (£450); two £40 (£80), one £35 (£35), one £30 (£30), two £25 (£50), seven £20 (£140), three £15 (£45), four £10 (£40), and four £5 (£20).

The Lodge of Benevolence was then closed.

#### ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The last meeting of the Board of Stewards previous to the Festival was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 10th inst., Bro. W. Clarke, G. Purs., in the chair. There were also present:—

Bros. Edgar Bowyer, P. Prov. G.W. Herts, Hon. Treas; J. Terry, P. Prov. G.W. Herts, Hon. Sec.; J. J. Berry, P.M. 554; W. H. Making, I.G. 1278; T. Hastings Miller, P.M. 1489; T. S. Smith, W.M. 890; J. F. Von Raalte, P.M. 917; R. Lambourn, 87; J. A. Farnfield, P.M. 256; Dr. George Muckley, P.M. 449; Jno. E. Dawson, P.M. 404; Chas. Belton, J.D. 165; H. Balderson, P.M. 1757; J. J. Hutchings, P.M. 147; G. Bolton, P.M. 169; C. P. Kempe, M.D., J.W. 1615; J. J. Pope, P.M. 1305; W. H. Perryman, P.M., W.M. 1351; J. H. Watts, P.M. 1201, W.M. 63; Joseph Clever, P.M. 171; W. Chicken, W.M. 65; W. R. Crozier, P.M. 435; W. Youlton, P.M. 1058; Thos. Palmer, 73; Wm. H. Farnfield, P.M. 1804; Wm. H. Bateman, W.M. 171; Robt. P. Tate, P.M. 862; Richard Morgan, S.W. 1671; E. F. Storr, P.M. 22; Benjamin Turner, W.M. 1328; G. P. Festa, S.W. 1900; R. D. Cummings, J.D. 1677; R. Barham, W.M. 144; R. J. Taylor, S.W. 1922; Wm. March; J. Boulton, S.W. 1056; Wm. Groves, W.M. 749; T. Drew Bear, J.D. 1584; Jas. Moon, P.M. 49; H. Corman, 548; H. Pajja, P.M. 1540; Jas. W. Baldwin, P.M. 1326; Chas. Graham, J.D. 874; J. Mason, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.Z. 73, Chap.; and Wm. Lake, P.P.G. Reg. Cornwall (*Freemason*).

The first business of the meeting was to nominate the Ladies' Stewards, and the Dinner and Reception Stewards. The Hon. Secretary then announced that a large number of tickets had been sold, and the seats at the dinner table were drawn for.

It was announced that the number of Stewards up to that day was 248.

#### CONSECRATION OF WEST KENT CHAPTER No. 1297.

This new chapter, attached to the West Kent Lodge, No. 1297, was consecrated last Saturday, at the Thicket Hotel, Anerley, by Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E., who was assisted on the occasion by Comps. Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.N., as H.; the Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.A.S., as J.; and E. B. Grabham, M.E.Z., 19 and 1185, as D.C.

There were also present: Comps. D. W. Pearce, Z. 1328; R. J. Archbold, 19; A. H. Lilley, N. 19; W. Osmond, N. 134; F. Brown, 538; John Hammond, Z. 1326; Wm. Pound, P.Z. 19; Copeman William Fox, Z. 1326; G. J. E. Marsh, 742; Alfred Brookman, 1194; H. Sadler, Z. 160 G.J.; Robert H. Crowden, W. Lake, J. K. Stead, John C. Woodrow, Thomas Perrin, E. Kidman, Z. 742; C. Pugsley, II. 742; W. J. Henry, P.Z. 278; J. B. Crump, 19; Sorell, and H. Massey, P.Z. 619 (*Freemason*).

This was the fifth consecration of a Masonic body which has been held at the Thicket Hotel, three lodges and one chapter having been previously consecrated there.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Comp. Basley, who was assisted by Comp. G. J. E. Marsh.

The companions assembled at three o'clock in the afternoon, when they had an opportunity of viewing the arrangements made for the successful consecration of the chapter. The first floor of the Thicket Hotel, on which is the large room, was placed at their disposal. In the large room the chapter furniture was set out in the usual order. This furniture, together with the robes of the Principals, the Scribes, and the Sojourners, as well as the collars of all the officers, were of beautiful make and quality, while the other appointments were of equal excellence. Everything showed that the founders of the chapter had taken great pains in providing that, at least, the initial step of the chapter should be faultless. When the chapter was opened, and the Consecrating Principal with his H. and J. were robed, the full beauty of these garments was apparent, and they made the chapter most attractive as a spectacle. Most of the companions present were installed Principals, and consequently there was a large display of gold jewels, both of the Arch and Craft.

After the opening of the chapter, Comp. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE addressed a few observations to the companions, in the course of which he referred to the pleasure both he, and Comps. Capt. Philips and the Rev. C. W. Arnold experienced in attending to launch this new chapter into existence. From the high character the mother lodge had attained they felt sure that the West Kent Chapter thoroughly deserved the start it was to have that day. It was at all times a pleasure to consecrate a new lodge or chapter because the fact of a new body of either class being sought was an evidence of the strong feeling that existed in the breasts of some Masons to spread the tenets of the Order, which must at all times have a softening and improving influence on those who joined the ranks of Masonry. But where a new chapter was projected the pleasure was even still greater, because it showed that there were numerous Masons, who, though they had been long in the Order, their affection for it had in no way diminished, but, on the contrary, it had increased. It was with such feelings as these that he consecrated the West Kent Chapter, and from the knowledge he had of the Three Principals designate, he was sure the honour of the Arch Degree would be safe in the keeping of the West Kent Chapter.

After the customary preliminaries, Comp. the Rev. C. W. ARNOLD delivered the oration.

The ceremony and consecration was then proceed with, and the chapter was formally dedicated to the uses and purposes of Royal Arch Masonry. Comp. Robert H. Crowden, P.M. 1297, was installed first as J., then as H., and finally as M.E.Z. of the chapter. Comp. W. Lake, P.M. 131, already Past H., and Z. elect of another chapter, was installed as H., and Comp. John K. Stead, P.Z. 21, as J. The companions elected to office were Comps. John C. Woodrow, S.E.; Thos. G. Perrin, S.N.; Fullwood, P.S.; Church, Janitor; and Comps. Woodrow, Perrin and Church were invested. In the unavoidable absence of Comp. Fullwood through illness, Comp. E. B. Grabham was invested as P.S. The founders were appointed a Committee to frame the bye laws, and on the motion of the M.E.Z., seconded by H., a vote of thanks and honorary membership of the chapter were passed to Comps. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Capt. N. G. Philips, the Rev. C. W. Arnold, and E. B. Grabham. Comps. George Kenning, A. H. Lilley and Basley were also elected honorary members; and a vote of thanks was given to Comps. Basley and Marsh for the assistance they had given by their musical services in the proceedings of the day.

Comp. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, on behalf of the other officers who had taken part in the ceremony of consecration, thanked the chapter for its vote, and hoped that having seen the chapter started they would have an opportunity at a future time of attending and witnessing its success.

A list of joining companions to be balloted for at the March meeting, with a list of candidates, was then given in, and the chapter was closed according to ancient custom.

The companions subsequently partook of one of the choice banquets for which the Thicket Hotel has obtained such a well deserved name amongst the members of the Craft and Arch. The repast having been thoroughly enjoyed, the usual toasts followed grace.

In giving the toast of "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry," the M.E.Z. said Masons were taught by the Sacred Volume, to which they all paid homage, to owe due allegiance to the head of the country.

In giving "The Prince of Wales," Comp. CROWDEN, M.E.Z., said they were also taught by the same Sacred Volume to pay homage to rulers and governors. Therefore, they paid homage to the Prince of Wales, not only as a prince, but more particularly as Grand Z. Since the accession of the Prince of Wales to the first chair in Masonry, Masonry had flourished and grown to an immense extent under his patronage and sway, and the companions would join with him in wishing that long might His Royal Highness guide their Masonic destinies.

In proposing "The Health of the Earl of Carnarvon and the rest of the Grand Officers," the M.E.Z. said this was the first time in the history of the West Kent Chapter that they had been honoured by the presence of Grand Officers, and he hoped the companions would prove to them their sense of the honour and of their gratification with the performance of the ceremonies of the day. He could only say in addition to these few words that if these Grand Officers were specimens of all the Grand Officers, Masons might safely leave the conduct of their affairs to such able hands.

Comp. the Rev. C. W. ARNOLD, in reply, said he was rather taken by surprise at being called upon to respond to this toast, Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke being his senior officer, but at the same time he could not help thanking the M.E.Z. extremely for the kind way he had put the toast and the very kind words in which he had introduced it, and the companions for the hearty way they had received it. With regard to himself it was a great

pleasure at all times to help in bringing a new chapter into existence, for, as he said in chapter, he so thoroughly believed and took an interest in the working of Royal Arch Masonry. Not only in Royal Arch Masonry, but in Masonry generally did he also take the very greatest interest, because he thought it was a blessing to society, and for this particular reason, that Masons met together, as they had met that night; many of them perhaps had never met before, or never seen or heard of, but there they were met at the banquet table after having worked in chapter, and there was this one thing which made them friends together, no matter what political or religious feelings they entertained, as long as they agreed together in a belief in God they met and associated as friends. That he thought was the great charm of Freemasonry; they met in it as a sort of haven of rest where they came across men they never saw in ordinary life. As in chapter he had expressed his feelings on this subject he would ask the companions to excuse him from saying more than to thank them for their kindly reception of the toast of the Grand Officers.

The M.E.Z. then said they were also taught in the Sacred Volume, to which allusion had already been made, to pay "honour to whom honour is due," and he was sure the companions would agree with him that great honour was due to Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke for the way in which he performed the ceremonies of the day. He often thought when he read in the *Freemason* the accounts of the many consecrations and installations Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke attended—one day perhaps at Newcastle, another day at Bristol, and another at Freemasons' Hall—that he must be ubiquitous; but he thought this all went to prove not only the very perfect manner in which he desired to carry out the duties of his high station, but also the very great amount of interest he took in all Masonic procedure. He therefore had great pleasure in again thanking Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke in the name of the West Kent Chapter for his admirable performance of the ceremonies of consecration and installation, and for his kindness in coming on what he had a right to claim as his leisure day of the week to take the principal part in launching a new chapter.

In acknowledging the toast, Comp. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE said it was very kind of the M.E. First Principal to speak of him in such flattering though undeserved terms, but it was not only his pleasure but his duty to be there that day, and to do all he possibly could to set the West Kent Chapter on its legs. He had already made a few remarks in the chapter on the subject, and explained to the companions the great pleasure that he and the other Consecrating Companions had in attending to launch the chapter into existence, and, as he had said in chapter, from the high character the mother lodge had attained he felt quite sure that the West Kent Chapter thoroughly deserved the start it had had that day. He certainly did go about in various parts of the world, but he was afraid he could not claim the character of being ubiquitous, which the M.E.Z. had ascribed to him. However, he did what he could in that way, and sometimes made long journeys in the cause of Masonry, and he hoped he should be able to do in the future as he had in the past. There was one point he might allude to—that the West Kent Chapter would not be slow in learning what was one of its duties, and that was the duty of hospitality; and he believed from what he had seen both in chapter and at the banquet table that the chapter would become a very happy and prosperous one. Passing now from a subject personal to himself, he would ask the companions to join him in honouring a very important toast indeed, the toast of "The M.E. First Principal." He did not know what Comp. Crowden's feelings might be, but he certainly had gone through a very trying ordeal, and he must really be dazed with the many obligations he had taken. Whether he remembered them all he (Comp. Clerke) was not sure, but he had done a great deal undoubtedly, and had made a great leap from the position of a private companion in the R.A. to that of First Principal, a step which very few companions had the opportunity of taking. He was very much to be congratulated on that proud position, more especially as he (Comp. Col. Clerke) believed that Comp. Crowden was the right man in the right place, and that in his hands the success of the West Kent Chapter was assured.

The M.E.Z., in reply, said that when the brethren of the West Kent Lodge elected him the second time to be their W.M. he considered it to be a great honour and compliment indeed, and an era in his Masonic existence; but to be chosen as the first M.E.Z. of a new chapter, and to be installed in the three chairs by one of the most efficient of the Grand Officers of England was an honour so great that it scarcely ever fell to a Mason. He felt deeply the compliment, and he hoped the future would prove to the companions that he had not been unworthy of the honour. It had been a great source of pleasure to him to have been the humble instrument of creating this chapter, and he hoped, with the assistance of his able coadjutors, to make this chapter as successful as the West Kent Lodge.

The M.E.Z., in proposing "The Visitors," said that they were informed by tradition that when the Queen of Sheba went to view King Solomon's temple she went with a numerous retinue. As there were many illustrious companions present, they might from their interest in Masonry claim some sort of relationship with the Queen of Sheba. But whether that were so or not, it had been the custom of the West Kent Lodge to hold out the right hand of fellowship to visitors, and at this, the first meeting of the West Kent Chapter, he hoped that this traditional custom would be continued. He might mention the name of Comp. Grabham, who had so kindly assisted in the ceremonies of the day, and whom he thanked for so doing. There were also Comps. Sorell, Henry, and Brookman, the last of whom he congratulated on his coming installation on the following Monday as W.M. of the Aldersgate Lodge. To all the visitors he offered, in the name of the West Kent Chapter, a hearty welcome.

Comp. E. B. GRABHAM said he was much indebted to the M.E.Z. for the opportunity given him of being there that night. It had been a great delight to him to give some little assistance to the chapter till it was in a ripe state. His own feelings were feelings of satisfaction with the progress the chapter had made that evening. From the excellent manner in which the arrangements had gone on he had no doubt the chapter must have been a great success. There were many members in it who were anxious to go on in the Royal Arch, and he had the satisfaction of knowing that there were seven or eight members of his own chapter, who were also members of the West Kent Chapter. That was of itself a very great thing, because Mount Sinai had a capital name for good working, and those companions who went there always saw something worth seeing. He would be happy at any time to assist in the working of the chapter.

Comp. SORELL said he was not bursting with eloquence, but he was with gratitude and appreciation of the kindness which had been shewn to the whole of the visitors. The labour of the chapter so far must have been a source of great anxiety to the founders, but certainly it had resulted in a great success. If they devoted themselves to it as much as they had in the

Craft, the chapter could not fail to attain to a high position. All the visitors would carry with them a most pleasing recollection of the meeting that day.

Comp. HENRY said when Comp. Stead asked him to be at the meeting he little anticipated that he should be called upon to say a single word, and he was quite content to come and be amused. He did not expect to have to speak, which was always difficult with him, especially in the English language. He would avail himself of the opportunity of offering his respects to the Grand S.E., as it was the first time he had had the honour of meeting him. Attending Masonic meetings in Spain was very different to attending them in this country. Shortly after the revolution of 1808 he attended a lodge in Spain where ninety members were present. They were demonstrative in those parts, and not phlegmatic as in these more northern quarters. You were not allowed to depart from lodge there without being saluted twice on the cheek by each of the brethren, and he was glad that that course was not pursued here. Comp. Arnold had very nicely put to the companions what Masonry did. He had seen a great deal of this abroad, where he had had the pleasure of meeting in lodge Jew, Turk, and Gentile, all assembled together. If there was anything grand in this world it was a system which could do this. Masonry was still in its infancy in the world, and he wished it prosperity till time should be no more. Thanking the companions for their hospitality, he assured them that if they ever went to Gibraltar they would find a hearty welcome in Masonic gatherings.

Comp. BROOKMAN should not represent his own feelings, and should ill represent those of the other visitors, if he now struck a discordant note. Looking round the table and seeing the distinguished badges he felt he could represent as heartily in feeling the less elevated as well as those who were more elevated in the Craft. Feeling, however, that so many "well-graced actors" had left the stage, he should not think of trespassing further on the time of the Chairman than to thank them for their cordial reception.

Comp. POUND, P.Z. 19, said he stood in an invidious position, because Comp. Crowden was a private member of Mount Sinai Chapter, and he (Comp. Pound) was a very old P.Z. of that chapter, which had already been more than a hundred years in existence. He was delighted to see Comp. Crowden in the chair. Although the Mount Sinai had existed so many years the companions were glad to see young chapters springing up. Under Comp. Crowden's auspices the chapter must succeed. Comp. Pound expressed his pleasure with the ceremonies of the evening and with the reception, in similar terms, to the other companions.

The M.E.Z. gave the toast of "The H. and J." He had known Comp. Lake for twenty years, but only the last four or five as a Mason. He was rejoiced to be supported by him. With regard to Comp. Stead, it was a very gracious act on his part, as an old P.Z. to take office under him. Comp. Stead, when W.M. of the West Kent Lodge, raised him to the Third Degree.

Comp. W. LAKE, H., said if there was any one connected with the West Kent Chapter who had reason to be grateful for an honour that had been done him it was himself, for he was not connected in any way with the lodge which had given birth to this chapter. He was a comparative stranger to many, and a total stranger to most of the members. For his nomination by the M.E.Z. to the office of Second Principal of this chapter he could never be too grateful. Thus much of himself. With regard to the West Kent Chapter he need not say its success was secured in the hands of Comp. Crowden. All of the companions who knew what he had done during his two years of Mastership in the West Kent Lodge would feel assured that the destinies of the chapter were safe in his hands so long as he occupied the Principal's chair. The Royal Arch Degree, which he had taken so kindly to, was of itself, as they had all seen that day, a most beautiful one—beautiful in its ritual, symbolism, and ceremonies; and Comp. Crowden was well capable of appreciating all the beauties of that Degree, and exemplifying and expounding them in all its working. During the year there were to be some candidates for exaltation, and he would show, as he had shown in the Craft, that he was a master of his work; and not only that, but that he had all the Masonic spirit to carry out not only the letter, but the very spirit of it through the chapter. Thanking the companions for the great honour they had done him, he could not but repeat that he had no claim whatever to the position he occupied, but having been placed in that position he should blush to fall short of any of its duties after the example set by the M.E.Z.

Comp. JOHN K. STEAD, referring to the M.E.Z.'s statement that he (Comp. Stead) raised him, said very few Masters ever had such a promising pupil, and was glad to see the West Kent Chapter under such good rule. Any exertions he (Comp. Stead) had made in bringing about this chapter had been amply repaid by the success of the evening.

The M.E.Z. in giving "The Officers of the Chapter," regretted the absence of Comp. Fullwood, and hoped he would be able to be present in April. He complimented Comps. Woodrow, S.E., and Perrin, S.N., on what they had done for the chapter. Everything depended on Comp. Woodrow's exertions.

Comp. WOODROW, in responding, said he had much to thank the other companions for. He hoped that what he should do during his year of office would entitle him to be placed again in that position.

Comp. PERRIN said he had followed the lead of the M.E.Z. before, and he should always be contented to follow it, as he had found it a success. They had been looking forward some time to this successful evening, and they were now glad to see the chapter started on such a good basis. There was good material in the chapter, and judging from what the M.E.Z. had done for the West Kent Lodge, the same success might be anticipated for the chapter. The lodge had been at a low ebb, but now it was looked upon, as one of the Grand Officers had said, as one of the principal lodges of Masonry.

By permission of the M.E.Z., Comp. POUND gave the toast, "The West Kent Chapter—may it flourish root and branch."

The proceedings soon after terminated.

We shall publish Comp. Arnold's oration next week.

The jewels and collars for the whole of the officers were presented to the chapter by the M.E.Z., Comp. R. H. Crowden.

## TIME IMMEMORIAL LODGES.—II.

BY MASONIC STUDENT.

I have read, as all students must read, Bro. Gould's last communication on this subject with much pleasure, and thank him sincerely for the information he so lucidly gives us all. In my humble opinion, strictly speaking, those only are really time immemorial lodges which act without a charter, there now being only two on the register of the Grand Lodge of England, viz., the Lodge of Antiquity and Somerset House and Inverness. The Lodge of Fortitude and Old Cumberland, though one of the original four

constituting lodges, took out a new charter in 1722, and the remaining fourth constituting lodge was dropped altogether.

Undoubtedly, in one sense, as Bro. Gould puts it, the Lodge of Fortitude and Old Cumberland is a time immemorial lodge, quoad Masonic history, but *not* quoad the Grand Lodge of England, inasmuch as it gave up its position in that respect. It might be, indeed, fairly contended that the lodge at Warrington, 1610, the lodge at Chester (say 1660), or the lodge in London, 1682, are also time immemorial lodges, unless, indeed, they are to be treated as occasional lodges only, summoned for the nonce, without enduring vitality or a local habitation and a name.

This is a point which requires much careful attention and steady research, as on the real position and character of seventeenth century Masonry in this country depends, in my humble opinion, the possibility of a remarkable and satisfactory history of our Order being achieved, both as regards its regular continuation and its realistic character.

For it is quite clear, is it not? that the early eighteenth century Free-masonry could not have sprung out of nothing; nor is it likely to be a pious fraud on the one hand, or a skilful, rather cunning adaptation on the other. If the old adage be true, "Ex nihilo nihil fit," then the Freemasonry of 1717 had an origin; the members of the Constituting Body, the founders of the Grand Lodge of 1717 had Masonic precursors, as the Scotch say, "Masonic forbears." And it is to this question that the minds of all Masonic students are directed just now, as it is patent on non-Masonic evidences even in England that a Freemasonry existed in the seventeenth century; and the only question that remains for us to decide is, are the four lodges which met in 1717 the continuation of the older system, or did they create and take a new departure? Believing emphatically myself that they are nothing but the former, and that they revived and restored, and did not invent or create a new system, I, as many know, have been anxiously seeking for some time, though the task is very hard, for all evidences of seventeenth century Freemasonry, and am still not without hopes, by patience and perseverance to light some day on documents, long forgotten and put away, which will give us a clue to the true history of Freemasonry in this country in the seventeenth century.

### WORSHIPFUL MASTERS.—III.

BY BRO. A. C. F. CALAMINUS.

I have read with the greatest interest the remarks made by Bros. Whythead and Hughan, and am quite of the latter brother's opinion, viz., that the remedy is to come from the lodges themselves. Even the very best systems of election (be it that employed in Germany, or that in England or France) cannot prevent an indifferent or bad W.M. from being elected if the majority of the brethren have not the good sense to see what are the requisites of a good W.M. As long as majority has to decide who is to fill the chairs, appeal has always to be made to the discrimination of the body of the lodge, and if their judgment is not sound, then no good can come of their election.

It so frequently happens that brethren fancy they have made a good selection when they have voted into the chair a man who knows his routine work well, and goes through it without too much hesitation and breaking-down, and with a tolerable show of outward dignity. I have, not long ago, heard a W.M. highly praised on account of his liberality in providing refreshments after lodge hours and during them. Such men after their year of office is over get high praise; jewels and pictures are voted them; and yet they have done their lodge and Masonry more harm than good. They have gone round and round the same eternal circle, but they were not able to seize the spirit of Masonry. Instead of intellectually and morally progressing with the lodge, they left it where they found it, and threw their lodge back one year, because they kept better men out of the place.

To my mind, a W.M. ought incessantly to propose to his lodge subjects of interest for discussion, be they intellectual, moral, or social. No event of importance in the outer world, fit for discussion in the lodge, ought to escape his attention. He ought to be scheming continually in this direction, and lay before the brethren ideas about the improvement of our own individuality and mankind. In one word, he ought to be the first worker on the edifice which we are called to build. This is the true mission of a W.M.; not presiding at banquets and festivals.

But, as Bro. Hughan rightly points out, very little of this kind of work is done in our lodges, routine work is all we get; hence the sad, but undeniable, fact that the best and most highly educated members of many lodges do not, as a rule, attend, and that many a man, who before his initiation had formed high notions about Masonry, pronounces it afterwards to be a "sham" or "humbug," and stays away in disgust. And this is because lodges are not worked as they ought to be.

In lodge No. 1754, to which I have the honour to belong, we are trying to introduce a system of work which we hope will lead us to this ideal of a lodge, and I trust shortly to send you a paper I have read about the very same subject. But I think that our Provincial and Grand authorities ought to take the lead in a movement of this sort, and set us an example by laying before the individual lodges subjects for discussion and resolutions about the many important social and moral problems which are being, and have to be, solved.

Let me point out one great defect in the yearly elections; it is the fact that each W.M. appoints his own officers. This induces many brethren to elect the brother who is most likely to give them a collar, and in lodges where a kind of turn is observed in this respect, it creates a sort of hierarchy, quite contrary to the spirit of the Fraternity. I think that all officers ought to be elected by the lodge the same as the W.M. I know that the Constitutions prescribe the mode of election as at present practised, and, therefore, only point out an evil without, for the present, suggesting a remedy.

No doubt it is most necessary to keep the status of lodges as high as possible. This is the life and soul of our activity, and cannot be too strictly observed. None but the very best men ought to be elected; but I disagree with Bro. Hughan in his suggestion that two or three members should combine to keep candidates out by means of blackballing. Such a practice ought not to prevail, be the object good or bad; it is a bad practice, and the end ought never to justify the means. I have seen this system carried out in lodges where it simply served as a means to gratify personal spite and the most unworthy motives, and where it kept out of the lodge honourable and accomplished persons, who would have been an ornament to the lodge. It should not be left to the discretion of two or three to decide whether candidates are worthy or not; anyhow, they ought not to exercise their rights secretly. In every lodge, and I do not care how select it is, there are three

or more members of cantankerous and disagreeable disposition, who by this means can stop all progress, and, ultimately, simply destroy the lodge.

I quite agree with the spirit of the Constitution, that two or three well-founded objections should exclude a candidate, but I should substitute for the secret ballot open voting in the lodge by show of hands, and should give the W.M., or any brother present, a right to ask the brethren objecting the reasons they have for so voting. This, without in any way altering the Constitutions as they stand. I have seen the meanest revenge gratified by putting in a spiteful black ball, and I think so dangerous a weapon ought not to be given. Fair, and above all, open dealing ought, I think, to characterise a Mason.

### GALLANT CONDUCT OF BRO. LIEUT. A. J. LINDSAY.

The following account of the heroic conduct of our brother, Lieut. A. J. Lindsay, R.A., P.M., P.Z., and now First Capt. of the Guards in the Knight Templars in Dublin, will be interesting to the members of the Order, and they will be pleased to learn that he has been rewarded.

On the morning of the 23rd October, 1881, it was notified to him that a ship (George Houlton, of St. John's, N.B.) was wrecked near Sutton, the opposite side of Dublin Bay to that of the Pigeon House Fort; he instantly called for volunteers, but as they had to travel over three-quarters of a mile along the breakwater, which is unprotected, and the waves dashing violently over it, but few of the number who first started ever reached the boathouse. Bro. Lindsay was twice washed off his legs, and had a narrow escape with his life. Nothing daunted, he pursued his course and cheered on the men, and, although exhausted, they reached the lifeboat house. While getting the boat ready to slip off the carriage for launching the waves dashed over it and the men, who ran under cover until Bro. Lindsay, then up to his armpits in the water, stood in much danger at the bow of the boat, and commanded every man to stand fast, regardless of the waves, till she was launched.

He then told off the crew and volunteered to be one, and, after seeing all right, he jumped into the boat, and they were launched, and he the only one without a waistcoat at the time. They tried hard, but in vain, to pull. He then called on the express boat, which passed them, for a tow, but the captain did not heed him. He then called on the steam tug "Toiler," who followed up the lifeboat, and took her in tow; but, alas, when four-and-a-half miles away and in the midst of the ocean, with such mountains of sea and a terrible storm never before witnessed, the tug and lifeboat were driven asunder over 200 yards by the crest of one wave, the bollard of the lifeboat being then broken, and broke the leg of one of the crew in two places. The tug tried to regain the lifeboat, but that was impossible; thus the oars had to be taken to, but two short, as one of the crew had to hold up the poor wounded man. Then, within a quarter of a mile of the wreck, and lost to all human sight, the two boats were, like cockle shells, tessed to and fro by the merciless mountains of water, and in utter helplessness. The cold was intense, and as the boat was four times filled, and more times nearly upset, there was not a dry stitch on any man; but it was providential that the "bollard" did break at that time, or the lifeboat would have been smashed under the tug, and none could have been saved. All were calm and collected save one man, who lost his temper, but was calmed by Bro. Lindsay, who told them that in all cases of danger and difficulty he put his trust in God, and that they were to do their best and rely on his sure support.

After an absence of three and a half hours, during which the people on shore were in an anxious state of mind as to their safety, the gallant but disabled boat and crew came in sight, and the tug boat, damaged, also got safely back into the river.

It may be well imagined how great the storm was, when fishermen refused to go in the lifeboat, and the lifeboat under the Royal Navy at Kingstown could not venture, and when only about 300 yards from the Pool Beg Lighthouse, the keepers lost sight of the boat for ten or fifteen seconds at a time. Save a few bruises, and cuts, and rheumatism, Bro. Lindsay got off with the destruction of his uniform only.

On the 1st of December last, Bro. Lindsay was voted the silver medals of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution for his very intrepid services on that occasion, and but for some mistake there is little doubt but what he would have been awarded a gold medal, and for which the citizens of Dublin recommended him.

On the 20th ult., a full dress parade was formed in the Royal-square, Royal Barracks, Dublin, composed of a detachment from the Royal Horse Artillery, Coast Brigade R.N., Scots and Coldstream Guards, Rifle Brigade, 47th and 106th Regiment; Ordnance Store Corps, Coast and Transport Corps, 1st Royal Dragoon Guards and Hussars, to witness the presentation of these medals by Major-General Lord Clarence, commanding the Dublin District, and at which many of the gentry of Dublin were present, including Bro. W. Armstrong, of Dublin (son of the late serjeant-at-law), who reported to the *Irish Times*; also Bro. Chancellor, of Dublin, who had made arrangements for a photograph to be taken of the Parade and our distinguished Bro. Lindsay.

An account of the proceedings at the presentation will appear next week.

**JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND LODGE.**—A Grand Lodge has jurisdiction in the country or State where it exists, supposing it to exist lawfully. The jurisdiction it exercises is Masonic, territorial, but not *personal*, as some have supposed. By a commonly understood and acknowledged law of Masonry, no Grand Lodge can exercise jurisdiction in that State or land where another lawful Grand Lodge exists; unless, indeed, any Grand Lodge so far departs from the landmarks of the Order as to be practically not a Grand Lodge according to all Masonic law and precedent, or to have forfeited its right to the allegiance of its members. Otherwise, the rule is invariable, that no Grand Lodge has jurisdiction in the jurisdiction of another Grand Lodge. A Grand Lodge can grant a warrant for a region where Masonry does not exist, and under old arrangements, and by mutual consent, the connection between the original Mother Grand Lodge and its Masonic offspring may be perpetuated. But then, it is not every Grand Lodge which so terms itself, that is such a Grand Lodge; and abroad, too often, a Private Lodge assumes the name of a Grand Lodge, which is not or cannot be, as a Grand Lodge must be an aggregation of Lodges governed by a head, and composed either of delegates on the pure representative system, or a partial representative system, or as with us on an hierarchical system.—*Kenning's Cyclopaedia*.



**CONSECRATION OF A ROYAL ARK MARINERS' LODGE AT LEICESTER.**

On the 9th inst., the William Kelly Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, which is moored to the "time-honoured" Fowke Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 19, was consecrated at the Freemasons' Hall, Leicester. The new lodge takes its name from that veteran brother, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, William Kelly, the senior Provincial Master of the Mark Degree now living. The Ark Mariners' Lodge was opened at 4.15 p.m. by the V.W. Bro. Donald M. Dewar, G. Asst. M. Sec., assisted by W. Bro. Thomas Poore, Past G.M.I.G., and the interesting ceremony of elevating those approved M.M.M.'s present, who had previously signified their intention of taking the Degree, was ably performed by W. Bro. T. Poore. No less than thirty candidates were thus elevated.

The ceremony of consecration was then impressively carried out in the presence of the brethren by V.W. Bro. Dewar, assisted by W. Bro. Poore; and, after the Royal Ark Mariners who had not passed the chair of the Fowke Lodge had retired, a Board of Installed C.N.'s was opened, and by virtue of a dispensation from Lord Henniker, the Grand Ark Master, the rank of P.C.N. was conferred on the following five Past Masters of the Fowke Mark Lodge, viz.: R.W. Bros. W. Kelly, Prov. G.M. M.M.; S. S. Partridge, G.M.J.D. Eng.; W. Bros. Clement Stretton, P.P.S.G.W.; J. M. McAllister, Prov. G. Sec.; and G. Toller, jun., P.P.G.S.W.

The enthronement of the W.C.N. designate, Bro. Miles J. Walker, then took place, after which the Royal Ark Mariners were re-admitted, and the W.C.N. proclaimed and saluted according to ancient custom.

The newly-enthroned W.C.N. then appointed and invested the following brethren as officers for the year: Bros. J. T. Thorp, J.; the Rev. C. H. Wood, M.A., S.; S. Cleaver, Treas.; Joseph Young, S.D.; Richard Taylor, J.D.; W. J. Freer, M. of C.; and Wm. Randall, Guardian.

A Committee, composed of the W.C.N., P.C.N. and lodge officers, to consider the future dates of meeting and frame bye-laws, was then appointed. Votes of thanks and honorary membership of the lodge were afterwards passed to V.W. Bro. Frederick Binckes, Grand Mark Secretary, Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and the two Consecrating Officers, which were respectively acknowledged by both of these distinguished brethren.

Several Mark Masters having been proposed for future elevation, and "Hearty good wishes" of the Grand Ark Council and the Surrey Ark Mariners' Lodge having been given and received, the lodge was closed in due form.

A banquet to commemorate the occasion was then served in the lodge-room, when over thirty Ark Mariners sat down to an excellent repast, which was followed by the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, and enlivened by the vocal and instrumental music of several of the brethren, and at separation all appeared to be well satisfied with the result of this, the first meeting of the William Kelly Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners.

**PRESENTATION TO BRO. CHARLES BUTCHER.**

An interesting event took place on Monday evening last, when Bro. Charles Butcher, Chief Sergeant of the Criminal Department, was entertained at dinner at Bro. W. Carrington's well known hostelry, the Golden Star, Maddox-street, W., and presented with a gold watch and a purse of 100 sovereigns, as a mark of high appreciation for his long and useful services in the official capacity from which he has now retired.

The presentation was promoted by many of the principal firms and private individuals resident at the West End, and connected especially with the parishes of St. James, St. George, and St. Anne, by whom Bro. Butcher has long been held in the utmost estimation for having been instrumental in bringing to justice about one thousand criminals, from whose depredations the community have suffered extensively. In consideration of his merits in that respect a committee, representative of the whole district, was formed with a view of obtaining for Bro. Butcher some public recognition of the value of his services.

Bro. SAMUEL CARRINGTON, Chairman of the Licensed Victualler's Asylum presided, and in introducing the principal toast of the evening, referred to Bro. Butcher's long services in the force, a period extending over twenty-four years, during which time there had not been a single blemish on his character.

The watch presented was a gold lever of the value of twenty-five pounds.

**PRESENTATION TO BRO. FRAMPTON, OF SUNDERLAND.**

A number of brethren recently assembled at the house of Bro. Harmon, the Lambton Arms, Crowtree-street, Sunderland, for the purpose of presenting a handsomely framed and illuminated address to Bro. M. Frampton, P.M. 94, in recognition of his valuable services to the Phoenix Lodge during the past year. The chair was taken by Bro. Alderman John Potts, P.M., who was supported by Bros. M. Frampton, Smart, W.M.; A. Lutert, P.M.; Riseborough, P.M.; Henderson, P.M. 94; M. Douglas, P.M.; J. Lowes, P.M. 80; Munro, P.M. 949; Bro. J. Hudson, S.W. 94, occupied the vice-chair.

Among those present were Bros. C. McNamara, S.W. 97; J. Dixon, J.W. 94; P. Maddison, 1389; P. Stabler, 80; F. Burlinson, T. G. Garrick, B. Swaine, J.W. 919; Rainbow, 94; and others.

A substantial repast was provided by Bro. Harmon, after which the loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN then presented the address to Bro. M. Frampton on behalf the past and present officers of the Phoenix Lodge, in token of their appreciation of the admirable manner in which he had discharged the duties of Secretary to that lodge, and also to express their high esteem for him, not only as a brother Mason, but as a citizen of the borough of Sunderland.

Bro. FRAMPTON suitably acknowledged the presentation, and the proceedings were of a very interesting character.

**THE DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF NEW ZEALAND.**

The quarterly communication of the District Grand Lodge, Auckland, F.C., was held on December 8th, 1881. There was a moderate attendance at the lodge-room, Masonic Hall, due no doubt to the political meetings in other places, and the necessity for making the requisite arrangements for attending the ball. Bro. G. S. Graham, D.G.M., presided.

The principal business was the appointment of Grand Lodge Officers for the ensuing year. Several important alterations were made, as will be seen from the following list. Of course the permanent officers remain in position.

The following appointments were made: Bros. Moat, D.G.S.W.; Dr. Goldsbro', G.S.J.W.; J. Warren, Treas.; Rev. C. M. Nelson, D.G. Chap.; Rev. W. Tebbs, D.G. Reg.; Dr. Dawson, President Board of General Purposes; H. G. Wade, D.G. Sec.; Cole, D.G.S.D.; Rattray, D.G. J.D.; M. S. Leers, D. of C.; Hattswell, A.D. of C.; Wilcocks, S. of W.; Major-General Gossett, Swd. Br.; Fenton, Purst.; Dargaville, Asst. Purst.; Waddell, Nathan, Tonks, Mitchelson, Osborne, and J. S. Clarke, Stewards.

A Board of General Purposes and a Board of Benevolence were appointed.

Some other routine business was transacted, and the D.G. Lodge was closed in the usual form.

**REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.**

**Royal Arch.**

**PANMURE CHAPTER (No. 720).**—The election meeting of this chapter was held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, on Monday, the 13th inst. Amongst the companions present were Ex. Comps. R. N. Field, M.E.Z.; R. H. Harvey, P.Z., as H. (in the unavoidable absence of Ex. Comp. Samuel Poynter); B. R. Bryant, J.; James Stevens, P.Z., Scribe E.; Harry Smith, P.Z., Treas.; Comps. J. W. Walls, Scribe N.; J. S. Terry, P.S.; H. Baldwin, A.S.; W. Wilkins, G. Harrison, and others. Visitors: Comps. B. H. Voisey, 1329; R. E. H. Gollin, 1572; and G. Wale, 902.

Bro. Thomas Spearing 1158, was a candidate for exaltation, and the ballot proving unanimous in his favour, he was duly exalted into the Supreme Degree with full ceremony, most ably rendered by the Principals and officers. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: Ex. Comps. Samuel Poynter, M.E.Z.; R. R. Bryant, H.; J. S. Terry (on whose behalf Comp. J. W. Walls requested permission to retire from candidature), J.; James Stevens, P.Z., S.E. (fourteenth re-election); Henry Smith, P.Z., Treas.; Comps. J. W. Walls, Scribe N.; H. Baldwin, P.S.; and G. Harrison, Janitor.

A Past Principal's jewel of customary pattern and value was voted for presentation to the retiring M.E.Z., Comp. R. N. Field.

After the dispatch of other Masonic business the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to supper. The remainder of the evening was enlivened with songs and recitations, the few toasts given being introduced briefly, but, nevertheless, receiving due response. The visitors were very earnest in their several expressions of satisfaction with both work in chapter and the subsequent conviviality. A most enjoyable evening, quite in accordance with the old traditions of the Panmure Chapter, the unity and harmony of which has been maintained since its institution, terminated at a reasonable hour, and the companions separated.

**ALDERSHOT CAMP CHAPTER (No. 1311).**—This chapter met on Monday, the 13th inst., and among those in attendance were Comps. Major Richardson, P.P.G.R., M.E.Z.; Capt. Croisdale, P.G.P.S., H.; Capt. Douglas, J.; Chesterton, S.E.; Ferguson, S.N.; Hall, P.S.; Clisham and Harris, Asst. Sojs.; Hill, Janitor; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The M.E.Z. then announced to the companions that the Prov. G. Supt. for Hants and Isle of Wight had been pleased at the recent meeting of Prov. Grand Chapter to appoint Comp. Capt. Croisdale, Prov. G. Prim. Soj. for the ensuing year, an announcement which was most enthusiastically received by the companions present, and Comp. Capt. Croisdale was immediately greeted with the honours due to his Provincial rank.

The election of officers for the ensuing year then took place with the following result: Comps. Capt. Croisdale, M.E.Z.; Capt. Douglas, H.; Hall, J.; Harris, S.N.; Chesterton, S.E.; Clisham, P.S.; Hill, Janitor. Upon the motion of Comp. Croisdale, the M.E.Z. elect, a Past Principal's jewel was unanimously voted to the outgoing M.E.Z.

The Treasurer then announced to the chapter the state of the funds, and congratulated the companions on the success which had attended their efforts during the past year. They had the average number of exaltations, the chapter was in a fairly prosperous condition, and there was every prospect of a bright future before them. There being no further business the chapter was closed in peace and harmony about nine o'clock.

**YORK.—Eboracum Chapter (No. 1611).**—The installation meeting of this chapter took place on Tuesday, the 7th inst. The installation of principals took place at six o'clock. Comp. J. S. Cumberland was re-installed in the chair of Z., by Comp. T. B. Whytehead, P.Z., who also installed Comp. C. G. Padel in the chair of H. Comp. Cumberland then installed Comp. J. T. Sellar in the chair of J. The companions were then admitted, and Bro. J. R. Jackson was duly exalted to the Supreme Degree. The following officers were installed in their respective chairs, Comps. M. Millington, S.N.; J. Kay, S.E.; A. T. B. Turner, P.S.; T. Humphries and R. Walker, Asst. Stewards; G. Simpson, Treas.; P. Pearson, Janitor. The companions afterwards supped together.

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 11th was 981.

**Mark Masonry.**

**BRIXTON LODGE (No. 234).**—A meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., on Saturday last. The W.M., Bro. G. Clark, jun., G.M. Steward, was supported by Bros. H. Lovegrove, G. Supt. of Wks., I.P.M., and Treas.; T. Poore, P.G.I.G., P.M.; J. K. Pitt, as S.W.; G. J. Dunkley, J.W.; G. Gilhan, M.O.; C. J. Axford, S.O.; J. Holliday, J.O.; R. Johnston, S.D.; E. Storr, J.D.; J. Gibbs, I.G.; and J. Reinhardt, acting as Tyler.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the ballot was taken for a number of brethren, and Bros. J. B. Clark, J. H. Grant, A. Simner, A. J. Potter, and J. Wilcocks were duly advanced to the Degree of M.M.M., the ceremony being rendered very accurately and effectively by the W.M. The officers rendered very efficient assistance under the direction of Bro. Poore.

The circular from Grand Mark Lodge was read, and Bro. H. Lovegrove, the founder of the lodge, was elected Steward for the forthcoming Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund. This lodge now numbers thirty-six subscribing members, and is rapidly gaining a foremost place among Mark lodges.

Refreshment followed labour, the speeches being very much curtailed to allow of the vocal and histrionic efforts of Bros. Holliday, Poore, Gilhan, Johnston, and others.

**LANCASTER.**—Moore Lodge (No. 146) —The regular meeting of this lodge took place at the Masonic-rooms, Athenaeum, on Monday, the 30th ult. Present: Bros. R. Stanton, W.M.; B. Gregson, J.W.; S. Stanley, I.P.M.; W. Hall, Treas., P.G.S.W. of Lancashire; Hy. Longman, P.P.G.J.O.; Simpson, Sec., P.P.G.R. of M.; Ellershaw, J.O.; A. Stanley, S.D.; H. C. Moore, J.D.; W. W. Wilde, Org.; Allinson, Tyler.

The ballot being unanimous in favour of the candidate, Bro. Irvin, S.D. 1051, he was regularly advanced to the Degree of M.M.M., by the W.M. After which he explained the history and origin of the Degree. The election then took place for the W.M. and officers for the ensuing year, and resulted as follows: Bros. Jos. E. Hannah, S.W., W.M.; Hall, Prov. G.S.W., Treas.; and Allinson, Tyler. The lodge was then closed in due form.

**Royal Ark Mariners.**

**BRIXTON LODGE.**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday last, after the meeting of the Mark Lodge. At the request of the W.C.N., Bro. Baldwin, Bro. T. Poore, P.C.N., took the chair, and in his usual and impressive manner elevated Bros. J. B. Clark, J. H. Grant, A. Simner, A. J. Potter, W. Potter, J. Wilcocks, G. Edwards, and S. P. Catterson; the assistant officers being Bros. E. Storr, as J.; G. J. Dunkley, as S.; H. Lovegrove, P.C.N., as Deacon; J. Holliday, as Guardian; and Reinhardt, Warden.

The quaint and interesting degree is worked two or three times each year in this lodge, and a number of brethren has been admitted.

**Ancient and Accepted Rite.**

**YORK.**—Hilda Chapter (No. 23).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at York on the 3rd inst. Bro. J. S. Cumberland presided, and performed the ceremony of reception on Bro. J. H. Thompson, of Leicester. Bro. the Rev. W. C. Lukis, the Sovereign elect, was then installed in the chair by Bro. Cumberland, by permission of Bro. Banister, 33, S.G.I.G. for the Northern District, who was present.

The M.W.S. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. S. Middleton, H.P.; M. Millington, 1st G.; A. T. B. Turner, 2nd G.; G. Simpson, G.M.; E. J. de Salis, 3.; T. B. Whytehead, P.S., Rec., and Treas.; J. S. Cumberland, P.S., D.C.; and W. Lawton, Herald.

Letters of apology for absence were received from Bro. J. W. Woodall, 32, and several other members. The members afterwards met at supper, and spent a pleasant evening, Bro. Cumberland being highly complimented for his excellent working.

**Births, Marriages, and Deaths.**

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

**BIRTHS.**

**DEHANE.**—On the 10th inst., the wife of Bro. H. E. Dehane, W.M. 1543, P.G.S. Essex, 449 I.C., of a daughter.

**HAMILTON.**—On the 13th inst., at 79, Balfour-road, Highbury New-park, the wife of Mr. Douglas C. W. Hamilton of a son.

**SKINNER.**—On the 12th inst., at Avenue House, Crouch-end, the wife of Mr. Thomas Skinner, of a son.

**MARRIAGES.**

**NORRURY—THICK.**—On the 11th inst., at Isleworth Parish Church, by the Rev. H. W. P. Richards, W. P. Norbury, of New Brentford, to Laura Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. Thomas Thick, of Isleworth.

**YOUNG—BECKE.**—On the 11th inst., at St. Jude's, Southsea, by the Rev. E. J. Venning, M.A., Carmichael Light, son of the late Sir Henry Edward Fox Young, C.B., to Rosina Elizabeth, widow of the late Captain John Becke, Marine Battalion, Bombay Army.

**DEATHS.**

**SHEKLETON.**—On the 14th inst., at 31, Lower Leeson-street, Dublin, Harriette Jane, wife of R. W. Shekleton, O.C., J.P., and daughter of the late Lieut. Robert Ross Auchmuty, R.N., of Kilmore House, Co. Roscommon. Funeral will leave for Mount Jerome on Saturday morning at nine o'clock.

**WESTON.**—On the 13th inst., at 335, Bristol-road, Edgbaston, aged 72, Mr. Charles Weston.

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

AT  
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Upon which occasion

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R.W. PROV. G.M. FOR SOUTH WALES (Western Division), has been pleased to signify his intention of presiding. Brethren are earnestly invited to accept the Office of Steward upon this occasion, and they will greatly oblige by forwarding their Names and Masonic Rank, as soon as convenient, to the Secretary, who will gladly give any information required.

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

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MAY ELECTION, 1882.

**TO the PATRONS, GOVERNORS, AND SUBSCRIBERS OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION FOR AGED FREEMASONS.**

The favour of your Votes and Interest is most earnestly solicited on behalf of

BRO. WILLIAM HENRY HUBBARD,  
P.M., P.Z., P.P. Sup. W., Middx., &c. (now in his sixty-second year.)

The present appeal, reluctantly made, arises in consequence of the continued want of employment experienced by the applicant in his business as a Land and General Surveyor, or in other remunerative work within his capacity; failing health, defective eyesight, and the pressure of a most distressing and abiding domestic calamity. He has been a Member of the Craft for upwards of twenty-six years, having been initiated in October, 1855, and has since taken an active interest in its affairs. Is a Life Governor of the Institution, and acted as a Steward at the Festival in January, 1865. Was W.M. of the Phoenix Lodge, No. 173, in 1864-5, and served upon the Board of General Purposes for that year. Became M.E.Z. of Chapter No. 975 in 1867-8. Assisted in the formation of the New Province of Middlesex in 1872-3, and was one of the Founders of the Burdett Lodge, No. 1203.

The case is strongly recommended by the following Brethren:

- The Right Worshipful Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., J.P., P.S.G.W., Prov. G.M. Middx., Rep. G.L. Ireland, &c., &c., Ancaster House, Richmond, Surrey.
- The W. Bro. H. C. Leander, 32, J.G.D., G.S.B., R.A., Prov. G.S. Middx., V. Pres., &c., 39, North Villas, Camden-sq., N.W.
- The W. Bro. J. Fenn, P.G.D., &c., V. Pat., 6, Princes-st., Bk., E.C.
- The W. Bro. Jabez Hoze, P.G.D., &c., 1, Bedford-square, W.C.
- The W. Bro. E. J. Barron, P.G.D., &c., 85, Lincoln's Inn-fields, W.C.
- The W. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. Middx., 187-2, &c., &c., 11, Alsburch-lane, E.C.
- The W. Bro. George Lambert, F.S.A., 32, G.S.B., P.J.G.W. Herts, Vice-Patron, &c., 12, Coventry-street, W.
- The W. Bro. Dr. W. R. Woodman, P.G.S.B., Ford House, Exeter.
- The W. Bro. Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P., V. Pres., &c., 9, Marriott-road, Tollington Park, N.
- The W. Bro. John M. Stedwell, P.G.S., P.P.G.W. Middx., &c., Vice-President, 7, Chepstow Villas, Twickenham, S.W.
- The W. Bro. J. Brett, P.G.P., &c., &c., 4, Sidney-rd., Homerton, E.
- The W. Bro. G. Kenning, P.G.D. Middx., V. Pat., Upper Sydenham.
- The W. Bro. the Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, P.M., P.Z., P. Prov. G. Chap. Middx., Christ's Hospital, Newgate-street, E.C.
- Bro. R. C. Driver, P.M. and Sec. 105, &c., 4, Whitehall, S.W.
- Bro. H. M. Gordon, P.M. 1203, The Courtyard, Eltham, Kent.
- Bro. W. G. Kentish, W.M. 1203, 11, Idol-lane, Gl. Tower-street, E.C.
- Bro. J. W. Sanders, S.W. 1203, Upton House, Gloucester-road, Upper Teddington, S.W.

By whom Proxies will be thankfully received, as also by the Applicant, WILLIAM HENRY HUBBARD, 6, Bushey Park Villas, Hampton Wick, Kingston-on-Thames.

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**To Correspondents.**

W.M. 531.—We have already stated more than once that Mr. C. Bradlaugh having returned his certificate to the Grand Secretary, is not, and cannot be, a member of our Order, and could not legally be received in any lodge of Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry.

The following reports, &c., stand over.

- CORRESPONDENCE: A Young and Earnest Mason. Worshipful Masters, by a Past Master.
- Laying the Foundation Stone of Addington Masonic Hall, Natal.
- Caledonian Lodge Soirée, Manchester.
- Apollo University Lodge, Oxford.
- Merchant Navy Lodge, No. 781.
- Walker Lodge, No. 1342.
- Yarrowee Chapter, No. 713.

**BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.**

"The Jewish Chronicle," "The Hull Packet," "The Royal Cornwall Gazette," "The Freemason's Repository," "Notes, Management, and Encouragement of Harbours," "The Citizen," "The Broad Arrow," "Boletin Oficial De Espana," "The West London Advertiser," "Press News," "The New Zealand Herald," "The Walsall Free Press," "Grand Lodge of New South Wales," "Leeds Friendly Societies' Journal," "Masonic Record," "District Grand Lodge of Bombay," "Ye Cripplegate," "The Hebrew Leader," "Grand Commandery Knights Templar, State of Virginia."

**THE FREEMASON.**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1882.

**Original Correspondence.**

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

**PROVINCIAL RETURNS TO THE CHARITIES.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I see in your last number a return from Hampshire with regard to this point, which, I think, unintentionally does not do justice to West Yorkshire, and I feel convinced the statement is not correct.

The announcement that West Yorkshire has only sent up £2461 in seven years is, I can say at once, founded on a pure conception. Perhaps its hard-working Provincial Grand Secretary, or some other West Yorkshire brother, who is well posted up in the matter can give me and your readers the right figures.

Yours fraternally,

A MEMBER OF A WEST YORKSHIRE LODGE.

**APOLLO UNIVERSITY LODGE.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

If "A Member of No. 567" will kindly refer to the history of that lodge prefixed to its bye-laws, &c., as edited by Bro. Capt. G. Fead Lamert, B.A., Worcester College, and published by him in 1869—the year of his Mastership, and the celebration of the lodge's jubilee, or fiftieth anniversary—he will find at p. 3 the following passage:

"The lodge was opened on the 10th February, 1819, at the Star Hotel (now the Clarendon), but the installation of the W.M. did not take place till the 18th, and the appointment of the officers was not made till the 19th February, which day has since been always considered the anniversary of the lodge."

I think he will admit this is sufficient justification for the date as given in the "Freemason Historical Calendar" for the current month. It is not for me to try and explain why events which, in the case of other new lodges, are usually compressed into one afternoon, were, in that of the Apollo University Lodge, spread over several; nor ought I, perhaps, to presume to interpret Capt. Lamert's meaning of the word "opened;" but it strikes me he intended it as equivalent to "consecrated." In this sense the statement I have quoted above indicates that (1) the lodge was "consecrated" on the said 10th February, 1819; (2) that the W.M. was installed the 18th February; and (3) the officers were appointed the day following, which has ever since been looked upon as the anniversary of the lodge. I hardly think Capt. Lamert would have considered it worth while "formally" to note a mere "informal gathering" of the charter members.

I am, faithfully and fraternally yours,

THE COMPILER OF THE "FREEMASON HISTORICAL CALENDAR."

**THE FORTHCOMING BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION FESTIVAL.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Is it too late to draw the attention of those brethren who are about to undertake the important duties of Ladies' Stewards for the Festivals of 1882 to some of the duties which are expected of them? I would first remind them that they are appointed to see that our lady visitors are properly received, conducted to their retiring rooms, ladies' gallery, and last, but by no means least, properly cared for at the cold collation prepared for them. The ladies' banquet has been getting worse year by year; the tables more thinly spread, and with a greater deficiency of waiters; and unless a lady has some particular friend to

watch over her she has a great chance of leaving the room having had *little or nothing* to eat or drink. Why should this be? when the price of a lady's ticket is ample to pay the incidental expenses, and provide a very elegant, good, and substantial repast for them; and those who come from a distance especially need it. The reason is this, there is not a sufficient organization among the Stewards; the tables should be divided between them, each Steward looking after the comfort of those visitors (and those only) placed under his charge.

A small Committee of three or four brethren should undertake the general supervision of the arrangements, and should visit the room before the ladies are admitted, and see that the caterers have properly carried out their contract. Each and every table should be complete in itself, and equally well furnished with viands; there should be no distinction in that respect between the top and other tables. It has been too much the custom to decorate and supply the cross table, leaving the others comparatively bare.

We must remember that by their advocacy and by their purses our fair friends are great supporters of all our Charities, and it is very important that they should leave the hall with pleasant impressions—loud in their praises of Freemasons, their courtesy, gentlemanly bearing, and kindly attention to their visitors.

I have been more than once Ladies' Steward and know full well the position is no sinecure. There must be a complete abnegation of self if you carry out that which you have undertaken to do.

A FORMER STEWARD OF THE THREE CHARITIES.

**RE-INSTATEMENT OF MEMBERS.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I feel a little diffidence in answering the letter of "Enquirer," in the *Freemason* of 11th inst., as he asks for the opinion of a legal brother. However, there is no question that the P.M., who ceased to be a subscribing member of any lodge, thereby lost that rank.

Being proposed, balloted for, and accepted again by the same lodge did not restore his rank as P.M.; he would only gain that by being again elected to the chair of K.S. Bro. "Enquirer" is correct in saying the brother would retain his rank as Warden, and therefore might be elected to the chair without again going through the offices, but his rank as P.M. would only date from the time of his second occupation of the chair.

I refer Bro. "Enquirer" to No. 1 of the regulations in the Book of Constitutions, and with due submission to the ruling of any legal brother,

I am, yours fraternally,

EXJELSIOR.

**BRO. HINE'S APPEAL.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

If not too great a trespass on your space, I should like to be permitted to add a word in corroboration of the statement set forth in the petition forwarded to you by Bro. Hine. None can know better than myself the efforts made by the petitioner's husband in the cause of the Masonic Charities.

On the proposal of the establishment of the Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Association, he—being at that time W.M. of his mother lodge—was the very first to come to its aid, and to the impetus he gave to it, and his untiring advocacy of its claims, is due the position it very quickly obtained in North Staffordshire; and the Local Educational Fund owes its origin to him. He continued to give liberally, and to incite others to do likewise, until after he became absorbed in the unfortunate speculations which caused his ruin.

It is fitting that the regulations of all our Charities should be framed to exclude cases of this peculiar and, I trust, exceptional character; but where the good that has been done by an erring brother remains to mark the time when he was alike honoured and useful in the Craft, the true spirit of Freemasonry prompts us in dealing with the distress of his family to forget the latter failings and to remember his early services.

Some of the Staffordshire brethren assisted his wife and family in their first need, and will, I doubt not, be willing again to help, if under the guidance of a brother so experienced and judicious as Bro. Hine some means can be found of giving a permanent character to the assistance now given.

Yours fraternally,

JNO. BODENHAM,  
P.P.G.S.W. N. Wales and Shrop,  
P. G. Treas. Stafford.

**BEGGING MASONS.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am glad to see in your correspondence columns that the brethren are beginning to take some steps to minimise the system of begging.

To show your readers (many of whom, perhaps, may not be aware of it) the extent to which this mendicancy is carried on, I have gone through the reports received from six Almoners, and my own return for the years 1879, 1880, and 1881, and as will be seen from the table below no less than 420 begging Masons applied in these seven towns

during those years. I have no doubt that these men (or many of them) have visited most of the Almoners in other towns besides those from whom I have regular returns.

I have given the number of times that each man has applied to one or the other of these seven Almoners as follows:—

287	have applied	...	Once.
76	"	...	Twice.
35	"	...	Three times.
19	"	...	Four times.
10	"	...	Five times.
2	"	...	Six times.
1	"	...	Seven times.

No doubt it is a very effective plan to telegraph to the applicant's lodge, but whoever does will frequently find that where the lodges are held at inns in country places he may have some days to wait for a reply, as the W.M. or Secretary of the lodge may not call at the inn very frequently, and landlords do not as a rule send on communications. The system of periodical reports to the surrounding towns has had the effects of reducing the number of applicants very considerably within the last three years.

Yours fraternally, ALMONER.

**THE LATE PRESIDENT GARFIELD AND THE GRAND MARK LODGE.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Kindly publish the annexed letter from the American Legation in the *Freemason*.

Yours fraternally, DON. M. DEWAR.

Office of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters,  
S., Red Lion-square, High Holborn,  
February 16th.

[COPY.] "Legation of the United States,  
London, 10th Feb., 1882.

"Frederick Binckes, Esq.,  
Grand Secretary.

"Dear Sir,

Referring to my letter of the 2nd ult., I have to say that I communicated to the Department of State at Washington the vote of condolence on the part of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England on occasion of the death of President Garfield, and that I have just received from Mr. Frelinghuysen, the Secretary of State, a despatch, dated on the 27th ult., in which he states that having transmitted to Mrs. Garfield a copy of the vote, he desires me to convey to Grand Lodge an expression of her deep appreciation of its touching message of sympathy to herself and her children.

"I have the honour, &c.,  
(Signed) "J. R. LOWELL."

**PROVINCIAL GRAND STANDARD BEARER.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you please inform me, or perhaps some of your correspondents will do, whether this officer is considered a member of Provincial Grand Lodge, and entitled to wear the purple?

Yours fraternally, P.M.

**Reviews.**

**THE TREASURY OF SCRIPTURE KNOWLEDGE.**

Samuel Bagster and Sons, 13, Paternoster-row.

The work which we have placed at the head of these reviews, is one of those valuable aids to Bible reading and understanding, which we owe to that well known firm of publishers. Indeed, there are few of us who are not indebted to them for one or other of these useful, important and admirable publications, which have enabled us to study the Sacred Scriptures either in a tongue foreign to us, in polyglott versions, or in our own vernacular. As Freemasons we, as is known, are never ashamed to own and abide by the inspired and sacred volume, that Great Light, without which Freemasonry becomes a misnomer, and our meetings cannot be held. Let us note this. In other jurisdictions unfortunately, which however shall be nameless here, the Bible has been taken out of our lodges, the name of God disowned, and all semblance of religious reverence ruthlessly banished. It is not so long ago, either, that a Frenchman received twenty-three black balls in a French Lodge. Why? Because he had prayed to God *sometimes!* The consequence has been the decadence of all such branches of the Masonic family; their breaking out into absurd questions and political congeries; confusion worse confounded existing among them, worse than that of the Tower of Babel; and giving us sad reminders of cruel and mournful days of old, when the name of the Most High was absolutely officially forbidden in a fair, great city not far from our shores, and of certain unsavoury doings of a happily short-lived Commune, a few years back, which continued to throw upon contemporary French Masonry the ridicule of the profane and the contempt of all true Masons. It was the dream of Massol's life, as he once said openly, to see the Bible banished from French and English Lodges. He lived to see it in his own favoured and genial land, but in vain were his glances directed towards perfidious Albion. English Masons stood fast by the ancient landmarks of their Order, and still cling with unceasing, nay, increasing reverence to the best of books. We welcome heartily such works as this valuable Scripture guide and *sade mecum* of Messrs. Bagster, because they effectually aid the honest Bible reader in mastering the admitted little difficulties of context and collocation, of the similar use of words, of the identical meaning of passages, and further greatly for many a grateful student a careful, a complete, a critical, if reverential exegesis of the Word of God. And we greet such books as these on another ground. It has been said, we know not with how much of truth, that just now, for some reason or other, though there is a great deal of talking about the Bible there is less reading of it, less patient and diligent study of its manifold wonders, less drawing out of its treasures, many and goodly, old and new, than there

used to be when Bibles were not so plentiful, or aids to it adapted and prepared for the scholar's perusal. We call the attention, then, of all our brother Chaplains, and many other readers, to this useful publication, and trust that, one and all, they may find in it much of what is both useful and valuable, educational and edifying for themselves.

**THE SECRET WARFARE OF FREEMASONRY AGAINST CHURCH AND STATE.** Burns, Oates, and Company, Portman-street, London.

This is a Roman Catholic attack on Freemasonry, and written in a thoroughly Ultramontane style of exaggeration, ignorance, and malediction combined. The prophet of evil seems to be wishful to imitate the Archbishop of Rheims when he excommunicated and cursed the peccant jackdaw with "bell, book, and candle," with all the flowers of voluble expletives, and with all the artillery both of a "Jupiter Tonans" and a Papal representative. And then the most laughable matter is, that though this work was originally written in German, in 1875, and has since been translated into more than one foreign language, it is based upon a purely erroneous assumption, from first to last, and though marked by much use and power of abuse, a facile flow of words, some very sounding expletives, some very theological bitterness, its facts are all fictions relatively to Freemasonry, and it is really and truly, in the great and continuing controversy between France and Freemasonry, "Vox et præterea nihil." For the premise of the writer's whole argument, which we need not remark, "en passant," is utterly erroneous and ill-founded, that French Freemasonry is identical with Cosmopolitan Freemasonry, whereas, as we know, the very reverse is the case; and Anglo-Freemasonry, which includes within its "borders" two-thirds of all existing Freemasons, utterly repudiates French Freemasonry, its principles, and its practices, its changes and its consecration, its "modus vivendi," and even just now its "raison d'être." At present it is doing more harm than good, and we are unaware of any one true Masonic principle it either inculcates or illustrates. The writer ignoring, as I have said, Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry and other distinguished bodies, simply passes a most severe judgment on the doings of French Freemasons in the time of the Commune, and the transactions of some "obscuri viri" in Belgium, some foolish speeches in Germany, some political proceedings in Italy, which he has a full right to do. But the writer must be greatly at a loss either for facts or invectives when he goes back to French abbés in the last century, to Robison, Baruel, and others, and to the actual decrees of the Church of Rome, which were, according to their own canonists, all unsound and uncanonical, and to be reckoned among the Bulls and Allocations "non usitate," to frame an indictment against Freemasonry generally. We, however, who form part of Anglo-Saxon Masonry, can well afford to leave such excommunications to the folly of those who make them, to the lapse of time, the fairness of men generally, and the clearness and calm of our own consciences thereat. They, strictly speaking, do not concern us. No more loyal, no more religious body than that which constitutes Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry is to be found in this wide world, inasmuch as never forgetting the allegiance due to the sovereign of their native land, or their legal ruler, they always pay due obedience to the laws of every other country, whatever its form of government may be where we are permanently or temporarily located. We are very sorry when foreign Freemasons depart from the straight and narrow path of true Freemasonry, despise its organisation, parody its teaching, overthrow its landmarks. But we are not responsible for their vagaries or their childish follies, their unreasonable speeches, their erratic deeds. So great is the ignorance of this petulant scribe as to Freemasonry that he actually credits Weishaupt, the head of the Illuminati, to Freemasonry; whereas, nothing is more plain or historical than this, that Weishaupt was an Illuminist before he became a Freemason. He was a Roman Catholic professor of canon law, (nota bene), at Ingolstadt, when he started his famous system of Republican atheistical destructive Nihilistic Illuminatism. He was made a Freemason at Munich much later, but found Freemasonry too loyal and religious for him, and left it. He is said to have been a professed Jesuit to boot, so that no one fact in history is positively more certain than that to Roman Catholicism or Jesuitism we owe the idea and the work of that detestable sect of Illuminists, and of all such secret destructive political societies. We shall recur to the subject, as this work has a sort of official imprimatur.

**PUTHAGORAS SUGRAMMA PERIODIKON.** En Athenais, 1882.

This is a Greek monthly magazine, No. 1, "Etos Proton," issued, as we understand, by the Puthagoras Lodge, in Athens, and edited by Professor Gelani, (the name is rather hard to decipher,) at "Athenes." Modern Greek differs a good deal from the Old Greek we once heard of, when we

"Knew the streets of Rome and Troy,  
And supped with Fates of Furies;"  
or those hours when up at books, or at a friendly scob, we prepared our lessons, meditated over a *Vulgus*, or read on the sly a forbidden novel. This magazine asks the important question "Ti esti Adelphos," What is a Brother? and gives us several interesting addresses and essays. If any Greek brother would like to call for it, he will find it in the care of Bro. W. Lake, at our office, 16, Great Queen-street. The modern Greek for the monthly serial is, Puthagoras Menaion Periodikon.

**BOLETIN OFFICIAL DE GRANDE ORIENTE DE ESPANA.** Ano x. No 1.

This is the first number of the tenth part of a Masonic Bulletin and Review which is issued officially by the Grand Orient of Spain. As our readers know, there have been great controversies and much confusion among Spanish Masonry, and the "Cosas de Espana" in Masonry, as in other matters, are sometimes bad for outsiders to understand. It seems that the Grand Lodge of Scotland has been in communication with the Grand Orient about a Scottish Lodge at Gibraltar, which is to work also at St. Roque, some miles from Gibraltar, in English. We do not ourselves profess to understand how a lodge can work in two places, or have as it were, duplicated meetings. But no doubt, the English, Irish and Scottish jurisdiction does not extend beyond Gibraltar. The Grand Orient of Spain seem to have taken a very friendly and fraternal view of the application,

**SYNOPSIS OF THE CHESS OPENINGS.** A Tabulated Analysis, By Bro. WILLIAM COOK, a member of the Birmingham Chess Club. Third edition, with Additions and Emendations. London: W. W. Morgan, 23, Great Queen-street, W.C., 1882.

Chess is one of the most popular as well as one of the most intellectual of games. It is played in all civilised countries. Numerous and influential Chess Clubs are established in their respective capitals and in most large provincial centres. It has a rich literature and a press of its own, the first book printed in England by William Caxton, of immortal memory, being the "Game of the Chess." It may be indulged in as a mere amusement, or it may be studied seriously like any other subject that calls for the exercise of the intellectual powers. For the use of those who practise it in the latter fashion, this admirable analysis by Bro. Cook is especially intended, and the fact of its having in the short period of seven years attained the honour of a third edition fully justifies our favourable opinion of its contents and the author's mode of dealing with his subject. More than this, however, it seems desirable to say. Much new matter has been added: "variations that have occurred in actual play" are given; and the greatest care is taken throughout with a view to insuring accuracy. In fine, the Synopsis is a credit to its author, Bro. Cook, of the Birmingham Chess Club, while the style in which it has been issued reflects equal credit on the publisher.

**EARLY BRITAIN—ANGLO-SAXON BRITAIN.** By

GRANT ALLEN, B.A. Published under the direction of the Committee of General Literature and Education appointed by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge. London: Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, Northumberland-avenue, Charing Cross, S.W.; 43, Queen Victoria-street, E.C.; 48, Piccadilly, W.; and 135, North-street, Brighton. New York: E. and J. B. Young and Co.

Mr. Grant Allen, in his preface, tells us that his little book is "an attempt to give a brief sketch of Britain under the early English conquerors, rather from the social than from the political point of view." For this reason but little is said about "the doings of kings and statesmen," attention being chiefly directed towards "the less obvious evidence afforded us by existing monuments as to the life and mode of thought of the people themselves;" and it is then added "the principal object throughout has been to estimate the importance of those elements in modern British life which are chiefly due to purely English or low Dutch influences." Having stated his purpose thus clearly, the author goes on to enumerate the sources from which he has derived his information. There are "first, and above all, the 'English Chronicle,' and to an almost equal extent Bede's 'Ecclesiastical History.'" When necessary, these have been supplemented by "Florence of Worcester," and the other Latin writers of later date. The pretty little, but untrustworthy, romances of "William of Malmesbury, Henry of Huntingdon, and their compeers" are not repeated, and still less those of "Geoffrey of Monmouth," "Gildas, Nennius, and the other Welsh tracts," have been used "sparingly," and Asser with caution, when his information seems to be really contemporary. Occasional hints have likewise been derived from "the old British Bards, from Beowulf, from the laws and from the charters in the 'Codex Diplomaticus.'" Among modern authors that have been consulted must be mentioned Drs. E. A. Freeman and Guest, Canon Stubbs, Mr. Kemble, Mr. Green, Professor Rolleston, Sir Francis Palgrave, Canon Greenwell, Mr. Isaac Taylor, Professor Huxley, and others. To these admittedly trustworthy sources Mr. Allen has gone for his information, and the result is a "little book," which unquestionably fulfils the author's purpose. There are some twenty chapters, in which are successively described, "The Origin of the English," "The English by the Shores of the Baltic," "The English Settle in Britain," "The Colonisation of the Coast," "The English in their New Homes," "The Conquest of the Interior," "The Nature and Extent of the English Settlement," "Heathen England," and lastly "Anglo-Saxon Literature," and "Anglo-Saxon Influence in Modern Britain." There is, further, a well-compiled index, from which reference to the text is easy. In short, Mr. Allen is to be congratulated on the success of his labours, and the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge on its having published so useful an addition to our historical literature.

**THE LAND OF DYKES AND WINDMILLS; OR LIFE IN HOLLAND.** With Anecdotes of Noted Persons and Historical Incidents in connection with England. By FREDERICK SPENCER BIRD, author of "Harrington," "Stonedell Lodge," &c. London: Sampson Low, Marston, Searle, and Rivington, Crown-buildings, 188, Fleet-street, 1882.

We venture to say that there is no more interesting country in Europe than the little State of Holland, once the rival, commercially and as a naval state, of Great Britain, but now sunk into comparative unimportance in the scale of nations. Holland, too, is a country whose inhabitants, except, of course, in the large cities and towns, retain more of their primitive customs, habits, and costume than is customarily the case in old countries. Yet, though it is so near a neighbouring power, though our commercial relations with it are so intimate, and though it is so rich in art treasures, and so unlike other countries of Europe, it is surprising how few Englishmen travel in it, or, at least, do more than traverse it hurriedly on their road to Germany or France. The scenery is unlike anything we are accustomed to in England, except in the Fen country and the Eastern Counties generally. The buildings are quaint and the people are quaint, while the facilities for reaching Holland are all the public need desire. Within twelve hours from leaving the Bishopsgate Station of the Great Eastern Railway Company an Englishman may find himself walking by the side of the canals in Rotterdam, gazing at the statue of Erasmus, admiring its Cathedral or Great Church, or the fine collection of animals in its Zoological Gardens. The quaint architecture, the women with their curious head dresses, the strange bustle, the ships and barges of large and small tonnage and of every description, make up a scene such as he will have some difficulty in realising is only a few hours' journey from London. A short excursion by train and he will find himself in the Hague, the political capital; and yet a little further on and he will be in Amsterdam, the commercial capital. Between Rotterdam and Amsterdam are Leyden, famous for its siege and the University, which it commemorates; Delft, once renowned for its stone ware;



Haarlem, the head-quarters of the bulb trade, with its Cathedral and magnificent organ, and close to what once was the lake of Haarlem, but, now, by one of the greatest and costliest feats of engineering of the age, peopled and cultivated. In North Holland are Zaandam, where he will see at once mere windmills than probably he ever dreamed of in his philosophy; Alkmaar, the great cheese mart; and the Helder, where are the most magnificent of the great system of dykes, to the erection of which the sturdy Hollanders are indebted for the existence of their low lying and perfectly level country. Other cities and towns there are, which are almost equally interesting to the stranger. Then the people are hospitable and well-to-do. Dutch cleanliness is proverbial; and Dutch gardens, Dutch cattle, Dutch dairies and dairy produce are equally well-known and appreciated. But if any of our readers are anxious to know about this "Land of Dykes and Windmills" let them consult the pages of Mr. Bird's book. It is capitally written, in an easy and agreeably-familiar style. As to the accuracy of his description, we, who have visited the country on several occasions, are in a position therefore to vouch for it. Indeed, the fact of our having seen the greater part of what he depicts, enhanced the pleasure with which we read his book. Its great feature, however, and one which will chiefly commend it to our readers, is that Mr. Bird has concerned himself chiefly with the social life of the people. We see them here as they are, and though there is much that is anecdotal in connection with the principal personages and events in Dutch history, we are never bored with long biographical and historical disquisitions. If any of our readers are in need of a guide book to Holland we must refer them to Murray or Baedeker; but if they want something else than a sort of time-table of Dutch cities and towns, with hotels, museums, train service, &c.—if they wish to see Dutch life truthfully reflected as it were in a mirror—let them forthwith make the acquaintance of Mr. Bird through the medium of his most agreeable narrative.

### Masonic Notes and Queries.

ROBT. LINTOT.

Can any one give me any information about Robt. Lintot, if that was his real name? He is said to have been the head of a Rose Croix Chapter of Heredom of Perfection, in 1778, and Daniel Gottfried Hintze, his Deputy. What became of this body? Do its records anywhere exist? Bro. Whythead, *Freemason*, May 14, 1881, p. 219, tells us of a correspondence between a certain Lambert Lintot a few years later with a Lodge of St. Andreas, in Germany, published, as I understand, recently by a Bro. Bossart (can I see a copy of the article?), who is said to be W.M. of a lodge called the Perfect Observance, in London. Bro. Whythead talks of a petition to York for a charter for the lodge, and if I understand him rightly to aver that such a letter is at York. The Lodge of Perfect Observance, No. 1, is said to be one of the two lodges alleged of old to be warranted by the Grand Lodge South of the Trent. Has any one ever seen the charter? In all probability the Chapter of Lintot, who is termed also "administrator for Charles Edward Stuart," hailing either from Heredom of Kilwinning, Edinburgh (if it existed), or Lord McMahon (whoever he may have been), is the same as the Lodge of Perfect Observance, and which seems to have become afterwards the Lodge of St. George of Perfect Observances, under the Grand Lodge of England, a portion of whose minutes are in the British Museum. Let us see if we cannot, therefore, clear up this little doubt and mystery. Were there two Lintots or only one? Can any one trace out the history of the two lodges said to be warranted by the Grand Lodge South of the Trent—the Lodge of Perfect Observance and the Lodge of Perseverance and Triumph.

MASONIC STUDENT.

MASONIC PICTURE.

Wanted, a key to a Masonic portrait-picture entitled "Charity bestowed in deserving objects," painted by Stodhart, R.A., engraved by Bartolozzi, R.A., published by Jeffreys and Co., June 18th, 1802.

19, Devereux-court, Strand. C. PERCEVAL.

AN OLD ORATION.

I have lately accidentally picked up an old oration called the "Extent and Influence of Charity," delivered before the Honourable Fraternity of Freemasons belonging to Antient Lodge of Mary's Chapel, 15th November, 1762, published by order of the Master and brethren of that lodge. It was printed at Edinburgh in 1762, and was dedicated to Charles, Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, Grand Master Mason of Scotland, by desire of the brethren of Mary's Chapel, 20th November, 1762. Unfortunately the name on the dedicatory page is wanting, either taken out by carelessness or from wanton mischief. Can any brother in Scotland, especially my excellent friend, Bro. D. M. Lyon, supply the deficiency? The oration is a very able one.

THE EDITOR OF "KENNING'S CYCLOPEDIA."

HANBURY.

Can anyone tell me who Hanbury was, who is said to have taken the Royal Arch to Germany (to Darmstadt) and other places in 1705 or thereabouts.

ROYAL ARCH.

FRENCH MASONRY.

It seems from an interesting paper in "Loomis' Journal," quoted in that old and respectable American monthly, the "Masonic Review," that Masonry in France is not altogether in the same boat. "There are in France," says the writer, "two rites of Masonry, which, while different in some respects of minor importance, still hold to the ancient legends of the Order. The drill and drama are different from our American York Rite, but the groundwork is, of course the same. These are the Scottish Rite and the French Rite. Unfortunately for themselves, and the Masonic world at large, the latter of these has taken a position which estranges them from the Fraternity at large in other countries, in absolving the candidate from profession of faith in a Deity. This, of course, prevents our American brethren from affiliating with them. The Scottish Rite, on the contrary, requires, as all other Masons do, a belief in a Supreme Being, and with them I have met on several occasions in the 3<sup>d</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. To be a high Mason in France is a matter of much

time. They are not allowed to climb the ladder to preferment in a few weeks or months, to its topmost round, but have to wait with patience until they have progressed in knowledge before taking an advanced step in each instance. Hence all, or nearly all, those who have attained to the chapter, council, or consistory are men of solid habits, of high moral principle, who practice what they profess, and have reached or passed the middle of the stream of life." And he adds of the furniture, &c.: "Lodge rooms are not fitted up with as much expense as with us. The seats are comfortable, plush covered benches, but the floors are bare. There are no altars; emblems well known to the Craft lying upon a table on the Master's dias. The trials of the novitiate are of a class to be well remembered, and are of a mental character. He is not likely to forget his first night in the lodge, not only from the rigid examination, but from the cordial reception after the ordeal."

GEORGE MARKHAM TWEDDELL.

THE ROYAL ARCH COMPACT.

In reference to the compact mentioned by the Grand Scribe E., in Supreme Grand Chapter, and alluded to in your last week's issue, perhaps the following extracts from an old minute book may have some interest for your readers.

MANCUNIAM.

EXTRACT.

"The Royal Arch Chapter of the Stone of Friendship, Fzel, No. 99. First assembled at the house of George Mayors, when a charter was obtained from the Grand Chapter of Compact, held at Freemasons' Tavern, London, His Royal Highness the Duke of Clarence, Grand Patron of the Order.

"Resolved, that the chapter be regularly opened on the first Sunday in every month at two o'clock. Signed in open chapter by our three excellent companions and first Principals,

"WILLIAM GREEN, Z.

"ALEXANDER PARRINSON, II.

"PATRICK McDONALD, J.

"Stockport, (A.L. 5797.)

"April 10th (A.D. 1703.)"

"Chapter 99. Assembled at the sign of the Sun, May 13, 1703. Visited by the three Principals and four other companions from the Chapter of Philantropy (sic), held at Oldham, No. 82, who constituted our chapter and installed the officers in regular form according to ancient custom."

In the minutes of December 6th, 1812, it is particularly noted that "the duties of Arch Masonry were conducted agreeably to the Grand Chapter of England."

THE MASTER MASONS DEGREE.

I thank Bro. Hughan for his comment upon my last communication; perhaps the following may throw some light upon the subject. In Northouck's revised edition of Anderson, there is a footnote to the record of proceeding of Grand Lodge, December 12, 1749 referring to the irregularities of certain lodges.

It runs—"In contempt of the ancient and established laws of the Order they set up a power independent, and taking advantage of the inexperience of their associates, insisted that they had an equal authority with the Grand Lodge to make, pass, and raise Masons. At this time, no private lodge had the power of passing or raising Masons, nor could any brother be advanced to either of these degrees but in the Grand Lodge, with the unanimous consent and approbation of all the brethren in communication assembled."

MANCUNIAM.

ANCIENT MASONIC MEDAL.

I have read Bro. Newton's communication with much pleasure, and am glad he has been able to add an impression of a rare old medal to his collection as No. xxxii in Marvin's series of Masonic medals. There is another, we know, in Mr. Appleton's collection, (U.S.A.), and there was also one sold at the sale of Masonic medals lately, also in U.S.A., thus making three impressions so far known. It is undoubtedly both curious and valuable, and in all probability the oldest of its kind as yet discovered. I take it that the collar and badge on obverse are those of the G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, which was formed A.D. 1736. From the impression kindly sent me by Bro. Newton, this correction is turned into almost a certainty. I wish our good brother would let the Editor of the "Masonic Magazine" have the medal long enough to have it carefully copied, so as to have it engraved for publication in that "Monthly," for it is well worthy of representation in that form, and would be a boon to all Masonic Students. I desire again to commend the work by Bro. Marvin, on "Masonic Medals," as the book on the subject.

W. J. HUGHAN.

### REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

#### Craft Masonry.

VITRUVIAN LODGE (No. 87).—On the 8th inst. this lodge held its monthly meeting at the White Hart Hotel, Belvedere-road, Lambeth, Bro. John Skirving in the chair. There was a large attendance of brethren, and the lodge was honoured with the presence of several visitors.

The ceremonies of raising, passing, and initiating were most efficiently performed by the W.M. After this the brethren proceeded to ballot for a W.M. for the ensuing year, and the S.W., Bro. W. M. Robinson, a very old, and like the brother he will succeed, a very able Mason, was unanimously elected.

The W.M., Bro. Skirving, congratulated the newly-elected W.M. upon his attaining the height of his ambition, and he bore witness to the painstaking and efficient manner in which Bro. Robinson had performed the duties of the several offices he had held, stating that this was the very best guarantee that the lodge could have for the proper discharge of the functions of the W.M. for the ensuing year.

Bro. Robinson replied, hoping that at the end of his year of office the brethren might be able to say of him, as they did of Bro. Skirving, that he had done his duty ably and well, and in a manner reflecting the highest credit upon him (Bro. Skirving) whilst it redounded to the honour of the Vitruvian Lodge.

Subsequently Bro. Nott, P.M., in eulogistic terms again referred to the W.M., and proposed that a handsome Past Master's jewel should be voted to him in token of their

great appreciation of his many and valuable services to the lodge, and of his faithful and honourable discharge of the important duties which had devolved upon him during the year.

Bro. Thurkle was re-elected Treasurer, he having filled the office for many years to the satisfaction of the brethren. Bros. Minstrell, Davis, Huntley, Watson, Lambourne, and Birch were elected the Audit Committee, and it was referred to them to consider a revision of the bye-laws of the lodge. The Benevolent Committee were appointed, and the lodge was closed in due form.

Afterwards the brethren dined together, an excellent repast having been prepared for them by Bro. R. Carrington. The usual loyal, Craft, and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and other toasts of a personal, congratulatory, and complimentary character followed.

TEMPLE LODGE (No. 101).—This well known lodge met on Tuesday, the 7th inst., at the Ship and Turtle. Bro. Walter Beard, W.M., occupied the chair. There was a good attendance of brethren of the lodge, and as usual a large number of visitors, amongst whom were Bros. Saul, P.M. 1201; Maidwell, P.M. 27; Romano, Smith, M. R. Webb (of the Aldersgate Lodge); and others.

After the formal opening, ballot was taken for Mr. Frank Venning, proposed by Bro. P.M. Taylor, and seconded by Bro. P.M. Reynolds. The ballot having proved unanimous, the W.M. performed the ceremony of initiation. Bro. H. B. White, W.M. elect, was then presented for installation. The ceremony was conducted by the retiring Master, Bro. W. Beard, to the evident satisfaction of the brethren and visitors. The W.M. then invested as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Powell, S.W.; Robins, J.W.; E. N. J. Altman, S.D.; Bullock, J.D.; Frank Williams, I.G. Bros. Bond and Reynolds, W.M.'s were again appointed Treasurer and Secretary respectively.

At the banquet table the W.M. gave the usual Masonic toasts. The I.P.M., Bro. W. Beard, in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," referred to the great interest the W.M. took in the Craft, and predicted for the lodge a happy and prosperous year.

The W.M. responded in suitable terms, and then proposed "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. W. Beard," to whom he paid a high compliment for the zeal displayed by him during his year of office, and presented him with a P.M.'s jewel.

The toast was most enthusiastically received, and Bro. Beard responded, thanking the brethren for the compliments paid to him and for the jewel. On behalf of the visitors, Bro. Saul P.M. 1201, returned thanks. During the evening a selection of vocal and instrumental music was performed by Bros. Smith, 1839; George, P.M. 101; Perry, 72; and Tutill, 101.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—This lodge held a meeting on the 30th ult., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, when there was a very numerous gathering. Amongst those present were Bros. Morrison, I.P.M., acting W.M., in the unaccountable absence through illness of Bro. T. M. Heaphy; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B., Middx., S.W.; Clark, J.W.; Carter, P.M., Treas.; W. Stewart, P.M., Sec.; Fromholtz, J.D.; Kendal, I.G.; Hemes, W.S.; E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; Green, P.M.; Themans, P.M.; C. Dairy, P.M.; Rumball, P.M.; Cobham, P.M.; and Longstaff, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. J. Mason, P.P.G.D. Middx., &c.; Farwig, P.M. 180; Berrell, P.M. 218; Willoughby, 87; Dickson, J.D. 179; Bell, 1044; Coop, 1612; Jay, 1614; Ivy, 1614; and Bellis, 1901.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Allen was raised; Bro. Bye was passed; and Messrs. C. Allin, H. W. Darling, and J. Barrett were duly initiated into Craft mysteries; the three arduous ceremonies being as usual most ably performed by Bro. Morrison. The ballot for joining was taken upon behalf of Bro. Coop, 1612, and it proved to be unanimous.

Previous to the lodge being closed, Bro. Dairy, P.M., gave notice of motion "That a Committee be appointed at the next meeting to revise the bye laws."

The banquet was served in the pillar-room, and gave general satisfaction. The subsequent toasts were given from the chair pertinently but most commendably brief.

"The Health of the W.M. and the I.P.M." was proposed and cordially drunk.

Bro. Morrison, in reply, expressed his regret that the W.M. had been again prevented, from illness, from attending the lodge. Upon his behalf he returned the brethren his sincere thanks for the very kind way in which his name in connection with that of the W.M. had been received. In cases of necessity, like the present, it was the duty of every I.P.M. to do his best to carry on the business of the chair; but he sincerely hoped that for the remainder of the year the W.M. would be sufficiently restored to health as to enable him to preside over the destinies of the lodge in person.

"The Initiates" followed; and this pledge having been duly acknowledged, the toast of "The Visitors" was succinctly proposed from the chair.

In response, Bros. Mason, Farwig, and others spoke most highly of the "working" of the Faith Lodge. The former concluded his remarks by making an appeal upon behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and urging the brethren to support Bro. Bye, their Steward for 1882.

Subsequently it was announced from the chair that the subscriptions to Bro. Bye's list had reached to nearly £40. "The Past Masters" toast was acknowledged by Bro. Stuart, and "The Officers" by Bros. Walls and Clark.

The proceedings were greatly enhanced by the vocal efforts of several of the visiting brethren and others.

DORIC LODGE (No. 933).—The anniversary festival of the above flourishing lodge was celebrated with great éclat on the 14th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. Lodge was opened at 3.30 p.m. by Bro. W. J. Edney, W.M., who was ably supported by Bros. G. A. Payne, S.W., W.M. elect; Stephen Crane, J.W.; F. J. Barnes, P.M., Treas.; J. Bowron, P.M., Sec.; E. Williams, S.D.; W. Bridgeland, J.W.; Aspinnell, I.G. t. C. Dance, M.C.; G. T. H. Seddon, P.M., Org.; Past Masters: J. G. Stevens, G. Hollington, J. Digby, W. Wainwright, Royton, R. Tucker, and J. Griffin; H. Brown, J. Gray, J. Smith, J. Garnham, A. F. Pickell, J. H. Hart, A. Calver, A. Billinghamurst, F. Eastwood, F. Johnson, J. Denn, C. Develley, J. Blain, J. West, H. Ellis, W. Caslake, J. Barber, G. Luck, J. P. H. Heather, W.



Wooder, W. A. Wintle, J. Pick, C. Giddens, and J. W. Clayton.

Visitors: Bros. H. Illies, J.W. St. George's Lodge, Hamburgh; R. Durell, W.M. 1349; W. Richards, I.G. 1853; C. S. Crowder, 79; B. W. Pickett, 933; J. J. Berry, P.M. 554; A. T. Asher, J.D. 1391; H. W. Clarke, S.W. 1625; J. Cook, 192; T. S. Taylor, P.M. 554 and 1421; W. D. Hunt, 569; D. Moss, S.D. 1275; W. H. Myers, P.M. 820 and 1445; A. Yates, 902; T. Loane, D.C. 1421; B. Cundick, P.M. 1421; H. D. Alston, 193; J. Linzell, 1371; G. F. Dix, P.M. 1421; J. Collier, 1805; J. Chappell, 511; C. Eschwege, 1349; G. W. Verry, P.M. 554; W. H. Ellis, 554; T. J. Maidwell, P.M. 27; A. J. Hollington, P.M., P.G.S., P.M. 58; W. Dance, P.M. 754; E. Wendover, S.D. 171; J. Byrne, 1681; P. Goodall, 87; R. George, 1524; J. S. Wayland, Treas. 1227; J. Boulton, S.W. 1056; Dr. O'Connor, 636; G. J. Kings, 1259; C. Veal, P.M. 1396; Collagath, W.M. 1306; R. T. Rosenberg, 862; G. Weige, P.M. 860; C. A. White, 1777; W. Sexton, 1321; W. Musto, P.M. 1349; G. H. Stephens, S.D. 1023 (*Freemason*); and others.

Bro. J. Bowron, P.M. Sec., submitted the minutes of the last regular meeting, together with those of the emergency meeting held on the 7th inst., which were confirmed. Bro. George Abney Payne, W.M. elect, was next presented to the W.M. for the benefit of instruction, by Bro. J. G. Stevens, P.M. who acted throughout the ceremony as the Director of Ceremonies in a very efficient manner. The Instructing Master having pointed out the qualifications necessary to the high position of W.M., the W.M. elect gave his adherence to the ancient charges as read by the Secretary and was solemnly entrusted. A board of Installed Masters was formed, comprising twenty-two Installed Masters, and Bro. G. A. Payne was inducted into the chair of K.S. in ancient form.

Bro. Payne appointed and invested his officers for the year as follows: Bros. Stephen Crane, S.W.; E. Williams, J.W.; T. I. Barnes, P.M. Treas. (re-appointed); J. Bowron, P.M. Sec. (re-appointed); W. E. Bridgeland, S.D.; A. Pinnell, J.D.; Chas. Dance, I.G.; A. Calver, M.C.; J. West, W.S.; G. T. H. Seddon, P.M. Org. (re-appointed the 12th time); and W. Rawlins, Tyler.

The several appointments were most heartily applauded, and the W.M. addressed each of the officers in highly felicitous terms on the duties which would be required of them on behalf of the lodge.

Bro. Edney next proceeded to complete his arduous duties by a careful rendering of the ancient charges to the W.M., his Wardens, and the brethren, his labours at their conclusion being received with many marks of their gratification by the brethren.

Bro. Payne then announced the ballot on behalf of Mr. George Lusk, which resulted favourably, and that gentleman was initiated into the secrets and mysteries of the Order in a most effective manner, giving promise to the lodge of what may be expected from the new W.M. The next duty, Bro. Payne said, was a most pleasing one. It was to present to Bro. Edney a jewel voted him by the lodge. He (the W.M.) was sure Bro. Edney had fully deserved it, in saying which the W.M. knew all the brethren would agree with him.

Bro. Edney thanked the brethren, and said he would later on avail himself of the opportunity to speak at greater length on the subject.

A proposition for a gentleman to be initiated was made, and after several other matters had been disposed of, "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the numerous and influential gathering of brethren, and the lodge was closed. During the installation ceremony, Bros. J. Taylor, P.M., officiated as S.W., and J. Digby, as J.W.

A capital banquet was next discussed, after which Bro. Payne gave the usual loyal and Craft toasts, which were heartily received. The musical party, consisting of Bros. G. Weige, P.M. 860; Sexton, and White, under the direction of Bro. Seddon, P.M., Org., rendered the usual loyal songs. Bro. Gerrard J. King also gave a reading.

Bro. J. Edney, P.M., rose and said the brethren were all aware when the I.P.M. assumed the gavel for what purpose he did so. He had much pleasure, for the first time in his life, to give "The Health of the W.M." They had that evening an opportunity of seeing how excellently the W.M. could perform his duties, and he had no doubt that at the finish of his year of office, Bro. Payne would have given every satisfaction to the members of the Doric Lodge. Bro. Payne, in reply, said he was much obliged to Bro. Edney for the kind manner in which he had proposed the toast and to the brethren for the hearty response. He certainly felt somewhat surprised at arriving at the position of Master of the lodge, for it was and ought to be the ambition of all to arrive there.

"The Past Masters" were then toasted. The W.M. was glad to see so many present. A lodge could not do without them. He had already experienced assistance from them, and was proud to say they were all good ones, both able and willing. As they were numerous he coupled the name of the I.P.M. with the toast.

Bro. Edney expressed his thanks for the manner in which the toast of the I.P.M.'s had been received. He felt somewhat sorry it had not fallen into abler hands to respond. First he would undoubtedly thank the brethren very warmly for the very handsome jewel they had presented to him. He felt very pleased to accept it. If he had been found at any time at all wanting in the discharge of his duties, he could assure the brethren he had worked hard, and had done his best. It was given to some to have excellent memories; he, however, was not blessed with a good memory, but he had tried hard to give the lodge satisfaction. On behalf of the P.M.'s of the Doric Lodge he tendered his sincere thanks for the hearty response to the toast.

"The Masonic Charities" was next given. Bro. Payne remarking, that though working in the lodge, and the subsequent banquet were excellent institutions in their way, yet the claim of the Masonic Charities brought them to another and an important duty. They had two brethren present, Bros. Berry, P.M., and J. Boulton, who were Stewards for the Old People. He (the W.M.) intended to support the Girls' School in May. He thought that they could all easily afford to give something to each of the excellent Institutions of the Craft. He (Bro. Payne) hoped the brethren would send him up with a good list, and one worthy of the Doric Lodge.

Bro. Barnes, P.M., suggested that as the W.M. could not go round the table to each brother, that he would do so for him, which kindly suggestion was acted upon.

Bro. Payne, in conclusion, coupled the toast with the names of Bros. Berry and Boulton.

Bro. Berry, P.M., said he felt very proud to stand before them, and for the third time as a Steward for the "Old People." He would briefly remark that in connection with the "Old Peoples' Institution" there were 150 male annuitants, receiving £40 per annum, and 155 widows, receiving £32 per annum, involving an expenditure annually of over £11,000. Unfortunately the funded property of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was small, and it consequently required very great efforts on the part of the Stewards each year. When a Steward goes up from the Doric and Varborough Lodges he expected to be well supported, and to take up a good deal on behalf of the deserving old people, who in their day have rendered good service to Freemasonry.

Bro. J. Boulton also responded. The W.M. toasted "The Visitors," according to them the hearty welcome which the Doric Lodge always offered visiting brethren; and, having read a portion of the very long list of visitors, coupled the names of Bros. H. Illies, J.W. St. George's Lodge, Hamburgh, J. Linzell, 1371; and W. Musto, P.M. 1349.

Each of these brethren responded to the toast; Bro. Musto announcing, in connection with the appeal just made on behalf of the Charities, that an Association—to be called the "Doric and Friars Lodges' Masonic Charitable Association"—was just being started, and brethren by joining it could by a very slight monthly subscription enable themselves to support the various Institutions.

"The Initiate" was next toasted, and heartily received. Bro. G. Lusk thanked the brethren for drinking his health, and for receiving him into the Order. He hoped he would prove a good brother among them, and would do his best to be worthy of them whilst his name was George Lusk.

"The Officers" were next toasted, and severally replied, and the Tyler's toast brought a highly successful meeting to a close.

**ST. JOHN OF WAPPING LODGE (No. 1306).**—The regular meeting of this lodge took place on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at Bro. Kingston's, the Moor-gate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, when there was a good attendance of the brethren. The W.M., Bro. J. Magrath, occupied the chair, and was ably supported by the indefatigable I.P.M., Bro. Veal, in addition to the other officers and brethren, as follows: Bros. T. Wooding, S.W.; J. Horsley, J.W.; Beck, P.M., Treas.; A. G. Clements, Hon. Sec.; T. J. Tver, S.D.; J. Couture, J.D.; J. G. Twinn, D.C.; J. Sommers, W.S.; G. T. Holdom, I.G.; J. Loftus, Steward; J. W. Dawson, P.M.; T. J. Farling, G. Wise, J. Carrociero, C. Hansmann, C. Whybrow, T. Morris, J. Oxley, J. M. Stevens, F. Crawley, H. T. Hardy, T. J. Barnes, jun., and C. Rayner. Visitors: Bros. T. Hammond, P.M. 212 and 1310; W. J. Bassett, 212; F. Honeyman, 1238; T. Loane, D.C. 1421; and Sherwin, Org. 1076.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes the lodge proceeded to ballot for Mr. Samuel Matthew Pipe, and having proved unanimous in his favour, he was duly received and initiated into the ancient and honourable Order. The W.M. brought forward a proposition for a candidate, which was seconded and carried, subject to ballot; and the Secretary having announced a letter received from Bro. Poore, P.M., acknowledging the honour conferred upon him by the lodge in electing him honorary member, the lodge closed in due form with solemn prayer, and adjourned till the second Wednesday in the ensuing month.

The brethren now sat down to a sumptuous repast, provided by the proprietor in his usual skilful manner, and if quality was anything to assist in the enjoyment of those assembled, it certainly presented itself in ample form. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and honoured during the evening.

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Initiate," spoke of him in a very praiseworthy manner, and sincerely hoped that he would, and there was apparently no cause to doubt, prove himself a worthy brother.

The Initiate replied in a few, but well-chosen, words. "The Visitors" toast was severally responded to, and were tantamount to each other, being principally to the effect that a very pleasant evening had been spent, and hoping that the present would not be their last pleasure.

The I.P.M., Bro. Veal, in taking possession of the gavel, said he had now a pleasing duty to perform. He supposed they all knew what it was; he would, nevertheless, tell them, it was to propose the "The Health of the W.M.," and, in doing so, he felt compelled to tell the brethren, and he knew from experience, that not only a deal of responsibility, but a considerable amount of labour was attached to that office, both in and out of the lodge. He doubted whether many of the brethren present (excepting the Secretary) knew what that labour comprised; for his part, he could speak feelingly on such matters, as he had already passed the position which Bro. Magrath now held. When he himself passed out of the chair, he was proud to say that the lodge was left in a much better position than he found it; and he was really glad to see how the present W.M., whose year of office was fast dying out, had striven, and to all appearances with success, to leave the chair with the same result as he had. As the time was quickly passing, he would not detain them longer, but would ask them to be understanding, and make a good hot fire for their W.M., and which, it is needless to add, met with every desire.

The W.M., in reply, thanked the brethren for the unanimous way in which they had responded to the toast. If what he had done in the affairs of the lodge met with their approbation he was only too pleased. It was all very well to speak of the prosperous way in which the lodge was moving, but he could not take all the credit to himself, as it, of course, mainly depended upon the support he received from the brethren. He could honestly say that he was favoured with a capital staff of officers, who knew not only their particular work, but were capable of undertaking anything they might be called upon to discharge. It mattered not, so to speak, if any officer was absent; he had only to say brother so-and-so, do this, or do that, and the business proceeded. There was one thing in respect to the financial matters that might be referred to, and that was to tell the brethren that when they appointed him their W.M. he found the balance of accounts on the wrong side, although their I.P.M., Bro. Veal, had reduced it during his year of office, they would be pleased to hear that the balance was now on the right side, however small it might be, and

he would endeavour to keep it so, and trusted that his successor would assume the office he now held with the same determination. He had not many more meetings to preside over, but he hoped with their assistance to retire from the chair and leave the lodge with a more favourable balance in hand than it now had.

"The Officers" toast was acknowledged by the S.W. and J.W.

Many of the brethren exercised their musical abilities during the evening, and the Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

**GRANITE LODGE (No. 1328).**—This lodge, which meets at the Hall, in Great Queen-street, had its installation meeting on Saturday last, Bro. Benjamin Turner, W.M., in the chair. After the formal business of reading and confirming the minutes of the previous meeting, and receiving the audit report, which showed very satisfactory results, Bro. James Osborne Richardson was raised to the Sublime Degree of W.M.; Bro. William James Mason was passed to the Second Degree; and Mr. Edward Faux, proposed by Bro. R. Payne, P.M., and seconded by the W.M. elect., was balloted for, and being approved was then initiated as an entered apprentice.

Bro. Frank Kirk, the W.M. elect, was then presented to the Worshipful Master to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, whereupon the W.M. addressed the lodge and called upon Bro. Kirk to signify his assent to the ancient charge read out for that purpose by the Secretary. Having complied with the W.M.'s command, Bro. Kirk was thereupon obligated, presented to a Board of Installed Masters, formally installed into the chair of K.S., and saluted by the Installed Masters present.

The lodge being resumed, Bro. Kirk was duly proclaimed and saluted in the Three Degrees, and afterwards invested the I.P.M. and appointed and invested his other officers as follows: Bros. J. O. Gardner, S.W.; F. Swain, J.W.; R. Thomas, Chaplain; F. West, Treas.; J. Lewis Thomas, P.M. Sec.; Wilson, S.D.; Mount, J.D.; Rowell, D.C.; R. Masfield, I.G.; and Tonkin, Steward. Bro. I.P.M. Turner, as Installing Officer, then delivered the usual orations to the Master, Wardens, and brethren, and the interesting ceremony very ably performed was complete.

The W.M. then rose, and said that the first duty that devolved upon him as the head of the Granite Lodge was of a very pleasing nature, and that was to present Bro. Turner, the I.P.M., with a Past Master's jewel, and while attaching it to his breast he would express the hope that he might live long to wear it, and that it would continue to be seen in the Granite Lodge.

Bro. Turner having acknowledged the compliment, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren proceeded to the adjoining building, where they dined together.

There was a very large muster of brethren, the visitors alone numbering about fifty, among whom we observed Bros. Ambrose Hall, G. Chap.; J. Glaisher, P.G.D.; H. C. Levander, J.G.D.; R. F. Gould, P.G.D.; A. H. Debenham, W.M. (Halford); Clifford, P.M. (Bombay); Kew, P.M. (Manchester); Hogard, P.P.G.S.W. Essex; Butler, P.M. Pattison Lodge; Granville, P.M. Caledonian Lodge; Beck, P.P.G. Org. Middlesex; Kent, P.M. Peace and Harmony Lodge; Farthing, P.M. Constitutional Lodge; Verity, P.P.G.S. of W. Middlesex; Danks, P.P.G.S. of W. Berks and Bucks; Saunders, P.M. Dobie Lodge; Dodd, I.P.M. Amity Lodge; Berron, W.M. Oak; Haslip, S.W. New Concord Lodge; Jackson, St. John Lodge; Turner, Chap. Lorne Lodge; E. Cockerott, P.M. St. Thomas Lodge; and E.C. Massey, P.M. West Kent Lodge (*Freemason*). The dinner party was a large one, larger than had been expected.

On the removal of the cloth, the Chairman rose and said: Grand Officers, Past Masters, Officers, and Brethren—I do not intend to inflict upon you any long speeches to-night, because I am quite sure you will enjoy even more the harmony that has been provided than any eloquence I could put before you. At the same time there are certain toasts that require to be put properly before you, and I shall endeavour to discharge my duty as well as I am able to in that respect. I have often thought that the business of speech-making is one which might be very much improved upon, and it has recently come to my notice that the originator of one of the great inventions of modern times—the phonograph and the other electrical inventions—has patented a machine which will do away shortly with the painful necessity for the president of assemblies of this kind to address you under the painful conditions under which I labour. I am sure you will appreciate the advantages of this invention, and most of all the relief of the speaker, especially when, as in my case, he labours under the painful timidity which has been my great drawback through life. (Oh! and laughter). This great American invention will supersede the necessity for my labouring under this painful defect. There will be the great advantage which the audience will have; that is to say, that whereas you can stop the machine if it does not please you, you cannot in politeness stop me. Again a machine has no political bias, and will not lose its temper. After these remarks you may reasonably expect that this scheme, this idea which I have recently had sent me, will give rise to the projection of a limited liability company, which is another invention of the age. The wide field of utility of this machine is too great to expatiate upon in one evening, but we may safely predict that at a gathering of this kind the first toast which it will give out will be the same which has always occupied the position of honour in assemblies of this kind, I give you, brethren, "The Queen and the Craft."

The Chairman next said: Brethren, the next toast that I have to propose to you is one that I am sure will always be received with a great deal of pleasure by every member of the Granite Lodge, as well as by every Mason. It is "The Health of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Prince of Wales." It is a fact that the Craft owes its present position almost entirely to the accession of His Royal Highness, during whose Grand Mastership three hundred lodges have been added to the roll. And, apart from the loyalty which, as Englishmen, we owe to him as our future king, we owe it also as our Masonic head, and though the only throne he hold is that which Masons have given him, I think that is a higher position than many crowned monarchs can boast. I think it probable that at this moment his health is being proposed at the Savage Club; and I wish we had the telephone on so that we might hear the very much more eloquent speeches that would be delivered there than we have here. But, although more eloquent, I am sure they will not be more hearty.

The Chairman: Brethren, the next toast I have the hon-

our to propose to you is that of "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers, Present and Past;" and with that I shall couple the name of Bro. the Rev. Ambrose Hall, the Grand Chaplain. Very few words of mine are necessary to commend this toast to you. There can be no doubt that the great measure of the great success which Masonry has attained is due to the Grand Officers. The success of an institution depends largely upon the officers; and when we look upon Freemasonry and the constituency it represents, I may say it stands alone in representing, as a body, the intelligence and substantial wealth of the country. When we think that this vast organisation is employed solely for the objects of benevolence, and not for political and other purposes, as it might be under another *regime*, we see that it is due to the influence exercised by the Grand Officers; and so long as Grand Lodge is represented by such gentlemen as our present Grand Officers there is no fear that Freemasonry will not prosper.

Bro. Hall, Grand Chaplain, replied, and said: Worshipful Master and brethren of the Granite Lodge—Each time I rise to return thanks for the Grand Officers I feel difficulties arise—on the one hand of saying too much, and on the other of not saying enough. I am deeply sensible of the kind manner in which this toast has been proposed and received. The W.M. has alluded to a little instrument which enables one to hear speeches from a distance. Much as we should like to hear the eloquence at the Savage Club—which is great—I should be sorry to think that my words would be telegraphed to the Savage Club. For the Grand Officers I return you my sincere thanks. I need not allude specially to my Lord Carnarvon and my Lord Lathom, for the value of the work they do is well known, but I may allude particularly to two special brethren, Bro. MacIntyre and Bro. Monckton. The Grand Officers do all they can, not only in this country but in every country under the control of the Grand Lodge. The kind words uttered by the W.M., coming from such a distinguished lodge as the Granite Lodge, come with double effect, and when they are made known to the Grand Officers they will feel it an additional compliment. I thank you on behalf of the Grand Officers of England, and wish long prosperity to the Granite Lodge.

Bro. Turner, I.P.M.: Brethren, I have a toast to propose to you this evening. The W.M. has not got it all his own way; I have this privilege, but it does not benefit me, I have to propose "The Health of our esteemed Master, Bro. Kirk." Brethren, I did not know that when Bro. Kirk was placed in the chair of K.S. it was part of his duty to bring to your notice the novelties that have lately been patented, but as I know that he is very scientific, he must, I suppose, be allowed to be thinking of something else. Well, brethren, I am quite sure that our Bro. Kirk has the interest of the Granite Lodge always at heart. Perhaps those who do know it will always remember it as I do with very great pleasure, that his father was the first Master of this lodge. And remembering this, I can imagine how delighted he must be that you have placed him in that honourable position. For he has served the whole of the offices—I have noticed it particularly—with great credit to himself and great pleasure to the Granite Lodge. And, therefore, it is with feelings of the greatest pleasure and delight that I sit upon his left, and that I have been called upon to give you the toast of his health after installing him into the chair of K.S. With these remarks I trust that you will drink his health heartily in bumpers.

The W.M., in responding, said: Brethren—I thank you, Bro. Turner, very sincerely for the kind way in which you have put this toast before the Granite Lodge, and you for the very kind way in which you have received it. You who are members of the Granite Lodge will perhaps appreciate better than others the feelings which actuate me in responding to this toast. The members of this lodge know that my father filled the chair first in this lodge; and it has been my ambition to fill the same chair also. If I pass through my year of office satisfactorily to the members of this lodge I shall be satisfied, and I shall be content to lapse into the respected string of Past Masters. In the meantime I shall do my best to deserve your approbation. I have to thank many members of this lodge, beyond the kind expressions of my friend and Past Master, for the many kind expressions which I have received on all sides, and which I take this opportunity to acknowledge; and I hope during my year of office I shall not forfeit the good esteem which they have been kind enough to hold; and when I relinquish this chair to my successor I hope it will be with undiminished lustre and attachment on your part.

The Chairman next proposed "The Health of the Initiate," which was duly honoured by the company, and briefly acknowledged by Bro. Faus.

The Chairman: Our time is never too long, and it is now getting rather short. The next toast is one of the most important of the evening—"The Visitors." I suppose hospitality is one of the most popular virtues next to benevolence. A large number of distinguished brethren have honoured us with their presence this evening, and I should like to hear their names read over. (Bro. Thomas, the Secretary, read the visitors' names from the attendance book, making appropriate comments upon them as he did so.) I think from the remarks that have fallen from our Bro. Secretary I cannot do better than select the Member for Ireland "who is not a Home Ruler." I know that political matters are not introduced on these occasions, but as our Bro. Secretary, who knows all about such matters, has introduced the remark, I think I shall not be far wrong if I express a wish that the Member for Tyrone should respond for this toast.

Bro. MACLAREN said, when an Irishman is seen standing on his legs, making a speech, a very considerable feeling of apprehension must arise, for the probability is that he will stand as long as he is able. Well, you need not be under that apprehension in my case. Your Worshipful Master has told us of an invention to manufacture speeches by machinery, but if they are introduced into the Houses of Parliament to multiply speeches there, and in every place where speaking takes place, the houses will be emptied and people will go and live in the country. However, inventions are announced and sometimes fall back to the ground, and I hope it will be so in this case. When we look round us I think we must acknowledge that this is the most hospitable lodge in the most hospitable craft. We outnumber the members of the lodge by five or six, but they need not be alarmed, because we will sit down quietly again and continue to consume the good things that are set before us. "There's is something rotten in the state of Denmark," and by Denmark, of course, I mean

Ireland, because, of course, being an island it is nearest to a peninsula, but though there is discord in the country generally, there is a spirit of peace and concord in the Craft. Our Grand Master is not of royal lineage, but of next to royal lineage, and comes of a house that once pretended to the throne of Scotland. He has occupied the Vice-royal Chair in Ireland with credit to himself and honor upon England. He is not only a Mason himself, but he has also brought up his sons as Masons. When the Prince of Wales was installed in the Albert Hall, the eldest son of the Earl of Abercorn filled the office of Grand Warden of England. His second son is also a Mason, and represents Liverpool. His third son is Lord Hamilton, member for Middlesex, and his youngest son is also a Mason, and received, by dispensation, the three Degrees in one evening, as he was about to proceed to Russia, a country where Freemasonry is not allowed. If, therefore, you have a proud name at your head, we have also a noble, excellent man at our head. And I say that we have real Masonry in Ireland; we stick to the principles of the Craft, and are determined to hold them with fidelity and truth. Worshipful sir and brethren, I thank you for the honor you have done me in asking me to return thanks for the visitors. I witnessed the W.M.'s working of the lodge, and saw the admirable way in which the late Master acquitted himself of the very onerous task he had this evening. On the part of the visitors I beg leave to return our most grateful thanks, and to say that the oftener you ask us the better we shall be pleased.

Bro. Levander said though not called upon, he must ask the W.M.'s permission to say a few words. He had frequently had the pleasure of visiting the Granite Lodge, but on this occasion the pleasure was enhanced by the fact that the new Master was the son of an old member of the St. Thomas's Lodge. There was a brother present (Bro. Cockerott) who initiated Bro. Kirk's father into Freemasonry in the St. Thomas's Lodge, and who installed him in that lodge. The late Bro. Kirk afterwards became Master of the Granite Lodge over which he worthily presided. He (Bro. Levander) knew that the virtues of the father would be also manifested in the son, and that during his year of office he would carry out the duties of the lodge to their satisfaction.

The Chairman proceeded to propose "The Health of the Past Masters," for which Bro. Turner responded, and afterwards that of "The Working Officers of the Lodge, including the Health of the Treasurer and Secretary," which was responded to by Bro. Thomas, the Secretary, and by the Senior Warden, and the Tyler's toast, as usual, closed the proceedings.

The musical arrangements were entrusted to Bro. Stedman, whose choir boys were also in attendance. Their performance of the grace, "For these and all Thy mercies," and "The National Anthem," in which the solos were rendered by Master Frank Tebbutt, was extremely good. The musical brethren were Bro. Lindon Hodges, G. W. Hanson, Stedman, Franklin Clive, and Fredk. West, P.M. and Treasurer, vocalists, and Bro. John Jeffreys, pianist and accompanist. Miss Beck, daughter of Bro. Louis Beck, P.P.G. Org., who has only recently come before the public as a concert singer, was also present as a vocalist, and sang with good effect.

**KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 7th inst., at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park. Among those present were Bro. Speedy, W.M.; W. Webb, S.W. and W.M. elect; Marston, J.W.; W. Mann, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Köhler, I.P.M.; Stokes, S.D.; Stranger, J.D.; Appleton, W.S.; Koch, P.M.; Higgins, P.M.; Reeves, P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; and Reinardt, Tyler. The visitors were Bro. Brooke, P.M. Duke of Cornwall; Leaver, 141; Spicer, 184; Hardy, 199; Feuilleade, 648; Rickman, 975; Lowsden, 1348; and Edmonds, 1507.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Meredyth was raised to the Degree of a M.M., and Bro. Feuilleade passed to the Second Degree, both ceremonies being well performed.

Bro. Webb, S.W., was then presented by the I.P.M. to the W.M., to receive at his hands the honour of installation. The Installing Officer having appointed Bro. Koch, as S.W.; Higgins, as J.W.; W. Stuart, as I.G.; and T. C. Walls, as D.C., proceeded to carry out the ceremonial in a manner that reflected the greatest credit upon him, more especially as it was his first essay.

The officers invested were as follows: Bro. Coburn, S.W.; Appleton, J.W.; W. Mann, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Speedy, I.P.M.; Stranger, S.D.; Cooper, J.D.; Bates, I.G.; Meredyth, W.S.; and Reinardt, Tyler.

Several communications from absent members having been read, notably one from Bro. Everett, P.M., who is suffering from severe illness, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, which was served in the large concert hall attached to the tavern.

Upon the removal of the cloth the usual routine of toasts was given from the chair.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed in warm terms by the I.P.M. In the course of his speech he spoke of the long connection of the W.M. with the Kennington Lodge. Although but a joining member, his interest in the well being of the lodge equalled the efforts of the founders, not only in respect of his uniform attendance, but to his zeal in the discharge of the duties attached to the various positions which he had successively and ably held. In conclusion the I.P.M. said that he looked forward with a great deal of pleasure to the W.M.'s year of office.

The W.M., in reply, expressed his gratification to the I.P.M. for the very flattering way in which he had given his health. Although a considerable time had elapsed since he (the W.M.) had joined the Kennington, namely, ten years, and notwithstanding he had seen several members, his junior in the lodge, pass the chair, yet that day had made amends for all disappointments, and he could say in homely but sincere terms that that was the proudest moment of his life.

The toast of "The I.P.M." followed, in proposing which the W.M. indulged in some well-deserved encomiums upon the signal success that had attended the I.P.M.'s tenure of office. He had been favoured with a great number of initiates, and had discharged his duties most creditably, and had left a larger balance in the Treasurer's hands than had ever been known in the history of the Kennington Lodge. In conclusion, he said that it afforded him (the W.M.) the most unqualified satisfaction in being in a posi-

tion to present the I.P.M. with the jewel which had been unanimously voted to him at the last meeting.

Bro. Speedy having in modest language acknowledged the compliment and the gift that accompanied it, "The Health of the Visitors" followed.

Bros. Brooke, Hardy, Lowsden, and others responded in terms more or less eulogistic, upon the "working" and hospitality of the day's proceedings.

"The Past Masters" came next in order. In giving this toast the W.M. expressed his regret, which he felt would be shared by all present, that one of their oldest and most esteemed Past Masters, viz., Bro. Everett, was absent through severe indisposition.

This toast having been cordially received, Bros. Mann, Koch, Higgins, Reeves, and Walls severally replied.

"The Masonic Charities" was coupled with the name of Bro. Appleton, Steward for the R.M.B.I.

Bro. Appleton having responded, "The Treasurer and Secretary" and "The Officers" brought the proceedings to a conclusion.

A very excellent programme of instrumental and vocal music was given by Bros. Matz, Thompson, and Schartou.

**THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).**—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 11th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel, when there were present Bros. C. Taylor, W.M.; W. F. Kittle, S.W.; F. T. C. Keeble, J.W.; J. Cook (*locum tenens*), S.D.; R. Fendick, J.D.; W. F. Potter, I.G.; Headon, P.M. and Treas.; Blackie, P.M. and Sec.; Stevens, P.M., and the following visitors: Bro. Bucknell, P.M. 139; Chignir, 1815; Goffin, J.D. 1572; Baker, I.G. 1708; Taylor, 1765; Hay, 1708; Davis, 63 (United States); Laurence, 1802; Thompson, 1580 (*Freemason*). There was a somewhat smaller attendance of members than usual.

The lodge having been opened and the usual preliminaries gone through, Bro. Brookman was passed to the Degree of F.C. Some propositions having been made, the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

At the close of the repast the W.M. gave the first toast, "The Queen and the Craft," and said as her virtues were so well-known he need not expatiate upon them. In giving the next toast he did so in a comprehensive form, including "The M.W. Grand Master, the Prince of Wales, the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers," and said so much had been said about them that he did not think he need take up the time of the brethren by compelling them to listen to anything he might say in their favour.

Bro. Hamer, the I.P.M., in rising, said he was once more entrusted with the emblem of power, and the use he should make of it would be to propose "The Health of the W.M. of The Great City Lodge." It would ill become him to say all he could say of him in his presence, and should simply confine himself to giving his health, with prosperity and success to him.

The W.M., in responding to the toast of his health, said: Brethren, I am very much obliged to Bro. Hamer for the very kind manner in which he has proposed the toast of my health, and I am equally obliged to you, brethren, for the manner in which you have received that toast. I feel that I am a long way off from coming up to the point that I shall desire to attain in discharging the duties of Master of The Great City Lodge. Circumstances have lately occurred which have prevented me from looking forward to fill the position in the lodge in a manner which I expected to do; but having put my hand to the plough, I did not think I should look back, but to do my best in the position in which you have placed me. I am again obliged to you for the kind manner in which you have drunk my health, and I shall ever remember with feelings of pride that I have passed through the chair of The Great City Lodge.

The W.M. said the next toast he had to propose was one that was always well received in The Great City Lodge, as it was "The Health of the Visitors." Since the formation of the lodge he had found that every W.M. always felt not only proud, but highly honoured by the presence of visitors, whether their fare was humble bread and cheese or a sumptuous repast. He then enumerated them, and asked the brethren to drink with all cordiality the health of their brother visitors, coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Goffin.

Bro. Goffin, in responding, said that as that was the first time he had ever visited The Great City Lodge he was somewhat surprised on being called on to return thanks for the visitors; but as the greatest sin a man could be guilty of was ingratitude, as a return for the kind reception he had met with he begged to return thanks for the visitors. The name of the lodge made it incumbent upon them to maintain its greatness as connected with the greatest city in the world. Having heard the minutes read that night, he found there set forth the great features of Freemasonry, for they had given assistance to the old men and women, and to a brother who was now removed to the Grand Lodge above. He had never enjoyed himself more than he had done on the present occasion.

Some of the other visitors also responded to the toast.

The W.M. said he had great pleasure in proposing the next toast as it was a most important one. It was "The Health of the Past Masters of The Great City Lodge."

Bro. Hamer, I.P.M., said he rose at once to perform a duty which belonged to him alone, and to return thanks on behalf of himself and the Past Masters who were absent, for those who were present were able to speak for themselves. On the present occasion he could say but little, except to thank them for the confidence they had always reposed in the Past Masters.

Bro. Stevens said a few words in acknowledgment of the toast.

Bro. Headon, Treasurer, could only say that he was very thankful to them for their kind wishes.

Bro. Blackie, Secretary, also returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him.

The W.M. next gave "The Treasurer and Secretary of the Lodge," and in response Bro. Headon said that the Treasurer appeared to be something like a double-barrelled gun, for having discharged one barrel in returning thanks as Past Master, he had afterwards to shoot off the other as Treasurer, but he might say, that so long as they were pleased to approve of him as their Treasurer, so long he should be pleased to respond to the toast. He urged that charity was the foundation-stone of Freemasonry, and said in that lodge they always put five per cent. aside of all their receipts for the cause of charity, thus enabling the lodge to provide for all wants, and give something to the

Masonic charities. Whilst he was on his legs he wished to call attention to another matter. He then alluded to the fact that Bro. Stevens had delivered a very interesting lecture to the members of The Great City Lodge of Instruction, explanatory of the First Degree, and that lecture he was about to repeat at the Chaucer Lodge of Instruction, which is held at the Grapes Tavern, St. Thomas-street, Borough, on Tuesday, February 28, when Bro. Stevens would be glad to receive any members or visitors of The Great City Lodge.

Bro. BLACKIE said it was a great pleasure to him to perform the duties of Secretary, and which he would continue to do to the best of his ability.

Bro. STEVENS said he was obliged to Bro. Headon for his notice of him, and should be glad to post letters to any of the brethren who wished to be present to hear his lecture on the 28th of February, and if they were unable to come then, he would contrive to send them notices until such time as they were able to attend.

The W.M. said the next toast was "The Officers," and he had then an opportunity of proposing it with more effect than usual, for it was generally proposed at a time when many of the brethren were obliged to leave to catch their train, and he felt that particularly when he was a young member. He was obliged to them for the services they rendered, and they did their duty with a free and hearty good will.

Bro. KITTLE, S.W., returned thanks for the officers, and the Tyler's toast brought a very harmonious meeting to a close.

**MOUNT EDGUMBE LODGE (No. 1446).**

—A meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 11th inst., at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, the W.M., Bro. J. J. Limebeer, presiding. There were present Bros. T. Cull, I.P.M.; T. Griffiths, J.W.; A. Thomas, Sec.; T. Gardiner, S.D.; R. W. Sutton, I.G.; C. L. von Bibra, Steward; Stead, Tyler; Ross, Hosegood, Cain, Duke, Black, Coates, George, and Everett, 435.

The W.M. raised Bro. George to the dignity of a M.M. in a most impressive manner, and after working in the cause of charity, the brethren partook of refreshments, provided by the Bros. Roberts, and separated at an early hour, after passing a most enjoyable evening.

**ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).**

—This lodge held its principal meeting of the year on the 9th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Henry Cresswell Sanders, who opened the lodge at two p.m., well supported by his officers and other brethren of the lodge. There was a lot of business on the agenda, including the raising of Bros. Bowring and Pullen; passing Bros. Petley and Harding; the installation of Bro. Daniel Pound Holness, W.M. elect; the initiation of two candidates; and the reading of the bye laws and the Auditor's report.

The passings and raisings were very effectively performed by Bro. Sanders, and the reading of the bye laws was also disposed of as early as possible, and at about five o'clock the chair was taken by Bro. John L. Mather, P.M., to whom the D.C. immediately presented Bro. Holness for installation. The Installing Master thereupon addressed the lodge and the W.M. elect, who, after giving his assent to the charges read by the Secretary, was duly obligated, and after being presented to a Board of Installed Masters, was formally installed into the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom, and thereafter saluted by the brethren in the Three Degrees.

The following are the officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Blinkhorn, S.W.; Cox, J.W.; Cook, Treas.; Halestrap, Sec.; Lake, S.D.; Shurmur, J.D.; J. Hunt, I.G.; Seamer, Org.; Thompson, D.C.; Petch, W.S.; and Kikman, Tyler.

Bro. P. M. Mather then delivered the usual orations to the W.M. and officers, but the oration to the brethren of the lodge which concluded the ceremony, was delivered by Bro. Edgar Bowyer, P.M.

The newly-installed Master then gave the brethren a taste of his quality by initiating Mr. Walter Thomas Baker into the First Degree in Freemasonry, the ceremony being performed with considerable ability.

Long before the business was concluded a large concourse of brethren had assembled, the members being swelled by numerous visitors, including many eminent members of the Craft. Among the number were Bros. R. Hoskins, Hon. R. W. H. Giddy, D.G.M. Griqualand; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; H. C. Levander, I.G.D.; C. P. Hogard, P.P.G.S.W. Essex; Jas. Terry, P.P.D.C., Secretary of the Benevolent Institution; F. Binckes, Secretary of the Boys' School; R. H. Halford, P.G.S.D.; J. E. Humphreys, 167; W. Chicken, W.M. 65; R. C. Reed, P.M. 201; G. H. Hunter, P.M. 1298; W. Prestwich, S.45; R. Rolfe, f.435; J. Pownley, P.M. 55; J. Osborn, W.M. 1602; P. Percy, P.M. 228; H. Richardson, 205; J. Speller, 1677; Lewis Wall, 188; W. Hawkin, 1287; R. Baker, P.M. 180; and E. C. Massey, P.M. 1297 (*Freemason*). Among the Past Masters of the lodge were Bros. J. L. Mather, U. Knell, Edgar Bowyer, and William Bonsor.

In the evening the brethren and their guests dined together to the number of about sixty—a party of such dimensions as to severely tax the accommodation and resources of the Cock Tavern, the demands upon which, however were fairly well met; thanks to the energy and tact of mine host.

On the removal of the cloth there was the customary attention to the loyal and Masonic toasts usual on these occasions.

"The Queen and the Craft," proposed by the W.M. without remark, called forth the customary loyal response of the brethren, as did also that proposed in honour of "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales."

The Chairman: Brethren, the next toast I have to propose to you is that of "The Grand Officers." I will not occupy the time by dwelling upon the merits of these noble men and gentlemen who occupy such eminent positions in the Craft, as, no doubt, all who have had the pleasure of attending Grand Lodge know how well they carry out their duties. I shall therefore simply ask you to drink "The Health of the Pro Grand Master, Earl of Carnarvon; the Deputy Grand Master, Earl of Lathom; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past;" and I shall take the liberty of coupling with the toast the name of the Grand Secretary, Bro. Col. Shadwell Clerke.

Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke: I rise, Worshipful Sir, with somewhat of a grievance, as the distinguished brother

on my left has, without doubt, the first claim to respond for this toast. He has, however, possibly been pulling the strings to-night, and I will therefore not dispute the point, but will at once return thanks for the very kind and fraternal way in which the time-honoured toast of the Grand Officers of England has been received. Many as are the privileges we have at all the Masonic meetings which we attend during our lives, we always find that our official positions are recognised, which is very gratifying. No doubt the Grand Officers of England are brethren who have served during the heat and burthen of the day; and because you are aware of their merits and capabilities, I am sure you will agree with me that the Grand Officers deserve the honours they receive. I am sure that the Grand Officers who are around me will agree with me in approving the manner in which the work has been performed this evening. We had the pleasure of seeing a large portion of the ceremony of installation performed, and, somewhat contrary to ordinary custom, had an opportunity of seeing the ability of your new Worshipful Master, who initiated a candidate after the installation. I think we may congratulate the lodge upon their selection of their new head, and, while congratulating the W.M. himself upon having arrived at his present position, we wish him a very successful and prosperous year of office.

Bro. H. C. Sanders, I.P.M., next said: Brethren, you see that I have the gavel in my hand, which gives me a privilege that I rise to exercise. I have the honour to propose "The Health of the Worshipful Master." I trust that his year of office will yield a rich harvest; I am very sure that he will never sow seeds of dissent; we know his desire for the entire success of the lodge; we know his goodwill to the brethren, his love for the Charities; and, speaking of his abilities, we have had a sample of them this evening. In choosing our Master we know that we have chosen a good man who will faithfully fulfil all the obligations of his important position. Without further preface, therefore, I will ask you to rise and drink the health of the Worshipful Master.

The W.M., in reply, said: Brethren, I rise with a very great deal of pleasure to return you my grateful thanks for the very cordial reception you have given me to-night. This toast is universally accorded to a Worshipful Master, and in the mere proposition of it there is nothing to be surprised at. It is true I have always been well received among you, but your usual cordiality has been exceeded by the spontaneous welcome this evening that has been expressed by you all. Of course during my year of office I shall do the best I can for the welfare of the lodge. As far as our labours in the lodge go I think I may be able to give you satisfaction; if I do not it will not be my fault. As for my duties at the table I shall try in proposing the various toasts to make my remarks as brief as possible, but at the same time trust I shall not omit anything I ought to say.

The Chairman then proposed "The Health of the Initiate," which the newly-made brother acknowledged in a few appropriate words.

In proposing "The Health of the Visitors," the Chairman remarked upon the advantages to the Craft arising from the interchange of visits among members of different lodges, which afforded also such pleasure, as he had on that occasion, of seeing many old and valued friends gathered round them. They were now honoured by the presence of an unusually large number of visitors, which included many well tried and eminent Masons.

The toast was acknowledged by Bros. Levander, Hogard, and Pounceby.

The Chairman: I am sure, brethren, you will all welcome the toast which I am now about to place before you. The toast I have now the honour to propose is "The Health of Bro. Mather," founder of the lodge and Installing Master to-night. You all know the deep interest he has taken in the affairs of the lodge. I think since I was initiated in this lodge in the first year of its formation, he has not missed one evening, and that of itself would fully warrant me in saying that his whole heart is in the Islington Lodge. His services are always at our disposal; he is always ready and willing to afford instruction, and ever anxious to do all in his power for the efficiency and well-being of the lodge.

Bro. Mather, in response, said: Worshipful Master and brethren—I was in hopes this toast would have been omitted from the list, because you are aware I dislike making after-dinner speeches; but Worshipful Master and brethren, I should be ungrateful if I did not make some remarks for the very flattering way in which this toast has been drunk in my honour. I have the pleasure to be the father of this lodge, and also the pleasure of initiating, passing, and raising the present W.M. and your I.P.M., who I may fairly say was the first baby I ever introduced into this lodge. I can only say of the ceremony performed this evening that I am pleased it met with your approval, and you know that at all times any services that I can render the lodge are at the command of the W.M.

The following toasts were also proposed and duly honoured: "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Masonic Charities," "The Wardens and other Officers," and the Tyler's toast, but want of space prevents our inserting the remaining speeches.

**ALDERSGATE LODGE (No. 1657).**

—Visit of the Lord Mayor.—On Monday last, the 13th inst., the sixth installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Castle and Falcon Hotel, Aldersgate-street. Being composed mainly of residents in the Ward of Aldersgate, amongst whom are several well-known public men, it possesses a semi-civic character, and has been honoured during its short life by visits from many of the city magnates. This, and the accession to the chair of Bro. Alfred Brookman, who has been recently elected to the Common Council, drew together on Monday night a large and distinguished company, which included Bros. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott, Alderman Staples, and many others.

The lodge was opened at four o'clock, and the following brethren signed their names on the attendance book: Bros. George Kenning, W.M., P.G.D. Middlesex; A. J. Altman, I.P.M.; Alfred Brookman, S.W.; Samuel Benton, I.W.; Rev. Richard Lee, Chaplain; John Derby Alleroff, Treasurer; Thos. Jones, Secretary; Samuel White, S.D.; E. Y. Jolliffe, J.D.; Thos. Benskin, D.C.; Edward Anderton, D.C.; Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, P.M.; Arthur B. Hudson; John Larkin; H. C. Levander, Grand Deacon, Prov. G. Sec. Middx.; Joseph Renals; Matthew R. Webb; Holden; Geo. Vickery; Wm. H. Froom; W. S. Chapman; Fred. Crookford; H. Matthews; P. Saillard; and H. Thomas, Tyler.

Amongst those who signed the visitors' book were: Bros. Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor, W.M. No. 1; Hon. R. W. H. Giddy, D.G.M. Griqualand; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.; Hugh D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal; Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott, P.G.W., P.M. 1; J. M. Case, P.G.D., P.M. 1; Capt. N. G. Phillips, P.G.D.; J. M. P. Montagu, P.G.D.; J. Lewis Thomas, F.S.A., P.A.G.D.C.; Edgar Bowyer, P.P.S.G.W. Herts; C. F. Hogard, P.P.S.G.W. Essex; John O. Carter, P.P.S.G.W. Berks and Bucks; Dr. H. J. Strong, P.P.J. G.W. Surrey; H. Parker, P.P.G. Org. Middx.; Chas. J. Smith, P.P.G.W. Sussex; J. Holah, 1; Alderman J. Staples, 1; Ralph Gooding, P.M. and Sec. 1; Bradshaw Brown, S.W. 1; R. H. Crowden, P.M. 1297; W. McNeill, 101; T. Snowden, 90; W. F. Fitch, 1541; J. Sheppard Scott, 181; Thos. J. Smith, P.M. 280; Dr. Chas. Hogg, P.M. 92; Walter Beard, P.M. 101; T. Beard, P.M. 101; J. Slade Brown, P.M. 1056; Dr. William Wallford, 195; Thomas C. Tatham, W.M. 1610; Harry Brookman, 11; Jas. Horwoods, P.M. 28; D. J. Daws, P.M. 862; M. A. Hyman, 188; Benj. Turner, P.M. 1328; Thos. M. Jarvis, D.C. 1560; J. Andrews, W.M. 173; F. G. Barns, 766; S. H. Soper, S.W. 732; Louis Hirsch, P.M. 1818; C. E. Soppett, P.M. 1627; Edwin Moore, 1071; C. Grammer, 1673; P. Alpter, 1671; W. Edgar Lemm, 1572; J. De-wellyn Jones, 657; H. Warden, 1671; George Rawlinson, 754; Robert G. Weed, P.M. 1706; J. Bergman, 1671; E. Milling, 1670; John Hodges, S.W. 1706; G. T. Carter, P.M. 387; W. W. Rust, W.M. 28; R. A. Morgan, S.W. 1671; W. M. Winn, 255; and Wm. Lake, P.M. 131, P.P.G. Reg. Cornwall (*Freemason*).

Bro. George Kenning opened the lodge, and after the reading and confirmation of the minutes, and other routine business, the W.M. requested the Grand Secretary, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, to perform the ceremony of installation. Bro. Kenning then presented the Senior Warden, Bro. Brookman, for that ceremony; and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, he was inducted into the chair of King Solomon, the Grand Secretary fulfilling his task in his well-known impressive and perfect manner. After the re-admission of the brethren the usual addresses were given, and the new Master was heartily welcomed and saluted in due form. He then proceeded to install his officers as follows: Bros. George Kenning, I.P.M.; Dr. S. Benton, S.W.; S. White, J.W.; Rev. R. Lee, Chap.; J. D. Alleroff, P.M., Treas.; T. Jones, Sec.; E. Y. Jolliffe, S.D.; Geo. Sims, J.D.; H. Matthews, I.G.; E. Anderton, M. of C.; W. S. Chapman and W. H. Froom, Stewards; G. Vickery, W.S.; and H. Thomas, Tyler.

The I.P.M., Bro. Kenning, then proposed that the sum of thirty guineas should be given to the three Masonic Charities, being ten guineas each to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the Girls' School, and the Boys' School. This was carried; and the Secretary then read communications from many distinguished brethren expressive of their regret at being unable to be present. A letter from the widow of the late Tyler of the lodge was also read, and the I.P.M., Bro. Kenning, proposed that a sum of £5 5s. be voted to her in addition to an amount of £1 1s. which was due to her late husband from the lodge.

After "Hearty good Wishes" from the representatives of the numerous lodges present, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, and here we must note the energetic action and fertility of resource shown by the host, Bro. Benskin. Notwithstanding that on the installation of Bro. Kenning a room had been found capable of holding the large company (upwards of one hundred) then assembled, it became apparent that increased room must be found for those expected on Monday. A "happy thought" resulted in the fitting up of an elegant marquee in the open space adjoining the coffee-room, which was floored and tastefully decorated, and which in the almost summer temperature of this week reminded one of a cricket or archery dinner in the season. We commend this arrangement to all who take an interest in the utilization of "waste and open spaces."

At the banquet the chair was occupied by Bro. Brookman, who was supported on the right by the Lord Mayor, and the other distinguished visitors, and on the left by the I.P.M., Bro. Kenning, and the Past Masters of the lodge. On the removal of the cloth the W.M. rose to propose the usual toasts—those of "The Queen and the Craft," and "The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, the Prince of Wales," being as ever most heartily received.

In giving that of "The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, and the other Grand Officers," the W.M. said that their store of loyalty was not exhausted by the preceding toasts; they had to acknowledge their obligations to those who governed them so well. That evening they had the honour of having present several Grand Officers, and he had simply to say that the Craft in general were perfectly satisfied with the way in which its interests were managed. They felt under a great obligation to those noble men and gentlemen who gave their great abilities, and so much of their time, and he hoped they would show by the manner in which the toast was received that for this they thanked them. They further thanked them for the compliment: they had paid the Aldersgate Lodge in being with them that evening. He coupled the toast with the name of Bro. Hon. R. W. H. Giddy, District Grand Master of Griqualand.

Bro. Giddy, in reply, said that his best thanks were due for the hearty manner in which the toast had been received, and also said they would perhaps pardon the diffidence with which he replied in the presence of so many distinguished visitors. He need scarcely refer to the Grand Master, or Pro Grand Master, as he was more immediately called to reply for the Grand Officers present. All felt it to be a great honour to be the guests of the Aldersgate Lodge that evening; they had watched with great interest its success, and all joined in heartily wishing it continued prosperity.

"The Health of the Worshipful Master" was next given by Bro. George Kenning, who, in introducing it, said it was his privilege, as the Immediate Past Master of the Aldersgate Lodge, to propose the health of their newly-installed W.M., Bro. Alfred Brookman. He had very much pleasure in so doing, although he regretted not being able to do it so well as he would wish to do. He feared he should not do him justice or give him his due meed of praise, but happily he need not enlarge on his good qualities to the members of that lodge because they had all had many opportunities of witnessing them; but he would say, for the information of their distinguished visitors, that Bro. Brookman was initiated in that lodge, that he had served some of



the offices with a considerable amount of energy and zeal, that he had acted as Steward of the Charities, and that as such he was to represent that lodge at the forthcoming festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, at which their Bro. the Lord Mayor had kindly consented to preside. Bro. Brookman had also joined a very old and distinguished lodge, the Grand Masters', No. 1, of which their distinguished Bro. the Lord Mayor was the present Worshipful Master. They had already had a taste of the liberality of their Worshipful Master by the grand banquet and summer outing he gave the whole of the members of the lodge at the Forest Hotel. He thought he should express the feelings of all in congratulating him on the honour lately conferred upon him by his election as a member of their City Parliament, in which he represented that Ward of Aldersgate, from which the lodge took its name. Not only was he elected, but he was sent in at the head of the poll. This he thought was a very good test of a man's worth, when he was singled out by his neighbours and friends,—men who had worked with him for a number of years,—to be their representative; and as their brother, the Treasurer, had said on a former occasion, "When a man conducted his own business properly, he was the proper one to be entrusted with the business of others." He had no hesitation in saying that it was the earnest wish of every member of that lodge, that, in that august body the Court of Common Council, over which their Bro. the Lord Mayor so ably presided, Bro. Alfred Brookman might be as much appreciated as he was in the Aldersgate Lodge.

Bro. Brookman thanked the I.P.M. for the kind expressions he had used with respect to himself, and for their reception by the brethren. In occupying that chair he felt great responsibility; he had to succeed those who were the founders of the Lodge. That evening the work of the lodge passed into the hands of those who had been introduced into Masonry by it, and being the first of those initiates called upon to occupy the position of W.M., it seemed incumbent upon him to show to the utmost of his ability that the lodge should not suffer in prosperity by so doing. He would endeavour so to act that, at the end of his year of office, they should consider he had tried to deserve all the kind things that had been said of him.

The W.M. then said that he was about to introduce a toast which was not strictly Masonic, but one which he was sure they would acknowledge with great heartiness. They had that evening a guest whose presence was always felt to be a great honour in whatever assembly he might be; and in proposing "The Health of Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor" he was proposing the health of one whom, as Masons, they were delighted to honour. In his position of Chief Magistrate of that great city, the Lord Mayor acted as the acknowledged minister of the charity of England. The first citizen of the first city of the world occupied a grand position, and especially should the citizens of London be careful as to whom is accorded that position. In Bro. the Lord Mayor they had one whom they could honour, not only as a man who would add dignity to that exalted position, but also as one whom they could respect and look up to as a good Mason; and if high Masonic honours should also be bestowed upon him, the Craft generally would acknowledge the discretion with which such honours were given. He congratulated himself on having the pleasure of belonging to No. 1 Lodge, of which the Lord Mayor was W.M., and thanked him for so kindly appropriating that evening to be with the Aldersgate Lodge.

The Lord Mayor, in replying, remarked that the W.M. had said in his speech he trusted they would consider many things that were not said, as having been said; what a number of inflictions that would save them if they could admit it, but, unfortunately, everybody thought that the Lord Mayor must be possessed of a great deal of wisdom, and were not satisfied unless it was expressed. One feeling animated his breast, and that was, that among the many pleasures of his position there were none equal to those of Masonry, where brotherly love reigned supreme, and he must be less than a man who could swerve from those high principles laid down in the lodge. If, as the W.M. had said, the Lord Mayor was the high priest of charity, he might be allowed to say that there were no nobler institutions than those that the Freemasons supported, and in the many meetings he attended when the claims of charity were advocated he had never seen better collections than those made in a Freemasons' lodge. As to the forthcoming festival of the Boys' School, at which he should have the honour to preside, he trusted and looked forward to a result that should compare favourably with the past. (Applause.)

The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, the Grand Secretary," and in doing so, congratulated the lodge and the brethren present on the great treat they had had in hearing the ceremony performed in so perfect a manner. The beautiful ritual, rendered with that charm which few could give, he need hardly say had deeply impressed him. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke had that day been elected an honorary member, and he trusted they should often have the pleasure of seeing him amongst them.

Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, in reply, said that they had had the misfortune of listening to his voice a great deal that evening, but he must tell them that it had been to him a great honour and pleasure to be selected as the Installing Master. He had been unfortunate hitherto with the Aldersgate Lodge; he had always been invited, and always prevented from attending. Last year he was asked to make a note of this date, and was pleased to say that at last he was able to be with them. The lodge was much to be congratulated on the position it had achieved in the Order. The last two years it had been under the rule of Bro. Kenning, and it was evident they preferred quality to quantity. Numbers were to most young lodges the great stumbling block; it was better to have one good member than twenty bad ones. It must be a source of pride to the W.M. to preside at that great meeting, surrounded as he was by many Grand Officers and the Lord Mayor, and he also congratulated him on arriving at the chair of so distinguished a lodge in such a comparatively short space of time.

The next was the toast of "The Visitors," which was one the Aldersgate Lodge like to have well received; they had that night a list of visitors whom they were proud to welcome. The names were too numerous to mention individually, but they welcomed all in the same degree. Amongst those present was one who was thoroughly well known and respected in that part of the City, the Alderman of the Ward, Bro. Staples, whom they were especially glad to see. He would wish to couple the toast with the

name of a brother, who, during his reign at the Mansion House, not only distinguished his year by the munificence of his hospitality, but who took the occasion of his high office to gather together such an assembly of Masons to meet the Grand Master as would always be a happy remembrance to those who had the privilege of being present, he alluded to their distinguished guest, Bro. Sir Francis Truscott.

Bro. Sir Francis Truscott, in reply, said that he should wish to do full justice to the toast that had been so kindly put by the W.M., and he flattered himself he should have had something to say if the Grand Secretary had not travelled over the ground he had intended to cover. This, however, he could say, that he had spent a pleasant evening, and enjoyed the feast. Bro. Kenning, in asking the Grand Secretary to perform the ceremony of installation had secured to them a great treat, and he congratulated the W.M. on entering office under such good auspices. Bro. Alderman Staples, whose name had been mentioned by the W.M., was not only a good Mason, but a good magistrate, and reflected great credit on the Ward he represented. With regard to the banquet given to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, he considered it the greatest honour conferred on him during his year of office. He was pleased that the W.M. had had such a numerous and distinguished company present, and wished him a prosperous year.

In proposing the toast of "The Past Masters," the W.M. said that at that hour he would not dilate on their good deeds; suffice it to say that they thought it a great advantage to have had as their first Worshipful Master, Bro. J. D. Allcroft, a brother who so thoroughly exemplified the landmarks of their Order, viz., Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. Then followed Bro. Brette, whose genial influence diffused itself all through the lodge, and who had done so much for Masonic charity, and was so eminent in all good works; then there was Bro. Altman, whom they all so thoroughly appreciated; and Bro. Kenning, the I.P.M., to whom he now presented the jewel of the lodge, to express how highly they regarded the work Bro. Kenning had done. He had so gained the esteem of the lodge that they elected him a second time as W.M. They had heard that night the lodge had voted an additional sum to be appropriated as Mrs. Kenning should wish. She wished that the cause of charity should be a gainer by the compliment, and although, perhaps, the lodge would have liked that something personal should have been chosen, still they respected the decision, and he thanked Bro. and Mrs. Kenning for having endowed the chair in the way they had done; and not only did Mrs. Kenning wish the sum voted should be appropriated towards one of the Charitable Institutions of the Craft, but with a generosity which must win the admiration of all of them, she, with our brother, supplemented that sum with an additional amount of twenty guineas, making, therefore, fifty guineas, to endow the chair of the lodge with a Vice-Presidency; and he was privileged to say that the amount would appear upon his list as Steward for the Boys' Institution, over the festival of which their distinguished guest, the Lord Mayor, had consented to preside. Under Bro. Kenning the lodge had developed in numbers and prosperity, and he had set an example which he (the W.M.) should find it difficult to follow.

Bro. Kenning said that he had been requested by his brother Past Masters to reply on their behalf, and he could assure the Worshipful Master that they would do all in their power to support him to uphold the dignity of the chair. For himself, he thanked him very much for the kind remarks he had been pleased to make in presenting him with that jewel for his 1880 year of office. When he looked at the sterling quality of the metal of which it was made, it would remind him of the sterling friendships he had made in the Aldersgate Lodge; and when he looked at the diamond surmounting the jewel, it would still further remind him of the genuineness and the value of those friendships. They had been pleased to make a further acknowledgment of his services for 1881, by voting double the amount of the first year's gift, and this in the form of a compliment to Mrs. Kenning, for which his wife wished him to thank them very much. He supposed the reason for doubling the amount was because a man's wife was his better half. This was quite right. It was a satisfaction to him that whilst he came into office with a balance due to the Treasurer, he left the chair with a handsome balance in the Treasurer's hands. In conclusion, he would thank the whole of the members for the great kindness and consideration they had shown him during the two years he had had the honour of occupying the proud position of Worshipful Master of the Aldersgate Lodge.

The W.M. next proposed "The Healths of the Treasurer and Secretary," and said that they had as Treasurer one whose name it seemed natural to associate with that responsible office. Bro. Allcroft, who honoured them by taking that post, was one who possessed in himself all that could be attributed to a good Mason, and, in proposing his health, he ventured to introduce a subject which was personal to himself, but one also of great interest to the community at large—he meant the remarkable recovery of his grand picture "The Monarch of the Meadows," by Sidney Cooper. At one time there seemed too much reason to fear that wanton destruction had been its fate; but all art lovers in the world would rejoice that the chief work of one of England's greatest artists had not been so dealt with. The loss would not only have been one to their esteemed brother, but a national one. They therefore rejoiced with him that he had regained possession of it. They had, in their Secretary, Bro. Thomas Jones, one most indefatigable, who entered into the work of that position with that assiduity and zeal which can be given when the labour is one of love. They gave him their sincerest thanks.

Bro. J. Derby Allcroft, in reply, thanked them for the kindness with which they had received his name, and the remarks with which the W.M. had introduced it. As Treasurer, he was pleased to say that the balance was on the right side. It appeared that by some mysterious dispensation of Providence his mission in life seemed to be that of Treasurer to whatever body or society he was connected with, and he thought they would agree with him that he had rather more than his share of treasurerships, but it gave him much pleasure to be of service in this way while he had health and strength. With regard to the Treasurership of Christ's Hospital, he thought that there was no higher position a man need covet than that. He had since been appointed Treasurer for the Hospital for Incurables, and he was also privileged to be connected in the same capacity with many other useful institutions. He had much pleasure in fulfilling the office of Treasurer of the Aldersgate Lodge, and was gratified at seeing the

balance change sides during the past two years, and he congratulated the W.M. that this result had come about by the time of his accession to office. With respect to the work of art alluded to by the W.M., which had been restored to him, it had been really painful to see the artist look at the empty frame, and pass his hand over all that remained of his work. He was, as might be supposed, much gratified at the restoration, and he hoped it would be handed down to posterity, as nearly perfect as possible, as the greatest work of the artist.

The Secretary, Bro. T. Jones, also replied. The W.M. next gave the toast of "The Officers of the Lodge," and said that it was a great satisfaction to feel that every brother who had taken office had done so with the full determination to conscientiously carry out the work of the lodge. He thanked them for entering into the work in such a spirit; it left it much more easy for him to be the Master.

Bro. Benton, S.W., in reply, said that he intended to master his duties, and support the W.M. in the way such a worthy master deserved.

Bro. Samuel White, J.W., also replied. He had been a member of the Aldersgate Lodge since the commencement, and if there was anything that would make a good man it would be the membership of the Aldersgate Lodge. They had in it good Masonry, and, what was better, true clarity.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings. During the evening a select programme of music was given, under the direction of Bro. Robert Raynham, the vocalists being Master Arthur Probert, Master Gussie Toop, Bro. J. L. Hodges, G. T. Carter, R. De Lacey, and W. Winn; accompanist, Bro. H. Parker.

**LANCASTER.—Rowley Lodge (No. 1051).—**The monthly meeting of this lodge, the first after the installation of W.M., took place on the 6th inst., in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum. There was a fair attendance of brethren and also of visitors, who had been induced to be present by the announcement that the W.M. (Bro. J. E. Hannah) would deliver a short lecture on "The Freemasons' Lodge. Supporting the W.M. in the respective chairs were Bro. N. Helme, Treas., as I.P.M.; Cutts, S.W.; A. Stanley, J.W.; H. Longman, Sec.; H. C. Moore, S.D.; J. Irvin, J.D.; and J. Stanley, acting I.G.

The minutes of the installation meeting having been confirmed, the W.M. proceeded to give his lecture as announced, first stating, however, that the subject he had taken up "The Freemasons' Lodge," was too comprehensive to be dealt with in the lecture, and he would therefore make it the first of a series on the same topic. This announcement was received with applause. The particular point treated upon in the introductory lecture was the consecration of the lodge, which was handled in a very pleasant and interesting manner; the illustrations brought forward showing that a considerable amount of research had been made into Masonic lore by the W.M., and compressed into a terse, instructive, and explanatory narrative for the benefit of the brethren. A short discussion followed and at the close a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Hannah.

In reply, the W.M. stated that it would be his pleasure to give lectures on Masonic matters on those evenings when there was no special work before the lodge, or even when there was if the brethren were willing to stay and listen to him. He had also pleasure in informing them that other members of the lodge had promised to give occasional lectures. The usual proclamations were then made, and the lodge closed with the customary formalities.

**MANCHESTER.—St. David's Lodge (No. 1147).—**The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Thursday, the 9th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street. The following members were present: Bro. J. Oliver Evans, W.M.; Frank Griffin, S.W.; R. Barlow, J.W.; Ishmael Davis, P.M. Treas.; Mark Fairweather, Sec.; S. J. Naphthali, I.G.; Thos. R. Peel, P.M.; Ellis Jones, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; Thos. Elliott, P.M.; Ed. Williams, P.M.; Thos. Gibson, R. P. Wood, Frank Roberts, Robert Davies, Samuel Wood, Edward Rawlinger and Kinlock, Visitors; Bro. John Chadwick, P.M. 44, Prov. Grand Sec.; J. Gibb Smith, P.P.G.D.; F. H. Jenkins, P.M. 999, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Wilson, 1459; H. H. Peel, C. Woodall, 44; T. Kershaw, 1030; J. McGrath, S.W. 1496; Walter Biggs, 1496; Jno. Westall, 852; W. W. Dawson, P.M. 1219; Sergt. Major O. Johnson (Queens Bays), J.W. 215; Sergt. Major Beck, (63rd Regt.); W. Brandon, P.M. 1219; G. F. Gent, 1496; T. Biddulph, P.M. 1009; Edwin Hardon, P.M. 64, 1030, P.P.S.G.D.; and R. Lisenden, J.D. 317 (Freemason).

The lodge was opened at four o'clock. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the balance sheet, which presented a very satisfactory appearance, was commented upon by the Auditors and adopted.

The installation ceremony then commenced, Bro. S. O. Evans being the Installing Master, assisted by Bro. Thos. R. Peel, P.M. The W.M. elect, Bro. Frank Griffin, after being presented to the Installing Master, was, with due rite and ceremony, inducted into the chair of K.S., and proclaimed and saluted in the customary manner.

The new W.M. then appointed his officers for the year, who were severally invested and addressed by Bro. Peel, P.M., as follows: Bro. H. Barlow, S.W.; M. Fairweather, J.W.; I. Davies, Treas.; S. J. Naphthali, Sec.; R. P. Wood, S.D.; E. Roberts, J.D.; D. Forest, I.G.; J. Taylor, P.M., D.C.; W. Cole (by proxy), Org.; R. Renshaw, S. Wood, R. Davies, Stewards; J. Sly, Tyler.

The three addresses were well delivered by Bro. Peel, P.M. Before the lodge closed, Bro. I. Davies gave notice of motion for next meeting, that the sum of £20 be voted from the lodge funds to the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Benevolent Institution. "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the visitors, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 6 o'clock.

The brethren afterwards proceeded to the Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly, to celebrate the festival of St. John, where a grand banquet had been prepared for them, which, when finished, the toast list was gone through. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been honoured, Bro. J. Oliver Evans rose to propose "The Health of the W.M.," and, in doing so, remarked that this toast was always well received in the St. David's Lodge. Their Worshipful Master was a brother who was dear to the heart of every member of that lodge, and he knew it. His disposition was geniality itself, and all his words were

frankness. Under his coat beat a heart that was truly Masonic; and he (Bro. Evans), judging from the *personel* of the lodge, was sure that their W.M. would not lack any assistance he might require while he was in the chair from the Past Masters and brethren of St. David's Lodge, who would only be too happy to oblige him. He could say that, speaking from personal experience, when he took the position which Bro. Griffin now occupied, that it was one of great responsibility, but with such a body of officers around him he found it almost a sinecure; and he thought that their newly-elected W.M. would say likewise. He called upon the brethren to drink prosperity and happiness to their new W.M.

The invitation was warmly responded to, and, in reply, the W.M. said that for the kind and hearty good wishes addressed to him he most cordially thanked the brethren. Freemasonry was, he held, established upon principles of friendship, kindness, and conviviality, and especially upon the great principle of charity. He was glad to say the St. David's Lodge had placed itself in the happy position of being able to dispense a certain amount to Masonic charity, and that at the same time it was nearly out of debt and danger. Upon that joyous and festive occasion he had only one desire, and one thing to look forward to, and it was the future welfare of St. David's Lodge. He thought that every W.M. should desire that at the end of his year of office to leave the chair in a better position than he found it. In saying he did not wish to draw any inference as to previous P.M.'s, he thought at the same time it was always a credit to a man to wish to do better than his predecessor had done. He concluded by thanking the brethren for the great honour they had done him, and expressed a hope that the forthcoming year would be one of success for the lodge, and that its meetings would be characterised by that kindly feeling and harmony which had ever existed among them.

Bro. E. Williams, in proposing the toast of "The Visiting Brethren," considered it was the toast of the evening, because on that occasion the visitors formed the major portion of the company. Amongst the principles of the Craft, three of the most prominent, he thought, were fraternity, sociality, and hospitality. As a nation, he believed we excelled in these qualities. We might not be as polished as some of our brethren on the Continent, but he challenged them in the matter of hospitality. We as a people were hospitable, but hospitable though we were, he did not know where in this little isle of ours hospitality was more fully and beautifully exemplified than in our Masonic lodges. He was especially pleased to see their military brethren amongst them that evening. He confessed to a great weakness for a scarlet coat; but, apart from that, he could assure those brethren they were heartily welcome to the St. David's Lodge.

Bros. W. W. Dawson, P.M. 1219; Ed. Hardon, P.P. G.D.; and Serjt.-Major J. Johnson replied.

Bro. Ishmael Davies, I.P.M., proposed "The Charities," which was well received.

Bro. T. R. Peel, P.M., proposed "The Masonic Press" in eulogistic terms, to which Bros. R. R. Lisenden and Walter Biggs (*Manchester Guardian*) responded.

The brethren, after spending a most enjoyable evening, separated about eleven o'clock.

**WATERLOO.**—Skelmersdale Lodge (No. 138a).—Since its consecration in 1871, when the present esteemed D.G.M. and Prov. G.M. of W. Lanc., Bro. the Earl of Lathom, was chosen as the first W.M., and served that office during the initial twelve months of its existence, the Skelmersdale Lodge has held a prominent and honourable position in the province of which it forms part; and there were evidences at the annual installation ceremony last week that the true Masonic spirit and enthusiasm still prevail amongst its members. The yearly festival meeting took place on Monday, the 6th inst., at the Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, near Liverpool (where the ordinary meetings have been held for some time), and the whole of the afternoon and evening's proceedings were of a most successful and enjoyable nature.

The proceedings were announced to commence at two o'clock, and punctually at that hour the chair was taken by Bro. R. H. Exton, I.P.M., acting W.M. of the lodge; and amongst those present were Bros. E. Ford, P.M.; Rev. T. W. Richardson, P.M.; F. W. Barnes, S.W., W.M. elect; F. Smitton, J.W.; H. A. Tobias, P.P.G.S. of W.; Richard Brown, P.P.G.T., Treas.; R. A. Davis, Sec.; G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C., M.C.; H. E. Betts, J.D.; A. F. Williamson, I.G.; W. H. Ball, Tyler; A. M. Hare, J. Wortley, H. M. Quick, J. Lewis, J. Almond, W. S. Limrick, G. Ratcliffe, and others. The visitors included Bros. A. Levy, P.D.G. Treas.; R. W. Richardson, No. 8 (Cork); Dr. F. J. Bailey, P.G.S.; T. R. Hughes, P.M. 1013; T. Marwood, P.P.G.J.W.; R. Martin, P.M. 1182; J. O. Marples, A.S. 1609; M. Pearson, J.D. 1080; J. B. MacKenzie, Treas. 1609; and W. G. Richardson, 597. Mr. John Jones, who was unanimously elected, was first initiated by the acting W.M. in a highly proficient and impressive manner.

Previous to the installation ceremony, Bro. the Rev. T. W. Richardson, P.M., called the attention of the brethren to the fact that Bro. Brown, their Treasurer was present that day for the first time since his recent long and severe illness. He (Bro. Richardson) was sure that every brother would rejoice to see him once more amongst them, and he was sure that every one would join in the earnest hope that he (Bro. Brown) would long be spared to perform the duties which had been of so much value to Freemasonry.

Bro. Brown thanked the brethren for their kind expression of feeling, and said it was indeed a pleasure to be again present amongst the brethren of the Skelmersdale Lodge.

Bro. F. W. Barnes was afterwards installed W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. H. A. Tobias, P.G.S. of W., and the following officers were subsequently appointed: Bros. F. Smitton, S.W.; R. A. Davies, J.W.; E. Ford, P.M., Treas.; H. A. Tobias, P.M., Sec.; H. E. Betts, S.D.; A. F. Williamson, J.D.; G. Ratcliffe, I.G.; J. Lewis, Org.; G. Broadbridge, P.M., M.C.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. Bro. R. H. Exton, P.M., assisted in the impressive ceremony of installation.

At the conclusion of the installation ceremony, the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, at the Queen's Hotel, under the presidency of the W.M., and during the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and cordially responded to.

The toast of "The W.D.P.G.M., Bro. the Right Hon.

Frederick A. Stanley, and the Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge, Present and Past," was responded to by Bro. H. A. Tobias, P.G.S. of W.; and Bro. Dr. Bailey, P.G.S.

In responding to "The Masonic Charitable Institutions," Bro. G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C., one of the Hon. Secretaries of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, said that these Charities were all doing well, thanks to the liberality of the brethren generally. The Charity which most directly appealed to their hearts was the West Lancashire, and he was pleased to say that the members of the Skelmersdale Lodge had done their duty admirably with respect to it. From the last report it appeared that the income from all sources during the year had amounted to about £1540, but on the other hand the committee had seen it their duty to expend about £1000 on the education and clothing of the children during the same period. Probably next year they would have to exceed that amount in consequence of the longer period which the children are now kept in connection with and receiving the benefits of the Institution. He asked the brethren to remember that an increase in the funds of the Charity should not warrant any decrease in the amount of the interest shown in the Institution, as it would not surprise him (Bro. Broadbridge) if within a short period they would not have to spend annually a sum of £1500 to carry out efficiently the objects of the "West Lancashire." No fewer than fifty-one children had been placed on the foundation of the Institution during the year, and there was every prospect that that number would be doubled before long.

Bro. Exton gave "The Health of the Worshipful Master," which, having been cordially received, was responded to in fitting terms by Bro. Barnes, W.M., who expressed his sense of the high honour conferred on him that evening.

"The Visitors," given by Bro. H. A. Tobias, was acknowledged by Bros. Levy, Mackenzie, and W. G. Richardson; and the remaining toasts were "The Installing Masters," "The W. P.M.'s," and "The Officers."

A capital musical programme was given during the evening, the chief vocalist being Br. Webster Williams, No. 1609.

**YORK.**—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 13th inst. Bro. G. Simpson, the W.M., presided, and was supported by Bro. T. B. Whythead, P.M.; C. G. Padel, P.M.; G. Balmford, P.M.; and the whole of the officers, with a number of brethren. The business consisted of the passing to the Second Degree of Bros. the Rev. S. Edge and J. Menuell. Bro. Whythead presented to the lodge, on behalf of the Pentalfa Lodge, Washington, an "In Memoriam" Masonic biography and portrait of the late President of the United States, and a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Pentalfa Lodge for its fraternal gift. Two candidates were proposed, and the lodge was closed harmoniously, the brethren afterwards meeting at refreshment.

**INSTRUCTION.**

**JOPPA LODGE** (No. 188).—On the 7th inst., the regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C., when Bro. T. T. Phillips, J.W. 1929, was elected W.M., and appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Hughes, S.W.; J. Bottebol, J.W.; A. Bottebol, S.D.; Rose, J.D.; Kinley, I.G.; and Dobbs, Sec.

The lodge having been regularly opened, and minutes of previous meeting confirmed, the W.M. proceeded with the initiation ceremony, Bro. Benjamin being the candidate, after which the Third Degree was rehearsed, Bro. Benjamin again acting as candidate; the W.M. delivering the historical lecture in a faultless manner. The lodge was then resumed, and, on proposition of Bro. Dobson, Bro. Hughes was unanimously elected to fill the chair for the ensuing week, he appointing his officers in rotation.

Bro. Dobson next proposed a vote of thanks, to be recorded on the minutes, to Bro. Phillips; and after complimenting him in highest terms possible, trusted to have him again occupying the chair, when they hoped to have from him the charges and a lecture on the tracing boards.

Bro. Phillips, in returning thanks, expressed the pleasure he felt from the hearty reception accorded him from so numerous an assemblage of brethren; also for their vote of thanks, and would on some future occasion attempt to realise the desire of Bro. Dobson.

The lodge was then closed, and adjourned to the following Tuesday. Bro. Chillingworth had made excellent arrangements for the occasion.

**PATTISON LODGE** (No. 913).—The members of the above lodge had a grand Masonic treat offered them on Thursday evening, the 9th inst., at the Royal Mortar Hotel, Woolwich, when the Fifteen Sections were worked by Bro. W. T. Barnes, P.M. 554 and 933, assisted by fifteen "wise men from the East," who certainly deserved the hearty applause that greeted their every and individual reciting of the sublime and beautiful teachings of the Order as demonstrated in the Sections under notice.

The lodge was opened soon after seven, Bro. Barnes, P.M., in the chair, supported by Bros. Cundick, P.M. 1421, as S.W.; W. H. Myers, P.M. 820 and 1445, as J.W.; W. Musto, P.M. 1349, as I.P.M.; J. H. Stephens, S.D.; Norden, J.D.; Eschwege, I.G.; and H. Mabbett, O.G.

- The Sections were worked as follows:—  
**FIRST LECTURE.**  
 1st Section by Bro. W. J. Musto.  
 2nd " " " Macdonald, J.D. 1445.  
 3rd " " " Loane, D.C. 1421.  
 4th " " " Norden, P.M. 205.  
 5th " " " Moss, S.D. 1275.  
 6th " " " Webb, P.M. 1607 and 174.  
 7th " " " Cundick, P.M. 1421.  
**SECOND LECTURE.**  
 1st Section by Bro. Hopkins, 749.  
 2nd " " " Eschwege, 1349.  
 3rd " " " Macdonald, 1445.  
 4th " " " Musto, 1349.  
 5th " " " J. H. Stephens, 1627.  
**THIRD LECTURE.**  
 1st Section by Bro. W. H. Myers.  
 2nd " " " Stewart, 1278.  
 3rd " " " Stephens.

Besides the above the following brethren were present, viz.: Bros. Cook, W.M. 913; Past Masters Denton, Pen-

fold, Butter, and Hayes, all of No. 913; H. Mason, S.W. 913; Edmunds, 913; Capt. Eugene Sweny, I.P.M. 706 Hoeftman, 913; Franklin, 913; Towns, 913; Randall 913; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*).

The well-known names of the workers will at once show them to belong to the Doric Lodge of Instruction, with which they have so long and honourably been connected, and nothing could be more impressive than the sight of Bro. Barnes, a grand old Mason, of seventy-three years of age, sitting in the W.M.'s chair, and questioning his splendid band of workers, who answered, even the most intricate question, without a falter. The Masonic account of the Creation was a superb sermon eloquently rendered by Bro. Eschwege. Bro. Musto, who gave the Architectural Section in the Second Degree, was grandly clear and unhesitating.

Before the lodge was closed, Bro. Butter proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Barnes and the whole of the brethren of the Doric Lodge, who had given them that night such a Masonic treat, and was sorry that there were not more of the Pattison brethren to meet them. It had occurred through a series of misadventures that it would be useless to attempt to explain.

Bro. Hayes, in seconding the resolution, stated that he had heard that wisdom came from the East, and they had seen what the fifteen "wise men from the East" could do in Masonry. For himself, he was extremely gratified, and felt that the Doric Lodge must be proud of such a band of workers. They had themselves an excellent Preceptor in Bro. Denton, and was pleased to find that both his and their working was upon the same lines.

Bro. Penfold also bore testimony, eloquently but briefly, to the splendid working.

In response, Bro. Barnes expressed the pleasure it gave him to be present, and assured the brethren of the Pattison Lodge that if there had been fifty Sections to work he could have found fifty men to do them. (Cheers.)

Bro. Musto paid a high compliment to Bro. Barnes, and gave a most humorous account of a journey made by them to a lodge of instruction at Richmond. They had also been to Yarmouth and other places, but he was always glad to come down to Woolwich, and see Bros. Hayes, Penfold, Butter, and, in fact, all his Masonic friends there.

After partaking of refreshments the Doric brethren retired, amid the good wishes of all, and took train for the "East."

**DORIC LODGE** (No. 933).—This lodge met as usual on Friday, the 10th inst., at Bro. J. Clayton's Duke's Head, Whitechapel-road, E. Bro. W. Richardson presided and was ably supported by Bros. Dovey, S.W.; C. H. Bardouleau, jun.; J. West, S.D.; J. A. Pringle, J.D.; A. Benabo, I.G., Past Master B. Cundick, Preceptor; W. Musto, Hon. Secretary; and C. H. Webb. Also Bros. R. Durell, W.M. 1349; A. S. Judd, T. Loane, Hopkins, S. Y. Waterer, J. Boulton, W. Grounds, Brown, Stephens, and others. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous lodge meeting were submitted and confirmed. Bro. Durell was tested as to his proficiency and entrusted. Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of passing was worked, Bro. Durell being the candidate. The First, Second, Third, Fourth, and Fifth sections of the lecture were worked by the W.M., and the brethren assisting. Lodge was closed down, and Bro. Dovey was elected for the next meeting. The Auditor's report on the lodge finances was next submitted. This gave satisfactory evidence of the steady support given by the lodge to the Masonic Institution, and to individual cases of distress. A vote of thanks to Bros. J. West, W. J. Musto, and C. H. Bardouleau was unanimously passed, and the report adopted. Bros. P. Masters, B. Cundick, Preceptor and Treasurer, and W. Musto, Hon. Secretary, were re-elected with acclamation to their respective posts, and in accepting their appointment spoke of the pleasure they had taken in bringing the lodge to its present successful condition, to maintain which there would be nothing wanting on their parts.

The brethren of the above lodge have it in contemplation to form in connection with the lodge one of those useful associations, having for their object the balloting for Life Governorship to the three Masonic Institutions. It will be styled the Doric and Friars Masonic Charitable Association, and the first meeting is fixed for the 3rd of March. Brethren cannot do better than send in their names to Bro. Musto, the indefatigable Secretary. Arrangements were also made for working the Fifteen Sections in accordance with the bye-laws. Bro. Myers, P.M., having expressed himself unable to attend on a Friday evening on account of important business, Bro. G. H. Stephens was unanimously elected to work them upon Friday evening, the 24th inst. As Bro. Stephens will have the advantage of the support of many leading workers, a hearty welcome is offered brethren desirous of hearing their rendering. Bro. Dyer was elected W.M. for the ensuing lodge meeting, and lodge was closed, a highly profitable evening having been passed.

**EARL OF ZETLAND LODGE** (No. 1364).—The regular meeting of the above lodge was held on the 11th inst., at Bro. Richardson's, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney. Bro. R. A. Wright, P.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. G. J. Pope, S.W.; J. P. Fitzgerald, P.M. Preceptor; Ernest Wright, P.M. Hon. Sec.; Chamberlain, S.D.; W. Groy, J.D.; Barratt, I.G.; Stephen Crane, Maples, Stephens, and others. After due formalities the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Crane was interrogated and entrusted. Lodge was opened and the ceremony of passing worked. Bro. Fieldwick worked the First and Second Sections of the Lecture and lodge was closed down, and the First and Second Sections of that Lecture were also worked by Bro. Fieldwick, who was assisted by the brethren. Bro. Pope was elected W.M. for the next lodge meeting, and the brethren adjourned until the 25th inst.

**TREDEGAR LODGE** (No. 1625).—The usual meeting of the above lodge was held at Bro. Yates', the Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, E., on the 13th inst. The chair was occupied by Bro. A. G. Clements, supported by Bros. Clarke, S.W.; T. J. Tyer, J.W.; A. Scheerboom, P.M., S.D.; Johnson, J.G.; Job, Stephens, and others. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Johnson was interrogated and entrusted, and subsequently the ceremony of passing was worked. Bro. M. Isaacs was next tested, and the ceremony of raising was well and carefully worked. Several important matters were discussed, and Bro. Clarke having been elected W.M. for the meeting on Monday, the 20th inst., lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

## The Theatres.

"The School for Scandal," always a popular comedy—perhaps the pride of English plays—has been placed on the stage of the "Vaudeville" by Bro. Thorne, and it is quite in order that the singular success which attended its production here some years ago should be repeated, although the cast has much changed. It is just one of those sort of comedies which, though old, is always new. Four hundred and four times was it played ten years ago at the Vaudeville, and it is not unlikely, if the management desire it, it may again come up to that number. On its last representation, though the players left nothing to be desired, the scenery and upholstery were not to be compared with the present effects. Bro. Thorne has studied the smallest detail. Scene II., Act I., must have a charm for the fair sex, being the interior of *Lady Sneerwell's* drawing-room. The second scene of the third act, showing *Charles Surface's* house, is very grand in the extreme; the walls being hung with tapestry and portraits of *Charles Surface's* ancestors. "School for Scandal" is so well known that we need not explain its story. Many a lesson may be learned from it; of course first one foremost that of not speaking ill of one's neighbour, especially where is little or no groundwork of truth in it, and the evil of exaggerating reports of personal characters. Miss Ada Cavendish, as *Lady Teazle*, more especially in the screen scene, advances claims to the admiration with which this actress has been already regarded in the character. Mrs. Stirling gives great expression to the malicious speeches of *Mrs. Candour*. Mrs. Canninge, as *Lady Sneerwell*, fully bears out her part, and Miss Alma Murray makes *Maria* more than usually interesting. Bro. Thorne plays *Crabtree*, his original character. Mr. E. Righton, as the Jew, is not so good as he might be; his get-up is not half Jewish enough. Mr. Lin Rayne, *Sir Benjamin Backbite*, plays, as he is dressed, in a most superb manner. He seems to be quite at home in his part, and acts it with the greatest ease. Of Mr. Farren's *Sir Peter Teazle* it is doubtful if a better or half as good a representative could be found anywhere. The *Charles Surface* of Mr. Henry Neville is absolutely perfect. In the scene of the auction of his ancestor's portraits, and in the screen scene this artist's acting is perfection. The acting of Mr. Frank Archer, who plays the part of *Joseph Surface*, must be highly commended. It is the most difficult part in the whole piece, but we are inclined to think he rather anticipates his part, which is that of his turning out a villain in the end, while he had been acting the hypocrite before society and gulled every one. We do not remember seeing *Careless* better played than by Mr. Crawford. For *Sir Harry Plumper* Bro. Thorne has engaged Bro. Wilford Morgan, whose only appearance is to sing "Here's to the maiden." This alone clearly shows what we said at the beginning, that the greatest pains have been taken with every detail. Probably it would be impossible to beat the cast as a whole. Mr. Sydney Allport, the new acting manager, has added much to the comfortable arrangements for the audience.

The "Mascotte" at the Royal Comedy Theatre is still playing as if it was its first week, and is likely to go on for a long time. In the capital of the country across the Tweed it is meeting with the same well deserved success. Bro. Lionel Brough, as *Laurent*, the King, is received every night with the same applause. Probably no one else would throw so much life into the part as he does. His rage for turning round three times, and ordering all his court to follow suit, on seeing a magpie, and swallowing a caterpillar in a glass of milk from a black cow, to undo bad luck they will bring, causes roars of laughter. Bro. Haynes, as *Rocco*, first a farmer, then the Lord Chamberlain, is particularly attractive. When the King and his Chamberlain disguise themselves as wandering minstrels, playing the bagpipes and flageolet, with the *Princess* (Miss Lottie Venne) playing the tambourine, much amusement is afforded. Miss Violet Cameron, *The Mascotte*, has, if anything, improved with the progress of the opera. So popular and pretty are the airs and songs that *The Mascotte* has now been published as a quadrille, valse, polka, and gallop, and "Glow, Glow," "Love is Blind," can be had separately as songs. In our Bro. D'Albertson, Mr. Henderson has secured an efficient manager and a popular one.

"Manola," produced last Saturday at the Strand Theatre, as we have already stated in these columns, is an adaptation of "Le Jour et la Nuit," which has been running with great success in Paris since November. But, thanks to Mr. H. B. Farnie in bringing it before the English public, it is shorn of every indehency which, we regret, is so popular with the Parisians. We hope no one will feel prevented going to see it in London because the original is not all it should be; but on that very account, not to speak of its own merits, many will go to show their appreciation of Mr. Farnie's commendable efforts, and, perhaps, we may show the Parisians that we can enjoy ourselves in London as well as they can, without touching on the broad. Although the bad is eliminated, dulness is quite avoided in the English version. Perhaps the excellent company gathered together to represent "Manola" makes it at once popular. Every one of our contemporaries have already pronounced in its favour, and one and all predict a long run for it. Some even speak of it as superior to "Olivette," and, perhaps, from a musical point of view, it is, though we are not sure that as a whole it is so taking, but at present we have only seen it once; we hope when we become more acquainted with this new opera to have the same affection for it as for the last two which preceded it. The plot of "Manola" is based on the impersonation by *Manola of Beatrix*, the intended bride of *Dom Brasciro*, a Portuguese nobleman. *Manola* is carried off by *Prince Calabazas*, who brings her to the castle of his friend *Brasciro* on the day when *Beatrix* is expected. *Miguel*, *Brasciro's* equerry, is engaged to *Manola*. Out of curiosity he unlocks the door of the room in which *Manola* is confined. The sudden meeting of the lovers is full of rapture, though full of fear. To escape *Calabazas*, *Manola* impersonates *Beatrix*, *Brasciro's* intended, who has not arrived, but is expected. The latter receives *Manola* with joy—never having seen his intended bride—and informs her the marriage contract will be signed by night. *Miguel* and *Manola* plan flight, when *Beatrix* and her maid, *Tessa*, arrive on the scene. *Manola* and *Beatrix* are old school-fellows. The latter consents that

*Manola* shall impersonate her during the signing of the contract, but that before the signature is placed on the deed is signed she shall make excuse, retire, and *Beatrix* shall take her place. *Prince Calabazas* is confounded when he finds, or believes he has found, he has carried off his friend's bride, and allows his valet, *Pablo*, to represent the bride's uncle—a general. The prince falls in love with *Beatrix*, who has now become, for the purpose of the deception, *Manola's* maid, and much amusement is caused by the jealousy with which *Beatrix* and *Miguel* regard the *Brasciro's* love for *Manola*. The latter, to rid herself from the prince, persuades him to get up into a pigeon house and hide. *Miguel* then takes away the ladder which leaves time for him and *Manola* to escape. *Brasciro* asks *Manola* to sing him a song he has heard, but of course it was *Beatrix* who had sung it and she gets her to help her with it. *Brasciro* is enraptured with it and falls in love with *Beatrix*, and is very glad when he is told she is his wife and the one who signed the contract. *Beatrix*, who has become somewhat jealous of *Manola's* impersonation, and forces herself on *Brasciro*, is given over by *Brasciro* and *Calabazas*, who has a heart for all the fair sex, but on *Brasciro's* wedding *Beatrix*, and *Miguel* marrying *Manola*, contents himself with *Tessa*. It now remains for us, having briefly described the plot, to speak of the characters. *Manola*, who stands first, is Miss Rosa Leo, a lady who has done great credit to the Strand; her singing is almost perfection, specially in the trio by *Manola*, *Beatrix*, and *Miguel*, and in the duet with *Miguel*, "Let us live, let us die," and the "Snake" song came in for a well merited encore, but for this, so did all the songs of Miss Leo, Miss Verona, M. Desmonts and Bro. J. Hill. Miss Leo's voice is soprano, very sweet and powerful. Miss Irene Verona who is *Beatrix*, and takes the second principal ladies' character, was as warmly received. If not so much to do, she has as difficult a part to play. Her bright, smiling face and sweet voice must make her become a permanency on the staff of the Strand. We should say she could be heard in every part of the house, so distinct is her pronunciation. To our mind, in her part in the song to Cupid she was heard to the best advantage. But, besides being able to sing, she can act. We feel justified in what we have said of her in these columns before, and from the way in which the whole Press, from the leading dailies downwards have spoken of her, we have rather underrated her talents than exaggerated; but we take to ourselves the credit of being one of the earliest to mention her as a rising—we may now say risen—actress. Our contemporaries are only following us out. Bro. W. J. Hill, *Prince Calabazas*, was received with great applause before he had uttered a syllable. This was not on account of his vocal accompaniments, for we are not doing our worthy brother any injustice when we say he has no singing talent. But his portly figure, his comical acting and funny speeches, together with the songs he does say or sing, fairly bring the house down. Most amusing is the scene where he is suspended in the dovecot. Much laughter is produced when he speaks, for instance, he has a passion for falling in love. He declares he "has given up food for the ladies"—his figure does not look like it. "Oh, women, women, you can twist me round your finger, and a pretty good twist too." "I am in love, you might blow me away." He dines with the landlady of an inn many times, and says, "its all right, you can put it down in the bill." *Manola* tells him she is a Creole girl, he says, "I thought you said you came from Venice; now is this true, or only a Venetian blind?" Bro. Hill will quite hold his own in his own way. Mr. H. Ashley, as *Dom Brasciro*, sings and plays in a particularly successful style; he has many opportunities of showing his ability. M. Desmonts, *Miguel*, the tenor, is also good, but being new to England, when he speaks is too foreign, but his songs are good. Mr. Harry Charles, *Pablo*, is another amusing character; he is the butt of every one, and comes in for many a kick. When impersonating the General he is blacking his prince's boots, as his valet, *Brasciro* demands an explanation and is told that "your old soldier is always ready for a brush, sometimes two." Miss Maud Branscombe, who is *Tessa*, does what she has to do with great credit, and so do all the ladies and gentleman of the chorus. But to Misses Leo and Verona, Bro. Hill, Messrs. Ashley, Charles and Desmonts is the real "go" of the piece due. The music is very pretty, and the costumes and scenery so good, that altogether a long run may fairly be expected. Bros. Arthur and Edward Swanborough must be congratulated.

Bro. Thorne has been presented by the employees at the Vaudeville with an elegantly-framed illuminated address, expressive of their gratitude for his unvarying kindness, and their hearty good wishes for his prosperity now he has become sole manager of the house.

Bro. Augustus Harris, with his usual generosity has placed Drury Lane Theatre at the disposal of the Royal General Theatrical Fund on March the 20th, for the annual benefit of the Fund.

## Music.

The opening concert of the seventieth season of the Philharmonic Society took place on Thursday last at St. James's Hall. The programme opened with the overture to "Der Freyschütz," which was excellently well played by the orchestra, led by Herr Wirner, in the absence of Herr Strauss. Then followed Listz's chorus of Reapers from that composer's "Prometheus," Molique's Concerto in A minor, for violin and orchestra, which was rendered in a masterly manner by Mr. J. T. Carradus; the overture to Wagner's "Meistersinger" and Beethoven's "Choral Symphony," with other numbers. There was a fair attendance; and Mr. W. G. Cousins conducted with his well-known skill and ability.

On Friday morning, about eleven o'clock, the band of the Royal Horse Guards proceeded to Windsor Castle, and serenaded the Duchess of Connaught, beneath her apartments in the Lancaster Tower.

The musical portion of the grand entertainment given at the Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington, on Saturday last, in aid of the Royal Cambridge Asylum for Soldiers' Widows, was a great success. The five military bands of the First and Second Life Guards, the Grenadier

Guards, Coldstream Guards, and Scots Guards formed the orchestra, and the programme as planned by Bro. Dan Godfrey was of a high class character, including, as it did, Weber's overture to "Euryanthe," the "Fest Marsch" from "Tannhäuser," Meyerbeer's "Schiller" march, Schubert's overture to "Rosamunde," the curious "Tattoo" march composed for the Prussian army in 1720, and, by special desire of the Prince of Wales, the late Prince Consort's "Invocazione all'Armonica." It is hardly necessary to say that each of these selections was rendered with the accustomed precision and skill of our household military bands.

Bro. Kuhe's Brighton Musical Festival will take place this year in the month of November instead of, as heretofore, during the current month. February, however, has not been wholly deprived of its musical festivities under the auspices of our respected and talented brother, Thursday, yesterday, and to-day (Saturday) having been assigned for a series of concerts in the Dome, Royal Pavilion. Particulars will be given next week.

The well known artiste, Madame Marie Roze, has been presented by the Queen with a diamond bracelet to commemorate the pleasure experienced by Her Majesty from Madame Roze's singing at Osborne on 28th December last.

Mr. Cowen's brilliant success at Vienna on the occasion of the first public performance in that city of his "Scandinavian" symphony has been repeated in the case of his *suite de ballet*, "The Language of the Flowers," which has been received with almost equal favour. His symphony, by the way, is to be given at Pesth, Leipsic, and Stuttgart under the direction of the composer.

Brahm's "Liebeslieder-Walzer" were given at last Saturday's "Pop," and were greatly appreciated.

## Science and Art.

On Monday afternoon the second annual exhibition of Fine Art was opened in the Town Hall, Bourne-mouth. The loan collection of works by celebrated British and foreign artists is very fine.

A scientific expedition, including M. Perrotin, director of the Nice Observatory, and M. Guerin, photographer to the Paris Observatory, will shortly leave Paris for Upper Egypt, for the purpose of watching the total eclipse of the sun, which will take place on 16th May.

Lord Aberdare presided at the annual general meeting of the Teachers' Training and Registration Society and of the Bishopsgate Training College, held on Friday at the Society of Arts. Among those who addressed the meeting was Professor Huxley, who spoke very pertinently of the necessity for obtaining good instructors in connection with the teaching of science, instancing, in particular, his own experience of the deficiency in the number of competent instructors.

Mr. Robert Gibb, Associate of the Royal Scottish Academy, was, on Friday last, elected an Academician of that body.

Mr. Sidney Colvin has been elected for a fourth term of three years Slade Professor of Fine Art at the Cambridge University.

The sum of £3000 has already been raised as a guarantee fund in respect of the exhibition, which will be opened at Worcester, on the 17th July, of the arts and industries of Worcestershire.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the Savage Club was celebrated at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, on Saturday, under the presidency of Bro. Sir P. Cunliffe-Owen, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales being one of the guests.

A meeting of the Council of the College of Preceptors took place on Saturday, at the College, Queen's-square, Bloomsbury, when the Rev. T. W. Jex-Blake, D.D., was elected president for the year; Miss Buss, F.C.P., the Rev. W. P. Jones, M.A., and Dr. R. Wormald, vice-presidents; Mr. A. K. Isbister, B.L.B., dean; and Mr. F. Pinches, B.A., treasurer.

The first stone of the new building about to be erected in the immediate neighbourhood of the Moorgate-street Station, for the City of London College, will be laid by Bro. the Lord Mayor on the 31st March. In making this announcement his lordship expresses a hope that the additional £8000 which has yet to be raised towards the £15,000 required for the erection of the college will be forthcoming at an early date.

Professor Stuart (Mechanics), of Trinity College, has been elected Member of the Council of the Senate of the University of Cambridge, in place of Professor Cayley, resigned.

Sir Richard Temple read his promised paper on "The Geography of the Birthplace and Cradle of the Mahratta Power in Western India," at the meeting on Monday evening of the Royal Geographical Society. Lord Aberdare presided, and when the lecturer, who treated his subject most exhaustively, had concluded, Sir Bartle Frere rose and bore his testimony to the perfect accuracy of Sir R. Temple's description of the country and people.

It is stated, as the result of certain experiments made in the presence of the Duke of Sutherland, Lord Colville, and other Directors of the Great Northern, London and North Western, and other railway companies, at Egginton Junction, Retford, and Doncaster, on Monday, that by the employment of a new automatic vacuum brake a train travelling on a level at the rate of fifty miles an hour can be stopped in 250 yards.



**Masonic and General Tidings.**

Bro. Horace B. Marshall, F.R.G.S., is one of the Wardens of the Glass Sellers' Company, and a few evenings ago supported the Master at a dinner given to the Livery. Amongst the distinguished guests present were Bros. the Lord Mayor, Alderman Sir F. W. Truscott, Alderman and Sheriff Hanson, Alderman Fowler, Colonel Dundas, ex-Sheriff Burt, Deputy Brass, Sir John Monckton, ex-Under-Sheriff Crawford, and G. Burt, jun.

Bro. Lord Chelmsford distributed the prizes to the 4th Kent (Royal Arsenal) Rifles at Woolwich on Saturday.

Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales on Saturday last dined with the Savage Club at Willis's Rooms, and afterwards adjourned with the members to their own house in the Savoy. The occasion was the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Club. The Savages, no doubt, appreciate the great honour done to them by the Heir to the Throne dining with them and becoming himself a Savage. The Prince of Wales made a humorous speech, and said one of his nephews had asked him, "What was meant by him going to dine with the Savages?" After partaking of their kind hospitality that night, and their reception of him that evening, he should be able to inform his nephew they were by no means the savages he might have imagined, but were as civilised as any other gentlemen he might meet with. Amongst the Masonic Fraternity at the dinner were Bros. Alderman Sir F. W. Truscott, Henry Irving, J. L. Toole, Lionel Brough, Paul Merritt, E. Rosenthal, C. W. Thompson, and F. H. Bayley. The Prince did not leave until near midnight, and expressed to the Savages that he had never spent a more pleasant evening. Much of the success, we believe, on this occasion is due to Mr. J. R. S. Vine. It will be remembered Bro. Sir F. W. Truscott during his Mayoralty entertained the whole Club at the Mansion House.

Bros. the Earl of Aberdeen, Earl of Dalhousie, Lord de Tabley, General Sir Garnet Wolseley, Sir James McGarel Hogg, M.P., and Sir Thomas Brassey, M.P., were amongst the company who attended the Countess Spencer's reception at Spencer House, St. James's, on Saturday.

Bro. Alderman Sir Francis Truscott has been staying at the Granville Hotel, St. Lawrence-on-the-Sea.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, held at Bro. Smyth's, Three Sisters, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, the 28th inst. Bro. G. H. Stephens has been invited to preside on that occasion, when a capital evening's working is expected.

The "Old Boys'" annual dinner in connection with University College School, London, will take place on the 21st inst., under the presidency of Arthur Charles, Esq., Q.C.

A Masonic Ball will be held in the spacious hall of the new club, Ferndale-road, Brixton, on Thursday, the 23rd inst., and under a dispensation granted by Grand Lodge brethren will appear in Craft clothing. The Ball Committee anticipate a great success, and all information will be rendered by the Secretary of the Ball Committee, at the new club, to any brethren who desire further information.

Germany, it is known, is the Eldorado of orders and decorations; still it may cause some surprise to hear, on the authority of the new Army List, that the Crown Prince is the happy possessor of no less than 65 stars and crosses. He is followed by his uncle, Prince Charles, who has 55 decorations, and his cousin, Prince Frederick Charles, with 53. Next on the list come General Count Pückler, the Emperor's Chamberlain, with 49; Prince Bismarck, with 44; and Count Moltke, with 43. Prince Albrecht of Prussia is the possessor of 35, and Field Marshal Count Manteuffel and General Blumenthal can boast of 33 and 32 decorations respectively.

Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., has undertaken to deliver his lecture explanatory of the entire ceremonies of the First Degree, at the Chaucer Lodge of Instruction, No. 1540, held at the Grapes Tavern, St. Thomas's-street, Borough, S.E., on Tuesday evening, the 28th inst. The lodge will be opened at seven o'clock. A large attendance of brethren may be confidently anticipated.

At the regular meeting of the Yarborough Lodge, No. 244, held at the Masonic Temple, Jersey, on the 6th inst., the R.W. Bro. John Bevan, D.G.M. of Westland, N.Z., was unanimously elected honorary member of the lodge.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked by members of the Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45, at the Excise Tavern, 48 and 49, Old Broad-street, E.C., on the 27th inst., commencing at seven o'clock in the evening precisely. Bro. Cate, I.P.M. 862, will preside, assisted by Bros. Stephens, S.D. 1623, S.W.; Larchin, W.M. 1541, J.W.; and H. G. Gush, J.W. 1541, I.P.M. The Lectures will be worked as follows: First Lecture—First Section, Bro. Fox, J.W. 201; Second Section, Bro. Pardon, 1541; Third Section, Bro. Nell, 45; Fourth Section, Bro. Morris, W.S. 193; Fifth Section, Nevill, 45; Sixth Section, Bro. Pelikan, W.S. 1602; Seventh Section, Bro. Stephens, S.D. 1623. Second Lecture—First Section, Bro. Vizzard, 1172; Second Section, Bro. Johnson, 1541; Third Section, W.M. 862; Fourth Section, Bro. Larchin, W.M. 1541; Fifth Section, Bro. Gush, J.W. 1541. Third Lecture—First Section, Bro. Wing, P.M. 45; Second Section, Bro. Abell, P.M. 1599; Third Section, Bro. Collinson, 862. Bro. C. J. Fox, Hon. Sec.

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Bro. the Duke of Abercorn arrived at Hampden House from Baron's Court on Wednesday evening.

The report of the proceedings at the installation meeting of the Creton Lodge, No. 1791, is unavoidably held over until next week.

"The Sir Erasmus Wilson chair of pathological anatomy" has now been founded and endowed. The deed has been communicated to the Home Office, and the endowment of £1000 has been received by the University. Sir Erasmus has nominated the Crown as patron of the chair. The Professor will receive as salary the free yearly revenue of the endowment, in addition to the fees, and he has to teach practically as well as by lectures, and shall not engage in private practice, but shall devote his whole time to the duties of his chair.

Bro. M. C. Peek, of Hull, will shortly issue an important serial work, in twelve half-crown parts under the title of "Old and New Hull." Each part will contain several excellent lithographic views of Hull scenes and Hull architecture, past and present, and portraits of local worthies. The illustrations will be after original drawings by Mr. P. Tindall Woldridge, Hon. Sec. of the Hull Art Club, a press draughtsman of ability and experience; and the same gentleman, assisted by several local antiquaries, will also furnish the letter-press.

Bro. Thos. W. Casburn Bush, P.M. and Sec. 1728, will be installed W.M. of the Tranquillity Lodge, No. 185, at the Guildhall Tavern, on Monday next, the 20th inst. A report of the proceedings will duly appear.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the members of the Wellington Lodge of Instruction, No. 548, at a meeting held at the lodge house, the White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, on Monday next, the 20th inst. Bro. David Rose, P.M., will preside on this occasion, and the lodge will be opened at seven p.m.

We deeply regret to notice from our Irish correspondence that the respected Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Shekleton, has suffered a great bereavement in the death of his wife. She leaves a young family to mourn her loss. We need hardly add that the sympathies of our English Craft will go with our esteemed and respected brother.

Bro. Pearcey, Preceptor of the Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1288, will work the ceremony of installation at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, on Wednesday next, the 22nd inst.

Messrs. Robert Boyle and Son, of 64, Holborn Viaduct, are at present applying their air-pump ventilators and complete system of ventilation to the Council Chamber at the Guildhall. Many ineffectual attempts have been made to ventilate this building, and the result of Messrs. Boyle's efforts—which have in other notable cases met with eminent success—will no doubt be looked forward to with interest by architects, especially when it is mentioned that Messrs. Boyle, in accordance with their usual custom when undertaking the ventilation of large public buildings, have guaranteed complete success. Messrs. Boyle's system of ventilation is also at present being applied to Normanhurst Court, the palatial residence of Sir Thomas Brassey, M.P., at Battle, Sussex.

The installation meeting of the Westbourne Lodge, No. 733, was held at the Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, on Thursday last, a report of which will be given in our next.

In England and the United States, Freemasonry excites none of the detestation and dread which it inspires in the hearts of the devout Catholics of the Continent of Europe. It is therefore difficult for us to understand the feeling which leads the Clerical Journal of France to denounce the new cabinet as containing at least four Freemasons. M. Ferry, whose crusade against the religious orders is regarded across the channel as "a work essentially Masonic," is a member of the Lodge of Alsace-Lorraine. The other Freemasons in the new ministry are M.M. Tirard, De Maly, and Humbert. In the Latin countries Freemasonry is the heart and soul of the anti-religious movement, and it is to it that M. Monteil dedicates his notorious Freethinkers' Catechism, of which some curious extracts are given this month by Mr. Lilly in one of the monthly reviews.—*Pall Mall Gazette*.

The example set by the Apollo Lodge of Freemasons at Oxford, with regard to the wedding present which they propose presenting to the Duke of Albany on the occasion of his approaching marriage, is one that other societies would do well to follow on like occasions. The lodge has restricted the subscription of each member to the amount of one guinea, and no subscription above that sum will be received. If every Oxford Mason gives that amount a more than sufficient sum will be raised for a very handsome gift, and under these circumstances I cannot but think the precedent of restriction an excellent one, for obvious reasons; especially is this so in a place like Oxford, where the men are melted all round for subscriptions towards almost every known or conceivable object.—*Society*.

The installation meeting of the King's Cross Lodge, No. 1732, will take place at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, this (Saturday) afternoon, at half-past four o'clock, when Bro. Henry Higgins will be installed into the chair of K.S. The proceedings will be fully reported in the *Freemason* of Saturday next.

The installation meeting of the Panmure Chapter will be held on the 8th May, Ex. Comp. James Stevens, P.Z., officiating as Installing Principal. A large gathering of members and visitors may be anticipated.

**HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.**—Influenza, Sore Throat, Quinsy, Mumps, and similar complaints always abound in unsettled weather, and are most safely and effectually subdued by rubbing Holloway's Ointment at least twice a day upon the chest and glands of the throat. The Ointment penetrates the skin, reduces inflammation, and heals ulcerations. This treatment is sufficient for curing the most serious and complicated throat affections, provided Holloway's Pills be taken at the same time. When swallowing gives pain the Ointment may be relied on till improving symptoms admit of painless deglutition. In asthma, bronchitis, pneumonia, pleurisy, whooping-cough, incipient consumption, scarlet fever and measles Holloway's medicines are not less valuable in mitigating the most troublesome features than they are certain in ultimately curing.

Bro. Sir Michael Costa is progressing favourably. The honour of selecting a member of the Athenæum Club was on Wednesday conferred by the committee on Bro. Henry Irving.

The Sportsman Exhibition at the Agricultural Hall is a most interesting one, and has been well attended. It closes to-day (Saturday).

The West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, held at the Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, will on and after Monday next, meet at eight o'clock instead of seven.

Bro. Gladwell has on view at the City of London Fine Art Gallery, 20 and 21, Gracechurch-street, the painting by F. Sargent of the present House of Commons, consisting of over 350 portraits from life, and an etching of the same by the artist.

Bro. Sir Moses Montefiore has sent a cheque for £500 to the Lord Mayor, on behalf of the funds for the erection of a new building for the City of London College.

Bro. Edmund F. Davis, of St. Peter's, Thanet, has taken 24, Grafton-street, Bond-street.

Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold will preside at the annual dinner of the Newspaper Press Fund on June 24th.

Bro. Baron H. de Worms was present at the distribution of prizes by Lord Chelmsford to the 4th Kent (Royal Arsenal) Rifle Volunteers, on Saturday last.

Bro. Sir John Bennett lectured on "Our Next Reform Bill," to the members of the Brighton Radical Club, on Monday last.

The North London Chapter of Improvement, No. 1471, has been removed to the Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury-place, nearly opposite Canonbury Tower, and the weekly meetings will in future take place at that house every Thursday evening, at eight o'clock.

Bro. Alderman Stone was one of the Stewards of the annual dinner of University College Hospital, which took place on Wednesday last, at Langham Hotel.

The ball in connection with the Burdett Courts Lodge, No. 1278, took place at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Tuesday last, and was a great success, upwards of 150 being present.

Bro. Alderman Fowler, M.P., has promised to attend the annual meeting of the Seamen's Hospital Society, which is fixed to be held at the Mansion House on Thursday next, under the presidency of Bro. the Right. Hon. Lord Mayor.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, W.M. Grand Masters' Lodge, has consented to become patron of the newly formed London Festival Association.

The date of the Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race has been fixed for Saturday, April 1st.

Bros. Alderman Staples and A. J. Altman were present at the annual dinner of the Ward of Aldersgate, or K Company of the London Rifle Brigade, held at Guildhall Tavern, on the 9th inst.

Bro. the Prince of Wales has accepted the office of President of the Smithfield Club for the year 1883.

The Girls' Friendly Society has now 58,000 members, and its "lady associates" number 17,000.

Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold will preside at the festival of the National Hospital for the Paralysed and Epileptic, Queen-square, to take place at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Tuesday, March 14th.

The portrait of the retiring chairman of the Commissioners of Sewers (Mr. E. F. Ashby) which appeared in the *Metropolitan* is by Bro. A. E. Fradelle, of Regent-street.

The twenty-sixth anniversary dinner of the Dramatic and Musical Sick Fund, will take place at Willis's Rooms, on Wednesday evening, the 22nd inst., Bro. the Lord Mayor in the chair.—*City Press*.

Mdlle. Fleurella and M. Paul Jerrard will play a duet on the piano at the forthcoming concert for the benefit of Ye Antiente Fraternite of Ye Kahere Almshouses.

Bro. Sir Moses Montefiore has written a letter to the Lord Mayor, expressing heartfelt thanks for the service his lordship rendered to the cause of the Jews in Russia, by presiding at the meeting held at the Mansion House. Sir Moses, who is in his 98th year, says: It is, my dear Lord Mayor, a source of deep regret to me that the state of my health unfortunately prevented my being present on the occasion, and thus precluded me the happiness which I so much desired of personally offering the outpourings of a heart full of gratitude to those kind friends of humanity who so nobly came forward in defence of an oppressed but unoffending people. The sympathy evinced on that memorable occasion will never be forgotten.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor has kindly consented to preside at the annual dinner in aid of the London Coffee and Eating-house Keepers' Association, on Wednesday, May 10th.

Bro. the Prince of Wales has consented to take the chair at the public meeting to be held in connexion with the International Fisheries Exhibition, at Willis's Rooms, on Monday, the 27th inst., at noon.

Bro. Henry Irving has been elected a member of the Athenæum Club.

An alarming accident happened to the Queen on Thursday. Her Majesty, accompanied by Princess Beatrice, arrived at Victoria from Osborne shortly before two o'clock, and as the carriage in which they were was approaching Buckingham Palace, the horse ridden by the outrider on the off-side became restive, and reared up. Some policemen rushed to the horse's head, which by this time had become uncontrollable, and had thrown its rider close to the Royal carriage. The animal, however, broke away, and bolted down St. James's-park. Fortunately for Her Majesty the horse was on the off side, otherwise a serious mishap would have occurred. The people cheered lustily when they found that Her Majesty had come to no harm. The outrider fell on his head, and was seriously cut about the face.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Saturday, February 25, 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 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.

LONGES 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, Masconic 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 20.

- Lodge 1, Grand Masters, F.M.T.
S, British, F.M.H.
21, Emulation, Albion Tav.
185, Tranquillity, Guildhall Tav.
720, Panmure, Balham Hot, Balham.
862, Whittington, F.M.H.
901, City of London, Guildhall Tav.
907, Royal Albert, F.M.H.
1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, F.M.H.
1238, Gooch, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
1506, White Horse of Kent., Holborn Viaduct Hot.
1537, St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly.
Chap. 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
1319, Asaph, F.M.H.

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, S.
Loughborough, Cambria Tav., Loughborough Junc., at 7.30.
Hyde Park, The Westbourne, 1, Craven-rd., at 8.
West Smithfield, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 8.
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 21.

- Festival Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Tav.
Board of General Purposes, at 4.
Lodge 30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tav.
73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot.
95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
162, Cadogan, F.M.H.
194, St. Paul's, Cannon-st. Hot.
435, Salisbury, F.M.H.
1339, Stockwell, S.M.H., Camberwell.
1420, Earl Spencer, Swan Hot., Battersea Old Bldg.
1605, New Finsbury Park, Alexandra Palace, N.
Chap. 11, Enoch, F.M.H.
19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hot.
186, Industry, F.M.H.
Mark 238, Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hot.
Rose Croix Chap. 45, Oxford and Cambridge University, 33, Golden-sq.

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.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 7.
Copper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., at 7.30.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.
Royal Arthur, Duke of Cambridge, 216, Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe, at 8.
Islington, Crown and Cushion, 73, London Wall, at 7.
Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington, 7.30.
Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey, at 8.
Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 8.
Duke of Cornwall, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.
Sir Hugh Myddleton, 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 7.30.
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 8.
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 22.

- Lodge 2, Antiquity, F.M.H.
212, Euphrates, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
507, United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hot.
754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Tav., Tottenham.
898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.
1017, Montefiore, Regent M.H., S, Air-st.
1050, Victoria, Guildhall Tav.
1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hot.
1589, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
1768, Progress, F.M.H.
1818, Clapham, Grosvenor Hot., Pimlico.
1820, Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
Chap. 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., Woolwich.
753, Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23.

- Gen. Com. Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tav.
34, Mount Moriah, F.M.H.
65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav.
69, Grenadiers, F.M.H.
99, Shakespear, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
858, South Middlesex, Beaufort Hot., Fulham.
801, Finsbury, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.
871, Royal Oak, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
1421, Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
1593, City of Westminster, Regent M.H., S, Air-st.
1816, Victoria Park, Queen's Hot., Victoria-pk.
Chap. 29, St. Albans, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
157, Bedford, F.M.H.
657, Canonbury, Mason's Hall, Mason's Avenue.
709, William Preston, Cannon-st. Hot.
1623, West Smithfield, Anderton's Hotel.

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, Pensonby-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, Belyedere-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.
North London Chap., Canonbury Tav., at 8.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24.

- Lodge 197, Jerusalem, F.M.H.
599, Fitz-Roy, Hd.-Qrs. Hon. Artillery Company, City-rd.
1601, Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford.
Chap. 749, Belgrave, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
Mark 223, West Smithfield, Cathedral Hot., St. Paul's.

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, Buckfords-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 25.

- Lodge 1706, Orpheus, F.M.H.
1793, Sir Charles Bright, M.H., Queen's-rd., Teddington.
1871, Gostling Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow.
Chap. 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
1329, Sphinx, S.M.H., Camberwell.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LAN-CASHIRE AND CHESHIRE

For the Week ending Saturday, February 25, 1882.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20.

- Lodge 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool.
1730, Urmston, Lord Nelson, Hot., Urmston.
1814, Worsley, Court House, Worsley.
Chap. 32, Jerusalem, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21.

- Lodge 667, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool.
830, Endeavour, Queen's Arms, Dukinfield.
1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hot., Barrow.
1276, Warren, Queen's Hot., Birkenhead.
1570, Prince Arthur, M.R., 80, N. Mill-st., L'pool.
Red Cross Conclave, 77, Skelmersdale, M.H., Liverpool.
Merchant's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Bootle L. of I. 146, Berry-street, Bootle.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22.

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23.

- Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.
1595, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 216, Sacred Delta, M.H., Liverpool.
Ancient Union L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Stanley L. of I., 214, Great Homer-street, Liverpool.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24.

- Chap. 680, Sefton, M.H., Liverpool.
1086, Walton, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN DUBLIN.

For the week ending Saturday, February 25, 1882.

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21.

- Lodge 494, Dublin. | Lodge 126, Dublin.
R. A. Committee of Inspection.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22.

- Lodge 141, Dublin. | Lodge 666, Dublin.
R.A.C. 6, Dublin. | Kilwinning Preceptory.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23.

- Lodge 125, Dublin. | Grand Munster Chap. Dublin
Committee of Inspection.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24.

- Lodge 50, Dublin. | Lodge 500, Dublin.
Kilwinning Chapter, P.M.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25.

- Lodge 75, Dublin. | Great Priors Council.
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25.
Lodge 357, Dublin.

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