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THE Annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution took place on Tuesday last, at Freemasons' Tavern, under the effective presidency of Bro. Colonel J. A. LLOYD-PHILLIPS, J.P., Prov. G.M. for South Wales (Western Division). There were 138 Stewards from the Metropolis, and 116 from the Provinces. Of the 138 Stewards from London the lists amounted to the goodly sum of £6884 10s., and the 116 Provincial Stewards returned the satisfactory sum of £5472 13s. 6d., making a grand total of £12,357 3s. 6d. Ten lists, it seems, are yet to come in. This is a result on which we may, indeed, fairly congratulate heartily all concerned—Stewards, Managing Committee, and Bro. TERRY. It is a good omen for our other great charities in 1882, and we shall trust to record similar striking and satisfactory results for the Girls' and Boys' School in due time, as sterling proofs of the unabated charity of our good Craft.

THE Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution has received another striking proof of the affection and confidence of the Craft, alike for its gracious benefits as for its admirable management, in that it "opens the ball," as the saying runs, in respect of our great Metropolitan Charities, with the really noble sum of £12,357 3s. 6d. We shall make some remarks on the returns next week, but, to-day, our words are strictly those of unalloyed congratulation and pride.

THE agenda paper of Grand Lodge for March 1st is now before the Craft. Our readers will be struck with the heavy pressure on the Lodge of Benevolence. Bro. PERCEVAL's motion for tellers is objected to by the Board of General Purposes on the reasonable ground, that Grand Lodge is a fluctuating body and no list of members is possible. The proposal of the Board of General Purposes to remedy the inconveniences complained of seems to us very reasonable and sensible. We cannot approve of Bro. DAVISON's motion to duplicate the meetings of the Board of Benevolence, nor of Bro. BRITTON's, to throw so much, and practically unnecessary, clerical work on the Secretariat. Indeed, we think the proposal is likely to do harm, inasmuch as it will publicize our proceedings and our cases for relief,—a very objectionable result. We quite agree with Bro. NUNN's motion to change the hours of meeting from six to four o'clock.

A VERY agreeable party assembled at Limmer's on Thursday week, to celebrate the opening of that old and well-known hostelry, and to take part in a pleasant housewarming, hospitably offered by Bro. BENSKIN. A large number of our brethren were present, as a special notice tells us elsewhere, and, after a most tasteful reception and a most social evening, departed with "Hearty good wishes" for the prosperity of Limmer's, under the skillful management of our respected and enterprising brother. Some of our Craft have also very genial memories of agreeable reunions at the Castle and Falcon.

A VERY interesting discussion has been going in our pages relative to the duties and qualifications of W.M.'s. We think that such a skilled treatment of the subject must do good, and we gladly invite literary contributions on the subject. Our only remark we think it right to make,—that in all such theoretical questions we doubt much if proposals of change will tend to advance the end of the discussion as we understand it, the more so as Bro. WHITEHEAD, who gave us the first essay on the subject, laid before his readers certain wise and seasonable laws as regards the "rationale" of election, and some equally sensible suggestions for an improvement in the practice of electing the head of a lodge, in which all, we think, must concur, and which all, we think, must approve of.

It occurred to us the other day, that after all is said and done, despite our many lodge symposias, we hardly yet make enough of the Masonic social

system for personal acquaintance and for private friendship. We assemble together so many times a year; we are happy to meet, sorry to part, and glad to meet again; but then it all ends. Very often when the Masonic season is over Bro. TIMMINS and Bro. TOMKINSON, who are the greatest of mates in lodge, part, only again to see each other when the good Secretary summons them in November to renew the work and hospitality of the old "United Brothers." Why should this be so? Need it be so? Is there not a private sociality of Freemasonry which even might render its public gatherings more pleasant and more intimate? We think it is a very good thing for any lodge, and a good sign, too, of any lodge, when its brethren are glad to meet each other in the private social circle as well as at the lodge banquet. We feel sure that it would add to the harmony of many a good lodge, and conduce to smoothness of working and a general "entente cordiale" among the members, if the W.M. and his officers met together as friends and gentlemen, as well as Freemasons, if the members kept up that charm of intimate friendly interest, union, and good will which the true Masonic social system and the pleasant Masonic festive gatherings so fitly pourtray and illustrate.

WE were attending some ritual work in a good lodge the other evening, and a thought came into our minds which we venture to hand on to our readers, though whether it be good for much or little we must leave them to decide. It was this: What a very wonderful compilation, after all, is our Masonic ritual when carefully delivered and aesthetically performed, and what a mine of reflection, consideration, cherished memories, and pleasant associations it really always opens out for the serious and the attentive. How many years have passed away, perhaps, since we first saw the mystic light of Masonry, since we joined that great Order, whose stakes are just now so far extended, whose lodges are in every portion of the globe, and whose use and value to mankind are so great and significant. How many cheery, if melancholy, souvenirs crowd in upon us as we recall, half musingly and tenderly, the ceremonies we have witnessed, the bright Masons we have worked with, the doctors of Israel at whose feet we have sat, and from whom we have learned that old world-lore which time does not change, and innovations and affectation do not sweep away. Such as we heard our Masonic ritual for the first time years ago, such it is exactly the same to-day; line upon line, word upon word, ceremony upon ceremony. Nothing is altered, nothing is increased or diminished, nothing in essentials is different, not one iota. No; there is this great charm in our Masonic ritual, it is "semper eadem;" such as our fathers taught we teach still, and what was the "mos majorum" of 1782, such is almost exactly in its entirety what the children receive and hand on in turn in 1882. We are aware that with that love of change inherent in man, that restlessness of passing crowds incident to mortality, each generation thinks itself wiser and better than the preceding one, and able to improve on what no doubt best accorded with the opportunities or intelligence of yonder dead and buried company. But we trust no rash hands will be laid on our Masonic ritual, no outcry of eager alteration or hasty innovation will be allowed to overpower the scruples of the hesitating, or overrule the doubts of the expert. To say that the Grand Lodge of 1882 could not find a committee competent to take the ritual in hand would be an absurdity; but we would rather strike a keynote of caution and warning when we say that we hope the policy of the Grand Lodge will be to leave well alone. The little variations and debateable points which exist are all so harmless, so immaterial, so much the result of local traditions, of old and valued formulae, the remains of several antique and partly synchronous systems, all tending to a common centre, that it is advisable to preserve them in the best interests of skilled exposition, and the interesting claims of Masonic archaeology. One stereotyped formula would, in our opinion, be the death blow of all Masonic industry and interest amongst us, of the faithful labours of lodges of instruction, of the happy and skilful assistance of well known teachers. The oftener we listen to our well known phraseology, or note the collocation of ceremonial, the fitting arrangement of symbol and verbiage, the more we admire the skill and abilities of our Masonic forefathers, who handed over to our keeping and possession that which time does not weaken or destroy, but rather adds to its value, its effect, and its reality.

IN 1778 ADAM BOEHME published, at Leipsie, an alphabetical list of all then known Masonic lodges, except the Swedish. So interesting is the return that it is proposed, we are told, to print it in the "Documenta Latomica Inedita" of the April "Masonic Magazine." We think the idea a good one, inasmuch as we shall be able to realize what is the position of Freemasonry after just about 100 years. The lodges then minus the Swedish return, which could not have been large, were 891, and to

those were to be added twenty-two English lodges lately erased. We do not say that this return is absolutely correct or complete, but it gives us, at any rate, a fair approximate view of cosmopolitan Freemasonry nearly 100 years ago. Since last Quarterly Communication eight new lodges have had charters granted to them. The number on the Grand Lodge roll is now 1965. But as we have just seen, in 1773, all the lodges in the world were under 1000.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, March 1st.:-

1. The Regulations for the Government of Grand Lodge during the time of Public Business will be read.
2. The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 7th December, 1881, will be read and put for confirmation.
3. Election of a M.W. Grand Master.
4. Election of a Grand Treasurer.
5. Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz.:-

A brother of the Ionic Lodge, No. 227, London	£ 50	0	0
NOTE.—Bro. Barnard died on the 31st December, 1881.			
The widow of a brother of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 272, Boston	75	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Stour Valley Lodge, No. 1224, Sudbury	100	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Leigh Lodge, No. 887, Birmingham	75	0	0
A brother of the St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 1046, Farnham	75	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Royal Union Lodge, No. 382, Uxbridge	60	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Kennington Lodge, No. 1381, Kennington	200	0	0
A brother of the Elkington Lodge, No. 1016, Birmingham	100	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Lodge of Independence, No. 721, Chester	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Burdett Lodge, No. 1293, Hampton Court	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Grenadiers Lodge, No. 66, London	100	0	0
A brother of the Upper Norwood Lodge, No. 1586, Upper Norwood	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Chigwell Lodge, No. 453, Chingford	75	0	0
A brother of the Wellington Lodge, No. 784, Deal	50	0	0
A brother of the Palladian Lodge, No. 120, Hereford	50	0	0
A brother of the Lodge of True Friendship, No. 160, Rochford	50	0	0
A brother of the Shakespeare Lodge, No. 1004, Manchester	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Ionic Lodge, No. 227, London	50	0	0
A brother of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 959, Ipswich	50	0	0

6. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.—To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.—The Grand Lodge having at the Quarterly Communication of the 7th December last directed the Board to consider and report on a motion submitted by Bro. Charles John Perceval, P.M., of Lodge No. 1607, to the following effect, viz.:-“That in all cases when a question is brought before Grand Lodge, for which a division is demanded, the telling of the same shall be conducted in a similar method to that pursued in the House of Commons, viz.:-Two tellers from each side of the question be appointed to record the votes as the members pass out, and make their report accordingly.”

The Board have carefully considered the subject, and beg to report thereon—

1st. That the proposal of Bro. Perceval to conduct the counting of votes in a manner similar to that in use in the House of Commons would be impracticable, inasmuch as printed lists of members would be required, and it would be likewise necessary that the tellers should be able to name the brethren passing them.

2nd. That some other course might be adopted which would meet the complaint at present made of confusion, and possible inaccuracy, in obtaining the numbers voting; but the Board consider that in order to carry out the matter in a thorough and satisfactory manner, a rule should be laid down that all brethren remaining in Grand Lodge, after a division is ordered, should be required to vote on one side or the other, after due opportunity of withdrawing has been given to those brethren who desire not to take part in the division.

3rd. That temporary turnstiles be erected just outside the portals of Grand Lodge, to be in charge of the Grand Director of Ceremonies and his assistants, through one of which all the brethren (except the presiding officer) remaining for the division should be required to pass on divisions being called for. And the Board believe that sufficient accommodation for the moment would be found for the brethren in the corridor and in the “Sussex” room in the Freemasons' Tavern (directly opposite the door of Grand Lodge), which they have ascertained can be reserved for the Quarterly Communications at an annual charge of five guineas.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., 17th January, 1882.

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 17th January last, showing a balance in the Bank of England of £3812 8s. 5d.; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £75, and for servants' wages £100.

7. Report of Bro. R. P. HARDING, Auditor of Grand Lodge accounts, of receipts and disbursements during the year 1881.

8. NOTICES OF MOTION.

(1.) By Bro. JOSHUA NUNN, P.G.S.B., President of the Lodge of Benevolence:—

In the Book of Constitutions, page 96, article 3, after the word “Month” in third line, to add the words “at 4 o'clock.”

(2.) By Bro. GEORGE P. BRITTON, P.M. 183:—

Book of Constitutions, “Fund of Benevolence,” Article 12, page 103:—

To erase the word “Three,” and insert the word “Seven.”

To add, “Grand Secretary shall prepare a list of all petitions for relief, stating the name and address of each petitioner, with the number or numbers of any lodge or lodges of which he may have been a member, and the number of the recommending lodge; and such list shall be printed and forwarded on the Saturday preceding each meeting to all members of the Lodge of Benevolence, as defined by Article 3, page 96.”

(3.) By Bro. FREDERIC DAVISON, W.M. 10:—

“That the Lodge of Benevolence meet twice a month at 6 p.m.”

NEW LODGES.

List of lodges for which warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge:—

- Lodge 1954, The Molesworth Lodge, Wadebridge, Cornwall.
- „ 1955, The Freetown Lodge, Freetown, Sierra Leone, Africa.
- „ 1956, The Reunion Lodge, Blenheim, New Zealand.
- „ 1957, The Grove Lodge, Hazel Grove, Cheshire.
- „ 1958, The Hundred of Bosmere Lodge, Havant, Hants.
- „ 1959, The Phoenix Lodge, Akaroa, New Zealand.
- „ 1960, The Stewart Lodge, Rawul Pindee, East Indies.
- „ 1961, The Punjab Northern Lodge, Jhelum, East Indies.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons held its anniversary festival at Freemasons' Tavern, on Tuesday evening, the 21st inst., the president on that occasion being Colonel J. A. Lloyd-Phillips, J.P. About 400 sat down to dinner, and there was, as usual, a considerable gathering of the fair sex, who appeared to watch with interest the gathering of the brethren and the entrance of the Chairman and notable Masons who accompanied him, and then vanished to be entertained in another room by the “ladies' stewards” until such time as the concert, provided for a later hour, should commence.

We cannot pretend to give a list of all the well-known Masons present, but we observed the following among those at the upper end of the room:

Bros. J. A. Rolls, M.P.; E. H. Corbett, M.P.; Baron de Ferrieres, M.P.; Rev. H. Lansdell, S. G. Homfray, P.A.G.D.C., D.P.G.M. Monmouthshire; Thos. Beynon, Mayor of Newport; Dr. F. H. Wilson Iles, D.P.G.M. Herts; Col. Lyne, P.G.M. Monmouth; Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, G. Chap.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; George Lambert, G. Swd. Br.; A. J. Duff Filer, P.G.S.B.; H. G. Buss, Asst. Grand Sec.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P. Thos. Cubitt, P.G.P.; J. M. Reed, P.P.G.D. Sussex; Edgar Bowyer, P.G.S.W. Herts; J. Mullins, V. Pat.; H. R. Cooper Smith, V. Pat.; Dr. H. J. Strong, Hon. Surgeon; R. P. Middlemist, Hon. Surgeon; James Terry, Secretary; Dr. T. M. Edwards, M.D.; Rev. W. H. W. Caseley, P. Prov. G. Chap. Herts; F. R. W. Hedges, Sec. Girls' school; F. Binckes, Sec. Boys' School; J. H. Sillitoe, P.P.G.D.C. E. Lanc.; C. J. Martyn, P.G.C.; J. L. Hine, P.P.G.W. E. Lanc.; and A. Huet, P.P.G.P. Staffordshire.

After the dinner the CHAIRMAN arose and said: The first toast that I have to submit to you is “The health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen.” We have seen in the public prints lately that Her Majesty is about to live, for a short period, in the sunny south for the benefit of her health, and, therefore, we may drink to her safe return to her native soil in renewed health and strength.

In introducing the next toast the CHAIRMAN said: The next toast that I have to offer to you is that of “The Most Worshipful Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.” Our M.W.G.M. sets a great example to every Master of a province, and to every Master of a lodge. His example should go to the hearts of all Freemasons. We are about to welcome another Princess into our Royal Family. I am sure that we, as Freemasons, will give a hearty welcome to the wife of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master for Oxfordshire. I give you, brethren, The Prince of Wales and the other members of the Royal Family.

The CHAIRMAN then rose and said: Brethren, the next toast I have to bring before you is “The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master.” All who have seen him in Grand Lodge must admire the diligence and urbanity with which he discharges the important duties of his high office. I ask you to drink to the health of the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M.

THE CHAIRMAN said: Brethren, the next toast is that of “The Right Hon. The Earl of Lathom, R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and the Present and Past Grand Officers.” The Earl of Lathom rules over one of the largest provinces in the kingdom, and I feel sure that both he and the present Grand Officers will take example by the past Grand Officers and uphold that grand Institution the Grand Lodge of England the same as hitherto. I therefore give you the health of the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and the Present and Past Grand Officers, and with that toast I shall couple the name of the Rev. Ambrose Hall, Grand Chaplain.

REV. AMBROSE HALL: Right Worshipful Chairman, on no occasion where I have had the honour to return thanks for the Grand Officers of England have I done so with more pleasure than to-day, when I see so many brethren assembled together for an object of benevolence—the ruling feature of Freemasonry. I will not compare them with what a young lady lately sang about a bird of spring; I would rather compare them to those birds who brought, ages and ages ago, bread and flesh in the morning and bread and flesh in the evening to the aged Elijah. It gives me great pleasure, and I am sure I speak the views of the Grand Officers around me, to be present on this occasion. All who are here to-night are animated by one desire and hope, viz., that we shall see an ample sum collected for our aged brethren and aged sisters. I am an old man myself, and though blessed with everything I can want, I can still sympathise with those who are not only old but who are in want. I trust that we shall soon hear read out a good list of sums collected on behalf of our aged friends. I thank you for the kind manner in which you, sir, have proposed the health of the Grand Officers, and I thank you, brethren, for the cordiality with which you have received the toast.

The CHAIRMAN, in rising to propose the toast of the evening, was received with prolonged cheering. He said: Brethren, it is with much diffidence that I rise to propose this toast. It is one that I feel could have been placed in much better hands than my own, for being a soldier, I prefer action rather than words. (Hear, and laughter.) But I must pray your attention for a short time on behalf of this toast, the principal toast at the annual festival of this Benevolent Institution for 1882. This Institution was suggested by the late Duke of Sussex, M.W.G.M. of Masons, and since its establishment 556 brethren have been elected on its funds. (Cheers.) After the last election there were 155 male annuitants receiving £40 a year. That makes up a sum of £6200, towards which we have a permanent income of £1800. The residue of this income, including the working expenses, has to be made up by donations and subscriptions. I only trust that when Bro. Terry, the Secretary, presently announces the sums collected by the different stewards, we shall find that a very handsome sum has been placed to the credit of this Institution. (Hear, hear.) The Freemasons' Widow's Fund was established under the Grand Mastership of the late Earl of Zetland, in 1849. Since that time 319 widows have been elected, and after the last election there were 160 widows receiving £32 per annum each. (Cheers.) Now, last Friday I had the pleasure of going over the Benevolent Institution at Croydon, and I made what, as a soldier, I may call a very minute barrack inspection. (Hear, hear, and laughter.) I went there as a stranger to satisfy myself, and also to satisfy a great number of brethren who have not an opportunity of visiting the Institution, and I must say I was very much struck with its cleanliness, with the air of comfort that pervaded the whole place, and especially the rooms, and likewise with the gratitude expressed by those old men and old women there. (Cheers.) I had the honour of shaking hands with the oldest Freemason in England, a former Warden of the Institution, who is now 93 years of age. (Hear, hear.) I talked with some of the inmates, and with gratitude in their hearts and with tears in their eyes, they said, “Oh, sir, what should we do if it was not for this Institution and for the kindness of the Freemasons at large.” (Hear, hear.) I will not detain

you longer, brethren, but I will first say this, that the Benevolent Institution is one that commends itself to your generous support. I come from the small province in the very westernmost of Wales, and I felt it my duty on receiving an invitation to preside here to come with a true Freemason's heart to do what I could for you. (Cheers). I assure you it has given me great pleasure to preside here to-night, and I now ask you to drink right heartily "Success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons." (Cheers).

Bro. RAYNHAM STEWART: I am called upon most unexpectedly to return thanks for the toast proposed by our worthy Chairman. What are we all here for? We are here to help the aged, and to get others to help them. Brethren, I have been a Mason now five and thirty years, and the first stewardship I took in hand in my life was for this Institution; and I have been steward many times since, but I am perfectly prepared, in case of need, to serve another. Brethren, we must have success. I may tell you that, on that first occasion, we thought it was a grand success when we got £500; but such has been the growth of our Institution and our organization that last year we got £14,000. Brethren, I ask you to come down to the Institution and see it. The more you see it, the better you will know it; and the more you know of it, the better you will appreciate it. I am very proud to hear our Chairman's statement, and it gave me great pleasure to conduct him over that Institution, and bring him face to face with the inmates. What would they have done without that noble Institution? Gone to the Lodge of Benevolence. This Institution is better than the Lodge of Benevolence, because, in place of temporary aid, it affords permanent relief; so long as they live and behave themselves they are provided for. And I know that when I ask you to do what you can I am not begging success, but you mean to respond heartily and make it a thorough success. When you hear the results of the efforts that have been made, I think you will be proud of them; and I will, in conclusion, only echo the words of our chairman, "Success to the Institution!" an Institution which helps those who cannot help themselves.

Bro. TERRY, the Secretary of the Institution, then read out the list of the collections from various provinces, which were as follows:—

Table of collections from various provinces including LONDON, CHESHIRE, CUMBERLAND & WESTMORELAND, DERBYSHIRE, DEVONSHIRE, DORSETSHIRE, DURHAM, ESSEX, GLOUCESTERSHIRE, HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT, HERTFORDSHIRE, KENT, LANCASTHIRE (EASTERN DIVISION), LANCASTHIRE (WESTERN DIVISION), LEICESTER AND RUTLAND, MIDDLESEX, MONMOUTHSHIRE, NORFOLK, NORTH WALES AND SALOP, OXFORDSHIRE, SOUTH WALES (WEST DIVISION), SUFFOLK, SURREY, SUSSEX, WILTSHIRE, WORCESTERSHIRE, and WEST YORKSHIRE. Each entry lists a name and their contribution in pounds, shillings, and pence.

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Bro. TERRY remarked that, with two exceptions, this was the highest sum ever yet collected on behalf of the Benevolent Institution. They had last year £14,300, and in 1879, £13,875, but this was the third highest total ever yet realised on behalf of the Benevolent Institution, and it had been done this year with 143 stewards less than last year, which he would say, without casting any reflection on the efforts of last year's stewards, proved that this year they had worked more zealously, if possible, than they ever worked before. Since the announcement was made one list has come in, of Bro. Wild, of the Burlington Lodge, amounting to £103 19s., thus raising the total to £12,440 7s. 6d., and giving a sum of £49 7s. 9d. as the average of each steward's exertions. Bro. COL. LYNE then rose and said: Right Worshipful Sir and Brethren, I have been requested to propose "The Health of your Chairman." I ask you to join with me in giving him a right hearty welcome, and thanking him most sincerely for his kindness in coming so long a distance to preside over us at this great meeting. Brethren, I am sure the Principality will equally appreciate the compliment you have paid them in having selected their Provincial Grand

Master to preside over you on this occasion. Right Worshipful sir, I congratulate you upon the grand assemblage now surrounding you, and still further do I congratulate you upon the happy result of our endeavours, and that you are in the proud position of seeing as the result of this meeting that you stand third on the list, and that the magnificent sum of £12,337 is the result of the efforts of those who have to the utmost of their power assisted this good cause. I am sure, brethren, that the kind manner in which you receive the gifts from the provinces is a great inducement to them to go on and prosper in the good cause, and increase, if they can, their subscriptions. There is an old saying that good wine needs no bush, and I am sure that your Chairman needs no encomiums from me. I therefore propose to you to drink to his health and long life.

The CHAIRMAN: Right Worshipful Sir and Brethren, I hardly know how to respond to the kind way in which you have proposed my health, or for the kind manner in which it has been received. At the solicitation of the Secretary of this grand Institution, I consented, subject to the approval of the Grand Master, to preside upon this occasion. I had great diffidence in attempting it. I came, as I told you before, from the western shores of this island, and I can tell you that the Masonic heart beats in that western division the same as it does in this great city. I have great pleasure in presiding on this occasion, and I thank all those who have contributed to that grand sum of £12,337. I feel proud to have the honour to acknowledge it. I have only a few words to say; I thank you, brethren, for the kind manner in which you have received this toast, and you, sir, for the way in which you have proposed it.

Bro. the Rev. C. J. MARTYN said: The next toast devolves upon me. It is "Success to the other Masonic Institutions." At this late hour of the evening I shall make the few words I have to say as short as possible. One of the Institutions referred to is the Girls' School, for which our well-known and much respected Bro. Hedges will respond, will have its Festival in May; and the other Institution—the Boys' School—will have its Festival in June, and for that I will ask Bro. Binckes to respond. In asking you to drink to the success of these Institutions, I will remind you that Masonry is a progressive science, and I should like to see the results of each Festival exceed in amount the result of that which has gone before it; and if everybody will determine to outdo what has been done to-night, I am sure that the results of the coming Festivals might be made unparalleled successes.

Bro. HEDGES, in responding, said: Right Worshipful Sir, Bro. Martyn, and Brethren, for the kind manner in which you have received this toast, I deem it a very high privilege indeed to respond, and on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, I thank you most heartily. The success which has attended the festival to-night, culminating as it has in the splendid announcement to which we have just listened, is such that the Benevolent Institution, its Committees, and not least, its Secretary, Bro. Terry, are to be highly congratulated, and I should be wanting in a duty, and missing that which to me is a very great pleasure, were I to let this opportunity go by without tendering them my warmest congratulations on that success. I may remind you that the festival of the Girls' School will this year take place under the presidency of the Duke of Connaught. It is not for me now to detain you with any lengthened statistics; but I may remark that the school has under its care nearly 240 girls, daughters of our deceased or distressed brethren; and in pleading on their behalf that the coming festival may be rendered second to none of its predecessors, I know I am appealing to those whose hearts beat in sympathy with the noble cause, and who have proved, and will prove, by their actions that the pride and glory of English Freemasonry—viz., its Charities—is not on the wane. Bro. BINCKES also responded and said: Right Worshipful Chairman and Brethren, I am sure I have no wish to inflict upon you a second speech in connection with this toast. I am extremely obliged to you for the mention of my name, and I only hope that the splendid success which has attended this festival will attend that of the Institution for Boys, which takes place in June, under the presidency of the first magistrate of the first city in the world, and that the success of that Festival may even exceed that of this evening, as it will be the Festival of the first Institution in the world—the Boys' School.

Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G.S., said: Right Worshipful Chairman and Brethren, I am permitted to take up your time for a few moments to propose a toast, and in doing so it is a matter not only of duty but of very great pleasure. Right Worshipful Sir and Brethren, when we walk through the principal streets of this metropolis we see many stately buildings, and we do not know which to admire most, the skill and ability of the builders, or the liberality of those who provided the funds. To-night we have been present at the building of a great Masonic work, and we admire the skill and the liberality of those who have raised it. Our toast comprehends two in one—the brethren who combine both these qualities—the Stewards who have worked zealously in bringing about the consummation brought about to-night. They have laboured well for the Institution. We most of us know the trouble it is to be a steward of this Institution, how we have to call upon brethren and beg of friends. I think you will all agree with me that they have done their work most successfully in bringing together that most magnificent amount that the Secretary has just announced to us. I hope their good example will not be lost upon their successors, but that their energy and zeal will give an impetus to those whose time is still to come and result in the formation of an equally successful Board of Stewards for the year 1883. I trust all of you will join with me in recognising the services of the Board of Grand Stewards, in congratulating them upon their success, and thanking them for their services. I give you "The Health of the Stewards," and I couple with it the name of Bro. William Clarke, President of the Board of Stewards.

Bro. WM. CLARKE responded, and said: If the Board of Stewards are worthy of the high compliment which the Grand Secretary has passed upon us, and the cordial reception which the brethren have accorded us this evening, I am sure I am expressing the feeling of the stewards when I say that the time we have been engaged in this Masonic work has been well spent; and I am sure if it is a work in which we have been aiding and assisting either of the three noble Institutions of which our Craft can boast, I say it is a pleasure and we do feel amply compensated by such a result as has taken place to-night. That result will urge us on for the future, and will give every brother, especially the Board of Stewards, a feeling of pride that he has worked for this Institution. I thank the Grand Secretary for the manner in which he has proposed, and the brethren all for their reception of this toast.

THE CHAIRMAN then proposed the final toast, "The Ladies," calling upon Bro. Mullins to reply, but as Bro. Mullins had disappeared the toast, through his default, was not responded to.

It is only fair to say that the musical performances, which were under the direction of Madame Thaddeus Wells, assisted by Bro. Henry Parker, P.G.O., as pianist and Bro. P. E. Van Noorden as conductor, were unusually good. The performers were Miss Jessie Royd, Miss Carrie Blackwell, Miss J. M. Salmon, Madame Osborne Williams, Madame Thaddeus Wells, Bro. Faulkner Leigh, Bro. Arthur Thomas, Bro. Bantock Pierpoint, R.A.M., and Bro. Henry Pyat.

WORSHIPFUL MASTERS—IV.

BY BRO. A. F. A. WOODFORD.

I have read with much interest the lucubrations of Bros. T. B. Whythead, W. J. Hughan, and Calaminus on this subject, and agreeing generally with them in much they have so ably propounded, think it well here to record one or two points on which I am, after a long experience qualified, I venture to think, to express an opinion. When I add that I had the honour of being the W.M. of a very distinguished lodge so far back as 1845, and have since been more than once in the chair of a lodge, I think I may fairly be allowed to put forward my views on a subject which has frequently, almost necessarily, forced itself upon my attention.

1. There is, no doubt, a great demand for office just now, but I think it is a too hasty generalization to assume that all such demands, all such desires are wrong. The aspiration of rising in Masonry is quite legitimate, if kept within proper bounds, and subordinated to the greater claims of the lodge, whose prestige and interest are above all personal ambition, all party views.

2. That W.M.'s are sometimes elected not fitted for the post is, I fear, true in the abstract, as the same fact is true in the concrete of most institutions and societies. It frequently happens in many similar societies that by no means the best or fittest man becomes the chairman, and hence that it may and does happen in Masonic lodges, is, if to be regretted, not to be wondered at. It is only another proof, if proof be needed, of the innate weakness of all earthly organizations, and cannot, as far as I am aware, be met or absolutely prevented by any laws or arrangements. The "popularis aura" is as forcible and formidable in a lodge as out of it, and certainly if anything is proved from the argument of these elections it is rather against the system of election altogether. But the truth is there is a little exaggeration in all these allegations.

3. As a general rule, there are, of course, exceptions, an inefficient Master is now a comparatively "rara avis." I say comparatively. The absurdity of electing a W.M. for his wealth, or his amiability, or his social position, or because he "entertains," is so great that, as a general rule, I repeat lodges for some time have been electing W.M.s who will and can do their own work, and not always have recourse to some obliging P.M., who becomes in consequence a lodge dictator. Nothing is so bad for any lodge as when Bro. Jones, to use a common expression, "rules the roast," decides practically every question, and gives a colour and character to the whole tone and temper of that lodge.

All that we can do is to impress upon brethren the importance of the W.M.'s post, and urge them to elect the brother best fitted to exemplify and adorn Masonic teaching and Masonic work, to carry on a faithful work, and promote the concord and comfort of the brethren. But in vain often are "checks and counter-checks," the best of bye-laws, the most prudent body of Past Masters.

Sometimes brethren will take the bit into their mouths, every now and then in the history of a lodge, and casting Masonic counsels and prudence to the winds vindicate the right of the brethren to elect the man of their own heart. Have we never known cases where the P.M.s. were all on one side, a large section on the other, and, when yielding to open agitation or surreptitious cabal, the absolutely most unfit man was elected W.M., to the detriment of the good old lodge, in many cases to its eventual breaking up?

Nay, is it not within legal memory of some of us, that lodges have deliberately elected W.M.s. who were positively excluded from the chair by a rigid and proper interpretation of our laws and charges, and deliberately did so in spite of warning and protest? We must not, therefore, rest too much on bye-laws and the like, but rather look for the spread of Masonic education and a higher sense of responsibility in such matters.

There is in some lodges an excellent rule, which I know works admirably, and prevents any undeserving favouritism and caballing. It is this,—that every brother, in turn, whose attendance and general Masonic career evidence his interest in the lodge and the Craft, shall, in rotation, have office offered to him. In the lodges where this rule exists it succeeds admirably in obtaining skilled W.M.'s and skilled officers, and the harmony of such lodges is complete.

4. Bro. Calaminus proposes a complete Masonic revolution as regards the election of all lodge officers. I need only add that I do not think many experienced W.M.s. will back up such a suggestion. It appears to me calculated to turn every lodge into a "caucus," and take away from the W.M. all power of control, and practically entirely to weaken his executive and administrative powers. Essentially in all good lodges the selection of officers is not left solely to the choice of the W.M. His undoubted legal right in this matter is habitually affected by the friendly, but unofficial, advice of the Past Masters of the lodge; but any such proposal as the election of all officers would not only lead to a serious conflict of opinion, but would unbinge all the happy conditions of English Masonry, and seriously compromise both its safety and its progress. In fact, we should, to use a well-known, but homely, proverb, "Get out of the frying-pan into the fire," as we should exchange the calm selection of the W.M., aided by the experience of the Past Masters, for the choice of a caucus, or the favourite of a cabal.

In all societies of men, and in lodges not unfrequently, there are those who always think they are overlooked, and we should simply afford an excuse by a change I never hope to live to see, for a constant state of canvass in every English lodge. The Book of Constitutions provides for the election of the W.M. and Treasurer, and Tyler, on specific grounds, which are patent to all; but to extend this principle, wisely limited as it now is, to all the officers of the lodge, would be destructive, in my humble opinion, of the whole theory and framework of lodge life and government.

I am inclined to think that Bro. Calaminus has hardly gauged the extent of his own proposal. I hope he will himself reconsider it, and am glad therefore to have the opportunity of calling his attention to what I feel sure will not commend itself to the minds of the most experienced W.M.s and P.M.s amongst us.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF BERKS AND BUCKS.

The annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Windsor, on Thursday, the 16th inst., when there were present M.E. Comp. Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., Prov. G. Supt.; M.E. Comp. Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, Past 1st G.A.S., Prov. G.H.; M.E. Comp. Robert Bradley, P.Z. 414, Prov. G.J.; and a goodly muster of companions from the various chapters in the province.

The usual formalities having been observed, the Prov. Grand Superintendent called the attention of the Companions to the first business, viz., the election of the Prov. Grand Treasurer, when M.E. Comp. Rev. O. J. Grace, P.Z. 591, was re-elected to that office.

The undermentioned companions were then duly appointed and invested, viz.:

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| Comp. John Williams, P.Z. 591 | ... | Prov. G.S.E. |
| " S. G. Kirchhoffer, Z. 948 | ... | Prov. G.S.N. |
| " R. Roberts, H. 771 | ... | Prov. G.P.S. |
| " A. Portsmouth, P.Z. 414 | ... | Prov. G. 1st A.S. |
| " J. D. Coales, 591 | ... | Prov. G. 2nd A.S. |
| " E. J. Trendell, 945 | ... | Prov. G. Reg. |
| " J. E. Danks, 414 | ... | Prov. G. Swd. B. |
| " S. Jacob, P.Z. 840 | ... | Prov. G. Std. B. |
| " J. Bating, 591 | ... | Prov. G.D.C. |
| " L. Heber Clerke, 945 | ... | Prov. G. Org. |
| " W. Parsons, P.Z. 414; J. W. Lamb, Z. 414; A. M. Yetts, | ... | Prov. G. Stwds. |

The Prov. G.H. read a communication from the G.S.E., referring to the practice of companions wearing a tri-colour ribbon with their jewel of office pendant, which appears to be against regulations, the tri-colour being restricted to the collar only.

There being no further business of importance, the chapter was closed in due and ancient form, and the companions adjourned to a banquet at the Castle Hotel.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION-STONE OF A NEW LODGE AT ADDINGTON, NEW ZEALAND.

On the 7th Dec. last the foundation-stone of the new Masonic lodge, Point-road, Addington, was laid with an amount of ceremonial and *clat* such as had not been equalled in any event connected with Freemasonry in Natal. The increasing importance of Addington, as a suburb of Durban, and the ever growing number of Masons in that district, were the natural origin of the formation of a new lodge, the efforts to obtain which were cordially supported by the brethren of the older lodges in Natal.

At 11.30 a.m. the installation of the Worshipful Master of Addington Lodge, No. 1937, was performed at the Masonic Hall, and after a brief interval lodge was opened, a procession was formed, and when completed and fairly on the move it was a very imposing spectacle. Headed by the band of the 58th Regiment, which performed selections of music along the whole of the route, the procession was composed as follows: First two Tylers, with swords; next unattached visitors, two by two; then Lodges Caledonian, 474; Kokstad; Umvoti, 1867; Skelmersdale, 1729; Carnarvon, 1684; Natalia, 1605; Inanda, 1192; and Prince Alfred, 956. After these, and headed by their banner, came the brethren of the Port Natal Lodge.

The brethren all wore the Craft Masonry regalia and the Royal Arch jewel, so that these and the banners, as well as the large number included in the procession (over 500), made the spectacle of a lively and inspiring kind. On arriving at the site the procession halted and opened on right and left, the band retiring to the S.E. side of the ground, and Bros. Russell, P.M.; Crowe, W.M. 738; Colley, W.M. 1937; Marriott, P.M.; and Finnermore, passed up the centre, all brethren following in succession, thus inverting the order of procession. The Lewises then surrounded the stone in front of the brethren, and W.M.'s and P.M.'s took up their positions on the platform, the officers bearing the tools being at the front of the platform below, and the three columns with pedestal and volume of Sacred Law were placed on the front of the platform. Position being thus taken, the usual ode was sung by the brethren. Bro. Colley, W.M. 1937, then presented to Bro. Russell, W.M., a silver trowel with which to perform the work of laying the stone, and the latter having been adjusted Bro. the Rev. T. J. Reynolds, Chaplain, offered a suitable prayer, to which the brethren chanted the response "So mote it be." The Secretary, Bro. Leask, then read the following inscription of the new lodge:—

"I.T.N.O.T.G.A.O.T.U."

"Addington Lodge, No. 1937, of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

"The foundation stone of this temple, to be erected for the purposes of Masonry and dedicated to the Holy Evangelist St. John, was laid in due form on Wednesday, the seventh day of December, A.L. 5881, A.D. 1881, by Bro. George Russell, P.M. 738, Prince Alfred, 956, Inanda, 1192, Natalia, 1605, Carnarvon, 1684, Skelmersdale, 1729, Umvoti, 1867, Kokstad, 1886, and Caledonian, 474 (Scotch Constitution), and of numerous distinguished brethren and visitors from all parts of the colony.

"The following brethren, being officers of the lodge for the year 1881-82: Bros. Thomas Colley, W.M.; Robert Isaac Finnermore, I.P.M.; Thomas Nutter Price, S.W.; George Ireland, J.W.; Harry Escombe, Treas.; F. W. McEwan, Sec.; P. E. Washington, S.D.; H. M. Bremer, J.D.; D. Douglas, I.G.; J. Le Clercq, M.C.; William Lodge, Tyler.

"The following are the foundation members of the Addington Lodge: Bros. R. I. Finnermore, P.M. Natalia 1605; Thomas Colley, Skelmersdale 1729; George Ireland, Port Natal 738; J. R. Harrison, P.M. Caledonian 447; A. Hart, P.M. Derby 724; A. J. Keeler, Port Natal, 738; F. W. McEwan, Port Natal 738; G. D. Stewart, Nepton 1264; George Leask, Port Natal 738; H. Reynolds, Inanda 1192; G. Taylor, Caledonian 447; J. Le Clercq, Caledonian 447; H. M. Bremer, Port Natal 738; H. Lumsden, Courthead 1392; L. J. Wilson, Port Natal 738; W. S. Jarvis, Caledonian 447; T. N. Price, Port Natal 738.

"His Excellency Sir Evelyn Wood, V.C., Major-General, K.C.B., Administrator of the Government of the Colony of Natal. In the 45th year of the reign of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria."

The Treasurer, Bro. Cullingworth, having placed in a cavity beneath the stone, the coins of the realm and a phial containing copies of the *Mercantile Advertiser* and *Natal Mercury*, and a record of the movement to form the lodge, the stone was lowered, the band meanwhile playing slow music. The inscription on the face of the stone is as follows:—

"This Foundation Stone of the Addington Lodge, No. 1937, was well and truly laid by Bro. Geo. Russell, P.M., No. 738, on the 7th December, 1881."

Bro. Russell, P.M., having tried and adjusted the stone, and declared it to be well and truly laid in the name of the Most High, the dedication took place.

The plans of the building were then inspected by Bro. Russell, P.M., who presented them to Bro. Ireland, the architect.

Bro. RUSSELL, P.M., then delivered the following address: Brethren, I cannot terminate the gratifying ceremony that has brought us together this day without thanking you most heartily in my own name and on behalf of our Addington brethren, for your attendance and the assistance you have rendered. Without doubt our presence is voluntary, notwithstanding the parts we have taken are not of our own choice. The motto of my family is "Che sara, sara"—"What will be, will be," and in that fatalistic spirit I accepted the prominent and honourable position accorded to me to-day, a position I am proud to occupy, but one that for your fraternal willing assistance I could not have sustained. In the absence of a Provincial or other Grand Officer the chance circumstance of my being the oldest Natal-made Mason, and the senior Past Master of the Mother Lodge of the colony (Port Natal Lodge, No. 738), has caused the honours of to-day to be thrust upon me, a duty I should have felt myself unfitted to perform were it not known to you all that social rank and all other attributes of distinguished citizenship are measured, squared, and brought to a level in our lodge. From the eminence of our most noble brother, our Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the prominence given to his works of this character, the humble ceremonial of to-day may seem to the uninitiated as a burlesque or an extravaganza; but, brethren, we know better. We know that however deficient we may be in numbers or in pageantry we are not the less earnest in heart or intention, and were it possible for His Royal Highness or any of our noble and distinguished Masters to have been present to-day they would joyfully have taken my place and joined us in raising a temple to the Great Architect of the Universe, whence light purified from creeds and dogmas shall shine forth to lighten this Dark Continent. I see around me brethren from all parts of this colony, and even from the four quarters of the globe, some of whom are of rank and eminence in our order. They are not gathered at an idle ceremonial, but they come as witnesses to the wisdom, strength, and beauty of our teachings, to those sacred principles which build a temple, not made by hands, eternal in the heavens. As Freemasonry originated at the building of King Solomon's Temple, it is our pride that we come before Christianity; we receive into our Order all men who reverence and adore the true and living God Most High, and we recognise in every son of Adam a brother of the dust. As no merely human institutions are perfect, as no church, sect, or philosophical system instituted by man is perfect, so also has Masonry its defects; but it seeks by its teachings to make all men perfect, and if haply mankind are only improved then does it confer a benefit upon civilised society. When the lessons and symbols illustrated in our lodges—and which surround us to-day—come to be applied, they bring men's hearts and sentiments closer together in the fraternal union which humbles and levels all men in the presence of their Creator. We meddle with no man's creed, and we decline his politics; hence where in any institution than ours will you see the rich and poor, the educated and the ignorant, meeting on a true equality, respecting and appreciating each other? It is not many months since I saw a colonel sitting in a social chat with a sergeant of the line, and an officer of the Royal Navy giving the fraternal hand to a leading stoker. To the ignorant inquirer as to how these things can be, I would reply, by influence of those divine principles we practice, the greatest of which is Charity. We are not a benefit society, but we prize our labour and our actions above money's worth; we are mutually bound by those sweet ties of fellowship which prompt all true Masons, if unable to speak well of a brother, to say nothing to his disadvantage, to deal gently with his infirmities, extending our kind offices to those most dear to him, in the person of his wife, his sister, or his child. I would desire to remark to our sisters, present or in prospect, while thanking them for their countenance to-day, that though we keep from them the knowledge of our mysteries we teach them our secrets daily by making them the willing, though unconscious, agents for the dissemination of our charity and goodwill. Hence they should accord us some consideration, deal leniently with our shortcomings, and trust us more, in the full assurance that a good Mason must be a good man, the foundation stone of our Order being those Masonic ornaments and sacred dictates dear to every woman's heart—truth, honour, and virtue. We hope that the part taken by our sons in to-day's ceremonial may make a lasting impression upon their minds, so that when they arrive at the years of discretion they may seek knowledge where it is to be found, and gathering corn, wine, and oil, relieve their aged parents after the heat and burden of their day, by dedicating themselves to Masonry and the practice of those virtues laid down for our own guidance in the volume of Sacred Law, the chief of which are temperance, prudence, fortitude, and justice. Our very Worshipful Bro. Finnermore, P.M., will now address you.

In response, Bro. FINNEMORE said: It is a time-honoured custom at the laying of a foundation stone of any public building for some one in authority to address a few words to those present as to the purpose which has called them together, and the uses to which the intended building is to be put, and the brethren of the Addington Lodge have done me the honour to select me for this duty on the present occasion. The object for which we have assembled here to-day, and which has just been satisfactorily concluded, is one of deep interest to members of our great Order. Another lodge has been added to the very large and ever-expanding roll; another building has been commenced in which the grand principles of Freemasonry are to be taught. Those of my audience who are members of the Fraternity will readily accept the fact as a subject of pleasure and congratulation, especially as we know that the new

charter has been placed in the hands of worthy and zealous brethren, in whom we have every confidence that they will maintain pure and unsullied the general tenets and principles of our Order. To the uninitiated it may be well that I should address a few remarks upon the nature of Freemasonry. Freemasonry is a very ancient and eminently respectable institution, embracing men of every nation under the sun—of every religion, of all conditions of life—one in which all religious and political differences are forgotten. It has its well-guarded secrets; but this much I may fearlessly unfold, that universal love and charity is their shibboleth, inculcated at initiation, repeated in their various assemblies, and so not inapt to take a firm root in the mind and to exercise a more powerful control over their lives and actions than can exist in the case of those who do not possess this additional incentive to walk in the paths of morality and virtue. And when I speak of love and charity as being the shibboleth of our Craft, I speak of love and charity in their widest and noblest sense—of love to our fellow men—of the charity that consists not in alms-giving alone, but that forgives its enemies, that returns good for evil, that swerves not from the paths of rectitude and justice. There is no Mason here present who is not aware that the principles of his Craft do perpetually urge him towards those noble duties, or who leaves his lodge without a more settled determination to fulfil them. We have now, in accordance with ancient usage, laid in the north-east corner of the building its foundation stone. That stone was perfectly squared; it has been laid perfectly level; it now stands firm and upright on its base, an earnest, let us hope, of what the building, when completed, will be—"perfect in its parts and honourable to the builder." The work has now been handed over to the operative Mason, and we pray that the Great Architect of the Universe (through whom alike princes reign and the humblest artisans perform their allotted tasks) may give His grace to all engaged in the undertaking; that they may be enabled to do their work honestly, faithfully, truly, in a workmanlike manner; that the building may be brought to a happy completion, and when completed that it may long serve for the convenience and benefit of the Craft, and of the inhabitants of Addington and the neighbourhood; that the lodge which will meet within its walls may ever seek to advance the welfare of its brethren and the good of Freemasonry. May we hear of its steady increase, its happy unity, and its regular progression in all those Masonic virtues and excellencies which attract to our Order the devotion of its members, and have won for it the admiration of mankind. (Applause.)

Bro. Archdeacon COLLEY, in returning thanks, said: It is now my pleasing duty, as Master of the Addington Lodge of Freemasons, 1937, which has this day seen auspicious birth, to return our thanks to W. Bro. Russell for laying this foundation stone, which has been well and truly laid in the name of the Great Architect of the Universe; the first stone of a temple undenominational, where men of all sets, and sects, and sections may meet in brotherly unity, and find common ground for the growth of manly virtues, unhampered by creedal disabilities. W. Bro. Russell, in the name of the lodge, I tender you our hearty thanks. Also, it is with much pleasure that I am privileged to convey the thanks of this lodge to W. Bro. Finnermore for the oration just delivered—that able exposition of the aims and objects of our ancient and honourable Fraternity. The greater is my pleasure in doing this, since, Worshipful Sir, you are one with us, being first foundation member of the lodge now established. In the name of the lodge of which you are Immediate Past Master, I thank you for your oration. Further, I thank W. Bro. Marriott, as Installing Officer, and the Worshipful Master, Past Masters, officers, and brethren of the Port Natal Lodge, for the very valuable help rendered us in so many ways to-day, and their great cordiality from our first steps in the matter that has led to the foundation of this new centre of interest in the Craft—the Craft that they have in this colony from the first so long and worthily represented. W. Bro. Marriott, Worshipful Master, Past Masters, officers, and brethren of the Port Natal Lodge, I heartily thank you; and may this happy fraternal feeling, thus conspicuously shown, ever animate both lodges. And, Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, officers, and brethren of the many other lodges represented here to-day, I thank you on my own behalf and that of my officers and the brethren of the Addington Lodge for the assistance of your presence; and as visitors in our working and guests at our social board, we shall, I trust, often have the pleasure of seeing you. Also I thank the ladies who have so gracefully adorned our proceedings to-day. It is a kindness, brethren, hardly to be estimated by us of the masculine persuasion. For do we not exclude them from our mysteries, and deny them the sweet privilege of worming one of our secrets. (Laughter.) But it is like them thus to return good for evil. But though we cannot mend our manners in this one particular, yet we can all the more feelingly appreciate the kindness in lending us their presence on this festive occasion. The sunshine of their smiles has been sufficient, lacking the golden glare of a midsummer's day. And oh, dear ladies, let not that sunshine ever know an eclipse when your husbands, sweethearts, or brothers will not let you into any of the mysteries soon to be practised on the ground now hallowed by your feet. (Laughter.) It has been said that a woman neither can keep a secret herself nor let anybody else keep one. We do not deny the first part of the statement, but as Freemasons, we are exempt from the force of the second. Fair daughters of Eve! Eden attends your footsteps still, but we who wear these aprons (lambs' skin not fig leaves) are safe; for the apple-tree has been cut down; the snake has been thrown over the hedge. All the more we thank you for smiling on our proceedings to-day. (Laughter and applause.)

The proceedings closed with grand honours, the brethren returning to Durban, where lodge was closed, and the Lewises and band proceeded to the Alexandra Hotel, Point, where they had refreshments.

In the evening a banquet was held at the Alexandra Hotel.

We shall give an account of the proceedings at the banquet in our next.

The Chairman of the South-Eastern Railway Company (Sir E. Watkin, Bart., M.P.), and a party of about thirty gentlemen, including the Lord Mayor, went from Dover on Saturday morning by a special train to the Channel Tunnel Works at Shakespeare Cliff, to inspect the heading commenced at that point.

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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. 1293.

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To Correspondents.

PAST MASTER must add his full name to his paper. K.T.—1. Unless he be a subscribing member he can only visit a lodge once. 2. No. Unless the bye-laws give such power he can be re-proposed and re-elected. 3. It depends on the bye-laws. 4. We think not. In Freemasonry the only grade affected would be the R.A. It is a somewhat difficult question.

"The Antiquarian Magazine and Bibliographer" will be noticed in our next.

The following reports, &c., stand over:—Consecration of a Masonic Hall in Auckland, N.Z. Wellington Lodge, No. 548. Staffordshire Knot Lodge, No. 726. Westbourne Lodge, No. 733. Abbey Lodge, No. 1184. Walker Lodge, No. 1342. Friars Lodge, No. 1349. King's Cross Lodge, No. 1732. Cornwall Chapter—Rose Croix, No. 61. Perfect Ashlar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1178.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"La Acacia," "Die Bauhutte," "The Broad Arrow," "The Citizen," "Orient," "The Mystic Tie," "Voice of Masonry," "The Court Circular," "The West London Advertiser," "The Walsall Free Press," "Allen's Indian Mail," "The New Zealand Freemason," "Boletin Masonico," "Caygill's Tourists' Chronicle," "The English Lakes Visitor," "The Warrington Advertiser," "El Taller," "Le Monde Maconnique," "Newspaper Press Directory," "Keystone," "The Hull Packet," "The Jewish Chronicle," "The Gazette."

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 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.]

THE THREE GRAND LODGES OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Unity is one of the ancient and leading landmarks of Masonry, and yet the subject upon which I am going to address you, hoping to secure your powerful co-operation, is, entirely in my opinion, antagonistic to this fundamental principle. Three Grand Lodges in this United Kingdom—disunited unquestionably, from a Masonic point of view. Our Prince, our future King, is Grand Master of one Masonic division. Would that he were the Grand Master of Great Britain and Ireland, and then he would be the kingly chief of all British Masons. Is the idea impracticable? If not, let there be at once a united effort to abolish the inconsistency, for it now leads to discord, non-uniformity in laws, regulations, and dress; the science of symbolism is destroyed; our obligations differ; in fact, the whole machinery of Masonry is wanting in oneness. To enter now into the many inconveniences and expenses connected with the existence of three Grand Lodges would lengthen my communication and not strengthen my appeal in a cause which is meant for the welfare of the Craft and its better administration.

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

C. K., Scotland, No. ...

APOLLO UNIVERSITY LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

It seems to me that the quotation from the 1869 edition of the bye-laws of the above lodge, made by "The Compiler of the Freemason Historical Calendar" in your last issue, goes to support my view as to the proper date of the "opening" of the Apollo University Lodge. I do not understand how any lodge can be described as "opened" before a W.M. at least, if not the other officers as well, has been installed.

Surely a lodge which has not, and which never has had, a W.M., cannot be called "open."

It is also expressly stated in the paragraph quoted that Feb. 19th has been "always considered the anniversary of the lodge."

I am, yours fraternally,

A MEMBER OF No. 357.

THE WORSHIPFUL MASTERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Bro. Hughan has expressed a wish that a correspondence will be opened up by the remarks he has made in an article on Worshipful Masters in your issue of to-day. Although but a comparatively young Mason, may I be allowed to endorse Bro. Hughan's sentiments, so far as my experience goes.

I have not arrived at the chair, nor am I one of those who have an "insatiable thirst" to add W.M. after their name, that I shall not allude to that portion of Bro. Hughan's article. But I may say so strongly do I feel on that subject, that when last year the W.M. elect of my lodge, in which I was only Steward, asked me before the installation night if I wished to go on, and that he could offer me the collar of an office skipping over one or two of the junior offices—not officers—I told him, although I have the ambition to sit some day in the chair of King Solomon in that lodge, yet I was content to remain where I was for another

year; or, at least, would rather go up the scale by serving each office, as one gains experience by doing so. But I also added that I believe it the first and foremost duty of every Mason to obey the Master of the lodge, and that, therefore, if he wished it, I would take any office he chose; the result on the night of installation being—on account of circumstances—it was his pleasure to give me slight promotion, which, of course, I was glad to accept.

But I purpose directing my remarks to the initiation of candidates for Masonry. With Bros. Hughan and Whythead I entirely agree about the evil of the present system of admission to our Craft. Of course it is not possible for each member of the lodge to know a candidate; the proposer and seconder must bear that responsibility, and if they were fully alive to their duties they would be more particular than they are at present. When I was made a Mason I knew little about the Craft, though I admired the idea of brotherhood and bearing one another's burdens. A person with whom I was not at all intimate offered—not my own seeking—to propose me in his lodge, and find a seconder. This person knew absolutely nothing of me, nor I of him. I was young—but I hope not foolish; I consented; was balloted for, and initiated. I knew nothing of the lodge until I was in it, except from what my proposer had told me; but I soon found it contained a class of men with whom socially I had nothing in common, most of them being artisans and small tradesmen. After a time I felt obliged to send in my resignation; but this was chiefly brought about by the abominable system of—I can call it nothing less than—touting for candidates. Each time the lodge met there was a lot of work, i.e., initiating, passing, and raising. I must say, in one way, this reflects well on the successive Masters wishing not to be idle, for we all know of some Masters who are glad to go through the chair without the trouble of learning up the ceremonies for open lodge.

I have laid myself open to the charge that after all Masonry is not brotherhood, that one man is not as good another. But as Masons are human beings, and as long as humanity lasts, there must always be degrees of Society. But it cannot be said that when once admitted, I did not receive the initiate as a brother. My object now is not to lament over what has been done, but to look at the future. It may be said why did I not blackball the candidate, but of what use is one black ball; or, why did I not get up in open lodge and object to the balloting for Mr. So-and-So? But not knowing anything against the person, never even having seen nor heard of him, it would be unfair in open lodge to do so. The remedy is that the proposer and seconder of a candidate must be perfectly intimate with him, and themselves be alive to the great responsibility they are taking upon themselves in introducing their friend into that particular lodge and Freemasonry generally.

I feel indebted to the brother who introduced me to the Craft, and I trust I have benefited by its doctrines; certain it is that it is a Mason's own fault if he do not. I am quite of Bro. Hughan's opinion that the "Odd Fellows" and "Foresters" are more suited to mechanics, policemen, labouring men and such like, as secret societies. As far as a benefit society is concerned, they would be as well off, probably better. This opinion is confirmed by the fact that in my experience I have never heard one of these sort of men express any admiration or wish to follow out the beautiful secrets of the Order. Their life and teaching has not led them to it. It may not be their own fault, but certainly they are unsuited to Masonry. Their enjoyment seems to me to be the dinner table, where they are frequently waited upon by those who might well sit down with them and perhaps be less unmannered. No doubt, too, the prestige Masonry may confer had a charm for them. I don't wish it to be understood that I have an antipathy to the lower orders of society, far from it, but the same position does not become all alike. I should be just as much out of place as Grand Master as the persons to whom I refer are as Masons at all.

Bro. Hughan says it is to meet the expenses of banquets that candidates are initiated. No doubt. But if such member cannot afford to pay for his own banquet, he ought to do without it. Why should we dine on another man's money? I fully endorse Bro. Hughan's remarks about raising the minimum fee for initiation to six guineas. The charities would benefit by it.

Bro. Hughan concludes in saying that two or three members of a lodge can keep out an unsuitable candidate, but it is difficult to do that. It must be found out who put the ball in the "No" side, and bitterness would at once be engendered between them and the proposers. I contend the brethren must be chiefly guided by the proposer and seconder, who, in their turn, ought to be impressed with the responsibility they take on themselves. In conclusion, may I add, however desirable it may be to confer degrees—and I am entirely in favour of the increase of the Craft, but only amongst proper persons—it is not necessary. Could a Master better occupy the time a lodge is open, or the brethren be better employed, than working the sections of the lectures, the charges, or the tracing board lectures?

Apologising for the length of this letter, and the hurried manner in which it is written.

I remain, yours fraternally,

A YOUNG AND EARNEST MASON.

11th February, 1882.

[We think that all communications on this subject should be signed by the name of the writer. Ed. FM.]

THE PROPHET OF ÆSTHETICISM.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Your "esteemed and worthy confrère of the Philadelphia Keystone" seeks for consolation in the fact that the Prophet of Æstheticism, now preaching his wild doctrines in America, is not a Freemason.

I can vouch for the fact that he was initiated in the Apollo University Lodge on the 23rd of February, 1875, and that he subsequently joined another lodge, from which he retired, because his æsthetic tastes were offended by having an official communication made to him on a post card.

Yours fraternally, S. M. M. C. O.

PRINTERS' ERRORS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I venture, as a humble sufferer from this "epidemic disorder" just now, to call the attention of your readers to two sad perversities of type, which gave me a cold shiver when I read the *Freemason* on Friday last.

The one is in the review on the "Roman Catholic attack on Freemasonry," where the word "consecration" is put for "constitution," making utter nonsense; and the other in the review of the "Greek Serial," where "Fates of Furies" should be, of course, "Fates and Furies."

The errors of the Press are alike a mystery of mysteries to printer, reader, editor, and yours fraternally,

THE REVIEWER.

[The errors of the Press sometimes arise from the difficulty of deciphering the copy. —D.F.M.]

Reviews.

THE SECRET WARFARE OF FREEMASONRY, &c. Second Notice.

We have thought it well to call attention to this work a second time, in continuation of our first review of it, not from any inherent importance or seriousness of the work itself, for it is an utterly worthless compilation of tall talk and windy verbosity, but because it comes before us with a preface which gives a sort of official "imprimatur" to it as a deliberate exposition of Roman Catholic thought and judgment, and very sorry we are to peruse such a specimen of inflated periods, turgid style and ludicrous errors. It is quite clear that the writer has simply gone to French and Belgian papers, and basing his repetitive assertions on the very able brochure of Monsigneur Dupanloup, proceeds to anathematize and assail all Freemasons. But Monsigneur Dupanloup was too skilful as a controversialist, too enlightened a publicist, too honest a man not to make a difference between foreign and Anglo-Saxon Masonry. This he did, but in this his feeble imitator does not follow suit. The greater mind of Dupanloup was "fair" beyond and above his special mission, as he thought, but the little mind of his follower cannot overpass the petty outline of Ultramontane bigotry and obscurantism. We always considered Monsigneur Dupanloup had a right, "pace" our worthy Bro. Caubet, to find fault with almost every thing that French Freemasons had lately said and done. Nay, we have done the same ourselves, in no uncertain tone and in no measured terms. The outbursts of some French and Belgian Freemasons were as startling and objectionable to our Anglo-Saxon Masonic minds as they were to thoughtful Roman Catholics, and at the time we openly said so. At the same time, we regretted to note that Monsigneur Dupanloup could not enter, (as perhaps he could not), into the idea of Freemasonry, and found himself forced, by absolute decrees of the Church, to consider Freemasonry accursed, and Freemasons under an interdict. But Monsigneur Dupanloup did not commit the great error in logic of putting the part for the whole, or arguing from particular to an universal. The differences between the two essays is as between chalk and cheese, yes, and as between light and darkness; one is all ability and originality, hard hitting if you like, marked, no doubt, by much mistaken severity and assertion; the other nothing but petty enunciations, vulgar recriminations, ludicrous blunders, and virulent fanaticism. There is nothing stately or dignified in it, but, on the contrary, all is rather trifling and commonplace, what the German call "gemein," in stupid bitterness and perverse repetition. One of the best and most amusing of the errors of author, and translator, and introduction writer is the assertion that there are seventeen millions of Freemasons in the world, and this in a work which professes to give the number of lodges. The statement is so essentially absurd and so absolutely untrue, that we wonder any respectable Roman Catholic controversialist making use of such an useless weapon. The highest number the most sanguine Freemason can claim is about 1,300,000 or 1,500,000. There is no possibility of there being a greater number than this, the more so, as both adopting the hurtful use of a "fraus pia," Ultramontane and pre-Masonic writers exaggerate the number of "acolytes" respectively. No good end is gained by such puerile manipulation, either on the one side or the other. The writer, teeming with the memory of the "Cultur Kampf," evidently rather wishful to go to Canopa, unlike a German statesman, declares that the appointment of our great and amiable Bro. Wendt, as Grand Secretary for German Correspondence in the English Grand Lodge, is a proof of the sympathy of England with German and Bismarckian machinations. The statement is again so positively childish and ridiculous as only to do harm on its inventor and repeater. Our Bro. J. C. Parkinson is credited as a most astute, and dangerous, and plotting Freemason, bent on the destruction of throne and altar, law and family life, the bitter opponent, the irreconcilable foe of the Church of Rome, and alone possessed of the secret designs of English Freemasons, which are not even communicated to the Prince of Wales, as the generality, and are of the most destructive and diabolical character. Those of us who know Bro. Parkinson are aware that no more genial, or tolerant, or cultivated Freemason exists and as for English Freemasonry, it is emphatically the most loyal, the most religiously feeling, and the most reverential Order of men in existence. And now the writer, almost out of breath with his vehement oburgation, and in the foam of fury declares that Freemasonry is hateful and dis-

loyal to God and man, he sums up his charges under these, as he thinks, telling heads, its secret warfare against the Roman Catholic Church, its secret warfare against Christianity, its secret warfare against humanity, its secret warfare against society, and its secret warfare against God. These are, indeed, heavy charges, if true, but they are so absolutely absurd and mendacious in themselves that it is almost an insult to our loyal and peaceable and benevolent Order to seek to refute them, to condescend to notice them. The Church of Rome in 1738 (April 18), commenced its bitter warfare against Freemasonry with the Bull of Clement XII. which unrelenting animosity and persecution continue to this hour. The Bull of Clement was followed by Benedict XIV. in his Bull of March, 1751. Pius VII. denounced the Carbonari and the Freemasons in his allocution of September 13th, 1821; Leo XII. repeated this March, 1818-26; and Gregory XVI. renewed it August, 1848. Pio Nono, though admitted as a young man, "Mastai Ferretti," into "Giovene Italia," and a member of the Carbonari or Madre Natura, condemned Freemasonry no less than five times—November 19th, 1846, April 20th, 1849, December 8th, 1849 (twice in one year), December 7th, 1854, and again in 1863. Remembering, too, that the Freemasons had been condemned unheard, uncanonically even according to Roman Canon Law, and "en bloc" by the Belgian Bishops, the French bishops, American bishops, the archbishops of Malines, Malta, and Cardinal Manning, to say nothing of minor lights, whether regulars, or Jesuits, or monastic preachers, it is not too much to say, that the attack, so far as Anglo-Saxon Masonry is concerned, has come from Rome, not from Freemasonry, and that our position always is, always has been, "Defence, not Defiance." But we must not forget that at this very moment all Roman Catholic Freemasons, and all Freemasons, in fact, are "ipso facto" ex-communicated and excluded from all the ministrations of the Church of Rome. All this violence has done Freemasonry no harm, it has done it good. We need not pursue the other heads of the indictment, they are too grotesque and childish to merit animadversion or reply. No more peaceable, loyal, orderly, well-conducted body of men we repeat, exist than the 1,100,000 who make up Anglo-Saxon Masonry, and though, as in all societies of men, "black sheep" are found—the clergy are not even exempted from the reality, such is human infirmity—we may feel proud to think how well, for the most part, Freemasons, fill all the relations of life, as subjects and citizens, as fathers, brothers, sons; in office, in business; honest, true-hearted, friendly, large-hearted men. The charities of English Freemasonry constitute a wondrous reality, and are, in truth, the best answer of every English Freemason to Ultramontane accusers, open adversaries, and anonymous slanderers.

PUBLIC LEDGER ALMANACK FOR 1882.

We are indebted to our esteemed Bro. M. Richard Muckle, of Philadelphia, for the neatly printed and very useful "Public Ledger Almanack" of 1882. We observe that our excellent friends in America are striking out the final "k" in almanack; but we in England are not quite so go-a-head, and deem it right to mind our "c's" and "k's," as well as our "p's" and "q's." For all inhabitants of, or visitors to, Philadelphia the almanack will be most useful indeed.

THE FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCE OF SOMERSETSHIRE, 1882. Compiled by Bro. C. L. Fry Edwards, P.P.G.J.D. Somerset, P.P.G.S. of W. Oxon.

This useful little publication, which is published under the sanction and by the authority of the R.V. Prov. G.M., contains nominal lists of Officers of Grand Lodge and Prov. Grand Lodge, as well as of the several lodges in Somersetshire, together with the numbers of members in each, and the dates of their respective anniversary meetings; the Charity Organisation Committee of the province; and the votes held by the members and lodges of the province in respect of the Masonic Charities. It is clear that Bro. Fry Edwards has been at great pains in his work of compilation, and he is to be congratulated both on the evident accuracy of his work and the method with which he has arranged it. Nor must we omit to tender our congratulations to the province itself and its distinguished chief (the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M. England) on the charity organisation and the amount of its voting strength. We thank the compiler for sending us a copy of this calendar.

THE PHILOSOPHY OF ADVERTISING. Matters worth Reading, and Vitaly Concerning every Present and Future Advertiser. By HENRY SELLS, London: Sell's Advertising Offices, 10, Bolt-court, Fleet-street, E.C.

The essay, brief as it is, in which Mr. Sells expatiates so ably on "The Philosophy of Advertising," contains pretty well everything that can be urged on its behalf. As to the value of advertising as a means of creating or extending a business, this is far too widely recognised for any remarks of ours to be added to what Mr. Sell has said; but those who wish to know in what quarters and how it will be best for them to set about making public the character and recommendations of their special business, will do well to consult the essay of Mr. Sells, who, being himself an advertising agent, has necessarily a large stock of experience which enables him to give excellent advice to his clients. Supplementing the essay are other details and notes of much value, among the latter being "a few apophthegms on advertising," the following one among which from an American paper, is worth quoting: "Trying to do a business without advertising is like winking in the dark. You know you are keeping up a powerful winking, but no one else has any idea of your exertions."

Masonic Notes and Queries.

RAMSAY.

What authority has Thory for the statement that in 1728 Ramsay came to London and introduced his Rite de Bouillon in six grades? I apprehend that there is no evidence of any such fact. Thory does not mention the English Grand Lodge; he only says "à Londres," and that Ramsay preached a reform based on that discovery, that the Freemasons were the descendants of the Crusaders, which doctrine was rejected. But by whom, or when, or where, deponent saith not.

A FRENCH DEPUTATION.

Can Bro. Gould find any trace in the Grand Lodge minutes of another assertion of Thory's, that on the 24th June, 1735, several members of Parisian lodges attended the meeting of the English Grand Lodge to ask for the establishment of a Grand Lodge in France? Is there any trace of these being present at the institution and opening of the Stewards' Lodge that same day, according to Thory.

"LA CUCCIARA."

Is there any trace of the society called "La Cucciara," at Florence, as a Masonic or quasi-Masonic Order? Can any Italian brother help in this? If the last of the Medici in 1737 proscribed the Freemasons, what, if any, is the connection between the two societies? Was "La Cucciara" a relic of the old Operative Guilds, or is the statement one of those misleading myths which abound unfortunately in so-called Masonic historians?

QUASIMODO.

AN OLD ORATION.

I have traced the "old oration" for the Editor of "Kenning's Cyclopaedia" as follows: Bro. William Smellie, Printer and Publisher, of Edinburgh, was the author of the oration delivered 15th November, 1762, before the members of No. 1, Edinburgh. He compiled the first edition "Encyclo. Brit." (Edinburgh), and published first Edinburgh edition of Burns' works. Particulars are to be found in Bro. D. Murray Lyon's "History of the Lodge of Edinburgh." The oration is rarely met, and is not, I believe, in Dr. Kloss's "Bibliographic."

W. J. HUGHAN.

RE "THINKER," &c., ON FREEMASONRY.

I do not know the "Thinker" of 1752, but the print of a "Freemason," formed out of his own "materials," I have a facsimile of, and at the service of "Bookworm" for perusal.

W. J. HUGHAN.

OPENING OF A NEW MASONIC HALL AT JARROW.

On Wednesday afternoon, the 13th inst., there was a grand gathering of the Masonic brethren in Jarrow, the occasion being the opening of the new hall for the St. Bede Lodge, No. 1119, which event took place under the most auspicious circumstances. The buildings are situated in Grange-road, and have a frontage of fifty feet, and are arranged with two spacious shops on the ground floor with the entrance to the hall in the centre. The entrance hall is laid with mosaic pavements, and contains a handsome vestibule screen, filled with lead glazing of Masonic design. On the principal floor, over the shops, and approached by an easy staircase from the entrance hall, is the ante and preparation rooms, access to the lodge room adjoining being by two doors at the right and left of the S.W. The lodge room, the size of which is 38ft. by 22ft. and 14ft. high, stands due east and west, and is quaint and picturesque in design. The walls are panelled to the height of six feet in wood, the space above being relieved by Ionic columns and panelling in plaster. The chimney breast forms a prominent feature in the room, consisting of tiled fire-place with wood mantel and pilasters, and large shield on which it is proposed to paint the Masonic arms. The dais at the east end is also specially treated. The chair or throne of K.S. is handsome in design, having circular columns with canopy over. The chair is the gift of Bro. Hugh Golder, S.W. The four windows to the hall are double glazed to deaden the sound from the street, the inner sashes being filled with lead glazing, with the various Masonic devices delineated thereon, and the hall is also lighted by means of four handsome polished brass chandeliers. The furnishing committee have done their work economically and well. The stairs, ante-rooms, &c., are covered with linoleum, the lodge with carpet of the usual Masonic pattern, and seats of novel design are placed on raised platforms round the sides of the hall, those on the dais being upholstered in velvet of rich colour. Chairs of Austrian bent wood are provided for the front row at each side of the hall. Altogether the room is very pleasing and comfortable in effect. On the second floor is a retiring room (the full size of the lodge-room beneath), kitchen, and store-rooms. There is also ample lavatory accommodation on this floor. A lift is provided to convey goods from the ground floor to the various store-rooms above. The elevation forms an agreeable architectural feature to the town. The style chosen is that known as the Queen Anne. The principal entrance is of polished stone, having Ionic columns with carved and moulded cornice over. The materials used in the main building are bricks of deep red colour, relieved with stone architraves and cornices. The roof is mansard and covered with red tiles. Over the eave cornice are two prominent curved brick gables with pilasters, carved caps, and stone cornices. There is also a central gable, containing a large stone shield with Masonic emblems and letters carved thereon. The cost of the building, exclusive of ground and furnishing, is upwards of £12,000.

The proceedings were commenced with the opening of a lodge of emergency. Bro. A. McDougal, W.M., presided, and he was assisted by Bros. H. Golder, S.W., and J. H. Dale, J.W. There was a large gathering of the brethren, amongst those present being Bros. W. H. Crookes, P.G.S.; J. McCulloch, P.G.J.W.; W. M. Bell, P.G.A.D. of C. Northumberland; G. Spain, W.M. 685; J. T. Dickinson, P.P.G.S.B.; George Lawson, P.P.G.S.B.; J. A. Witter, P.M.; T. Renton, P.M.; W. Eckford, I.P.M. 1643; W. Liddell, P.P.G.D.; G. S. Shotton, W.M. 240.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the W.M. delivered the following address:—Brethren, it is customary on occasions like the present for the Master to say a few words, hence I will be as brief as possible, as we are to have a sermon preached to us this afternoon by Bro. Healey, in Christ Church. This being the happiest and proudest moment of my Masonic existence, you will understand with what fervour and intense pleasure I stand here to thank you all for your presence on this auspicious occasion. To you, my visiting brethren, I will say, "Welcome," and may you ever feel towards every visitor to your own lodge as I feel towards you this day. I believe no institution ever receive a visiting brother with such a hearty and genuine welcome as the brethren of the Mystic Tie; and I would have you to feel on this occasion, that if there be any Masonic virtue that I possess in any pre-eminent degree, it is that of according a thorough welcome to those who have come to honour us by their

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presence on the occasion of opening this beautiful Masonic Hall. Brethren of my mother lodge, let me ardently desire you to let this day be a starting point for more supreme efforts in living a true Masonic life. Try to shorten the bond of union that has bound soul with soul so long, and has enabled this lodge to move on for twenty years without a jar. Let us shorten, I say, that bond, till we all merge into one, and there is not a crevice between us in which the demon of discord can find a habitation. From the first ages of the world to the present day Masonry has only had two objects in view: to draw us nearer to the G.A.O.T.U., and to each other; and may these harmonious lines of architectural beauty that surround us ever look down upon a like beauty of sweet fellowship and concord within these sacred walls. May the proceedings of to-day serve but to forge another link in the chain of brotherly love and good fellowship by which we are already united. May our children and our children's children rejoice at these auspicious solemnities. May we enjoy within these walls every satisfaction and delight that disinterested affection and Masonic intercourse can afford. May the good report of the lodge tend to exalt and enhance the reputation of the Craft at large, so that Masonry may flourish here as in every other quarter of the globe, and be assisted in its noble mission in diffusing the light of wisdom, aiding the strength of reason, displaying the beauty of virtue, and diminishing the aggregate of human vice and misery. Being thus firmly established by the high character of its friends, it may laugh to scorn the malice of its foes and rise superior above all the opposition of the outer world, and like the lofty summit that bares its breast with dignified composure to the tempest, and fearlessly presents its bosom to the midnight storm. Brethren, as this building has been raised in unanimity and concord, may we long remain so; and, as Bro. Spain remarked, at the laying of the foundation stone, it was well and truly laid, and upon that foundation a building has been raised, perfect in all its parts and honourable to the builders.

Other brethren having addressed the lodge on the event of the day, the company then adjourned for refreshment, at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M., who presided. Bro. Witter proposed "The health of the Visiting Brethren", to which Bro. Eckford, I.P.M. of Perseverance Lodge, responded. Bro. Crookes, P.G.S., proposed "The health of the W.M. and brethren of S. Bede's lodge," and the W.M. responded. Bro. J. G. Moor, Sunderland, proposed "The architect of the building," on whose behalf Bro. Prentice replied.

The brethren then assembled in due order, under the direction of Bro. Bell, A.D. of C. Northumberland, acting D. of C. The procession then marched to Christ Church, where Divine service was celebrated. The procession was viewed by a large concourse of people. The service which was very impressive, was specially arranged by Bro. Witter, for the occasion, and was conducted by the Rev. J. Bee, vicar of Christ Church. The Rev. A. Brutton read the lesson, which was from Rom. vii. The special hymns sung were "Lead, kindly light," and "Oh, Lord, how joyful 'tis to see the brethren join in love to Thee," the closing hymn being "Abide with me." The Psalms chosen were the 15th, 122nd, and 133rd. The sermon was preached by Bro. Rev. W. Hedley, vicar of Hebburn, Chaplain of lodge 1043, from Gen. i. 3, "Let there be light."

At the close of the service a collection, amounting to over six pounds, was taken on behalf of the fund for providing a peal of bells for Christ Church, Jarrow. The brethren subsequently returned to the lodge, which was closed in due form.

The building was then thrown open to the public, and was visited by a very large number of people. A knife and fork tea was afterwards held in the Ellison schoolroom, and the attendance was very large.

The festival, which was a decided success, was concluded by a ball, held in the Mechanics' Institute. Bros. Golder and Armstrong officiated as Masters of Ceremonies, and Bros. Sedcole, T. Ramsay, and T. Robinson acted as Stewards. The ball was led off by Bro. A. McDougall, W.M. of the St. Bede Lodge and Mrs. M. H. Dodds.

Among those present were the Mayoress and Miss Dexter, Mr. A. P. Andersen, Gateshead; W. Brandt, Sunderland; Alderman Gray; Mr. and Mrs. W. Ross, South Shields; Mr. J. Eltringham and Miss Cowan, South Shields; Mrs. T. Robinson, Mr. James Poole, Mr. Gray, Jarrow; Mr. G. S. Shotten and Miss Shotten, South Shields; Mr. and Mrs. Hodgson, Mr. and Mrs. Dodds, Mrs. Sedcole, Mrs. J. Arundell, Stockton; Mr. A. Hooton, North Shields; Mr. M. Hill and Miss Charlton, Mr. J. R. Davidson and Miss E. A. Eltringham, Mr. J. Liddell and Miss Liddell, Newcastle; Mr. and Mrs. John Harrison, Mr. J. M. Marr, Newcastle; Mrs. Gray, Mr. Thomas Binks, South Shields; Misses Charlton, Hebburn; Mr. Dancaster and Miss Watson; Mr. and Mrs. H. Parker, Mrs. Dodd, Mrs. W. Armstrong; Mr. J. McCulloch, Hebburn; Mr. and Mrs. Burnett, Mr. W. W. Wylam; Mr. and Mrs. J. Duncan; Mr. and Mrs. Brodie, Gateshead; Mr. and Mrs. Witter; Mrs. R. Wylam; Mr. and Mrs. J. Horner; Mr. J. E. Talbot and Miss Talbot; Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Barrasford, Mrs. Stenhouse, Mr. and Mrs. T. Renton, Mr. and Mrs. J. McIntosh, Mr. and Mrs. Ihuralde, Mr. Errington and Miss Hardy, Mr. J. Petree and Miss Petree, Mr. and Mrs. Duffell, Mr. T. Wylam, Mr. and Mrs. J. Patterson, Mr. A. Holmes and Miss Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. H. Golder, Mr. and Mrs. T. Meikle, Miss Wylam, Mr. and Mrs. T. Ramsey, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Roberts, Mr. A. G. Jordan, Misses Morris, Mr. and Mrs. John Fenwick, Mrs. H. Hunting, Mr. J. Robinson, Mr. T. Barrasford and Miss Talbot, Mr. J. and Mrs. Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. Hickman, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dickinson, Mr. and Mrs. T. Winship, Mr. J. Storar and Miss S. Burlinson, Mr. Nixon and Miss Burlinson, Mr. H. Soderberg, Misses Ward (2), Mr. and Mrs. George Thornton, Mr. Calvert and Miss Ross, Mrs. Laing, Mr. and Mrs. A. Donaldson, Mr. R. Potts and Miss Yeates, Mr. and Mrs. Fairgrievs, Mr. and Miss Walton, Mr. W. Hopper and Miss Hopper, Mr. and Mrs. Simpson, Mrs. C. S. Hunting, Miss Steele, Mr. and Mrs. McHattie, Mr. and Mrs. Ramsay, Mr. and Mrs. Rule, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Parkin, Mr. and Mrs. Davison, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. T. Kirk, Mr. and Mrs. M. Thompson.

Bro. Alderman Fowler, M.P., speaking in the House last week, expressed an opinion that the war in the Transvaal was a righteous one, and said he hoped that Cetewayo would be liberated.

THE CALEDONIAN LODGE SOIREE AT MANCHESTER.

The members of this lodge organised another successful soiree on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street. The success which has hitherto attended the carrying out of these pleasant social gatherings must be very gratifying to those who devote time and money to attain a satisfactory result; and, whereas we have known of several soirees that have not, either financially or socially, been a success in connection with other lodges, the fact remains that, owing to some unexplained cause, the Caledonian is always, and we trust ever will be, "un succès complet."

The company began to arrive shortly before eight o'clock, and very soon after that hour dancing commenced in earnest, and was carried on until 10.45, when an adjournment was made to supper, which was laid in the lodge-room. When all the company were seated, the room presented a very brilliant appearance; the various shades of cloth in the ladies' costumes contrasting favourably with the sombre black coats of the gentlemen.

When supper was finished and during dessert, Bro. T. FAIRRIE, I.P.M., rose, and said he had a very pleasing duty to perform, which was to propose the toast of the evening viz., "The W.M.," a duty which had thrice devolved itself upon him during the past three months—when Bro. Bagnall was elected W.M., after he had been installed, and on the present occasion. To those who were not aware of it, he would inform them that Bro. Bagnall had been a member of the lodge for twenty years, and during that time he had gained the respect and esteem of all who knew him. The toast was warmly responded to, after which Bro. Thos. Shorrocks, S.W., sang a verse of "Here's to his Health in a Song."

The W.M., in reply, said he rose with a great deal of pleasure to respond to the toast kindly proposed. It fell to the lot of very few W.M.'s to see such a brilliant assembly as that now before him, gathered together to do honour to their lodge, and he begged to express his sincere thanks to them all. He trusted every one would enjoy themselves, and then there would be no doubt of the soiree proving a success. He begged to express his sincere thanks to Bros. Roberts, P.M., Clay, P.M., Eldershaw, P.M., and Hind, P.M., for their hearty co-operation with him in carrying out the arrangements. With respect to Bro. Roberts, he would say that during and ever since his Mastership the lodge had prospered, and seemed to have inaugurated a new series of prosperous years. Bro. Eldershaw was always to the fore when assistance was required to carry out any work for the welfare of his lodge, whilst Bro. J. C. Hind was willing and able at all times to give them the benefit of his experience. As for Bro. Fairrie most of the members knew how he had performed his duties during the past year, and that he was ever ready to do his utmost to further the interests of his lodge. The W.M. went on to say that their I.P.M. had certainly been a good fairy in uttering this kind wish, for there could be little doubt that it had been realised.

Bro. Bagnall informed the visitors it was a pleasure to him and the members of the lodge to see their faces around the social board, and he assured them he took an interest in their welfare and prosperity. He gave them all a cordial welcome, and assured them it was the desire of himself, and the members of his lodge, to make them happy, and he trusted that if spared they would honour the Caledonian Lodge next year with their bright presence and happy smiles.

Bro. CLAY, P.M., rose to propose "The Ladies," and while remarking that the toast might well have been entrusted to abler hands, said it was very satisfactory to see such a number of the fair sex assembled that evening, without whom the soiree could not possibly have been successful. He felt sure the members of the Caledonian Lodge owed a very great deal to them for being present that evening, and therefore it was with the greatest possible pleasure that he proposed the toast.

The toast was responded to with much warmth, and our respected brother and veteran in Masonry, Bro. Henry Robberds, P.P.G. Org., led off the well known lines, "Here's a Health to all Good Lasses," which was taken up by the gentlemen, and sang with much spirit.

Bro. THOS. SHORROCKS, S.W., responded on behalf of "Les Dames" in a humorous speech, and shortly afterwards dancing was resumed, and carried on until 4.30, when the company dispersed, after spending a very enjoyable evening.

During the evening Madame Dupré sang a couple of her delightful songs, and Bro. William Paulden, J.W., gave two recitations with his accustomed ability. The musical portion of the entertainment was executed by three gentlemen engaged by Bro. John Greenwood, who played a well selected programme of popular dance music.

We had almost omitted to mention an important item, which was the proposal, by Bro. WM. BAGNALL, during dessert, of "The Healths of the Soiree Committee," of whom he would couple the names of Bros. Paulden and Duckworth, who had laboured hard to ensure the soiree becoming a success, and had undoubtedly succeeded.

The toast was heartily responded to, after which Bros. PAULDEN and DUCKWORTH replied.

Amongst the company were Bro. W. Bagnall, W.M., and Mrs. Bagnall; Bro. Thos. Shorrocks, S.W.; Bro. H. Paulden, J.W., and Mrs. Paulden; Bro. R. A. Eldershaw, P.M., D. of C., and Mrs. Eldershaw; Bro. J. C. Hind, P.M., and Mrs. Hind; Bro. C. Duckworth, Sec., and Mrs. Duckworth; Bro. T. Sawyer, S.D.; Bro. John Cliff, J.D., and Mrs. Cliff; Bro. S. Lawton, I.G., and Mrs. Lawton; Bro. J. Roberts, P.M., Treas., and Mrs. Roberts; Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Roberts; Mr. and Mrs. James E. Roberts; Bro. A. B. Whittaker, I.P.M. 1633, and Mrs. Whittaker; Bro. S. J. Naphtali, Sec. 1147, and Mrs. Naphtali; Bro. Jas. Adams, 795, and Mrs. Adams; Bro. W. Lyons, 1633; Councillor S. C. Thompson and Mrs. Thompson; Mr. J. B. Mrs. and Miss Roscoe; Mr. John, Mrs. and Miss Eades; Mr. and Mrs. W. Knebb; Mr. A. J. Potter and Miss Howard; Bro. H. T. Robberds, P.M. 1147, Madame Dupré and Miss Robberds; Bro. E. Clay, P.M., and Mrs. Clay; Bros. John Ballard, P.M. 126; E. R. Gledhill, 992; T. W. Stanley, 104; B. Taylor, Allison, S. Bramwell, J. Gregory, Thompson, Townley Parker; Thomas Fairrie, I.P.M., and Mrs. Fairrie; Bro. Samuel and Miss Aylard; Bro. R. R. Lisenden, J.D. 317 (*Freemason*) and Mrs. Lisenden.

MASONIC BALLS.

ROYAL YORK LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 316.
The invitation ball and supper in connection with the above lodge took place at Brighton, on Wednesday, the 15th inst., and was attended by a large number of the brethren and friends. The committee were Bros. J. W. Stubb, P.M.; A. S. Hankes, P.M.; G. S. Gaspie, H. Kent, R. Laige, A. H. Thacker, and J. B. Hannay, acting as Sec., and through whom everything was carried out in such good order that it very much added to the enjoyment and happiness of all present. The floral decorations were by Bro. W. Balchin, and the upholstery by Messrs. Pike and Co., who divided at intervals the long corridor with oriental and lace curtains into rooms, as it were, in which were placed settees, easy chairs, and beautiful cabinets. The refreshments were supplied by Bros. Sayers and Marks, who catered in their usual good form. The dancing was kept up with great spirit until morning had well advanced, to the musical strains of Bro. W. Deane's band.

OAKLEY LODGE, No. 604.

On the 15th inst., a ball was given by the brethren of Basingstoke and neighbourhood in the Town Hall. About 120 were present. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. H. M. Powell, who, as usual, supplied an excellent quadrille band. Bro. G. Tubb, of the Black Boy Hotel, supplied the refreshments, which gave general satisfaction. Bros. J. W. Lamb, E. A. Adams, and E. H. Couran, performed the duties of M.C. The whole proceedings passed off with the greatest élan.

STONELEIGH LODGE, No. 725.

On the 15th inst. a grand ball in connection with the above lodge, took place at the King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth. The patrons were numerous and influential, as were also the stewards. The interior of the covered balcony, connecting the ball room with the hotel, was covered with red cloth, and the walls on either side were hung with mirrors of various designs, in front of each being a half circular candelabra, filled with candles. The windows were draped with crimson cloth and white muslin curtains, whilst the walls were still further adorned with a large and handsome collection of paintings, pictures, and oleographs of various descriptions. The entrance end to the ball room was fitted as a light refreshment buffet; Messrs. Syner and Gilmer's band, who supplied an excellent programme of music, being situated at the opposite end, on a raised dais, covered with crimson cloth, immediately behind which, on the walls, were hung two spherid mirrors. The floor was nicely prepared, and the room generally bore a very attractive aspect. Supper was served at twelve o'clock in the Assembly-room of the hotel, and was of a most *recherché* character. The company began to arrive shortly before ten o'clock, and when all the guests were assembled the sight was a very pleasing one, the brethren generally appearing in Masonic costume. Special trains ran from Kenilworth to Coventry and Leamington for the occasion. The company numbered upwards of 120, and amongst those present were Mr. W. Manton, Mr. and Mrs. Heibert Holland, Coventry; Mr. and Mrs. Hill, Leamington; Mr. and Mrs. J. Locke, Leamington; Mr. and Mrs. J. Stanley, Leamington; Mr. Edwards, Coventry; Miss Turton, Coventry; Mr. Wincott, Leamington; Mr. E. Hodges, Kenilworth; Mr. and Miss Peake, Stamford; Mr. Curtis, Coventry; Mr. E. Mason, Kenilworth; Miss Collins, London; Mr. A. H. Horsfall, Coventry; Mr. J. P. Ward, Coventry; Mr. and Miss Collingbourne, Coventry; Mr. Baker, Coventry; Mr. and Mrs. F. Lee, Mr. Edward Brown, Mr. N. Keen, Bro. Platt, Bro. Wyatt, Mr. Ingram, and Bro. Thos. Clarke, Warwick; Mr. J. A. Stanley, Leamington; Mr. and Mrs. Cleaver, Miss Cleaver and Miss Dawe; Mr. Baker, sen., and Miss Baker, Mr. Chowles and party, Mr. Whittingdale, Mr. Potter, the Misses Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. Liggins, Mr. and Mrs. John Hewitt, Mr. J. Hewitt, jun., Mr. H. T. Stephens, Mr. and Miss Collingbourne, Mr. A. Horsfall, Mr. Renshaw, and Bro. Maser, W.M. Stoneleigh Lodge.

BURDETT COUTTS LODGE No. 1278.

The ball in connection with the above Lodge was held on the 14th inst., at the Cannon Street Hotel, the proceeds being devoted exclusively to Masonic Charities, and from the large number present we hope that a considerable sum was realised. Dancing commenced soon after nine o'clock to the music of Mr. A. Cohen's quadrille band, and was kept up until an early hour in the morning. Bro. A. C. Stirling acted as M.C. and did all in his power towards the success of the evening. Supper was served about twelve o'clock, Bro. R. L. Sturtivant, W.M. of the lodge, taking the chair. The toast of "The Queen" was given, also those of "The Stewards and The Chairman." After these had been responded to, the Secretary of the lodge proposed "The Health of the Ladies" for whom Bro. Graham replied. The Stewards of the evening were Bros. Albert Jones, R. J. Chitson, Robt. Brittain, S. G. Bonner, J. W. R. Hammond, W. H. Making, Basil Stewart, and R. C. Sturtivant, W.M.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. LIEUT. A. J. LINDSAY AT DUBLIN.

We extract from the *Irish Times*, of the 21st ult., the following account of the presentation to Bro. Lieut. A. J. Lindsay, R.A., P.M., P.Z., &c.:

"An exceedingly interesting and imposing ceremony took place yesterday morning in the Royal Barracks, viz.: the presentation of the silver medals of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution to Lieut. Alexander John Lindsay of the Royal Artillery. This gentleman is well known in Dublin society, and the honour which he has justly received will be the means of increasing the popularity with which he is so justly esteemed. The distinction has been bestowed on Lieut. Lindsay in recognition of his brave and intrepid services in assisting, with much peril to his life, the launching of the Pool Beg Lifeboat, and proceeding to the assistance of the George Houlton, a vessel of St. John's, New Brunswick, which had gone aground on the 22nd of October, 1881, near Sutton, in a heavy gale.

"General Lord Clarina, commanding the district, attended by his staff, made the presentation, while drawn up in full-dress detachments from the various regiments in garrison, about 400 men, who, having fixed bayonets, received the general with a salute. Lieut. Lindsay, and

ten men who accompanied him in the lifeboat, were standing in the middle of the square, surrounded by the troops. The general having taken up his position, Lieut. Lindsay and his men advanced towards him, and having saluted, were addressed by his lordship, who said that he had been deputed by His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge, Commanding-in-Chief (in a letter which he read) to be the means of presenting to Lieut. Lindsay the Royal National Lifeboat Institution's silver medal for the gallant conduct so conspicuously displayed by him in October last, in risking his life in the endeavour—one of the most noble—that of the saving of the lives of others. Further, that the occasion afforded him great satisfaction and pleasure, and was one which he trusted would serve as an example to the men whom he addressed, who, no doubt, felt proud in being associated with so chivalrous and brave an officer; and went so far as to express his opinion that should occasion offer he had no doubt the Victoria Cross, the most coveted of our military distinctions, would be added to those already gained by Lieut. Lindsay.

"The General then pinned the medal (on the face is engraved the Queen's head; on the reverse, "Let not the deep swallow me up," lifeboat and figures, and round the edge, date and to whom presented) on his breast; and having added further congratulations and good wishes, shook the recipient warmly by the hand.

"Lord Clarina then enquired the names of the four coastguards men, and expressed to them his approbation and that of the society at their plucky conduct.

"The Artillerymen who were in the boat as volunteers, including Bombardier Smith (who recently received a medal from this society), also received their share of praise. The appearance of one of the coastguards, named Brown, caused much sympathy, as the poor fellow, whose leg was broken while proceeding to the wreck, was still obliged to hobble with a stick and crutch. Lord Clarina told him in sympathetic terms that his accident was to be regretted, but that he should be cheered with the reflection that it had occurred in the performance of a noble service."

LIMMER'S.

The mention of Limmer's brings special and varied memories to many retentive minds. Known in song, celebrated in story, it recalls the manners and habits of an older epoch of aristocratic patrons, of a dead and buried generation, which made Limmer's its head-quarters, but passed on, as all passes on here, into that oblivion which awaits all earthly souvenirs, all earthly names, and all earthly strivings. Limmer's to some seems peopled with the ghosts of old visitors, who walk in and out with all the cheery amiability of the ancient *regime*. For Limmer's had once a great reputation among sporting circles and betting men, among the aristocratical athletes, the country gentleman of the old school, and university men of an earlier type; even sedate dons and "hunting parsons." It was always the resort of lovers of sport and cricket; and old Collins, the waiter, could have told many a startling legend of noisier times and practical jokes, "tales of the fancy," and "romances of the ring."

But all that has long since, must we not think rightly and happily, passed away. For some time there had fallen on ancient, if dingy, Limmer's that sere and yellow leaf of inevitable decay, of less persevering custom, of a want of conformity with the ideas, the fashions, the requirements of the hour.

Bro. Benskin, so well known for his able management of the Castle and Falcon, has lately re-opened Limmer's, having built a stately dining hall, having improved the accommodation, which was always indifferent in its palmiest days, and rejuvenated, and repaired, and restored the "old house" until, if many who knew it so long and well of old, saw it now, they would rub their eyes like "Rip Van Winkle," as if waking up from the lethargic repose of Sleepy Hollow, when they gazed on the altered lineaments inside and outside, the comely air and convenient arrangements of the "Limmer's" of to-day.

All of our readers who know Bro. Benskin and Mrs. Benskin will wish them heartily all happiness and well being in this new great venture, as they need not doubt that under his skilled and careful, yet enterprising management, Limmer's will be as marked a success as the Castle and Falcon has been.

In order to mark the event and invoke the friendly sympathy of many brother Masons and good old customers, Bro. Benskin assembled a large and cheerful party in his new and beautiful dining hall, on Thursday week, to whom he gave a right hearty reception. This friendly and pleasant entertainment was admirable, both in its conception and execution, and perfection stamped all the details of the menu and the adjuncts from first to last, in small things as in great.

We hardly ever witnessed a more cheery party, or spent a more jovial evening. The host proposed in suitable terms "The Health of the Queen and the Royal Family," which was most heartily and warmly received; and Bro. J. D. Allcroft, in a most happy and effective speech, proposed "Bro. Benskin's Health and Prosperity to Limmer's." Bro. Benskin returned thanks in a few feeling and cordial words, which were loudly cheered by the guests. They were also favoured with some admirable songs and recitations. We left them enshrouded in mystic wreaths of curling smoke, evidently in a high state of social comfort and complacency. We may add that we believe Bro. Benskin hopes in the coming season to accommodate numerous dinner parties in his comfortable hall, and nowhere can they be better attended to or looked after.

Among the company, the greater part of whom were members of our Order, we noticed the following brethren and gentlemen: John Derby Allcroft, Alfred Brookman, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Col. Creaton, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Henry C. Levander, H. G. Buss, Rev. Holden, F. O. Frazer, (Bradford), J. Tweedale (Manchester), John Hugh, (Manchester), R. Wood (Leeds), F. Brooke (Huddersfield), J. Carver (Nottingham), J. G. Webb (Huddersfield), J. Harrop (Ossett, Yorks), R. B. Goldsworthy (Manchester), Asher Hardy (Manchester), G. Griffin (Manchester), A. M' Turk (Bradford), Kench (Manchester), Goodrich (New York), P. Saillard, Samuel White, Edward Anderton, Joseph Renals, Frederick Crockford, Dr. Great Rex, J. E. Cunningham, C. Cole, J. Hume, A. P. Watt, Dr. Samuel Benton, Capt. Putney, J. F. West, J. Whaley, W. J. Greene, Albert J. Altman, E. Y. Jolliffe, W. S. Chapman, George Vickery, and W. H. Collingridge. Many brethren and friends were unavoidably absent.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.
Craft Masonry.

TRANQUILLITY LODGE (No. 185).—In the presence of a large assembly of the Craft, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, on Monday last, Bro. Thos. W. Casburn Bush was installed W.M. of this flourishing and popular lodge, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Constable in his well-known faultless style. The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. F. Croaker, W.M., who was supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. T. W. C. Bush, S.W., W.M. elect; A. E. Staley, J.W.; Constable, P.M., Treas.; Phillip Levy, Hon. Sec.; S. Barnett, S.D.; S. Boaz, jun., J.D.; Henry Peartree, I.G.; W. Lyon, D.C.; W. D. Bayley, P.M.; Jno. H. Ross, P.M.; A. E. Sydney, P.M.; N. Gluckstein, P.M.; Barnett, P.M.; H. Nathan Moss, P.M.; E. Gottheil, P.M.; R. G. Bloomfield, P.M.; M. Harris, P.M.; N. Defriez, P.M.; H. Tipper, J. W. Guthrie, B. S. Woolf, A. A. Marks, S. T. Gaved, A. H. Cohen, W. F. Upson, C. J. Myers, C. Harris, H. Maiden, G. Ford, P. Tobias, S. A. Lehmann, and many others.

Among the visitors we noticed Bros. T. Cubitt, P.G.P.; F. Binckes, P.G.S.; Edgar Bowyer, Past G.S.W. Herts; Charles F. Hogard, P.M. 205, Past G.S. of W. Essex; L. M. Myers, W.M. 188; J. Syer, W.M. 1017; S. J. Hickman, P.M. 188; G. Adamson, P.M. 109; J. P. Cohen, P.M. 205; J. Pigot, P.M. 753; E. C. Massey, P.M. 1295; Edward Terry, P.M. 1319; J. W. J. Oswald, P.M. 1328; B. Groner, P.M. 1613; B. Buckworth, P.M. 1799; Lewis Benjamin, 17; C. Carrick, 101; John Manning, 177; J. Isaacs, 188; George C. Rivers, 459; G. Mitchell, 490; Webb, 697; J. A. Chambers, 749; A. F. Leech, 740; Alfred Banks, 749; M. H. Levister, 1017; G. Valentino, 1017; G. H. Nicholson, 1379; P. Gloag, 1559; D. A. King, 1613; J. B. Shakespeare, 1799; and F. A. Kelly, 1524 (*Freemason*).

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, ballot was taken for the following gentlemen: Messrs. Joseph Eisenmann and Gustav Schlesinger, which being unanimous in their favour, they were duly initiated into the mysteries of the Order. Bros. Rosenfeld, Lehmann, Ehrlich, and Guthrie, were afterwards passed to the Second Degree; both ceremonies being performed in a masterly manner by Bro. Frederick Croaker.

The next business before the lodge was that of installing Bro. Thos. W. Casburn Bush into the chair. That popular brother being presented, and having assented to the ancient charges, was installed into the chair of K.S., the ceremony being rendered by Bro. Constable in a most able and eloquent manner, in the presence of a board of thirty-three Installed Masters.

On the re-admission of the brethren, and after receiving the customary salutes, Bro. Bush appointed the following brethren as his officers, accompanying the investment with a few congratulatory remarks: Bros. A. E. Staley, S.W.; Solomon Barnett, J.W.; Constable, P.M., Treas.; Phillip Levy, Secretary; Barnett, P.M., Org.; S. Boaz, jun., S.D.; Henry Peartree, J.D.; W. Lyon, I.G.; H. Tipper, D. of C.; Alfred Marks, W.S.; and Potter, Tyler.

A most satisfactory—in a financial sense—Auditors' report was then read by the Secretary, and carried unanimously.

Bro. Bush then rose and said that his first duty in the chair was one most pleasing to him to discharge. This duty was to present his predecessor, the I.P.M., Bro. Croaker, with a handsome jewel awarded him by the brethren in estimation of the able manner in which he had performed the duties of his office.

Bro. Croaker having replied, the lodge was called off, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet of the most *recherché* character, genially presided over by Bro. Bush. The usual toasts were subsequently given, commencing with that of the "Queen and the Craft," followed by the National Anthem, which was heartily sung by the company.

In proposing the next toast, that of "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," the W.M. remarked that it was quite needless to dilate upon his excellent qualities and virtues, as they were so well-known. The Craft, he thought was particularly fortunate in having so distinguished a personage at their head.

This toast having been loyally honoured, Bro. Bush gave that of "The M.V. Pro G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," observing that both the Pro and Deputy Grand Masters were indefatigable members of the Order, and hard-working Masons, having the true interests of the Craft at heart.

Bro. Cubitt, P.G.P., having replied, the toast next given was that of "The Initiates," the proposer feeling confident that the gentlemen initiated that evening would prove a credit to the Tranquillity Lodge.

Bros. Eisenmann and Schlesinger replied in a few apt terms, after which the W.M. proposed "The Visitors," expressing the delight he felt at seeing so large a number present. The list gave the total present as thirty-three, to all of whom the lodge gave a cordial and hearty welcome.

Bros. C. F. Hogard, Myers, and Syer acknowledged this toast, each bearing testimony to the great hospitality displayed at the banquet-table, and the excellent working in the lodge.

The I.P.M., Bro. Croaker, proposed the next toast, that of "The W.M.," who, in reply, expressed the great honour he had deemed it to be selected for the proud position he filled that evening. It was his sincere hope and strong desire to fill the office in that way that at the expiration of his reign the brethren would not regret the choice they had made. He would endeavour, as difficult as he knew the task to be, to follow in the steps of his predecessors, who had so ably performed their duties. The present era in his life was within six years of the date of his initiation in the lodge, and it was hardly creditable that he had been so fortunate as to reach the Worshipful Master's chair in that time. Bro. Bush concluded by again assuring the brethren of his intention to do his utmost for the welfare of the lodge in every way.

The toast that followed was that of "The Installing Master," which the W.M. proposed in warm terms, describing Bro. Constable as one of his oldest Masonic friends, and who had installed him, he thought, in a most eloquent manner.

Bro. Constable, in returning thanks, said that if the W.M. had complied with the wish that he had expressed to him a few days since, this toast would have been omitted, as he (Bro. Constable) deemed it superfluous, having to reply as Treasurer, but the W.M. persisted perhaps in giving this toast owing to the fact that he had had the pleasure of introducing Bro. Bush into the lodge. It had been a great pleasure to him to perform the duties that evening, and he felt very much the kindness the brethren had always exhibited towards him.

The W.M. next proposed "The Benevolent Fund of the Lodge," which was, he said, near and dear to them all. They had a fund of £800 principally for assisting any brother unfortunate enough to require its aid. It was managed by six Past Masters of the lodge, who were all prepared to dispense its funds with impartiality. These brethren were men of integrity and uprightness, and possessed the full confidence of the lodge.

Bro. Sidney, in reply, regretted the absence of Bro. Saul Solomon, whose custom it was to reply to this toast. In describing the merits of the fund, Bro. Sidney gave some interesting particulars of its career. At one time subscriptions were solicited on installation evenings, but the fund was now so well supported that that proceeding became unnecessary. The fund was established to assist the brethren of this lodge who, through misfortune, were necessitated to solicit help. It was very pleasing to the six Past Masters that their efforts had been so appreciated by the brethren. They endeavoured to distribute the fund in such a way that the recipients would receive each payment as a kindly gift. As a proof of the progress of the fund, in 1860 the sum in hand was £600, while now they possessed the goodly sum of £900, though from 1860 to the present time many claims had been made upon the fund.

The next toast was that of "The Past Masters," who were described by the W.M. as able and efficient men, always willing to aid the newly installed Master. He depended upon their support, which he was sure he would receive in the same way as had his predecessors.

Bro. Croaker was the first to reply, and took occasion to refer again to the handsome jewel presented him, which he should always highly prize. It had been his ambition to occupy the chair, which he had succeeded in doing, and he trusted he had performed the duties of his office to the satisfaction of the lodge.

Bro. Bloomfield also replied. "The Masonic Charities" was the next toast proposed, in introducing which, the W.M. observed that charity was the groundwork of our Institutions. In the presence of the great giant of charity it was needless for him to say many words. He would simply call upon the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys to respond.

Bro. Binckes acknowledged the toast in eloquent and persuasive terms. The remaining toasts were proposed and duly responded to.

Before the lodge was called on again, Bro. Bush gave notice of motion that the sum of £25 be voted from the lodge in aid of the fund now being raised at the Mansion House in behalf of the Jews in Russia. A sum of £10 10s. was also voted to the Boys' School, and £3 3s. to a distressed brother.

Some good vocal music was given during the evening by Bros. J. Ross, Bayley, Constable, Shakespeare, and Tipper, each contributor being excellently accompanied on the pianoforte by Bro. J. D. Barnett.

NELSON LODGE (No. 700).—The monthly meeting of this lodge took place on Wednesday, the 15th inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, Bro. E. B. Hobson, W.M., in the chair, supported by the following officers and brethren: J. Wilkins, I.P.M.; E. Bowles, P.M.; J. Warren, P.M.; G. Beaver, S.W.; J. H. Roberts, J.W.; P. T. Butt, P.M. and Treas.; C. Norman, P.M. and Sec.; T. Ovenden, S.D.; W. Ross, J.D.; W. Bidgood, Org.; S. B. Halley, P.M. 45; W. B. Lloyd, P.M. 913; R. J. Cook, W.M. 913; C. Coupland, P.M. 913, and P.P.G. J.W. Kent; A. Penfold, 913; J. F. Randall, 913; G. Nichols, C. H. Waterer, 1445; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*).

The only business was the initiation of Mr. J. Bush, who, having been duly proposed and openly approved of in open lodge, was, with the usual ceremonies, made a member of the Order. Bro. Dr. Tees was then raised to the Third Degree, and the lodge was closed in due form.

After partaking of an elegant supper, the W.M. gave the ever-welcome loyal and Masonic toasts, which were drunk with enthusiasm.

Bro. Wilkins, the I.P.M., rose to propose the toast of "The W.M." He said that it was a toast that he could give, and they receive, with as much pleasure as he had in giving, and they in receiving it, when, some six months ago, their esteemed W.M. was first placed in the chair of the lodge. He started well, and had gone on well; and now that he had passed the meridian of his year of office, he (Bro. Wilkins) felt sure that until the last day of Bro. Hobson's Mastership he would still keep up the prestige and dignity of the Nelson Lodge.

Bro. Hobson briefly responded, and in so doing, said he fully appreciated the kindness of the brethren in so cordially receiving the kind remarks of Bro. Wilkins. As that brother had said, he had and should do all he could to keep up the prosperity of the lodge, and leave it, if possible, in a more flourishing condition than he found it.

The next toast was that of "The Initiate," and Bro. Bush suitably responded.

"The Visitors" were then complimented, and the W.M., in proposing the toast, referred with pleasure to the presence among them that evening of so many distinguished members of the Pattison Lodge. He trusted the good feeling existing between those lodges would long continue, and that the interchange of visits between the two lodges might even be oftener than at present. He coupled the toast with the name of Bro. Cook, W.M. of the Pattison Lodge.

Bro. Cook, in response, said the duty of replying to the courteous and kindly terms of the W.M. devolved upon him, and he should endeavour to show that he felt that duty to be but an honour and a pleasure. It was always a pleasure for a Master of the Pattison, at his lodge, in proposing the toast of the visitors, to couple with it the name of a member of the Nelson. He trusted their good feeling would long continue.

Bro. Waterer also returned thanks, and said, as Nelsons, having for their lodge the name of a hero, they would, he felt sure, always do their duty in the cause of Freemasonry. The toast of "The Past Masters" followed, and, in

response, Bro. Wilkins said he felt it an honour to have to return thanks for so distinguished a body, who were always willing to do all they could, not only for the lodge generally, but for individual members, who wanted either assistance or advice. He then reverted to a case of distress, and earnestly called upon the brethren to assist by their subscriptions.

The toast of "The Officers" followed, Bro. Beaver responding, and the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

PANMURE LODGE (No. 720).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Balham Hotel, Balham, on Monday, the 20th inst. Amongst the members present were Bro. Wm. Gunner, W.M.; G. Lambert, S.W.; G. Allen, P.M.; as J.W.; James Stevens, P.M.; C. P. McKay, P.M.; H. Payne, P.M.; Thos. Poore, P.M. and Sec.; C. Everist, S.D.; A. J. Barton, J.D.; S. Ash, D. of C.; G. Treves, Steward; Chas. Thomas, Tyler; J. Laird, as I.G.; J. A. B. Ball, G. R. Smith, G. Lilley, G. Mulley, and others. Visitor: Bro. W. S. Dunkley, 1777.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and Bro. Smith was then passed to the Second Degree.

The following notice of motion by Bro. Lambert, S.W., was carried: "That the sum of ten guineas be voted from the lodge funds as a donation to the Masonic School for Boys." Bro. D. Truster, P.M., having offered to represent the lodge at the ensuing festival, that sum was directed to be placed on his list.

Refreshment followed labour, and in the course of the evening, amidst many songs and recitations, a very pleasing reference was made to an absent Past Master, Bro. N. W. Hodges, whose recognition of the meetings of the lodge are always made at each successive meeting. On this occasion the Secretary, Bro. Poore, interested the brethren with an account of a very handsome presentation of numerous valuable articles of utility, and engrossed testimonials of respect, to Bro. Hodges on his leaving Dundee for Aberdeen, to assume the joint acting management of the Dundee and Aberdeen Theatres. The spontaneous testimony of his many associates, including kind communications from Bro. J. L. Toole and other distinguished professionals, gave very great pleasure to the brethren; and on the suggestion of Bro. Stevens, the Secretary was requested to convey to Bro. Hodges their congratulations on his successful endeavours having been so favourably recognised. The brethren separated after a most enjoyable evening.

MERCHANT NAVY LODGE (No. 781).—The regular meeting of this old lodge was held at the Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limchouse, E., on the 8th inst. There was a goodly muster of brethren to support Bro. C. C. Rowe, W.M., amongst these were Bro. R. F. Ould, S.W.; J. Everett, J.W.; J. Wright, P.G.P., P.M., Treas.; C. Breden, P.M., Sec. (pro tem); J. Lax, S.D.; F. Robinson, J.D.; T. Gaisford, D.C.; J. H. Pringle, I.G.; G. Palmer, Org.; A. Scheerboom, I.P.M.; J. H. Daniels, P.M.; G. Killick, P.M.; E. Gregory, C. Hawkins, T. C. Casper, 30; F. G. Varcoe, W. Ruth, S. W. B. Tinson, A. Robertson, F. Nash, R. Saville, R. N. Bull, J. B. Day, A. Watson, T. Larston, G. Simmonds, C. Stuart, L. A. Aberg, and others. Visitors: Bro. J. Lundgren, Humber Lodge, Hull; H. J. Day, 1710; W. J. Musto, 1340; J. M. Jennings, 1320; G. Melton, P.P.G. S.D. Ex. 453; J. A. Keable, 1743; T. Bowler, Tyler; and G. H. Stephens, S.D. 1023 (Freemason).

There was a good list of business to be disposed of, of which the following was done: Messrs. Lars, Alfred Aberg, and Charles Stuart were balloted for with a favourable result, and were separately initiated into the mysteries of the Order in a very creditable and impressive manner; Bro. J. Hawkins and W. Ruth were raised to the Degree of F.C. Other candidates upon the agenda paper not being in attendance, the brethren proceeded to the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler. Bro. R. F. Ould, S.W., was duly elected as W.M. elect. Bro. John Wright, the veteran Treasurer, was again chosen to fulfil the duties of the office, and Bro. Bowler as Tyler. An Audit Committee, consisting of Bro. R. N. Bull, E. Gregory, and A. Watson was also appointed. Considerable time and attention was given to the application to recommend a case to the Board of Benevolence in favour of a brother not belonging to the lodge, and subsequently one who was a member.

All business having been disposed of in a hearty and Masonic manner, the W.M. pleaded upon behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Aged Freemasons, who were being advocated by a Steward from the Merchant Navy Lodge. He was sure Bro. F. Robinson, their J.D., would be only too happy to receive any amount in aid of such a deserving Institution.

"Hearty good wishes" were given, and lodge was closed, the brethren afterwards passing a very pleasant hour together. The usual loyal and Craft toasts were given with commendable brevity, and were heartily received.

In response to the hearty reception of the toast of "The Initiates" Bro. Aberg thanked the brethren for having admitted him to be a Freemason that evening, and he hoped to make a good one, for which he would try to the best of his ability.

Bro. Stuart also thanked the brethren for drinking his health so cordially, and for receiving him into the Order. The impressions made upon him would never be effaced, nor the trust reposed in him violated, so long as he had life and reason.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by all the brethren present, who recognised the good working of the lodge, the steady support of the Charities, and the good feeling which at all times prevailed among its members.

The proceedings were enlivened by songs and recitations, and fully bore out the Masonic adage, "Happy to meet, sorry to part, and happy to meet again."

URBAN LODGE (No. 1196).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall on Tuesday, the 14th ult., when the following were present: Bro. F. Eckstein, W.M.; W. Radford, S.W.; Dr. J. E. Hawksly, J.W.; B. H. Pearson, P.M., Treas.; Dr. J. E. Carpenter, P.M., Sec.; G. E. Fairchild, S.D.; C. Butler, J.D.; F. J. Moore, D.C.; J. H. Lee, as I.G.; Beck, Stwd.; J. Very, Tyler; J. Pearson, P.M.; J. Tickle, P.M.; J. R. Ware, P.M.; R. H. Blatchford, P.M.; S. Lehmiyer, P.S.W.; W. Creswick, Dr. John Brunton; J. Morrison, B. Simkins, F. Radford, J. E. Jones, Dr. Hodgkinson, B. J. Jeffreys, C. E. Blore, W.

Haycock, and many others. The visitors were Bro. Rev. Darby Reade, W.M. Earl of Carnarvon; F. Fosly, P.M. G. N. Watts, P.M.; W. H. Mully, P.M.; N. D. Livesey, B. T. Fountain, P.M.; J. B. Massey, Dr. Berkart, L. H. Isaacs, and others.

The business of the day commenced at 4 p.m., with the raising of three brethren to the Sublime Degree of M.M. A conclave of Installed Masters was then formed, and Bro. William Radford was installed into the chair of K.S. by the outgoing Master with unusual excellence, both as regards perfect correctness of diction and considerable elocutionary power, combined with great feeling and expression; indeed, it was acknowledged by the many visiting Past Masters that they had never heard the ceremony better rendered. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bro. Hawksly, S.W.; G. Fairchild, J.W.; C. Butler, S.D.; F. Moore, J.D.; B. H. Pearson, P.M., Treas.; Dr. Carpenter, P.M., Sec.; Beck, I.G.; Jacon, D.C.; and J. H. Lee, Stwd.

The brethren afterwards sat down to an elegant banquet. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Eckstein. The proceedings of the evening were much enhanced by the admirable vocal efforts of Bro. Roberts, Donald King, R. Ward, and J. H. Lee, Bro. S. Lehmiyer presiding at the piano with his well-known skill.

Bro. Rev. Darby Reade and Fountain returned thanks for "The Visitors."

The toast list, as usual with the "Urbans," was embellished with apt quotations from some standard author, last year being all from Tennyson, and this year all from Byron.

EARL OF ZETLAND LODGE (No. 1364).—

The members of the above flourishing lodge assembled at the Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney, on the 18th inst. Bro. J. Edward Cockett, W.M. (who, we were pleased to see, had recovered from his recent illness), opened the lodge shortly after six o'clock p.m. The following brethren were present: Bro. B. Humphrys, S.W.; J. P. Fitzgerald, J.W.; E. J. Anning, P.M. 1025, Hon. Sec.; R. A. Wright, P.M., Treas.; A. F. Lay, P.M.; Ernest Wright, P.M.; H. W. Gompertz, P.M.; J. H. Maples, P.M.; W. Fieldwick, P.M.; Rean, P.M.; W. Green, S.D.; J. T. Hegarty, J.D.; H. M. Lowe, P.M., D.C.; Dr. J. F. Haskins, Org.; G. J. Pope, I.G.; H. Cooper, Steward; H. Whitford, H. B. Chamberlain, B. T. Wood, B. Clarke, and G. H. Stephens, S.D. 1023 (Freemason), as a visitor.

Lodge was opened, and minutes of the transactions of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The brethren next gave great attention to the new bye-laws, as submitted by the Bye-Law Committee, which occupied a considerable time.

After the lodge was closed, Bro. Cockett asked the brethren to drink "The Health of the Queen," and coupled "The Craft" with the toast. The other loyal and Craft toasts followed.

The I.P.M. gave the toast of "The W.M.," whom they were glad to see at the last lodge meeting. As the previous meeting was a silent one, in consequence of the lodge being in mourning for a deceased brother, he would take the present opportunity of congratulating the W.M. upon the success which had attended the efforts of the committee who arranged the installation banquet, which had proved so satisfactory.

Bro. Cockett responded; and after some social conversation, "The Officers" were toasted, and the Tyler's toast being given, the brethren separated.

PECKHAM LODGE (No. 1475).—The installation

meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 16th inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, Bro. Daniel Channon, the W.M., presiding, supported by all his officers and a large attendance of members and visitors. Bro. Thos. Jackson, the S.W., who had been duly balloted for, and unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, was presented and installed in a very careful and perfect manner, the Installing Master, Bro. Channon, giving the addresses very impressively. The W.M. appointed and invested the following brethren his officers: Bro. W. C. Page, S.W.; Frederick Hilton, J.W.; W. G. Warren, P.M., Treas.; W. E. Gompertz, P.M., Sec.; W. G. Sayer, S.D.; Montgomery, J.D.; Boddy, I.G.; Rose, P.M., D. of C.; H. Vickery, P.M., Wine Steward; Cain and Lovejoy, Assistant Wine Stewards; and Harrison, Tyler.

The newly-installed W.M. at once gave proof of his qualification for the honourable position in which he had been placed by proceeding to initiate two gentlemen into the Order in a most impressive manner, the ritual being rendered with that dignity and feeling that cannot fail to make a lasting impression on the candidates.

In the course of the evening Bro. H. Vickery proposed that ten guineas be given from the funds of the lodge to one of the Masonic Charities, the same to be placed on the list of the W.M., who had intimated his intention to represent the lodge as Steward at the festival of the Girls' School, and there is no doubt he will succeed in taking up a good round sum; for although the Peckham Lodge is famed for hospitality, their Stewards' lists had always been prominently to the front.

A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the retiring W.M., as a mark of esteem and appreciation of his services to the lodge.

The brethren then adjourned to the commodious Dramatic Hall, where a choice banquet had been prepared, which was presided over by the W.M., to which all present did ample justice. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and heartily responded to.

"The Visitors" (over forty in number) received a most cordial response to their toast, several of whom replied, expressing themselves well pleased with the evening's entertainment, which was much enlivened by a well-selected programme of vocal music, under the direction of Bro. Seymour Smith, assisted by Miss Matilda Roby, Madame Raymond, Bro. C. A. White, W. G. Warren, and W. C. Page.

This lodge has just completed its eighth year, and during that time, though the fees are high, have initiated ninety-two members into the Order, and have at present seventy subscribing members on the books; and, notwithstanding disparaging remarks against banqueting lodges, they have not neglected the all-important principles on which our Order is founded, as the Steward's list of former years can testify; and the list for this year (judging from the reputation of the brother who has undertaken the office of Steward) will no doubt equal those of previous years.

FRANCIS BURDETT LODGE (No. 1503).—

This lodge met for the dispatch of business on the 8th inst., at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, when there were present, among others, Bro. Saunders, W.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., S.W.; W. H. Saunders, P.P.G.D. Middx., Treas.; W. Wiggington, P.P.G.S. of W. Middx., &c., Sec.; Briggs, I.G.; Saunders, Org.; and Harrison, Tyler. The visitors were Bro. D. P. Cama, P.M. 1159, P.Z. 1503; Lewis, 180; G. R. Dodd, 181; and Vials, 1820.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, communications, apologising for non-attendance, were read from Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, W. Taylor, P.M.; Ashley, P.M.; Kennedy, P.M.; and others. Bro. Jenkyns and Gurney were impressively passed to the Degree of F.C. by Bro. Wiggington. The sum of five guineas was voted to the list of Bro. Cama, as Steward to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and a like amount to Bro. W. H. Saunders, as Steward to the Girls' School.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet.

The customary toasts followed. Bro. Wiggington responded on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers," and then gave "The W.M.," which pledge was duly responded to.

Bro. Cama, Lewis, Dodd, and Vials acknowledged the toast of "The Visitors."

Bro. Wiggington and W. H. Saunders replied to "The Health of the Past Masters."

The toast of "The Officers," coupled with the names of Bro. Walls and Briggs, brought the proceedings to a conclusion.

METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).—The

usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, the 15th inst. The W.M., Bro. W. M. Stiles was indisposed, but in his usual able manner raised Bro. Briggs and Sturmer, passed Bro. Richardson and Ashton, and initiated Mr. E. A. Gilkes. Although this was an off night several visitors attended and expressed their satisfaction with the working. The brethren dined together and the toasts were briefly given.

WOLSEY LODGE (No. 1636).—This prosperous

lodge held a meeting at the White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick, on the 13th inst. Amongst those present were Bro. Aston, W.M.; J. Hurst, P.P.G.P. Middx., S.W.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., J.W.; the Rev. C. de Crespiigny, P.P.G. Chap. Middx., P.M.; W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M.; Nutall, Treas.; T. W. Oekenden, P.M. 1512, Sec.; Featherstone, S.D.; Forge, J.D.; Piller, I.G.; Worthington, W.S.; and Gilbert, Tyler.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Messrs. E. Date, Henry Sapworth, and Thomas Grant were duly balloted for, and subsequently ably initiated into Craft mysteries by Bro. W. Hammond. The bye-laws having been read, the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler resulted in favour of Bro. J. Hurst, A. Nutall, and J. Gilbert. A Past Master's jewel having been voted to the outgoing Master, and a notice of motion given by the Secretary "That a sum be voted from the funds of the lodge towards the list of the R.W. Prov. G. Master as Steward for the province at the forthcoming festival of the Girls' School," the lodge was closed, and the members and their visitors adjourned to the banquet.

Among the visitors were Bro. Harrington, 975; Noble, 975; Godden, 975; Beauchamp, 1793; and Hickinbotham, 1793.

Upon the removal of the cloth, the usual royal and Craft toasts were honoured. Bro. the Rev. C. de Crespiigny, responded upon behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers," and then gave "The Health of the W.M.," who replied in witty terms.

"The Initiates" followed, and was duly honoured. "The Health of the Visitors" came next in order, and this toast was acknowledged by Bro. Harrington, Noble, Godden, Beauchamp, and Hickinbotham.

"The W.M. elect" followed, and in reply, Bro. Hurst expressed his great acknowledgments for the honour conferred upon him that evening.

"The Officers," coupled with the names of Bro. Walls and Featherstone, terminated the proceedings.

UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1789).—The installation

meeting of the above excellent lodge took place on Monday, the 13th inst., at the Cafe Royal, Air-street, Regent-street, and was in every respect a most memorable and pleasant gathering. The lodge was opened soon after three o'clock, Bro. H. Shaw, the W.M., presiding, supported by the following brethren: Bro. the Rev. C. Sullé, S.W. and W.M. elect; Capt. J. Ritchie; Ortr.-Master W. Richey, P.M.; W. Weston, P.M.; C. Hamerton, P.M.; Capt. Turner, J.W.; Capt. J. Sculley, Treas.; A. Saunders, Sec.; H. Harding, Org. Trent; W. A. Watkins, S.D.; Major Wortham; G. Mason, I.G.; W. Moulds, P. Goode, R. J. Wishart, Lieut. Kirkbride, Lieut. Porterfield, D. C. Capon, F. P. Reynoldson, Osborne, E. Hornblower, W.M. 1604; R. Payne, P.M. 1328; Dr. Spurrell, P.M. 615, and P.P.G.J.W. Kent; F. J. Wray, P.M. 1604; D. Rose P.M. 73; Rev. W. Turner, Chap. 1347; F. Wright, 1500; V. Murchie, 1641; W. Robertson, 84; T. F. Cooper, 1530; H. De Gray, 706; W. Maule, 1536; and C. Jolly, 913 (Freemason).

The business before the lodge consisted of the balloting for as a joining member of Bro. Maule, 1536, and this having proved successful, he was introduced and welcomed as a member. The ballot was then taken for Messrs. W. E. Radcliffe, S. Firth, and Jas. Butler, all of the Royal Artillery, and proving unanimous, those gentlemen were with the usual ceremony initiated into Freemasonry. Bro. Weston then took the chair as installing officer, and in a most impressive manner installed the W.M. elect, Bro. Sullé, in the chair of K.S. and who was saluted *pro forma*. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bro. Capt. Turner, S.W.; Lieut. Watkins, J.W.; Capt. J. Sculley, Treas.; A. Saunders, Sec.; R. J. Wishart, S.D.; G. Mason, J.D.; F. P. Reynoldson, I.G.; H. Harding, Org.; D. C. Goode, Wine Steward; H. Porterfield, Assist. Wine Steward; Major Wortham, D.C.; and J. Lackland, Tyler.

Bro. Capt. Ritchie then, at the request of the W.M., presented Bro. Shaw, the retiring W.M., with a magnificent jewel. He said he felt he was only re-echoing the sentiments of every member of the lodge when he said that no Past Master had ever more nobly or more honourably won

his jewel than Bro. Shaw had. His year had been a most trying one, and they all knew the energy and courage he had displayed in carrying out his duties. In the name of the lodge he wished him many years of happiness and prosperity.

Bro. Shaw, in returning thanks, said if there was one thing more than another that reconciled a Past Master in leaving the chair, it was the "Hearty good wishes" and brotherly love that accompanied him. He thanked them from his heart, and should always wear his jewel with pride and pleasure as a souvenir of his happy year of office as W.M. of the Ubique Lodge.

The lodge was then closed and the brethren sat down to a superbly served banquet, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. Shaw proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and said it would be presumption on his part to dwell upon the merits of their excellent Bro. Solbé. This much he would say, that at the end of his year of office the unanimous verdict of them all would be that he had been an honour and credit to the lodge and to the Craft in general, and further, that under his rule the "Ubique" had fully sustained the high position it now, and had since its consecration, held in the Order.

The W.M., in responding, said he need not tell them that he had that day accomplished what he had been so long seeking, namely, the ruling over a lodge like the Ubique, composed as it was of the Royal Artillery, among whom so many happy hours of his life had been spent, and for whom he had, and should always, entertain the warmest affection and respect. In no other lodge in the kingdom could he have been so happy or so proud of the Mastership.

"The Health of the Installing Officer" was drunk with enthusiasm; and Bro. Weston, in response, said he should always be happy to do all he could for the lodge at any time.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was coupled with the name of Bro. Capt. Ritchie, who said he felt a great amount of diffidence in responding, because he felt, and they knew, the native modesty inherent in him. So far as the other Past Masters, of whom there were four around him, were concerned, he could speak of them with safety, because he felt that the annals of Masonry, either in the east, west, north, or south, could not produce better Masons or better men than they were. The Ubique Lodge had not yet done so much as they could wish for the grand Charities of the Order, but, like the 90-ton gun at Woolwich, they were "ready, aye, ready," to take their part and send a good shot into the fens—distress and poverty—through the treasury of the Masonic Charities, for it was their duty to act up to the precepts and attributes of Masonry. On behalf of the Past Masters he thanked the brethren, and resumed his seat amid applause.

"The Initiates" were next toasted, and suitably replied. Bro. Wray, in responding for "The Visitors," said the W.M. had told them that he (Bro. Wray) was in some way connected with the Ubique Lodge. Well, as the Preceptor of the Ubique Lodge of Instruction, he was, and felt proud of being connected with them. He strongly advocated the claims of the lodge of instruction to their consideration, and said the smooth, easy, and certain working of the regular lodge could only be obtained there. For having associated his name with the toast he thanked them most cordially.

Bro. the Rev. Turner would only add a few remarks. He had passed a most pleasant and instructive afternoon and evening, and he heartily thanked them for it.

Bros. Spurrill, De Gray, Rose, Taylor, Hornblower, Solbé, and Wright also responded.

"The Officers" was the next toast, and Bro. Watkins and Wortham returned thanks.

"The Masonic Press" was responded to by our representative.

A cordial and especial toast was accorded to Bro. J. Lewis Thomas, F.S.A., P.M., P.A.D.G.M., who had shortly before arrived from the installation meeting of the Aldersgate Lodge, and was received with cheering.

In reply, Bro. Thomas apologised for not coming earlier, as he should have done, being a member of the lodge, although an honorary one. Bro. Jolly had said that the reason why he was not at the Aldersgate Lodge with Bro. Kenning and the Lord Mayor, was because he had not received an invitation this year as in previous years. Well, all he could say was that he, Bro. Thomas, had received an invitation before Christmas. However, he always felt proud to come to the Ubique Lodge, and shake his brethren there by the hand, and wish them success, and felt as much pleasure in doing so as in shaking hands with the highest in the land. He thanked them for noticing his presence there, and coupling his name with the toast of the Grand Officers. He trusted the lodge would succeed, and be as their name implied, known all over the world for its good Freemasonry, as the Royal Artillery, whose motto was "Ubique," were for their deeds of valour.

The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—This distinguished lodge celebrated its fourth installation meeting at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Thursday, the 9th inst. There being a large quantity of work to get through, the W.M. called the lodge at three o'clock, at which time it was opened punctually by the W.M., Bro. J. Williams. The brethren present included Bros. Col. John Creaton, Grand Treasurer, first Master of the lodge; H. J. Johnson, I.P.M.; Joshua Nielson, S.W., W.M. elect; E. Thurkle, P.M., Treas.; J. J. Cattle, P.M., Sec.; W. Carrington, S.D.; R. G. Shute, J.D.; D. Ferguson, D.C.; W. Williams, I.G.; Jas. Kift, Org.; T. T. Matthews, Steward; J. T. Woodstock, P.M. 749; Tyler; R. C. Rogers, E. Austin, Benjamin J. Cowell Helden, F. R. Stock, Wm. Russell, Thos. Pink, J. R. Long, B. Brett, H. W. Hancock, C. R. Cross, A. Wolter, James C. Colvill, Thos. Hine, J. J. Johnson, G. L. Williams, Henry Johnson, J. P. Seagrave, A. J. Taylor, G. Slingsby; and the following visitors: Bros. Jno. Sampson Peirce, 2, Grand Deacon; J. W. Waldron, P.M. 1383; Col. W. Bousfield, 786; S. Carrington, P.M. 1314; J. C. Flattely, P.M. 1624; Samuel Jones, P.M. 1624; George Britton, I.P.M. 22; F. G. Baker, F.M. 753; A. H. Longhurst, P.M. 1425; Lewis Brytett, 1828, P.G.S. of W. Berks and Bucks; Wm. Poore, P.M. 186; J. W. Cuff, P.M. 1608; H. Bond, J.W. 1314; Burden, 11; C. B. Broad, 1642; E. J. Jeffs, J.D. 435; John Avery, P.M. 511; R. Davis, S.D. 1772; R. Gifford, 780; C. H. Beard, S.C. 19; James T. Westley, 733; W. C. Smith, 1563; J. Peckwer, 364; Chas. Armfield, 1201; J. Shubbrook, 58; S. J. Humphress, 733; W. Williams, 902; W. Park, 511;

C. H. Abrams, 511; Thomas Barrow, 511; J. Clarry, 511; Robert King, 1642; H. Taylor, 1642; H. W. Davie, 173; W. Weston, 1642; W. G. Reynolds, 1441; and F. A. Kelly, 1524 (Freemason).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, and the Auditors' report adopted, Bros. Stock, Cross, and Bull, candidates for the Second Degree, were duly passed. The W.M. then proceeded with the principal business of the evening, that of installing his successor, which task he performed in such an able and perfect manner as to elicit the highest praise from all present; Bro. J. J. Cattle being an excellent D.C. The officers appointed and invested were as follows: Bros. J. Williams, I.P.M.; W. Carrington, S.W.; R. G. Shute, J.W.; E. Thurkle, P.M., Treas.; J. J. Cattle, P.M., Sec.; W. Williams, S.D.; D. Ferguson, J.D.; R. H. Rogers, I.G.; J. Kift, Org.; T. T. Matthews, D.C.; E. Austin, W.S.; and J. T. Woodstock, Tyler.

At the close of the installation ceremony Bro. Neilson at once gave proof of his efficiency for the office by the excellent manner in which he performed the ceremony of initiation, the candidate for that honour being Mr. A. J. Taylor. After a few minor details (the lodge was closed, and the brethren subsequently sat down to a most sumptuous dinner, provided in Bro. Best's best style, under the superintendence of his able manager, Bro. Dawkins.

At the conclusion of the banquet grace was sung by the artistes, and on the removal of the cloth the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, the first being "The Queen and the Craft," followed by that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.V.G.M.," to which succeeded the toast of "the Grand Officers, the Rt. Hon. Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M., the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Lathom, R.V. Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," coupled with the name of Bro. Sampson Peirce, Grand Deacon.

Bro. Peirce, in the course of a most able reply, said that in responding to what he might term a triple toast, he hoped he would be enabled, as a representative of so august a body, to do his duty. The health of the Pro and Deputy Grand Master was always well received in the metropolitan lodges, but perhaps more so in the provinces in which they reigned as Grand Masters. He had referred on previous occasions in this lodge, and he had much pleasure in doing so again, to the great services rendered to the Craft by the brother on his left (Col. Creaton). As G. Treasurer he had many important duties which brought him prominently before the brethren, who all appreciated in a high degree his ability for the office. Bro. Peirce then, in happy terms, referred to the pleasure he had experienced in being present at the consecration of the Creaton Lodge some three years since, and congratulated the W.M. and officers that the zeal then exhibited had continued, and resulted in placing the lodge in the high position it now stood. The installation ceremony had been performed that evening by Bro. Williams in a manner that he had never seen excelled during his twenty-five years experience as a Mason.

The next toast, that of "The W.M.," was proposed by the I.P.M., who complimented Bro. Nielson on the excellent manner in which he had discharged his first duty, that of initiating the candidate. The lodge he thought was to be congratulated upon having a Master so efficient for the duties appertaining to the office.

Bro. Nielson after returning thanks in suitable terms, appealed in behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, for which admirable charity the I.P.M. is serving as Steward, the appeal resulting in a substantial sum, which was collected by Bro. Johnson.

The W.M. then proposed "The Initiate," to which Bro. A. J. Taylor responded.

The next toast was that of "The Visitors," who were ably represented in the replies of Bros. Brytett, Cuff, Baker, Davie and Flattely.

The W.M. then rose and proposed, what was to him a most pleasing toast, that of "The Installing Master." All that had been said in praise of his ability and excellence he could fully endorse. Bro. Nielson then in choice terms placed a most handsome jewel on Bro. Williams's breast, wishing that he might be spared many years to wear it among them.

Bro. John Williams, in reply, said that from his first assuming the chair the support he had received from all in the lodge had given him much encouragement, and assisted him in performing his duties as he had. With regard to their jewel, he should never forget the kind feeling with which it had been presented to him, and with what unanimity it was awarded. He should always take the greatest interest in the welfare of the lodge, and ever be ready and pleased to lend what assistance he could to the junior officers. Bro. Williams concluded by earnestly appealing upon the brethren's liberality in support of his list.

The next toast was that of "The P.M.'s," to which Bro. Johnson amusingly replied.

Then followed that of "The Treasurer and Secretary, Bros. E. Thurkle and J. J. Cattle," the latter of whom replied, making some highly complimentary remarks respecting the Treasurer, who had had to leave. Regarding himself, "as utility man," as he had been designated by the I.P.M., he had done his best, and, as Secretary, would continue to do so while he held the office.

To the toast of "The Officers," Bros. W. Carrington, Shute, and T. T. Matthews replied.

Between the toasts an exceedingly well-arranged programme was gone through, under the direction of Bro. J. J. Cattle, consisting of songs, recitations, &c., by Miss Grace Goldolphin, Bros. Arthur Thomas, W. G. Reynolds, Jas. Kift, and J. J. Cattle; Miss Grace Goldolphin receiving a well-deserved encore for the charming and effective manner in which she sang "The Tempest," and favoured the brethren, in reply, with the amusing duet, "No Sir," ably assisted by Bro. Kift.

DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE (No. 1839).—This lodge held its usual monthly meeting on Saturday, the 11th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, W.C., when there was a strong muster of the brethren. The officers present were Bros. W. Gibson Bott, W.M.; T. C. Corpe, I.P.M.; G. F. Smith, jun., S.W.; A. Stokes, J.W.; J. W. Dewsnap, Treas. and J.D.; J. W. Brooke, P.M., Hon. Sec.; J. C. Wilkins, S.D.; G. F. Smith, I.G.; A. Williams, D.C.; H. S. Trego, Org.; H. Cattermole, Steward; and Goddard, Tyler. Members: Bros. W. A. Maloney, P.M.; J. Miller, W. B. Marens, J. Bladon, H. Cruse, A. T. Baschinski, F. A. Darton, C. H. Cox, T. R. Ayres, J. W. Hayton, A. H. Jakins, J. da Silva, and A. M. Philips. Visitors: Bros. C.

Mussared, 1901; W. George, P.M. 101; C. H. Kohler, P.M. 1381; C. F. Hall, 1507; J. Culver, 1031; P. C. Rogers, 901; J. P. Sadler, I.G. 1670; G. W. Hook, S.D. 186; J. W. Fowler, 1381; A. Castleberg, 1044; and W. H. Hook, W.M. 1001.

After the lodge had been duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, Bros. F. A. Darton and J. Bladon were raised to the Degree of Master Masons, and Bro. T. R. Ayres passed to the Second Degree. A ballot was taken for, as an initiate, Mr. Albert Munday Philips, which was unanimous in his favour, and the candidate being in attendance he was impressively initiated into the Order.

The Secretary announced that this year the lodge would be represented at each of the Masonic Charities—Bro. Smith, S.W., being Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; Bro. Cattermole, Steward for the Girls' School; and himself Steward for the Boys' School. Bro. Brooke further announced, as a notice of motion, that at the next meeting of the lodge he would propose that a Fund of Benevolence be established in connection with the lodge.

After "Hearty good wishes" had been given from the visitors, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the tavern for refreshment. The usual toasts were given and duly responded to.

Bro. W. H. Hook, W.M. 1901, in responding for "The Visitors," made special reference to the perfect working of the W.M., and congratulated the brethren on having so excellent a worker at their head.

A very pleasant musical evening was spent, several of the visitors contributing largely to the enjoyment, particularly Bros. Hook, Culver, and Mussared, in addition to several musical members of the lodge.

KING'S LYNN.—Philanthropic Lodge (No. 107).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge took place in the Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 6th inst., when the following brethren were present, amongst others: Bros. G. G. Sadler, P.M.; J. R. Chadwick, P.M.; C. T. Ives, P.M.; S. Woodwark, P.M.; W. Seppings, P.M.; G. W. Page, P.M.; Sir W. H. B. Ffolkes, Bart., M.P., P.M.; W. J. Pole, P.M.; W. Patrick, P.M.; M. B. Bircham, P.M.; J. C. Sadler, W.M.; J. S. B. Glasier, S.W.; R. H. Aldham, J.W.; Rev. J. B. Slight, Chap.; Robinson Cruso, Treas.; Jas. Green, Sec.; J. Rix, S.D.; W. J. King, J.D.; Rev. E. J. Alvis, Org.; Harry Green, I.G.; and J. Bray, Steward. Visitors: Bros. W. Bray, W.M., Chas. Parker, J.W., of 800; G. V. Grummett, W.M., T. S. Chambers, P.M., P.G.S.W., K. T. Atkinson, S.W., E. L. Chapman, J.W., A. H. Parsons, D.C., of 1114; and Joseph Ball, W.M. 1280.

The lodge was opened at 4.15 p.m., and the minutes of the last regular meeting and of a subsequent lodge of emergency read and confirmed. The ceremony of installation was next proceeded with, and the W.M. elect, Bro. J. S. B. Glasier, duly presented, and with due rite and ceremony inducted into the chair of K.S. by the Installing Master, Bro. George S. Woodwark, P.M., assisted by Bro. Charles T. Ives, P.M., by whom the ceremony was performed in a most impressive and able manner in the assemblage of an unusually full Board of Installing Masters. On the re-admission of the brethren, the usual proclamations were made and salutes given.

The following officers were then appointed for the ensuing year: Bros. R. H. Aldham, S.W.; Rev. J. B. Slight, J.W.; Rev. E. J. Alvis, Chap.; Robinson Cruso, Treas.; James Green, Sec.; Harry Green, S.D.; Walter Wilken, J.D.; T. Cockerill, I.G.; J. D. Thews and J. Bray, Stewards; and W. Wolsey, Tyler.

The addresses of the W.M. to each officer on investiture were thoroughly to the point, and evinced to the brethren that he was thoroughly conversant with the duties of, and the qualifications for, each of their offices, and that it was his earnest desire to have the lodge efficiently worked. "Hearty good wishes" having been offered by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 5.45.

The brethren then adjourned to the Globe Hotel, where a *recherche* banquet, provided by Bro. S. N. Marshall, had ample justice done to it. At the conclusion of the banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured; and the brethren having responded liberally to that of "The Masonic Charities," proposed in feeling terms by Bro. Rev. E. J. Alvis, separated, after passing an enjoyable evening.

OXFORD.—Apollo University Lodge (No. 357).—The installation festival of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday evening, the 14th inst., when the W. Bro. Edward Lovell Hawkins, the W.M. of the Churchhill Lodge, and P. Prov. G. Reg. Oxon, was installed as W.M. of the lodge, under dispensation from the Grand Lodge of England, by Bro. Pickard, P.M., who most ably performed the ceremony in the absence of Bro. Walter Parratt, the late W.M., who was unavoidably absent. There were present on the occasion Bros. Reginald Bird, the Dep. Prov. G.M. of Oxfordshire and P.M. of the lodge; the Rev. Walter Short, P.M.; Rev. J. F. Ravenshaw, Past Grand Chaplain of England; Charles Stephens, of Reading, P.M. 1101; Frederick Davison, W.M. 10; the W.M. and several brethren of the Alfred Lodge. Bro. the Rev. A. Smith, the late Secretary of the lodge was invested as S.W. for the ensuing year.

After the lodge the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet in the large room of the Clarendon Hotel. The Oxford brethren propose making a presentation of a handsome service of plate to H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, the Prov. Grand Master of Oxfordshire, on the occasion of his marriage.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Southampton Lodge (No. 394).—The installation of Bro. Alexander Paris, the S.W. for the past year, as W.M. of this lodge, took place on the 16th inst., at the Masonic Hall; fifteen Past Masters comprising the Board of Installed Masters. The ceremony was performed, with his usual efficiency, by the retiring Master, Bro. T. P. Payne; and the new W.M. invested the following as the officers for the year: Bros. T. P. Payne, P.M. 130 and 359, I.P.M.; Henry Lashmore, S.W.; J. D. Barford, P.M. 359, J.W.; W. Furber, P.M.; E. T. Howell, P.M., Sec.; the Rev. A. L'Argent Bell, Chap.; E. T. Gayton, S.D.; E. Aldridge, J.D.; H. P. Aslatt, P.M., D.C.; Appleford, I.G.; and J. Biggs, Tyler. Thanks were afterwards voted to the I.P.M. for his services for the year.

The banquet was provided by Bro. Dartnall, and presided

over by the new W.M., and the usual Masonic toasts were honoured, several visiting brethren appropriately acknowledging the cordial and fraternal welcome extended them.

GATESHEAD.—Borough Lodge (No. 424).—The installation meeting was held on Monday afternoon, 20th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Halfmoon-Lane. Bro. A. P. Andersen, P.M., W.M. elect for the ensuing year, was supported by a large number of provincial brethren and Past Masters, amongst whom may be mentioned Bros. James McCulloch, P.M., P.G.J.W.; John Mackay, W.M.; Joseph Probert, P.M.; T. S. Wraith, P.M.; Robert Robson, P.M.; John Robson, W.M. 1274; J. G. Smith, W.M. 48; W. Eckford, I.P.M. 1643; David Sinclair, P.M. 48; Robert Whitfield, P.M. 48; Thomas Robson, P.P.J.G.W., 431; Joseph Cook, P.M. 481; G. Lawson, P.M. 240; W. Bell, P.M. 1557; P.P.G.A.D. Northumberland; H. S. Bird, J.W. 1604; S. Chadwick, J. W. 1643; W. Bewick, W.M. 1643; Noah S. Latinga, 431, P.M. 424; Joseph Robertson, 991, P.M. 431; W. F. Brown, 48; W. Atkinson, 1643; R. Ferry, 48; J. O. Robertson, 431; James Liddell, 302; A. A. Hall, 1643; John Roy, 1643; and Robert Cranston, 1643.

Bro. James McCulloch officiated as Installing Master, and performed the ceremony in an impressive manner, and afterwards the newly-elected W.M. proceeded to appoint his officers as follows: Bros. John Mackay, I.P.M.; P. J. Jackson, P.M., S.W.; G. W. Wealleans, J.W.; T. S. Wraith, P.M., M.C.; Joseph Probert, P.M., Treasurer; J. W. Courtenay, Secretary; J. C. Lawson, S.D.; John E. Reed, J.D.; W. A. Gillies, I.G.; J. G. Greener, S.S.; and Edward Waugh, J.S.

After the lodge had been closed in due form, the brethren adjourned to the Town Hall, where the annual festival was held, presided over by Bro. Andersen, W.M. Through the kindness of the chief constable of Gateshead, an old and highly-respected Mason, the constabulary band, under the leadership of Mr. J. H. Amers, played several selections of music during the evening.

After dinner the loyal toast was drunk with great enthusiasm, followed by "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master of England;" "The M.W. Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon;" the R.W.D.G.M., the Earl of Lathom; and the Officers of the Grand Lodge;" "The R.W. Prov. G.M., the Marquis of Londonderry;" the V.W.D.P.G.M., Sir H. Williamson; and the Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Durham; and "The R.W. Prov. G.M., Earl Percy, and Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland."

Bro. Mackay gave the toast of the evening, "The Worshipful Master, Bro. A. P. Andersen."

Bro. Andersen, in responding, remarked that this was the second time the members of the lodge had elected him to the important position of W.M., and he thanked them for the great honour conferred on him. With the assistance of his brother officers he sincerely hoped the lodge would have a successful year.

After the toast of "The I.P.M., Bro. J. Mackay," had been duly honoured, a similar compliment was bestowed on the Installing Master.

The toast of "The Visiting Brethren" was then given and responded to by Bros. Lawson, Robson, and W. Brandt, Sunderland.

Bro. J. G. Smith, gave "The Past Masters of Borough Lodge, 424."

Bros. Wraith and Probert replied in a few appropriate terms, making reference to the present officers of the lodge, and also to the Masonic Charities.

The Tyler's toast brought a most pleasant evening's entertainment to a close, the enjoyment of which was greatly enhanced by the vocal abilities of Bros. Lawson, James Snowball, Wraith, and Sinclair, and by the elocutionary powers of Bro. McCulloch.

FILEY.—Royal Lodge (No. 643).—The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge, was held at the lodge room, Royal Crescent Hotel, on Monday the 13th inst. The lodge was opened at 3.15 p.m. The following brethren were present: Bros. Val. Fowler, W.M., in the chair; John Winfindale, I.P.M.; W. G. Long, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; W. Budd, P.M.; Walter Fisher, P.M. 200, 1760; R. Land, S.W.; Wm. Crauswick, J.W.; R. Dobson, P.M., Treas.; E. H. Green, Sec.; Thos. M. Lee, S.D.; W. S. Meek, Steward; John Dale, I.G.; Wm. Jefferson, Tyler; John W. Woodall, P.M., P.P.G. S.W.; W. B. Jackson, P.M., P.G.J.W.; W. Watts, Thos. Chapman, Wm. Peacock, P.M., P.D.C. 200; Geo. Hudson, H. Blanc, P.M., P.P.G.C.; Thos. Brunton, R. R. Harrison, E. Harland, James Barwick, and H. A. Darby.

Visitors: Bro. M. C. Peck, P.G.S. N. and E. Yorks, P.M. 250, 1040, 1500, 1511, 1760, 1848; A. S. Kirk, W.M. 1760; G. Wilkinson, P.M. 250; W. B. Richardson, P.M. 200, P.G.S.W.; J. Verity, 1248; J. W. Winterbottom, S.W. 734; John Young, 236; W. T. Hey, 236; W. H. Smyth, P.G.M. Lincolnshire; E. Wantless, Sec. 200; E. D. Rooke, 1760; R. Y. Powley, P.M. 200; W. C. Land, 200; C. Sinales, 200; G. Ruddock, 200; J. S. Wilson, W.M. 1040; R. H. Peacock, P.M. 200, 1760; James Blake, 734, 1611; G. H. Walshaw, P.M. 200, P.P.G.D.C. W. F. Rooke, P.M. 200, P.P.G.J.W.; W. Ascough, 1248; G. Duguid, 1760; W. Greenwood, 200; G. Dippie, W.M. 200; H. Webster, 1760; T. Vakes, 1760; J. Bowes, 1760; J. W. Mcillac, 1760; G. Simpson, 200; H. P. Neumanns, 1248; H. O. Wellbourne, J.W. 1248; E. H. Hackers, J.W. 1760; J. H. Hackett, Sec. 1760; J. H. Moody, 200; B. Shaw, P.G.O. 200; J. R. Dippie, I.P.M. 200; N. B. Brockwell, P.M., P.P. G.D.C., 200 and 734; S. A. Aisley, 1248; and many others. Nearly eighty sat down to banquet.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. R. Land, S.W., was then presented by the W.M. to the Installing Officer, Bro. W. H. Smyth, Prov. G.M. Lincolnshire, and was duly installed in the chair of K.S. The newly-installed W.M. then appointed the following as his officers: Bros. V. Fowler, I.P.M.; W. Crauswick, S.W.; E. H. Green, J.W.; R. Dobson, P.M., Treas.; R. R. Harrison, Sec.; J. Dale, S.D.; W. S. Meek, J.D.; T. Chapman, Org.; Rev. R. M. Taylor, P.M., P.P.G.C., Chap.; W. Fisher, P.M., D.C.; T. Brunton and W. H. Russell, Stewards; E. Harland, I.G.; and W. Jefferson, Tyler.

After the closing of the lodge the brethren, to the number of nearly eighty, sat down to a banquet, the newly-installed W.M., Bro. R. Land, being in the chair, and Bro. Craus-

wick, S.W., in the vice-chair. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly responded to.

The toast of "The W.M." was proposed by Bro. W. Peacock, P.M., P.G.D.C., and ably responded to by the W.M.

"The Retiring W.M., Bro. Val Fowler," was next given by Bro. J. Winfindale, P.M., and responded to. "The Past Master of the Lodge," proposed by Bro. Dippie, W.M. 200, and responded to by Bros. H. Blanc, P.M., P.P.G.C., and W. Fisher, P.M.

Bro. W. F. Rookes gave "The Past and Present Officers," which was responded to by Bros. W. Crauswick, S.W., and E. H. Green, J.W.

"The Masonic Charities" was most eloquently proposed by Bros. J. W. Woodall and G. H. Walshaw, being responded to by Bro. W. B. Jackson, P.M., P.G.J.W., as Charity Steward.

Bro. H. A. Darby, the oldest member of the lodge, who is nearly eighty-four years old, and had travelled upwards of 100 miles to be present at the annual banquet of his mother lodge, then gave "The W.M.'s of 200, 1760, and 1248," to which those brethren responded.

"The Visiting Brethren" was then given by the J.W., and responded to by Bros. Young, 236; Hye, 236; Burdekin, 230; Capt. Brockwell, 734; and others.

A variety of songs and recitations added to the enjoyment of a most pleasant evening, which will long be remembered by all present.

WALLINGFORD.—St. Hilda Lodge (No. 1887).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 14th inst., at the lodge room. The meeting was not so well represented by visiting brethren from the adjoining province as was wished, on account of there being several annual festivals held the same day, and numerous letters of apology were received by the W.M. and other brethren, amongst them from the R.W. Bro. Sir D. Gooch, Bart., M.P., P.G.M.; V.W. Bro. the Rev. Studholme Brownrigg, D.P.G.M.; Bro. Shadwell H. Clerke; Bro. F. R. W. Hedges; Bro. Rev. Bent, P.G. Chap.; V.W. Bro. Rev. Reginald Bird, D.P.G.M. Oxon; Bro. Rev. H. A. Pickard, P.G. Chap.; and Bro. Bradley, P.G. Sec. There were present as visitors W. Bro. Tompkins, P.M. 945, P.P.G.D.C., &c.; Bros. Park, P.M. 340, P.P.G.J.D. Oxon; R. Mount, P.M. 1328; Chandler, P.M. 1101; Park, 340; Dominy, 340; Whitfield, 414; Simmonds, 340; and others.

The lodge being duly opened, and minutes of the last meeting confirmed, the W.M. proceeded to instal his successor, the ceremony being most ably and impressively performed, after which the W.M., Bro. Horne, invested his officers as follows: W. Bro. Shanks, I.P.M.; Bros. C. A. Barrett, S.W.; J. H. Trollope, J.W.; R. W. P. Circuit, Chap.; W. Bro. Clarke, P.M., Treas.; Bros. J. S. Fisher, I.G.; Frampton, D. of C.; S. Payne, Steward; and Squance, Tyler. There were also present members of the lodge, Bro. Wilder, Champion, Field, Ponking, and others.

The W.M. then, with a few but appropriate remarks, presented to the I.P.M., Bro. Shanks, a very handsome and valuable P.M.'s jewel.

Bro. Shanks, who was evidently surprised, returned thanks in a very suitable manner.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren proceeded to the Lamb Hotel, where an admirable banquet was prepared.

Bro. Horne most ably fulfilled his duties in introducing the loyal and Masonic toasts. In speaking of the P.G.M. and other officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, he expressed his regret that Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., through important public business, was prevented from being present, as also were the D.P.G.M. and the D.P.G.M. of Oxon, the Rev. Bro. Reginald Bird, whose absence was caused through a prior engagement as Installing Officer at the Apollo Lodge the same evening, and many others from similar causes.

"The W.M." was proposed by Bro. Shanks, who spoke, and rightly so, of Bro. Horne, in such terms as he deserved, from the fact of the pleasure it had given him to see his working of the Three Degrees and explanation of the tracing boards at the lodge of instruction, and was certain the gavel was placed in the right hands, the fact of which took great responsibility off his shoulders.

"The Health of the Past Masters" was then given, and received with enthusiasm.

Bros. Shanks and Clarke responded. The toast of "The Visitors" was, as usual amongst Masons, well received.

Bro. the Rev. Sheppard, D.D., responded in a feeling manner, and explained the good Freemasonry was doing, and how it had shown itself, not only in this town but over the whole surface of the globe. He proceeded to explain the good result of brotherhood, founded on the principles of Love, Relief, and Truth. The remarks of the worthy Doctor were received with much applause and appreciation by all the brethren.

"The Officers of the St. Hilda Lodge" was proposed by the W.M., who expressed his confidence in all his officers, knowing as he did from the earnest manner in which they had accepted their various collars, they at the same time were aware of their responsibility.

The S.W. and Chaplain suitably responded. The toast of "The Ladies" came next on the list, and was responded to by Bro. Trollope, J.W., in a brief, but amusing manner.

The W.M. then proposed "The Masonic Charities." Bro. Tompkinson, in reply, said that although the sum expended for Masonic Charities was very large—something near £50,000 annually—the amount was not adequate to the enormous growth of the Order. Freemasonry had during the last few years made great strides. He expressed his hope, although this was their first birthday, ere long they would set an example to other lodges as would be a credit to them especially and to the Craft in general.

The Tyler's toast closed a very pleasant and happy fraternal gathering.

During the evening Bros. Shanks, Payne, Fisher, and Field contributed, by songs and recitations, much to the enjoyment of the brethren.

CARSHALTON.—Wallington Lodge (No. 1892).—A regular meeting of this successful lodge took place at the Public Hall, on Thursday, the 16th inst. Present: Bros. Chas. Sawyer, W.M.; John G. Horsey, S.W.; W. Pile, J.W.; W. Russell Crowe, Treas.; Leon A. Mesrouze, Sec.; E. Dickman, S.D.; J. W. Baldwin,

J.D.; W. P. Catterson, I.G.; W. Harwood, W.S.; Capt. R. Crowe, R. R. Davis, G. W. Filmer, G. C. Burry, J. Edwards, G. Maspero, T. Carter, and W. W. Weal. Visitors: Bros. W. Sheadd, P.M. 720; E. G. L. Gillemaud, 720; W. G. Frost, 1347. R. Davies, 1073; and W. Y. Ogden, 1817.

Lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Bro. Weal was duly passed to the Second Degree. Messrs. S. W. Wilcox and Alfred Bishop, for whom the ballot had proved unanimous, were then regularly initiated into the mysteries of the Order, after which Bro. John G. Horsey, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. W. Russell Crowe re-elected Treasurer. After the election of Tyler, and the appointment of three Auditors, the lodge was closed, the brethren afterwards re-assembling at a substantial repast at the King's Arms Hotel.

INSTRUCTION.

STRONG MAN LODGE (No. 45).—There was a good muster of brethren at the Excise Tavern, Old Broad-street, E.C., on the 20th inst. Among those present were Bros. Ball, W.M.; H. Morris, S.W.; W. Vizzard, J.W.; H. G. Gush, Preceptor; Fox, Sec.; Wing, J.D.; Fountain, J.D.; Nevill, I.G.; Stephens, and others. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting, at which Bro. Vizzard presided, were submitted, and received confirmation. Lodge was opened up, and in due course the ceremony of raising was worked, Bro. Fountain candidate, and the W.M. being capably supported by his officers. Bro. Secretary worked one Section of the Third Lecture, the brethren assisting, and lodge was closed down. Bro. H. Morris was duly elected W.M. for the first meeting in March, and announcement was made of the working of the Fifteen Sections, on Monday, the 27th inst., when Bro. Tate, I.P.M. 862, will preside, having Bro. G. H. Stephens, as S.W., and Larchin, W.M. 1541, as J.W. It is hoped there will be a good attendance of the brethren, as above, to witness the working, which, it is anticipated, will be of the first order of excellence.

JOPPA LODGE (No. 188).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 21st inst., at seven o'clock p.m.; Bro. A. G. Dodson, P.M., taking the chair in the absence of Bro. J. Hicks. The officers were as follows: Bros. L. Wall, S.W.; T. T. Phillips, J.W.; and J. Botebol, S.D. The ceremony of raising was most efficiently worked by Bro. Dodson, affording much pleasure and instruction to the brethren present. The lodge having been closed down to the First Degree, Bro. L. Wall was unanimously elected to the chair for the next meeting of the lodge, on the 28th inst., when a large attendance of brethren is anticipated. The lodge was closed, as usual, at nine o'clock p.m.

ISRAEL LODGE (No. 205).—At the last regular meeting of the above old lodge, at Bro. W. Yettson's, Rising Sun, Globe-road, E., Bro. Haslip occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. W. Fieldwick, P.M., as S.W.; D. Moss, J.W.; W. J. Musto, S.D.; W. Gray, J.D.; J. Taylor, I.G.; W. Musto, P.M., Preceptor; G. H. Stephens, Sec.; I. P. Cohen, P.M.; Job, Marks, Horley, F. Carr, Walker, C. Diamond, 1327, and others.

Lodge was duly opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Marks was interrogated, and lodge having been advanced, the ceremony of passing was worked, Bro. Marks being candidate. Bro. Moss worked the whole of the Sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was closed down, and Bro. Diamond, 1327, was duly elected a member of the lodge. Bro. Fieldwick, P.M., was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week, and lodge was closed in due form.

DALHOUSIE LODGE (No. 860).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 21st inst., at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Present: Bros. Dignam, W.M.; Christian, S.W.; Smyth, J.W.; Corble, S.D.; T. Clark, J.D.; Edwards, I.G.; F. Carr, Hon. Sec.; also Bros. Darnell, Gosling, Baker, Jones, Little, Lamb, Brown, T. Jones, and others. Lodge was duly opened and the minutes read and confirmed. Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Baker interrogated and entrusted, and the ceremony of raising worked, Bro. Baker candidate; the W.M. also giving the traditional history of the Degree. Bro. Edwards assisted Bro. F. Carr to work the First Section of the Lecture. Lodge was regularly closed down. Bro. Jones, Loyalty Lodge, No. 1607, was unanimously admitted a member, and Bro. Christian was elected W.M. for the meeting to be held the first Tuesday in March, as will be seen by a notice in another part of this paper. The Fifteen Sections will be worked here on Tuesday next, the 28th inst. Bro. G. H. Stephens will preside, and a good attendance is expected as he will have the advantage of the support of some capital workers.

DORIC LODGE (No. 933).—The regular meeting of the above lodge was held on the 17th inst., at Bro. Clayton's, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, E. The chair was occupied by Bro. J. West, assisted by Bros. Pringle, S.W.; Richardson, J. W.; W. Musto, P.M., Secretary; B. Cundick, P.M., Preceptor; W. J. Musto, S.D.; B. Stewart, J.D.; C. Wells, I.G.; also Bros. M. Isaacs, Taylor, Bardouleau, Shingfield, C. H. Webb, P.M.; T. J. Barnes, P.M.

Lodge was opened in due form and with prayer, and the minutes of the previous lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Isaacs answered the usual questions and was entrusted. Lodge was opened up, and the ceremony of raising was ably worked, Bro. Isaacs candidate. Bro. Stephens worked the First, Second, and Third Sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees, and Bro. J. F. Pringle was unanimously elected W.M. for the meeting to be held on the first Friday in March. Lodge was closed and adjourned until Friday, 24th inst.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).—A successful meeting of the above lodge was held on the 15th inst. at Bro. Richardson's Royal Edward Tavern, Mare street, Hackney, Bro. Fieldwick, P.M. 1364, Preceptor. The evening was devoted to working the Fifteen Sections, under the presidency of Bro. C. Lorkin, S.W. of the mother lodge, No. 1524. He was assisted by Bros. D. Moss, S.D. 1275, as S.W.; F. Brasted, I.P.M. 1524, J.W.;

W. Fieldwick, P.M. 1364, I.P.M.; Green, Stevens, Morning, Dignam, Daniell, Olley, Beasley, Archer, Marsh, C. Diamond, Sec.; Baker, Laurence, Mann, Richardson, Forss, Greenwood, Catling, Christian, Allen, Strepton, Carr, Powell, Wallington P.M.; Gribbell, P.M.; Lee, P.M.; and others.

After due formalities, the Sections were worked very ably by the following brethren:

First Lecture: First Section, Bro. C. Diamond, 1327; Second, Bro. E. Dignam, W.M. 1524; Third, Bro. A. R. Olley, 1524; Fourth, Bro. Lee, P.M. 1524; Fifth, Bro. Christian, 860; Sixth, Bro. D. Moss, 1275; Seventh, Bro. Powell, 186.

Second Lecture: First Section, Bro. J. Williams, W.S. 1622; Second, Bro. J. Lawrence, Org. 1326; Third, Bro. F. Brasted, I.P.M. 1524; Fourth, H. Forss, 554; Fifth, Bro. E. J. Allen, P.M. 733.

Third Lecture: First Section, Bro. J. Catling, 1670; Second, Bro. W. Fieldwick, P.M. 1364; Third, Bro. Wallington, P.M. 860.

At the conclusion of the working, the usual vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M., and to the brethren who had rendered such able assistance. The following brethren were unanimously elected members of the lodge, and will no doubt profit by their attention to the teaching which is obtainable there: B. Os. Saunders, Stevens, Fricker, Larker, J. Corble, and Trenherz. Lodge was closed and adjourned.

WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).

The weekly meeting of this lodge was held at eight o'clock on Monday, the 20th inst., at the Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C., when a goodly number of brethren were present, the offices being filled as follows: Bro. J. Young, W.M.; J. F. Rumball, S.W.; H. R. Clisby, J.W.; F. G. Cooper, S.D.; T. McButt, J.D.; J. H. Ewens, I.G.; W. Pennefather, Preceptor; and J. Laurence, Sec. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of last meeting having been read and confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Young (having resigned the chair in favour of Bro. T. McButt) offered himself a candidate for raising, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising very excellently worked by the W.M. (Bro. McButt, the coming W.M. of the mother lodge). The lodge was then called off, and on resuming the Second Section of this Lecture was worked by Bro. Pennefather. The lodge was then resumed in the First Degree, and closed in due form.

TREDEGAR LODGE (No. 1625).

The members of the above lodge met on Monday evening, the 21st inst., at Bro. Yates' Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, E. There were present Bros. D. Moss, W.M.; Maud, W.M. 1625, S.W.; A. G. Clements, J.W.; T. Wooding, Preceptor, S.D.; T. J. Barnes, P.M., Treas.; B. Stewart, Hon. Sec.; G. H. Stephens; and others.

After due formalities lodge was opened up, and Bro. Stewart was questioned and entrusted. Lodge was advanced and the ceremony of raising worked. Bro. Moss worked the First, Second, and Third Sections of the Lecture, the brethren assisting. Lodge was closed down, and Bro. Maud was elected W.M. for the meeting to be held on the 27th inst., when we trust he will secure a good attendance. Bros. Maud, Clements, and Stephens were elected to form an Audit Committee for the lodge accounts, and to report thereon at the ensuing meeting of the lodge. This concluded the business of a pleasant evening, and lodge was closed.

LANGTON LODGE (No. 1673).

A meeting of this highly successful lodge of instruction was held on Thursday, the 16th inst., at the Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-street, E.C., when the following brethren were present: Bros. Vials, W.M.; Buc, S.W.; Chubb, J.W.; Saunders, S.D.; Money, J.D.; Stoddart, I.G.; Sudlow, Preceptor; Jos. Langton, Treas.; J. D. Langton, Sec.; Clarkson, Duret, Morriss, Tanqueray, Weld, Harding, Steingraber, Johnston, Garland, Marshall, Pocock, and Shaw. Visitors: Bros. Williams, Walker, Clayton, and Dawson.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, after which the lodge opened up to the Third and resumed in the First Degree. Bro. Clarkson, acting as candidate for the Second Degree, answered the usual questions, and the lodge having been resumed in the Second Degree, Bro. Clarkson was passed to the Degree of F.C., Bro. Saunders giving an explanation of the Second Tracing Board. After the usual call off the lodge resumed in the Third Degree, and Bro. Sudlow worked the Second and Third sections of the Third Lecture, assisted by the brethren, and the lodge closed down to the First Degree. Bro. Buc was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

Royal Arch.

KENNINGTON CHAPTER (No. 1381).

An excellent meeting of the members of this chapter was held on the 2nd inst., at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park. Among those present were Comps. T. C. Walls, P.P.G. D.C. Middx, M.E.Z.; Higgins, II.; G. Everett, jun., S.E.; Webb, S.N.; Köhler, P.S.; Appleton, 1st Asst.; Marston, W.S.; and Daly, Janitor. Comp. Koch, P.Z. Lily of Richmond, was a visitor, and officiated as Third Principal, in the absence of Comp. Speedy.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Bro. Cruse, 1381, was balloted for, and being in attendance was duly exalted to the Supreme Degree of a Royal Arch Mason by the M.E.Z., assisted by his officers. The election of officers for the year ensuing then took place with the following result: Comps. Higgins, M.E.Z.; Speedy, II.; Webb, J.; G. Everett, jun., S.E.; Köhler, S.N.; Appleton, P.S.; G. Everett, P.Z., Treas.; and Daly, Janitor.

Upon the motion of Comp. Higgins, a Past Principal's jewel was unanimously voted to Comp. Walls.

Previously to the chapter being closed communications for non-attendance were read from Comps. Mann, I.P.Z.; G. Everett, P.Z., Treas.; Cooper, 2nd Asst.; H. A. Dubois, P.Z.; Davey, and others.

The banquet was well served. The subsequent toasts were curtailed. "The Health of the M.E.Z." was given by the Second Principal.

The M.E.Z. having replied, then gave "The Exaltée." In response, Comp. Cruse made a neat little speech, and expressed his gratification at the manner in which the whole proceedings were carried out.

"The Visitor" followed, and the pledge having been warmly received, Comp. Koch, in reply, passed some very flattering encomiums upon the "working" of the chapter.

"The Health of the M.E.Z. Elect" was enthusiastically honoured; and, in acknowledgment, Comp. Higgins expressed his intention of working very hard, in order to discharge the onerous duties of the First Principal's chair to their, he hoped, unqualified satisfaction.

The toast of "The Officers," coupled with the names of Comps. G. Everett, jun., Webb, Köhler, and Appleton, terminated the proceedings.

SUNDERLAND.—Strict Benevolence (No. 97).

On Thursday, the 16th inst., the quarterly convocation of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Park-terrace. The installation of Principals then took place by Ex. Comp. B. Levy, P.Z., P.P.G.H., Ex. Comp. T. M. Watson being installed Z., and Comp. Geo. Porteous, J. The other officers were invested as follows: Comps. R. Singleton, S.E.; H. W. Emerson, S.H.; C. McNamara, P.S.; J. Sinclair, S.A.S.; J. Eggleston, J.A.S.; W. Liddell, P.Z., Treas.; and J. Thompson, Janitor. The visiting companions were:—Comps. M. Douglas, Z. 531; R. Kinmond, J. So; M. Frampton, H. 94; W. H. Craven, E. So; L. S. Saron, 94; J. D. Todd, Z. 92; John Potts, P.Z. 94; Jas. Lowes, Z. So; A. T. Munroe, P.S. So; J. J. Clay, P.Z. 94; and H. J. Turnbull, P.Z. So, P. J. H. The other companions present were: Ex. Comps. W. H. Crooks, P.Z., P.G.S.E.; T. Twizell, P.Z.; Comps. C. M. Walker, R. Shadforth, J. H. Leech, and J. C. Moor (Freemason).

Mark Masonry.

WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 223).

A meeting of the above lodge was held at the Grand Mark Lodge Masonic lodge room, 8a, Red Lion-square, Holborn, on Friday, the 17th inst., the W.M., Bro. H. J. Lardner, being well supported by officers and members of the lodge, and a good working evening resulted. Amongst those present were the following, viz.: Bros. T. Butt, S.W.; G. S. Elliott, as J.W.; R. Greenwood, M.O.; C. F. Goodenough, J.O.; Appleton, J.D.; W. Pennefather, Sec.; E. Gilbert, P.M. and Treas.; Birchdale, Brasher, Smythe, and others. The V.W. Bros. Donald M. Dewar, P.G.M.O. and Asst. Grand Mark Secretary, and James Stevens, P.G.J.O., &c., were also present, and assisted in the work of advancement.

The minutes having been read, several brethren were balloted for as candidates, and of them Bros. H. J. Ewins, 1326; J. T. Rumball, C. J. Smith, H. K. Clisby, and P. H. Clisby, all of 1623, being in attendance, were severally introduced, and duly advanced to the Honourable Degree. The W.M. announced his intention to represent the lodge as Steward at the next festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, and the brethren generally promised to support him.

The lodge was closed after some small matters of business detail had received attention, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant at the invite of the W.M., who is well redeeming a former promise that his year of office should greatly advantage and materially increase the prosperity of the lodge.

FRIZINGTON.—Henry Lodge (No. 216).

The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 15th inst., Bro. E. Clarke, W.M., in the chair. There were also present Bros. B. Craig, S.W.; D. Bell, J.W.; W. Martin, P.M., M.O.; J. Ashworth, S.O.; W. Macaulay, J.O.; J. Harper, P.M., Treas.; R. Wilson, Sec.; F. T. Allatt, S.D.; J. Banks, J.D.; J. F. Kirkconel, I.G.; J. Close, Tyler; Geo. Dalrymple, P.M.; and Ed. Barwise.

On the minutes being confirmed, the ballot was taken for two candidates, who were accepted, and being in attendance they were advanced to the Honourable Degree of Mark Master. The lodge was then closed in form and good harmony.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

MOUNT CALVARY CHAPTER (No. 3).

This old and distinguished chapter met at the Masonic Hall, Golden-square, on the 10th inst., when there were present Bros. C. H. Driver, as M.W.S., in the absence, through illness, of Ill. Bro. Dr. Ace; F. Curlier, H.P.; A. Williams, 1st Gen.; T. C. Walls, 2nd Gen.; F. W. Driver, G.M.; C. W. Tayleur, R.; W. Paas, P.M.W.S., Treasurer; D. M. Dewar, P.M.W.S., Recorder; Lott, Organist; E. J. Gardiner, D.C.; D. Nicols, P.M.W.S.; T. W. Coffin, P.M.W.S.; G. Pigache, G. A. Berkeley, J. E. Anderson, H. J. Lardner, W. B. Kidder, and T. Poore. Ill. Bro. Ramsey, M.D., was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Aldridge was duly "perfected." Several apologies for absence having been read, the chapter was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Café Royal, Regent-street, where an elegant banquet was well served.

The customary first toasts having been disposed of, "The Health of the M.W.S." was kindly proposed by Ill. Bro. Nicols. Ill. Bro. C. Driver, the acting M.W.S., having briefly acknowledged the compliment, then gave "The Newly-perfected Brother." The pledge having been drunk with enthusiasm, Bro. Aldridge made an excellent speech in response. The toast of "The Visitor" drew from Ill. Bro. Ramsey a fluent reply, in which he particularly congratulated the Mount Calvary Chapter upon its steady progress. "The Health of the Past Sovereigns" was acknowledged by Bros. Coffin, Nicols, and D. M. Dewar. The latter having obtained permission from the chair, then rose, and after a few well chosen remarks, presented Ill. Bros. Driver, Coffin, and Nicols each with a very handsome jewel, which had been unanimously voted to the Past Sovereigns at the last meeting. The recipients of this compliment at once expressed their thanks, and each hoped that a similar gift would very soon be given to the other Past Sovereigns, who in the time gone by had done such excellent service, but who, in a spirit of self-abnega-

tion, had elected to decline the honour, at least for the present. The toast of "The Officers," coupled with the name of Ill. Bro. Williams, terminated the proceedings, which were rendered most enjoyable by the excellent instrumental and vocal selections of Bros. Lott and Pigache.

INVICTA CHAPTER (No. 10).

A meeting of this chapter was held at 33, Golden-square, on Friday, the 17th inst., when there were present Ill. Bro. A. J. R. Trendall, 30, M.W.S.; Bros. W. M. Bywater, 30, Treas.; G. Powell, Recorder; G. Lambert, 32; Magnus Ohren, 32; J. Read, 30; G. Mickleby, T. Allen, 30; E. B. Graham, Major Dunbar, G. F. Legg, Henry Lovegrove, and G. Austin, Tyler. Bros. Frederick Foss and George Edwards were perfected, the ceremony being very ably performed by the M.W.S., assisted by the officers. The proceedings were followed by one of the pleasant social gatherings for which this chapter is famous.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

A meeting of the General Committee was held on the 23rd inst., when there were present Bro. Col. Creton, in the chair; Bros. Fredk. Adlard, John A. Rucker, Peter de L. Long, E. Letchworth, N. Green, H. A. Dubois, F. R. W. Hedges (Sec.), and E. C. Massey (Freemason).

The minutes of the General Committee of 26th January were read and confirmed, and the minutes of the House Committee were read for information.

Bro. LONG moved that the report of the Premises' Committee be received and adopted; and upon the same being carried, proposed that the report be referred back to the House Committee, to carry out the recommendations therein contained, which was also carried.

Bro. LONG then proposed that the House Committee be authorised to carry out the erection of the swimming bath in such a way as they think best.

A petition on behalf of Mary Hannah Hurst was received, and the name ordered to be placed on the list of candidates for election.

Obituary.

DEATH OF BRO. DR. JOHN BOWES, OF WARRINGTON.

It is with deep regret we record this week the death of Bro. Dr. Bowes, Master of the Warrington Blue Coat School, which took place at the Institution on Saturday morning last. The deceased, who was fifty-nine years of age, suffered from congestion of the lungs. He took to his bed in November last, and notwithstanding the efforts of his medical attendants, he grew weaker and weaker, and ultimately succumbed to this painful affection. Our deceased brother was Master of the Blue Coat School, at Warrington, and was well known and deservedly beloved and respected in literary and social, as well as Masonic circles, and his loss will be deeply deplored by a very wide circle of friends. His literary attainments were of a very high order, and in addition to his various publications in the form of books, he was a contributor to the local newspaper press as well as to the pages of the *Freemason*. The removal of Dr. Bowes will be deeply felt by the Masonic body. He was connected with the Lodge of Lights, 148, Warrington. It may truly be said that there were few members of the Craft equal to Dr. Bowes in knowledge of the ritual of all the Degrees, in the deep impressiveness with which he rendered it, and in the brotherly readiness which he would communicate his stores to a rising brother. He strove with heart and soul, and not unsuccessfully, to raise the tone of Freemasonry in Warrington, and few will mourn his loss with truer mourning than those who have heard from him the principles of their Craft. Although he identified himself more intimately with the Lodge of Lights, of which lodge he was a Past Master, he was made Prov. G. Treasurer of the Western Division of the county of Lancaster in 1881; and he had filled the offices of Prov. G.D.C., Prov. G. Reg., Prov. J.G.W., &c. Indeed, we may say he was the means of resuscitating, to a great extent, along with Bro. H. B. White, Freemasonry in Warrington. He was also P.Z. of the Royal Arch Chapter of Elias Ashmole, and had served all the offices in the chapter. He was a Provincial Grand Officer of Cumberland and Westmorland, and up to the time of his death he was Provincial Grand Treasurer of West Lancashire. An Old Blue, speaking of Dr. Bowes says, that which most closely endeared him to those who knew him, or had been educated at his feet, was his singular sympathetic power, and generosity of mind. He could enter into a boy's aspirations, rejoice over his successes, and encourage him in his failures. The same might be said of him by his brethren in the Craft, his great delight having been to encourage and be useful to the younger members of the Order, and he was never tired of doing a good turn to all. The funeral took place on Thursday, the 16th inst., in the presence of a large concourse of people. Among other bodies represented were the Freemasons (wearing white ties, white kid gloves, and splits of acacia in their coats).

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

BIRTH.

ARCHIBALD.—On the 21st inst., at 3, Amersham-road, Putney, the wife of Mr. W. F. A. Archibald, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

RUSSELL—BATLEY.—On the 21st inst., at St. Jude's Church, Englefield Green, by the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, M.A., assisted by the Rev. E. K. Gray, LL.D., and the Rev. the Vicar of the parish, John Clayton, eldest son of the late Mr. Russell and Mrs. Russell, to Blanche Morrison, fourth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Batley, Castle Hill.

DEATH.

BOWES.—On the 18th inst., at the Warrington Blue Coat School, Bro. Dr. Bowes, aged 59 years.

The Theatres.

The dramatic world will hear with regret of the death of Madame Celeste, who having been born in the year 1811, had consequently completed the allotted span of human existence. Her first appearance was in 1830, in the character of a *dansuse*, but she soon devoted her unquestioned talents to more ambitious work, and will be chiefly remembered by her impersonation at the Adelphi of *Miama*, in the late Mr. Buckstone's drama of "The Green Bushes." Madame Celeste had been in retirement since 1870, and was resident in Paris at the time of her death.

Of the many attractive pantomimes which have been presented to the London public this season, that of "Little Jack Horner," at the Elephant and Castle Theatre, deserves, in our judgment, more than a mere passing notice. It is admirably acted throughout, and the music is lively; the scenery, especially the grand transformation scene, entitled, "The Elements: Earth, Air, Fire, and Water," being extremely brilliant. We have dropped in on more than one evening, and can vouch for the excellence of the performance, the following artistes being especially worthy of praise, namely: Little Queen Mab, who enacts the part of the hero, *Jack Horner*, Miss Jessie Garratt, who plays *Tom Tom*, the piper's son, Mr. George Bradford, the *Old Piper*, Mr. George Burt, as *Mother Shipton*, Mr. George Reeves, *Mother Hubbard*, Mr. Frederick Shepherd as *Ranamin*, and Miss Emilie Henrique, as *King Happiness*. The double harlequinade, with Mons. George Burt and Little Pedro as clowns, Mons. D. Conra and George Reeves, pantalons, Mr. G. Wymark Craig, harlequin, Miss Emily Tully, *eLumbine*, and Mr. R. B. Greene, policeman, is full of fun and frolic. In short, our young friends while there is yet time should take the opportunity of visiting this theatre. We feel sure they will enjoy themselves thoroughly.

So many years have elapsed since Miss Kitty Stephens took her farewell of the stage that our readers will find it difficult to call to mind that that respected singer and actress of more than forty years since has at length departed this life, in the person of the Dowager Countess of Essex, who, in September last year, completed her eighty-seventh year. The deceased lady made her first appearance as a singer in the provinces, and as an actress, in 1813, in the play of "Artaxerxes." She is best known, however, by reason of her connection with the company of Madame Vestris, at Drury Lane Theatre, when under the management of the late Mr. Elliston. In 1838 she was married to the late Earl of Essex, who had been a widower for some few months, but was left a widow in the summer of the following year.

Herr Joachim made his first appearance in London this season at Monday's "Pop," and experienced a most cordial reception. His performance was as brilliant as ever, and evoked now and again the loudest manifestations of applause. Madlle. Marie Krebbs presided at the pianoforte, and was likewise warmly acclaimed.

A special performance of the fairy play "Broken Hearts" was given at the Savoy Theatre on Tuesday afternoon. The accident to Mr. Cyril Bellevue at the Globe Theatre on Monday evening proved more serious than had been anticipated, and he was, at the eleventh hour, compelled to forego his part of *Florian* in the present revival. Mr. Gilbert, however, rather than allow the summary dismissal of the audience, courageously undertook to "read the part." This announcement, although it saved the audience from absolute disappointment, by no means prepared them to find Mr. Gilbert dressed for the character, and ready to go through with it without the help of a book, and with very slight assistance from the prompter; but the effort met with the warmest appreciation. Mr. Gilbert by no means appeared the stranger to the sock and buskin which might be imagined; indeed, he delivered his lines with admirable emphasis, and if wanting in warmth and energy, made every point tell where the humour of the dialogue takes a caustic turn. After the *Florian*, the *Moesta* of Mr. Herman Veza was the most notable impersonation, wholly dissimilar to the part as portrayed by Mr. G. W. Anson when the piece was first produced at the Court Theatre in 1875. Mr. Anson's wooing was as rugged as his appearance; but in the *Moesta* of Mr. Herman Veza, the invisible suitor for the hand of the Lady Hilda can tune his voice to the sweetest utterance, and as he says, "can woo like an Adonis." The *Varir* of Miss Marion Terry suffers to a certain extent by comparison with the exquisitely tender picture drawn by Miss Hollingshead, although it has manifold excellences to recommend it. Miss Terry has a musical voice, and delivers her lines with the most tuneful cadence; but real passion seems lacking in her *Varir*, and it is difficult to understand how unrequited love could so utterly wreck her young life. Mrs. Bernard Beere acted admirably and displayed conscientious study as *Lady Hilda*; but here again there was a deficiency of colour. Should the play be placed permanently before the public with Tuesday's cast (with an exception, of course, in the case of *Prince Florian*), these slight imperfections, if as such they may be counted, would doubtless disappear. It only remains to add that Misses Julia Gwynne and Fortescue efficiently impersonated *Delasine* and *Amanthis*, and that the play from first to last met with a genial reception, the principals being called before the curtain after each act.

Music.

The meeting called by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales with a view to the establishment of a Royal National College of Music, will be held on Tuesday next, the 28th inst., at St. James's Palace. Bro. the Lord Mayor has been invited by His Royal Highness to take part in the proceedings.

A large and appreciative audience assembled at St. James's Hall last Thursday evening, in order to hear the two concerts given this season by the Bach Society. Mr. Pettit presided at the organ, and Herr Otto Goldschmidt conducted, the programme being chiefly noticeable by reason of its including a very attractive selection of church compositions, representing the English, German, and Italian Schools respectively. The works chosen for the purpose were all admirably rendered, and comprised for England, Byrd's six-part anthem, "Sing joyfully unto God our strength," written in the seventeenth century; Dr. Greene's "I will sing of Thy power," eighteenth century; and "Great is the Lord," by the present Professor of Music at Oxford, Sir Gore Ouseley. Bach's double chorus, "Nun ist das Heil," well illustrated the merits of the German School; while in behalf of the Italian, no better choice could have been made than Palestrina's "Missa Papae Marcelli," which was given for the first time in English on this occasion. Among the other notable features of the programme were Bach's sonata in E flat for pianoforte and lute (Messrs. Svendsen and Kemp), Boccherini's sonata for violoncello (Signor Piatii), and Handel's duet "Conserve" (Miss Robertson and Madame Fassett), the other vocalists being Messrs. Shakespeare, Kenyon, and Tremere. The concert gave the utmost satisfaction to all present.

At the London Ballad Concert at St. James's Hall on the 15th inst., there was a noteworthy departure from the ordinary character of the entertainment, only the first part of the programme consisting of ballads, while the second comprised a choice and varied selection of operatic pieces, among the concerted portion of which figured the Bridal Chorus, from "Lohengrin;" the Soldiers' Chorus, from "La Fille du Régiment;" and "Gallant Hearts," from "Norma." Mr. Lloyd was called upon to repeat "Lend me your aid," from Gounod's "La Reine de Saba," and Balfe's "When other lips;" a similar honour being awarded to Bro. Santley for his rendering of "O ruddier than the Cherry." Miss Mary Davies, Madame Sterling, Signor Foli, and Bro. Maybrick were also loudly applauded for their respective contributions.

Thus far, undoubtedly, the chief success of the season achieved by the Carl Rosa Opera Company has been the production in an English garb of "Tannhauser." The stage accessories, in the shape of scenery and costumes, were superb; the scene in the Hall of Song in the Wartburg being especially brilliant. The singing and acting were uniformly successful, the principal characters being most efficiently interpreted by Madame Valleria, as *Scena*; Miss Georgina Burns, as *Lenus*; Herr A. Schott, as *Tannhauser*; Herr Ludwig, as *Wolfram*; and Mr. Henry Pope, as the *Laudgrave*; the minor impersonations being entrusted to Miss Irene and Messrs. B. Davies, Herbert D. Egville, Dudley Thomas, and Leahy. The principal artistes, with Mr. Randegger, who conducted, and Bro. Carl Rosa, were called before the curtain at the close of the performance, and received a well-merited ovation from an overflowing and gratified audience.

The first of Mr. Walter Macfarren's Orchestral Concerts will take place at St. James's Hall this (Saturday) evening, at eight o'clock p.m. The programme will include Beethoven's Symphony in C minor and the overtures to Weber's "Oberon," Mozart's "Zauberflöte," and (for the first time in London) his own "King Henry V." Among the artistes announced are M. Sainton, Bro. Santley, Miss Mary Davies, and a *débutante*, Miss Margaret Gyde. Mr. Macfarren will himself conduct.

Madame Trebelli, Miss Santley, Miss Spencer Jones, and Miss Carlotta Elliott, with Bro. Santley and the Messrs. Herbert and Sims Reeves, will take part in Mr. Sims Reeves's fourth concert of operatic, national, and miscellaneous music, on Tuesday next, at James's Hall.

The executants announced for this day's (Saturday) "Pop" are MM. Joachim, L. Ries, Hollander, Zerbini, and Piatti, with Madlle. Marie Krebbs at the pianoforte, and M. Zerbini as accompanist.

A special feature of the first evening concert of this year's musical festival at Birmingham will be the Grand Nuptial March composed, by command of Her Majesty the Queen, by M. Gounod, expressly for the marriage of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany with the Princess Helen of Waldeck.

On Tuesday evening a grand amateur concert, in which H.R.H. the Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein took part, was given at the British Orphan Asylum, Slough, in aid of the fund for the enlargement of Upton Parish Church. The orchestra included Sir George Elvey, Organist of St. George's Chapel, Windsor, and several ladies—of whom many were violinists—and gentlemen amateurs. The programme consisted of songs, madrigals, and instrumental music, the Princess giving on the pianoforte J. S. Bach's "Sarabande," Gluck's "Ballo," some of Mendelssohn's "Lieder ohne Worte," and Monisku's "Polonaise," and playing them with a taste and brilliancy of execution which elicited great applause. The National Anthem brought the concert to a close.

A concert was given on Tuesday evening in the dining room at Wynnstay, by the kind permission of R.W. Bro. Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M. North Wales and Shropshire, in aid of the Ruabon Working Men's Literary Institution, of which our respected brother is the President. Among the amateurs who contributed to the entertainment were the nieces of Prince von Bismarck, the daughters of Sir Watkin, and Major Leadbitter.

Science and Art.

At the fourth regular meeting on Monday last of the Royal Asiatic Society during the current session, the chair was taken by Sir T. E. Colebrooke, Bart., M.P., President, among those present being Major-General Sir H. C. Rawlinson, Sir Richard Temple, Bart., Lord Stanley of Alderley, General MacLagan, and Colonel Sir Lewis Pelley. In the course of the proceedings a long list of presentations to the society was read. Sir Austen H. Layard was elected a non-resident member, and papers were contributed by the Rev. Dr. Schön on "The Hassan Language of Central Africa," and by Mr. R. N. Cust, on "African Scholars."

There have lately been some interesting experiments with the electric light at Trentham Hall, Staffordshire, one of the seats of the Duke of Sutherland, the drawing-room, staircase, and conservatory having been successfully illuminated.

Those who may have seriously considered a statement, attributed by the *Spectator* to Mr. R. A. Proctor, to the effect that the end of the world will be brought about in 1897 by the absorption of a particular comet by the sun in that year, and the consequently increased intensity of the solar heat, will be glad to hear that Mr. Proctor expresses his belief that the world is far more likely to last fifteen millions of years than be destroyed in fifteen.

Bro. Ernest J. Wernham, in a communication to *Knowledge*, mentions a peculiar manner in which the Chinese are able to approximately tell the time, "no matter whether the day is cloudy or dull." He says, "they will run to the nearest cat, open her eyes, if they are not already open, and will at once inform you, with a certain amount of accuracy, what time it may be; all depending, of course, upon the contraction of the iris or the size of the aperture of the pupil of the eye."

In May or June next their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales will visit Bradford, for the purpose of opening the Technical School, when they will be the guests of Mr. Titus Salt, at Milnerfield near Bingley.

Lovers of water-colour drawing in general, and admirers of Mr. Bicket Foster's works in particular, will be glad to hear that there is on view at the gallery of Messrs. J. and W. Vokins, Great Portland-street, a loan collection of that popular artist's best known and most ambitious works. The exhibition will remain open for a few weeks.

A paper on "Evolution as held by Haeckel and his Followers" was read by Mr. Hassall at the meeting, held on Monday evening, at 7, Adelphi-terrace, of the Victoria Philosophical Institute.

There will be held at the Mansion House on Tuesday next, the 28th inst., a conversation under the auspices of the City of London Society of Artists.

The Corporation of the City of Edinburgh has been informed by the Earl of Rosebery that the Home Secretary has consented to the insertion in the estimates for the year 1882-3 of a vote of £5000 towards the completion of the Edinburgh Museum of Science and Art Buildings.

There has recently died in Italy, within a few hours after completing his ninety-first year, Francesco Huyez, by birth a Venetian, and President of the Brera Academy, at Milan. Huyez was among the foremost of Italian historical painters, and it is proposed that his obsequies shall be performed at the expense of the State.

Messrs. Keeley, Halswelle, Jos. Knight, J. MacWhirter, A. R. A. and R. Caldecott, have been elected members of the Institute of Painters in Water Colours.

The Directors of the Crystal Palace have instituted a course of lectures in connection with the present Exhibition of Electric Lighting, and have chosen Professor Sylvanus P. Thompson, of University College, Bristol, as lecturer, who inaugurated the series on Wednesday evening in the presence of a numerous audience.

H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh has arranged to visit the Crystal Palace this day (Saturday) for the purpose of witnessing the Electric Exhibition, which, it is expected, will be well advanced towards completion.

A meeting of the Council of the Royal Colonial Institute was held on Tuesday, the chair being occupied by Mr. James A. Youl, C.M.G. The following gentlemen were elected fellows, viz.: Mr. Frederick Button, Natal; Mr. G. H. Garrett, Sierra Leone; Mr. William James Harris; Mr. M. L. Jarrett, M.R.C.S., England, &c., British Sherbro; Mr. John McLennan, New Zealand; Mr. D. Morris, M.A., F.G.S., Director of the Public Gardens and Plantations, Jamaica; Mr. Edward D. Pitman, Inspector of the Postal Telegraph Service, Victoria; Dr. John F. Rockstraw, J.P., New Zealand; Mr. Hawtrey Thwaites, Registrar of the Supreme Court, Ceylon; and Mr. T. Vernon, C.E.

The Anthropological Institute held a meeting on Tuesday, Mr. Edward B. Tylor, F.R.S., vice-president, in the chair, when Mr. W. Crowder, was elected a member. Mr. J. E. Price read a "Note on Aggr. Beads;" Dr. A. Macfarlane a paper on the "Analysis of Relationships of Consanguinity and Affinity;" and the Director one entitled "From Mother-right to Father-left," by Mr. A. W. Howitt and the Rev. Lorimer Fison.

Masonic and General Tidings.

Bros. Morgan and Bergmann, representing one of our newest lodges, the Mizpah, No. 1671, had the honour of taking up as Stewards at the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution festival, on Wednesday, the largest amount contributed by any London lodge.

The meetings of the Confidence Lodge of Instruction, 193, are now held at the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Wednesday evenings from seven to nine.

At the meeting of the Tranquillity Lodge, No. 185, on the motion of the Worshipful Master, Bro. T. W. Cashburn Bush, the sum of £25 was voted in aid of the fund now being raised at the Mansion House on behalf of the Jews in Russia.

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed by Bro. H. J. Lardner, on Monday next, the 27th inst., at the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, 1623, when it is hoped this very excellent worker will be supported by a strong muster of the brethren.

We are requested to announce that the Confidence Lodge of Instruction, 193, has altered its place of meeting from the Railway Tavern, next to Fenchurch-street Station, to Bro. T. J. Maidwell's hostelry, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. The meetings take place every Wednesday, commencing at 7 o'clock.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, the 28th inst., at seven o'clock. Bros. G. H. Stephens, S.D. 1623, W.M.; C. H. Webb, P.M. 1607, S.W.; J. C. Lorkin, S.W. 1524, J.W.; Wallington, P.M. 860, I.P.M. The sections will be worked as follows: First Lecture—First Section, Bro. Glass, J.W. 453; Second Section, Bro. Smyth, J.W. 1524; Third Section, Bro. Greenwood, 1623; Fourth Section, Bro. T. Clark, J.W. 1178; Fifth Section, Bro. D. Moss, 1275; Sixth Section, Bro. Christian, S.D. 860; Seventh Section, Bro. H. Forss, 554. Second Lecture—First Section, Bro. Wardell, W.M. 95; Second Section, Bro. Webb, P.M. 1607; Third Section, Bro. Brasted, I.P.M. 1524; Fourth Section, Bro. C. Lorkin, S.W. 1524; Fifth Section, Bro. E. J. Allen, P.M. 733. Third Lecture—First Section, Bro. Edwards, 1287; Second Section, Bro. E. Dignam, W.M. 1524; Third Section, Bro. Wallington, P.M. 860.

Bro. W. F. Lamonby, of the *Field*, who is leaving for Australia, was last week the recipient of a very gratifying testimonial from a few gentlemen connected with the sport of coursing during the progress of the Waterloo Cup. It consisted of a purse containing £60.

On Friday evening, at the Queen's Head Hotel, Tower-street, Bro. C. H. Cox, 188, 1839, and Bro. P. C. Rogers, 991, had the honour of receiving a handsome silver tea and coffee service, suitably engraved, from the employes of Messrs. David Hyam and Co., on their leaving, the former after nine years, and the latter after twenty-five years, and who are about to commence business together.

The Eccleston Chapter, No. 1624, will be consecrated on the 13th prox., at Freemasons' Hall, by M.E. Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clarke, assisted by Comp. Col. Creton, G. Treas., and Comp. Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, 1st G.A.S. Comp. A. Vincent, P.M. Lodge 1624, is the M.E.Z. designate.

Bro. Wm. Hitchcock was installed W.M. of the Westbourne Lodge, No. 733, on Thursday, the 16th inst., at the Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood. We shall report the proceedings in our next.

Bro. Sir F. W. Truscott has been elected Chairman of the special committee appointed by the Court of Common Council, to consider the announcement in the Queen's Speech in reference to the proposed reform of the Corporation.

Bro. the Lord Mayor will preside at the sixth anniversary of the opening of the Brixton Orphanage for Girls, at Brixton Hall, on Monday, and will be supported by Mr. Grantham, O.C., M.P., Mr. J. Watney, M.P., and Mr. Morgan Howard, O.C.

A meeting of the Rowley Chapter, No. 1051, took place on the 20th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Atheneum, Lancaster, when the following were present: Ex. Comps. H. Longman, M.E.Z., Prov. G.P.S.; Duff, H.; Ellerslaw, J.; Simpson, P.Z., P.P.G.P.; Wm. Hall, P.Z.; Comps. Stanton, S.E.; Kelland, S.N.; Wilde, A.S.; and others. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. Herbert Cecil Moore, and being unanimous, he was exalted to the Sublime Degree of a Royal Arch Companion by the M.E.Z., the mystical portion being given by Ex. Comp. Hall, P.Z. The ballot then took place for the Principals and officers for the ensuing year, and resulted as follows: Ex. Comps. Duff, M.E.Z.; Ellerslaw, H.; Kelland, J.; R. Stanton, S.E.; W. W. Wilde, S.N.; T. Bayley, P.S.; F. Simpson, Treas.; A. K. Allinson, Janitor. There being no other business, before the chapter it was closed in due form.

Bro. the Duke of Albany presided at the sixty-seventh anniversary festival of the Royal Caledonian Asylum at Freemasons' Tavern, on Thursday. Amongst the stewards were Bro. the Lord Mayor, Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Hanson, Mr. Sheriff Ogg, Captain Rose Innes, the Rev. Prebendary Mackenzie, Mr. J. McDonald, Mr. A. Maclure, and Mr. Deputy McGeorge.

Bro. ex-Sheriff Bayley was at the last ordinary meeting of the Society of Arts proposed for membership.

Bro. R. Reeder, lately manager, has recently become proprietor of the Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.

Bro. R. C. Harrison, Junior Warden of the Chaucer Lodge, No. 1540, will preside at the meeting to be held at the Grapes Tavern, St. Thomas-street, Borough, on Tuesday evening next, when Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., will deliver his lecture on the ceremonies of the First Degree. Lodge is to be opened at seven o'clock p.m. precisely.

Bro. Sir John Bennett lectured on "Paris and its Electrical Exhibition," at the Bull Inn, Chislehurst, on Thursday.

The members of the Loyal Cocker Lodge of Odd Fellows, M.U., have presented to Bro. Lamonby, P.P.G. Master of the Cocker District, a Masonic solid silver star, on his leaving for Australia.

Bro. the Lord Mayor has been invited by the Prince of Wales to attend the meeting which His Royal Highness has convened at St. James' Palace on Tuesday, in connection with the formation of a Royal College of Music.

Bro. Sir John Bennett, it is believed, will be a candidate at the next School Board election, and his friends intend to make a vigorous effort to reseat him in the position of a City representative.

On Friday evening last a grand Masonic ball, under the auspices of lodges Perseverance and Cabell, was given at the Masonic Club Rooms, Norwich, when there was a brilliant attendance of the Craft and their lady friends.

Bro. the Lord Mayor has been unanimously elected a member of the Garrick Club.

Bro. Sir John Lubbock, Bart., M.P., is stated to be opposed on public grounds to the completion of a Channel tunnel.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor presided on Wednesday last, at the annual dinner of the Dramatic and Musical Sick Fund. The list of donations amounted to about £500.

The directors of the Bank of England have reduced their rate of discount from six to five per cent.

Posters bearing this announcement: "The name of this town is now Upton Royal," were freely placarded outside several places of business and elsewhere, at Slough, on Wednesday last.

The following artistes have been elected members of the Institute of Painters in Water Colours, viz. Mr. Keeley Halswelle, Mr. Jos. Knight, Mr. J. McWhirter, A.R.A., and Mr. R. Caldecott.

London artists complain that recent fogs have materially interfered with their labours, as much as a fortnight having been unprofitably spent.

Recent rains have furnished a sufficient depth of water on the Rhine to enable steamers to resume their trips.

The Duchess of Connaught makes favourable progress towards convalescence, and will shortly proceed to Osborne.

Bro. N. B. Hodges, P. Prov. G. Sec. Worcestershire, P.M., Panmure Lodge, No. 729, who has hitherto for some years past been the acting manager of the Dundee Theatre Royal, has now assumed the joint acting management of both the Dundee and Aberdeen Theatres. On his leaving last week for Aberdeen a large number of valuable articles and testimonials of respect from members of the company, employees, and personal and Masonic friends at Dundee were presented to him, and messages of congratulation from Bro. J. L. Toole, and many other theatrical managers throughout the country, testified to the deserved esteem in which Bro. Hodges has been held in social Masonic circles at Dundee during his residence there.

Bro. the Lord Mayor has accepted an invitation to dine with the members of the Junior Garrick Club on Saturday, March 4th. Mr. C. W. Thompson will preside, and many gentlemen of distinction in art and letters will be present on the occasion.

Bro. Dr. B. W. Richardson, of the London School Board, will on Saturday, March 4th commence a course of nine lectures in connection with the Ladies' Sanitary Association, at Exeter Hall, on the subject of Domestic Sanitation, at the conclusion of which a competitive examination will be held for various prizes, including one of ten guineas given by Mr. Edwin Chadwick, C.B.

Bros. Henry Irving, Edward Terry, and George Grossmith were present at a grand ball given by the Lady Mayoress at the Mansion House, on Thursday, the 16th inst.

The First Lord of the Admiralty has intimated to the Royal Geographical Society, in answer to the deputation which waited on him on the 20th December last, that the Government cannot entertain the proposal to fit out an expedition at the public cost to carry relief to the eminent Arctic explorer, Mr. Leigh Smith, who is believed to be in Franz-Josef Land. Lord Northbrook has, however, stated that they will be prepared to contribute the sum of £5000 towards the expenses of a private expedition, provided that the necessary extra funds are forthcoming, and the arrangements are such as to meet with the approval of the Admiralty. It is estimated that the cost of the undertaking would amount to at least £14,000.

Bro. the Rt. Hon. Lord Carnarvon, Pro G.M., has accepted the presidency of the board of governors of the Newbury Grammar School, under the new scheme which has been prepared by the Charity Commissioners. New school buildings of much larger dimensions than those which exist are to be erected on a healthy site on the outskirts of the town.

It has been notified to the army that soldiers serving at home in their fourth year of service and upwards will be allowed to register their names for permission to join the Army Reserve before the completion of their line engagements.

UTILITY AND LUXURY.—A quarter of a century's experience has taught the public that there is but one Toilet Soap possessed of these merits combined. Eminent dermatologists testify that there is but *one* Soap which so cleanses the skin that its natural and consequently healthy action is ensured. Medical Officers of Health everywhere recognize but one Soap as a preventive of infectious disease. Householders who seek a luxurious bath see that no other Soap enters their bathroom. It can be bought everywhere. Ask for WRIGHT'S COAL TAR SOAP, and refuse worthless imitations.—[ADVT.]

Oberwart, a prosperous little town of some 600 houses in Hungary, has been totally destroyed by fire.

So great are the extra risks attached to the apparently harmless operation of cleansing and grinding corn and dressing flour, that insurance companies charge 18s. to 20s. per cent. on the policies. Experiments indicate that rice, "stive" dust, and ground rice explode with facility when diffused in air.

The following memorandum with reference to the proposed march of volunteer troops to Portsmouth prior to the forthcoming Easter review has been issued from the Home District-office, Horse Guards, by Colonel the Hon. P. Methuen, A.A.G., and is addressed to officers commanding volunteer corps in the district:—"In the event of any commanding officers of volunteer corps in the home district making application to unite for an instructional march on the days immediately preceding the proposed volunteer review on Easter Monday, the major-general commanding is quite willing, not only to encourage such a movement, but will be glad to give every assistance by furnishing a brigadier and staff from the regular forces." Judging from the regimental orders already issued on the subject, coupled with the inquiries which are being made for billeting and commissariat arrangements, it is evident that many thousands of men will be on the march from Good Friday till the following Sunday.

On Wednesday last, in the Crystal Palace, Professor Thompson delivered the preliminary lecture of a course in connection with the electric exhibition. The audience was a large one, and the lecture, which was on "Electric Currents," proved highly interesting, illustrated as it was by diagrams and experiments. The theory of the subject was to some extent gone into, and the lecturer urged that all our workmen should receive electrical instruction, as steam must ere long be superseded by this newly-developed force.

There are several readable papers in the current number of the "Masonic Magazine," notably the one on Freemasonry in Germany, in which a German catechism is printed, and the other on Adonhiramite Masonry—a French departure towards the end of the last century.—*Broad Arrow.*

A great deal of discussion is going on over the Grand Mastership of New York. Hitherto it has been the custom to retire the Grand Master at the expiration of his term of office, but now they have a very efficient Grand Master in the person of M.W. Horace S. Taylor, whom the Craft desire to re-elect at the approaching grand annual communication.—*Mystic Tie.*

Mr. William Andrews, F.R.H.S., honorary secretary to the Hull Literary Club, a well-known authority on antiquarian subjects, and a popular, pleasing, and painstaking author, is preparing for early publication a new work, under the title of "The True Story of Jack Ketch, or Gibbet Lore." It will include much curious information, not generally known, of historical interest. An account of the many modes of execution in various countries, particulars of notable executions, hangman's wages, seven generations of executioners, singular dyings, peeches, ballads, and proverbial sayings will appear. There will also be included, a remarkable record of revivals after execution, the folk-lore of the dead hand, the quaint story of how Wigtown lost its hangman, a notice of the bellman of Newgate, marrying under the gallows, etc. An essay on the Halifax Gibbet, the Scottish Maiden, and the French Guillotine will be furnished. The book will be profusely illustrated by Cruikshank, Wildridge and other well-known artists, and cannot fail to be one of great interest and value.

The Mercers' Company have promised £250 towards the £100,000 Voluntary Subscription Fund for the proposed park for Paddington, which has now reached £42,170 0s.

It has been agreed by the Town Council of Dover to co-operate with the South-Eastern Company in a plan for a large railway station at Dover for both lines, with a new and spacious dock that will admit of the passengers passing under cover out of the boats into the trains.

At a meeting of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, held at the city of Trenton on Thursday, January 19th, Bro. W. Hardacre, of Camden, was elected M.W. Grand Master.

The Grand Lodge of West Virginia grants loans, without interest, to the children of indigent and deceased Master Masons, to enable them to obtain a common school education. Several young men and women with the assistance of this fund are now preparing themselves for teachers in the public schools.—*Mystic Tie.*

Bro. Alderman Nottage and Mrs. Nottage left London for Nice and Mentone on Tuesday morning. The Alderman's health has improved, but he has been advised to leave England, in order to avoid the March winds.

Bro. Henry Higgins was installed W.M. of King's Cross Lodge, No. 1732, on Saturday last, at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street. A report of the proceedings is in type, but crowded out. It will appear next week.

The block of buildings comprising Nos. 4 and 5, Brick-court, and 5, Essex-court, Middle Temple, are to be pulled down and rebuilt, and the tenants occupying chambers therein have accordingly received notice to quit by the end of next month. The work of demolition is not expected, however, to begin before the middle of May. The new chambers, when completed, will be particularly convenient of access to the New Law Courts in the Strand.

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 trouble-ome features than they are retain in ultimately curing.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS
For the Week ending Saturday, March 4, 1882.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Rose Croix Chapters, Preceptorics, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place, day, or month of meeting.

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.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27.

- Lodge 4, Royal Somerset Ho. and Inverness, F.M.H.
- " 26, Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms.
- " 28, Old King's Arms, F.M.H.
- " 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
- " 183, Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 1608, Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hot., Kilburn Gate.
- " 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq., W.
- " 1632, Stuart, S.M.H., Camberwell.
- Mark Grand Masters, SA, Red Lion-sq., W.C.
- K.T. Precept. 128, Oxford and Cambridge University, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.
- Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
- Sincerity, Ship Tav., Hart Street, Mark Lane, 7.30.
- Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
- Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., at 8.
- St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
- Perfect Ashlar, Jamaica Tav., Southwark Park-rd., Bermondsey, at 8.
- United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
- Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney, 8.
- Loughborough, Cambria Tav., Loughborough Junc., at 7.30.
- Hyde Park, The Westbourne, 1, Craven-rd., at 8.
- West Smithfield, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., 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 28.

- House Com. R.M. Ben. Institution, at 3.
- Lodge 14, Tuscan, F.M.H.
- " 92, Moira, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-street.
- " 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 145, Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.
- " 186, Industry, F.M.H.
- " 205, Israel, Cannon-st. Hot.
- " 259, Prince of Wales's, Willis's Rooms.
- " 1348, Ebury, Regent M.H., S. Air-st., W.
- " 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-sq., W.
- " 1744, Royal Savoy, F.M.H.
- Chap. 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H.
- " 150, St. James's Union, F.M.H.
- " 1339, Stockwell, S.M.H., Camberwell.
- Mark 3, Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- Rose Croix Chap. 29, Palestine, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
- South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Waltham Green, 7.30.
- Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues.
- 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.
- Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.
- Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., at 7.30.
- Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.
- Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
- Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
- Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.
- Royal Arthur, Duke of Cambridge, 216, Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8.
- Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.
- Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.
- Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe, at 8.
- Islington, Crown and Cushion, 73, London Wall, at 7.
- Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington, 7.30.
- Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey, at 8.
- Mount Edgecumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 8.
- Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8.
- Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-rd., at 8.
- New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
- St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, Finchley-rd., at 8.
- Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Docks, at 7.
- Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
- Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
- Eleanor, Angel Hot., Edmonton.
- Chaucer, The Grapes, St. Thomas's-st., Borough, at 8.
- Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.
- Metropolitan Chap, Jamaica Coffee Ho., St. Michael's Alley.
- Earl of Carnarvon Chap., Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1.

- GRAND LODGE, at 6.
- Lodge 463, East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Greyhound Hot., Croydon.
- " 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

- Lodge 1585, Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hot., Putney.
- " 1687, Rothesay, Inns of Court Hot.
- " 1707, Eleanor, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 1827, Alliance, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tav., Finsbury-pavement, at 7.
- Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.
- New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
- Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Newington Causeway, 8.
- Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
- Burdett Courts, Lamb Tav., Bethnal Green Railway Stn., 8.
- La Tolerance, Morland Hot., Dean-st., W., at 8.
- Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.
- Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8.30.
- Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park, at 8.
- Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.
- United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13, Crowndale-rd., N.W., 7.
- Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
- Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
- Temperance in the East, G. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.
- Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., E.C.
- Zetland, King's Arms Hot., High-st., Kensington, at 8.
- Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
- Creaton, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting hill, 8.
- Pannure, 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, MARCH 2.

- Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.
- " 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 45, Strong Man, M.H., Basinghall-st.
- " 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.
- " 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 231, St. Andrew's, F.M.H.
- " 538, La Tolerance, F.M.H.
- " 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
- " 823, Victoria Rifles, F.M.H.
- " 1288, Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
- " 1351, St. Clement's Danes, Carr's Rest., 205, Strand.
- " 1390, Royal Arthur, Lecture Hall, Wimbledon.
- " 1445, Prince Leopold, Mitford Tav., Dalston.
- " 1539, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.M.H., Camberwell.
- " 1972, Morningson, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.
- " 1715, Trinity College, 13, Mandeville-pl., W.
- Chap. 2, St. James's, F.M.H.
- " 174, Sincerity, Cheese Cheese T., Crutched Friars.
- " 1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 1710, All Saints, Vestry Hall, Bow.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
- Kent, Duke of York, Borough-rd., Southwark, 7.30.
- Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
- Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.C., at 8.
- The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue, 6.30.
- Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
- Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.
- Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at 8.
- Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
- High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham, at 8.
- Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
- Southern Star, The 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-ct., Ludgate-hill, 6.30.
- Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
- Vitruvian, White Hart, Belvedere-rd., Lambeth, at 8.
- Royal Oak, Lecture Hall, High-st., Deptford, at 8.
- Covent Garden, Constitution Hot., Bedford-st, Covent Garden, at 7.45.
- Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
- Stockwell, Cock Tav., Kennington-rd., at 7.30.
- Victoria Park, The Two Brewers, Stratford, at 8.
- West Middlesex, Feathers Hot., Ealing, at 7.30.
- Guelph, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton.
- Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-st., at 6. (Emulation Working.)
- St. Michael's, Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement, at 8.
- Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich, at 8.
- Upton, Swan Tav., Bethnal Green-rd., at 8.
- North London Chap., Canonbury Tav., at 8.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3.

- Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, M.H., Woolwich.
- " 890, Hornsey, F.M.H.
- " 1275, Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
- " 1627, Royal Kensington, F.M.H.
- " 1815, Penge, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
- Chap. 3, Fidelity, F.M. Tav.
- " 8, British, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Stability, M.H., Masons' Avenue, at 6.
- Robert Burns, North Pole, 387 Oxford-st, W., at 8.
- Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.
- Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H., at 7.
- Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford, at 8.
- Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
- St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
- Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.
- United Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.
- St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.
- Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7.
- Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
- St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.
- Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill, at 7.30.
- Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N., at 8.
- Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith, at 8.
- William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up George-st., Edgware-rd.
- Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.
- Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
- St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.
- Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30.
- Clapton, White Hart Tav., Clapton, at 7.30.
- St. John's, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8.
- Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st.

SATURDAY, MARCH 4.

- Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.
- Lodge 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hot.
- " 1572, Carnation, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 1022, Rose, S.M.H., Camberwell.
- Chap. 975, Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bdg.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LAN-CASHIRE AND CHESHIRE
For the Week ending Saturday, March 4, 1882.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27.

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28.

- Lodge 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens.
- " 979, Four Cardinal Virtues, Royal Hot., Crewe.
- " 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.
- " 1009, Dramatic, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1675, Antient Briton, M.H., Liverpool.
- Chap. 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
- Merchant's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1.

- Lodge 86, Loyalty, Crown Hot., Prescott.
- " 287, Unanimity, Dog and Partridge, Stockport.
- " 320, Loyalty, Junction Inn, Mottram.
- " 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield.
- " 533, Eaton, M.H., Congleton.
- " 580, Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.
- " 1013, Victoria, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1335, Lindsay, M.H., Wigan.
- " 1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh.
- " 1620, Marlborough, Derby Hot., Liverpool.
- De Grey & Ripon L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-street, Liverpool.
- Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, MARCH 2.

- Lodge 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1032, Townley-Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle-le-Springs.
- " 1070, Starkie, M.H., Southport.
- " 1384, Equity, Alford C., Widnes.
- " 1473, Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle.
- " 1505, Earl of Chester, M.H., Lymm.
- " 1579, Dee, Union Hot., Parkgate.
- Chap. 758, Bridgewater, M.H., Runcorn.
- " 1393, Hamer, M.H., Liverpool.
- Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
- Harmonic L. of I., Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
- St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3.

- Lodge 680, Sefton, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
- " 1375, Didsbury, Didsbury Hot., Didsbury.
- " 1504, Morecambe, M.H., Morecambe.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN DUBLIN.

For the Week ending Saturday, March 4, 1882.

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27.

- Lodge 153, Dublin. [R.A.C. 25, Dublin.
- Board of General Purposes.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28.

- Lodge 4, Dublin. [Lodge 261, Dalkey.
- Lodge 6, Dublin. [R.A.C. 730, Dublin.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1.

- Lodge 620, Dublin. [Lodge 158, Dublin.

THURSDAY, MARCH 2.

Grand Lodge at 8.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3.

- Lodge 232, Dublin. [Lodge Priory at 8.
- Masonic Glece Club.

SATURDAY, MARCH 4.

Lodge 238, Dublin.

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