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THE whole of our loyal Craft will hear with horror and indignation of the attempted assassination of Her Majesty the QUEEN, on Thursday last, at Windsor.

THE meeting of Grand Lodge in Quarterly Communication, on Wednesday, was an interesting one, and we refer our readers to its report elsewhere for a minute account of proceedings. We only propose to give a general sketch. The portions of the minutes relative to an additional grant of £800 per annum to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was non-confirmed, and the whole matter referred to a special Committee to report at the next Quarterly Communication. H.R.H. the Prince of WALES was unanimously re-elected Grand Master amid much applause, and Lieut-Col. CREATON Grand Treasurer amid many manifestations of approval. The Report of the Board of General Purposes about divisions was, after a long discussion, referred back to the Board for reconsideration. Bro. NUNN's motion for altering the hour of meeting of the Board of Benevolence was negatived, as also were Bro. BRITTEN's and Bro. DAVISON's motions.

THE returns of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Festival are now before us, and very wonderful returns they really are, suggesting many gratifying considerations in respect of the inherent reality and the unabated benevolence of our common Order. The returns from the metropolis amount to £6084 10s. Of this large sum, very creditable to the London Lodges, the Mizpah Lodge, No. 1671, Bro. MORGAN, Steward, sent up the largest return, namely £187 19s.; which was followed by the Victoria, 1056, Bro. J. BOULTON, £180 5s. The Prosperity, 65, Bro. W. CHICKEN next appeared with £142 16s., which was succeeded by Yarborough, 554, Bro. J. J. BERRY, £128 6s. Sincerity, 174, Bro. FREDK. BROWN next appeared on the scene with £117 17s., closely followed by Merchant Navy, 781, Bro. F. ROBINSON, £115 18s., and Friends in Council, 1383, Bro. W. R. G. FARMER, £112. Three lodges send up £105, viz. Hornsey, 890, Bro. T. G. SMITH; Montague Guest; 1900, Bro. G. N. FESTA; and 1949, Bro. H. B. MARSHALL, C.C. Three more lodges also followed with over £103 and under £104, namely, Burlington, 96, Bro. J. A. WILD; United Strength, 228, G. H. PATMORE; and Temple Bar, 1728, C. BUTCHER. Old Antiquity, Bro. E. G. POSTIFEX, came forward with £101 10s., while one lodge sends up £100 3s., and two lodges exactly £100, the former being Tranquillity, 185, Bro. F. CROAKER; the two latter being Temperance, 169, GEO. WATSON, the latter St. Leonard, 1766, Bros. J. JONES and A. A. CLEMENTS. It may be properly noted here that the Sovereign Sanctuary, A. & P.R. Bro. J. H. SOUTHWOOD remits £110 18s 6d. Our readers will see, like ourselves, with pleasure, that one of the most recently consecrated lodges, 1949, sent up the kindly contribution of £105; and that 1900, though not quite a year old, also forwards £105. It is worthy of remark and consideration, that while from No. 1 to 300 there are 53 remitting lodges, from 1700 to 1950 there are only 18; while from 300 to 1700 there are 53. In the provinces, Herts leads the van with £533 14s., and East Lancashire comes next with £412 15s.; Middlesex presses hard on the heels of East Lancashire with £408 2s., which latter province is followed by South Wales, Western Division, with £360 3s. Kent is within an ace of South Wales, with £359 19s. 6d., and West Yorkshire is close behind with £350. Hants comes now, at some little distance, with £272 10s.; succeeded by Monmouthshire with 257 7s., and Berks and Bucks with £243 14s., and West Lancashire £237 19s. Cornwall, after another interval, appears with £178 10s., to which Oxon is near with £176 18s., and Worcester, also, with £176 8s. Sussex next puts in an appearance with £162 9s., and Surrey is almost up with it with £162 1s. 6d. Leicestershire and Rutland sends up £152 15s., and North Wales and Salop are here with £149 17s. 6d.; while Suffolk remits £130 3s., Cumberland and Westmorland £115 10s., and Gloucestershire £110 5s. The other provinces are under £100.

WE are greatly amused by a letter from a French Mason in London to our esteemed Bro. HUBERT which appears at p. 38 of his January and February number of the *Chaine d'Union*, Paris. It seems that this worthy Brother, whoever he may be, complains of the "apathy" of English Masons and Masonry. And why? Because, forsooth, they take no part in political agitation or social controversies. We could hardly believe our own eyes. How could Bro. HUBERT permit such an absurd paragraph to appear in his carefully edited journal, when he knows better, perhaps, than any, that English Freemasons are absolutely forbidden to discuss either religious, political, or social questions, which lead to controversy, debate, disunion. That which is the fault of English Masonry in the eyes of this intelligent French observer is the very glory of English Freemasonry! We shall recur to this subject, but our columns are full to-day of more important matters.

BRO. HUBERT give us, in the *Chaine d'Union*, a remarkable proof of the imperious demands of French Masonic literature on its writers, when he tells us that, whereas he was only bound to give his subscribers in 1881 456 pages of matter, he has given them 576. In ten years he has printed for them an excess of 2646 pages; and whereas he was only bound to give them ten volumes of 3360 pages, he has actually given seventeen volumes of 6000 pages. We only trust that our worthy confrère has found his zeal rewarded and his sacrifices repaid.

A GOOD deal is said just now in Australia and America about unoccupied countries and the creation of Grand Lodges, but we recommend many kind friends of ours to master the pertinent remarks of our GRAND REGISTRAR in respect to the claim to recognition of the so-called Grand Lodge of Australia. There were at the time this body started into life three legal jurisdictions and eighty-six legally warranted lodges in Australia. Thirteen lodges out of two jurisdictions affected to create a Grand Lodge, one whole jurisdiction not abetting the attempt, and seventy-three lodges being outside the new departure. These thirteen sought to un-mason seventy-three loyal lodges and a host of Masons good and true; and as the GRAND REGISTRAR put it, so well in his amusing "reductio ad absurdum," if there had been 300 lodges, these thirteen would have sought to do the same. That three lodges can constitute a Grand Lodge under any circumstances is a dogma which will never be accepted by English Freemasons, as it is utterly absurd in itself, and entirely opposed to all Masonic law and precedent. When an overwhelming majority of the eighty-six lodges in Australia express their wish to form a Grand Lodge, it will be time for the English Grand Lodge to reconsider the question,—but only then. We bring this matter clearly before our good American and Canadian brethren, as the recognition of this so-called Grand Lodge has been all too hasty, in fact without Masonic justification, and is, we fear, likely some day to create most mischievous precedents for themselves.

IT seems that the lodge "Les Libres Penseurs," Orient de Pecq, France under the G. L. Symbolique, itself an illegal body, is the peccant lodge which has been initiating a certain Mdle. MARIA DERAISMES. Bro. HUBERT well remarks that nothing, so far, has proved that the admission of a female as a man was either necessary, reasonable, or regular. But then illegality makes illegality, and we are astonished at nothing under such abnormal circumstances as those in which French Freemasonry is placed.

THE *Rappel*, a French paper (no good authority), according to Bro. HUBERT, reports a discovery at Lichfield, Kentucky, U.S., by a Mr. JOHN STOKES, of a buried Egyptian pyramid, a Masonic altar, and some mummies, akin to Egyptian ones. We fear that we cannot say, "si non e vero, e ben trovato," as we apprehend that this is another pious fraud. The tale of the Masonic altar appears to us too sublime.

MR. PROCTOR deals in last week's *Knowledge* (a most admirable instructor, by the way) with what may be called, he says, "the divine inspiration theory of the Pyramid." He then goes on to say, "with the discovery that the base of the Pyramid is several feet shorter than had been supposed, a number of relations supposed to connect the Great Pyramid with astronomy go overboard at once." The whole article is well worth reading, alike by Egyptologists and Pyramidalists; as though no doubt some very singular coincidences and relations remain, a good deal of what has been put forward always, we confess, has appeared to us to be "post hoc propter hoc," and to constitute ingenious trifling, rather than serious and important realities. At the same time the coincidences, as Mr. Proctor fairly points out, are many and curious.

THEY say, "Never give a reason for what you decide or what you contend for," and certainly the wisdom of this adage was never more fully exemplified than in the recent explanatory statement of the SECRETARY of the

Zoological Society. Poor old Jumbo, the favourite of countless visitors to the Zoo, is to be sold for a very large sum on grounds and reasons which, we apprehend, will fail to convince any of our readers. There is a touching picture in the *Graphic* of the poor beast, unwilling to go, caressing the attendant. We confess we think the sale unworthy of the Society, and defended on grounds too flimsy for argument or support. To use an American simile, the Secretary's statement "won't wash."

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

The Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master, presided. The Earl of March, M.P., G.S.W., and Bro. Justice Cave, G.J.W., occupied their respective places. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight, acted as Deputy G.M., and Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. G.M. Middlesex, as Past G.M. The other Grand Officers present were:

Bros. Sir Michael E. Hicks Beach, Prov. G.M. Gloucestershire; Montague Guest, Prov. G.M. Dorset; Viscount Ebrington, P.G.M. Devonshire; General Brownrigg, P.G.M. Surrey; Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, G. Chap.; James J. McIntyre, Q.C., M.P., G. Reg.; Sir J. B. Moreton, President of the Board of General Purposes; Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Ernest E. Wendt, G. Sec. for German Correspondence; Major-General H. Clerk, R.A., F.R.S., S.G.D.; H. C. Levander, J.G.D.; J. Sampson Peirce, P.G.D.; Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter), G.D. of C.; Capt. A. B. Cook, A.G.D. of C.; George Lambert, Grand Sword Bearer; C. S. Jekyll, Grand Org.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, H. G. Buss, Assistant G. Sec.; W. Clarke, G. Pursuivant; P.G. Chap.; Rev. J. Sedgwick, P.G. Chap.; Rev. J. W. Hayes, P.G. Chap.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C.; Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G.C.; Major-Gen. the Hon. Somerset Calthorpe, P.G.W.; H. D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. China; Sir Pryse Pryse, Bart., P.P.G.M. (W.D. South Wales); Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; J. E. Saunders, P.G.D.; E. J. Barron, P.G.D.; Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; F. A. Philbrick, P.G.D.; H. J. P. Dumas, P.G.D.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; W. A. F. Powell, P.G.D.; Reginald Bird, P.G.D.; James Glaisher, F.R.S., P.G.D.; Brackstone Baker, P.G.D.; J. H. Scott, P.G.D.; Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.D.; F. P. Morrell, P.G.D.; C. W. C. Hutton, P.G.D.; J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; Peter de Lande Long, P.G.D.; Robert Grey, P.G.D.; T. Fenn, P.G.D.; H. Maudsley, P.G.D.; Col. H. Somerville-Barney, P.G.D.; J. Lewis Thomas, F.R.S., P.A.G.D.C.; Magnus Ohren, P.A.G.D.C.; Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B.; A. J. Duff-Filer, P.G.S.B.; J. A. Collins, P.G.S.B.; C. Greenwood, P.G.S.B.; C. E. Willing, P.G.O.; Thos. Cubitt, P.G.P.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; and James Brett, P.G.P.

There were some 500 brethren present.

Grand Lodge having been opened, the GRAND SECRETARY read the minutes of last Grand Lodge.

Bro. PHILBRICK said: Most Worshipful Master, before the minutes are confirmed may I ask, with regard to the grant to the Benevolent Institution, what are the funds at the command of this Grand Lodge?

The GRAND SECRETARY replied that the sum referred to amounted to about £15,000.

Bro. PHILBRICK: Then I rise to move that so much of the minutes as relate to the Fund of Benevolence be not confirmed. I cannot but think that before this Grand Lodge makes an additional grant of £800 a year to the Benevolent Institution, brethren ought to be in a position to know what is the income of Grand Lodge, what are its funds, how those funds are invested, what is the permanent source of revenue, whether or not in the position of the Craft it is a matter of prudence and propriety to make such a large grant at the present time. Lately the funds of Grand Lodge have been directed to be placed in Government Stock, and if the amount is £15,000 or £16,000 that would make an income of something like £500 a year. Grand Lodge has already subscribed £300 to one of the Schools—(No, no)—£150 to the Boys' School, and a like sum to the Girls' School, and a sum of £800 to the Benevolent Institution. The purport of the original motion was that the funds of Grand Lodge and the Fund of Benevolence should pay an additional £800 a year, and I venture to say that no one was more surprised than the proposer that this motion was carried. I feel quite persuaded that many of the brethren who voted for that motion believed that the funds were very different from the statement of the Grand Secretary to-night. It is quite true that no one would desire more than this Grand Lodge that the Institution should be well supported, and that it should not be deprived of a single penny that we could with propriety and prudence grant but; how can we, a body of Masons, who charge every initiate entering our body to let prudence direct his steps?—how can we not only give away more than the actual income of the property of the fund, but also pledge and mortgage future income, which is, as it were, to draw a bill upon the future? Is it not right and fair before we do so, before we commit this Grand Lodge to an annual expenditure—to such an expenditure as £800, besides the £800 already granted—that we should have a statement laid before us? I should not be one to oppose it if it can be done prudently, not merely to gratify the benevolent ideas of a brother who has moved or seconded it, but acting as business people with prudence in managing our concerns. I have already detained you too long. (No, no). Before I had opened my mouth I was convinced that my words would be unpopular. Charity is one of our great and essential principles, and brotherly love is one of our principles too, so is relief. We must remember that Masonry does not consist in charity only; and, therefore, I ask you not to confirm so much of the minutes as relates to this grant, and not to commit us to it until we know exactly what we have, what the claims upon it are, so that we may be in a position to judge before we commit ourselves to the grant.

Bro. J. M. CLARKE seconded the motion. When the original motion was voted he had confined his attention to the Fund of Benevolence. He doubted whether the General Purposes Fund could afford it. He thought that the Grand Lodge was taken by surprise; he did not think that they had sufficient materials before them, and it was desirable that these should be furnished.

Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART, P.G.D., defended the vote, and said there was plenty of money to meet it.

Bro. Sir JOHN MONCKTON said: Most Worshipful Grand Master, I shall say but a very few words. I do not think Grand Lodge should be led away with the idea that the votes themselves are of any special value. Bro. Stewart says that we get so many votes from the Institution, and he would have us infer that candidates came in in response to those votes, but whether they give you two votes for a lodge or ten votes for a lodge it makes no difference. There are twenty-five old men and twenty-five old ladies to be elected, and it makes no difference what is the number of votes by which

they are elected. There can be no possible harm in the brethren knowing precisely what they have got. If Bro. Philbrick is wrong, the proposed Committee will put the matter right. I believe I know pretty well, being the Chairman of the Board of General Purposes, what we have got, but I could not say exactly—I should have to look and search. It seems to me most fairly suggested that there should be a Committee. Let that be done; there will be no harm done between this and June, but a fair and honest and businesslike result will be come to.

Bro. the EARL OF CARNARVON: Brethren, it has been moved and seconded that so much of the minutes of the last Quarterly Communication as refer to this question be omitted for the purpose, as I understand, of appointing a Committee to take the whole matter into consideration, and report to the next Quarterly Communication. Before proceeding to the nomination of the Committee I shall now put the rest of the minutes for confirmation.

This having been done Bro. PHILBRICK said: The matter being referred to a Committee, I propose Bros. Raynham W. Stewart, General Brownrigg, the President of the Board of General Purposes, and the Grand Secretary to report to next Quarterly Communication what is the whole income of this Grand Lodge, what are the demands we have at present to meet with it, so that we may see how far the money will go.

Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART seconded the motion.

Bro. the EARL OF CARNARVON: The brethren will perceive that the motion that is now submitted to Grand Lodge is upon the material that is to be submitted to Grand Lodge at next Quarterly Meeting. The motion is that the Committee, whose names you have heard, be appointed.

The motion was put and carried by a large majority.

Bro. COL. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, Grand Secretary: May I beg your permission to refer to the action that I have taken with respect to the motion of the last meeting of Grand Lodge in reference to the death of General Garfield.

Bro. the EARL OF CARNARVON: Brethren, you have heard the melancholy correspondence which has just been read by the Grand Secretary. It is the record—so far as Masonry is concerned—the record of a most unhappy, miserable, event, and I therefore think it my duty to preserve, as far as possible, the recollection of the part we have taken in that matter by moving that that correspondence be now entered upon the minutes of our proceedings.

Bro. W. BEACH, M.P.: Without further remark I beg to second that.

The motion was then put and carried unanimously.

Bro. the EARL OF CARNARVON: The next business is the election of the M.W. Grand Master.

Bro. Dr. ALFRED MEADOWS, P.M. 4, P.G.S., then rose and said: Most Worshipful Grand Master in the chair. In rising to propose the re-election of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as our Grand Master for the ensuing year, it may seem presumptuous, if not impertinent, in me to say anything in support of a proposition which has the unanimous approval, not only of this Grand Lodge, but of every member of the Craft wherever dispersed over the face of land or water; for I am confident that there is not a man among us who does not feel that while His Royal Highness occupies the Masonic Throne he confers upon us the highest honour which it is in his power to bestow; while we, in electing him, are doing our very best to sustain the honour, reputation, and usefulness of our Order. For it is not merely on account of the exalted rank of our Grand Master that we estimate his worth, because we recognise in him the embodiment of those principles which are the glory of our profession and the source of all our strength; for it is by his steady adherence to the principles of the Craft, by his consistent practice of the precepts of our Order, in a word, by the devotion of his life to that practical benevolence and good deeds, that he proves his Royal title to be our King, and justifies the choice which this Grand Lodge is so pleased and proud to make. I believe there never was a time in the history of Freemasonry in this country when such gigantic strides were made in the progress of our Order as have been made since the accession of His Royal Highness to the throne of King Solomon; for I find that during the five years immediately preceding His Royal Highness's acceptance of the office of Grand Master the number of lodges placed upon the register of the Grand Lodge of England was 228; while in the first five years of His Royal Highness's reign 326 were added to that roll. This however is by no means the most important feature of the success which has attended His Royal Highness's administration of our Order; for surely Freemasonry is something more than a mere conglomeration of lodges doing simply lodge work. If that was so it could never live and thrive as it has done; but its existence is justified by its good deeds, and by them alone; and its past history shows, at least in this country, that while we try to be faithful to our God, our country, and our laws, Freemasonry teaches us to do even more than that, for by the collective work of the brethren it is made a great engine of charity; a right Royal dispenser of brotherly love and relief, and a bond of union between man and man. It is in this respect, even more than in the one I have just referred to, that such wonderful success has been achieved under our present Royal Grand Master; for I find, that while in the five years preceding His Royal Highness's acceptance of that office the total revenue of our three great Charities was about £1,300,000 it swelled up in the five following years to the magnificent sum of nearly £2,000,000; in other words, the collective income of these three charities rose immediately after the accession of His Royal Highness to the Grand Mastership, from an average of about £26,000 to nearly 40,000 a year. And all this, be it remembered, happened at a time when there was great financial depression in this country. Surely such a fact as this speaks for itself; and I think I am fully justified in saying that this unprecedented success was the direct result of the moral weight and influence which was thrown into our Order by the government of our own Grand Master. And truly, if kings are like other men, gratified by a successful life, His Royal Highness may well be proud of his Masonic career. That you, brethren, are unanimous in the wish that his Royal Highness should occupy that throne another year I am well assured; and I am confident that I express the feelings not only of this Grand Lodge, but of every member of the Craft, when I say that we earnestly hope His Royal Highness may long be spared to reign over us; for while we feel that his association with us confers the greatest lustre upon our Order, we for our part will gladly pay him that willing obedience which is due to him as our Grand Master, and we will delight to honour him as the representative and embodiment of those principles for which alone we are banded together by the sacred tie of brotherhood. (Hear, hear, and cheers.)

The proposition was briefly seconded by Bro. E. BAYLISS, and, when put to the vote by the Pro Grand Master, every hand was raised amid a hurricane of applause.

Bro. the EARL OF CARNARVON: I need not say, though I am happy to state it, that that motion has been carried unanimously.

Bro. E. M. PONTIFEX, P.M. 2: I have the honour to rise to propose that Bro. John Creaton be elected Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year. Our Bro. Creaton is a zealous, enthusiastic Mason, of unsparing energy, and constant in his attention to the numerous Masonic duties he undertakes. He is also most regular in his attendance at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, but he is not here to-night, for yesterday he had the grief to lose his wife, and in his great and overpowering grief, though it may be no alleviation, the unanimous wish of the brethren for his re-election will, I am sure, be appreciated by him.

The motion was seconded by Bro. BICKES, who said that though he had opposed the same vote last year, he had very great pleasure in seconding it on the present occasion.

The motion was then put from the chair and carried unanimously.

The GRAND SECRETARY having read the report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, it was received and adopted.

Bro. JOSHUA NUNN moved the first grant recommended.

Bro. JOHN M. CLABON, in rising to second the motion, wished to say a few words. The grants recommended that night for confirmation amounted to about £140. He had no doubt they had been recommended with wisdom and prudence, and with that liberality which such a body as the Freemasons ought to give. But if the brethren wished the Lodge of Benevolence to be liberal they must give them the means to be liberal. Last year they spent in this way £10,000 when their income was only £8000. The brethren knew there was £45,000, or thereabouts, to the credit of the Fund of Benevolence, and the Lodge of Benevolence spent the income of that and also the quarterages. They said that the £45,000 was formed out of the surplus quarterages of former years, and therefore they were justified in spending it. If they were to do that, in a few years the fund would be exhausted and therefore they would have to make smaller grants. The quarterages now were, for London brethren, four shillings a year, and for country brethren two shillings a year. He would suggest that the quarterages should be raised to six shillings a year for London brethren, and three shillings a year for country brethren, and this increase would give the Lodge of Benevolence continued power to make suitable grants. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. G. P. BRITTEN rose to support Bro. Clabon, but was stopped by the G.M., as a discussion could not be taken on the general question when the only matter before the lodge was a particular grant.

The following grants were then agreed to:

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. 60, 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, Chigwell, Essex	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 Shakspeare Lodge, No. 1000, Manchester	50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Ionic Lodge, No. 277, London	50 0 0
A brother of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 950, Ipswich	50 0 0

The following is the 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. 1007, 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.

Bro. Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON, President of the Board, in moving the adoption of the report, said there was only one subject treated in it, the method of voting in Grand Lodge, which had been referred to the Board at the last Grand Lodge. The plan now proposed was not only feasible, but if carried out would be a most accurate one. With reference to the second paragraph of the report, the Board in so reporting were following the

example of other larger bodies than Grand Lodge. It was but fair if brethren did not retire that they should not take part in the division.

Bro. FRANK GREEN, P.M. 1507, Vice-President of the Board, seconded the motion.

Bro. Dr. J. E. CARPENTER, P.M. 1196 did not see why all brethren should be forced to retire upon a division. If those who remained in the lodge were asked by the Grand Master "Does any other person wish to vote?" that would simplify the matter. He moved, as an amendment, "That all brethren desirous of voting shall pass through one of the two turnstiles, and that all brethren remaining in Grand Lodge after the W.M. has put the question 'Does any other person wish to vote?' shall be considered as not joining in the division."

Bro. T. WALLIS, P.M. 201, seconded the amendment.

Bro. F. A. PHILBRICK, Q.C., P.G.D., thought if some brethren remained in Grand Lodge, while others desired to do their duty and express their opinion, those who went out would find it difficult on returning to find their places. That was the reason which led the Board to report as they had done. It was for the interest of the brethren below the dais; those on dais would find no difficulty.

Bro. BARON DE FERRIERES, M.P., objected to the adoption of the system pursued in the House of Commons. The object should be to take the division, if possible, within the walls of Grand Lodge. It took a long time to pass through turnstiles. Besides, the turnstiles put them more in mind of a place of public amusement than of such an august assembly as Grand Lodge. He thought the brethren should be separated in two blocks, and the mover and seconder of the motion should name two friends, each to take a block, count the show of hands, place the result on paper, and deliver it to the Grand Secretary.

Bro. J. M. CLABON supported the present system. The new mode would take twice the time.

Bro. Sir J. B. MONCKTON, said in the much abused Court of Common Council they were bound to vote. However, the Board had nothing to say on the matter, further than it had been referred to them, and they as in duty bound enquired and reported. If the brethren were content with things as they were the Board were quite content.

Bro. CARPENTER'S amendment was then put and lost.

Bro. BARON DE FERRIERES' amendment, "That when a division is called for, instead of the 'ayes' and 'noes' crossing from one side to the other, the brethren keep their seats, and four brethren named by the mover of the four divisions of the room, and take the votes by show of hands, and amendment, together with the four Grand Deacons, stand in couples before report to the Grand Secretary, who shall add up the totals," having been seconded, was put to the meeting and carried; but before it was afterwards put as a substantive motion, Baron de Ferrieres consented to the matter being referred back to the Board of General Purposes, and the consideration adjourned to the next Quarterly Communication.

The GRAND SECRETARY read the Grand Lodge accounts of receipts and disbursements for the year 1881, which were adopted by Grand Lodge.

Bro. JOSHUA NUNN then brought forward his motion for altering the book of Constitution, page 96, Art. 3, by appointing the hour of meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence to four o'clock instead of six, as at present. He stated that the business before the Lodge of Benevolence had so greatly increased of late years that it was not unusual for the lodge to sit from six to ten, half-past ten, eleven, and even half-past eleven. His proposition that the lodge should meet at four o'clock would give the brethren an opportunity of getting away earlier than that.

The motion having been seconded, Bro. FREDERICK DAVISON said that he had a motion to the effect that the Lodge of Benevolence meet twice a month at six, which he had no objection to be taken now as an amendment. It was impossible at present to get away early, and therefore he thought that the lodge might meet twice a month.

Bro. E. F. STORR seconded the amendment.

Bro. J. M. CLABON thought this was a matter which might be left to the discretion of the Lodge of Benevolence, but he thought when the President proposed that the lodge should meet at four o'clock, Grand Lodge would be inclined to support him. The brethren would find it a tax upon them to meet twice in the month. If the lodge met at four o'clock the extra two hours would enable them to get through their work early in the evening.

Bro. JAMES BRETT, Junior Vice-President of the Lodge of Benevolence, was sorry he could not agree with the President. It appeared to him that his argument was to be answered in a very few words. It was simply a matter of convenience. Granted, it was very convenient to brethren who had nothing else to do to meet at four o'clock in the afternoon, but he did not think it would suit the convenience of a large number of the brethren who attended the Lodge of Benevolence. They were principally merchants and men of business in the City, who would have to leave their businesses at half-past three to attend the lodge at four. From half-past three to half-past five was the most important period of the day for business men, when they had to write and send off their letters. If they were brought to the lodge at six o'clock, time and opportunity was given them for transacting their business, and then they could devote the rest of the evening to the business of the lodge. It was desirable to have as large a number as possible at the lodge, and then they got better knowledge of each individual case that came before the lodge, and a better judgment on it. He spoke from experience. Like Bro. Nunn, he had a quarter of a century's practice at the Lodge of Benevolence, and he had found that when certain brethren had not been present cases had had to be put back. If they were to meet at four o'clock they would shut out the possibility of a large number of brethren attending. By so doing they would be inflicting a very serious injury. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. JOSHUA NUNN, in replying, said that if brethren were not present who were interested in particular cases, those cases could be deferred till a later period of the evening. The country cases could always be taken first, and the London cases at a later hour. He thought they would be able to transact their business quite as satisfactorily to the Craft if they were to meet at four o'clock.

The M.W. GRAND MASTER in the chair said that Bro. Davison's motion could not now be put as an amendment, as Bro. Nunn's motion was for an alteration in the Book of Constitutions. Bro. Davison's motion would be brought on in the order it stood upon the paper.

Bro. Nunn's motion was then put to Grand Lodge, and lost by an overwhelming majority.

Bro. MONTAGUE GUEST threw out the suggestion that the hour of meeting might be altered to five o'clock.

Bro. GEORGE P. BRITTEN, P.M. No. 183, moved to alter Art. 12, page 103, of the Book of Constitutions by inserting the word "seven" in

place of the word "three." The article as it at present stands reads: "No petition for relief shall be presented to the Lodge of Benevolence unless it has been left with the Grand Secretary *three* days at least previously to the meeting." He submitted that the alteration would give a better opportunity for the careful examination of the statements made in the petitions. He was afraid much evil and much injustice was done by there not being sufficient time to examine the petitions. In some cases grants had to be reversed after further inquiry. He also proposed to add to Art. 12 the following words: "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 of the Lodge of Benevolence to all members of the Lodge of Benevolence, as defined by Art. 3, page 96."

The motion having been seconded,

Bro. J. M. CLABON thought no good would result from the alteration. Let the brethren see what they were going to do. In the first place a brother petitioned for relief, and he did not like his name to be known, and it was not known except to the members of the Board. Bro. Britten's proposition, if carried, would send all over the country the names of the brethren who were asking for relief. Sending it to the Secretary of a lodge would be of no use. It was a sacred duty that the names of those petitioners who were obliged of necessity to come to the lodge, many of them having been in good positions as merchants and tradesmen, should not have their names sent forth broadcast through the land. Privacy in the matter was most essential to those who had relief. Moreover, it must be given at once. The Grand Secretary must have some time to arrange the petitions, and to send them to the different lodges, and the poor petitioners would be waiting for relief all this time. (Hear, hear). Further he would tell Bro. Britten that there was not one case a year which required to be reviewed. During the ten years he had sat as President of the Lodge of Benevolence there were not five cases that required reconsideration. Were they then going, because there was not one case a year that required further consideration, to keep a large number of poor brethren without prompt relief.

Bro. JOSHUA NUNN endorsed the observations of Bro. Clabon, and added that there was another consideration, that there would be over two thousand of these proposed notices to be sent out every month, which would require a large staff and extra expense. The less that the public should know of these cases the better.

Bro. F. DAVISON wished to explain that when he seconded Bro. Britten's motion he thought it only referred to the alteration of "three" to "seven." He did not understand that the new clause was to be added, and he did not agree with that.

After a short discussion Bro. Britten's motion was negatived.

Bro. DAVISON, P.M. No. 10, moved "That the Lodge of Benevolence meet twice a month at six p.m."

The motion having been seconded, Bro. CLABON opposed the motion. It was in the power of the Lodge of Benevolence, if it could not get through all its business in one night, to adjourn. If the lodge met twice a month, on some of those occasions they might have nothing to do.

The motion was put, and lost by a large majority.

Grand Lodge was then closed.

CONSECRATION OF THE HIGH PEAK LODGE, No. 1952, AT CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH.

On Monday, the 13th ult., another lodge was added to the already extensive roll at present existing under the Grand Lodge of England, and, as the title implies, is adjacent to the Peak Forest, in Derbyshire.

The lodge will be held at the Town Hall, Chapel-en-le-Frith, on the second Monday in every month, and we should recommend our London brethren who happen to be in this district during the summer months to pay this lodge a visit, where they will receive a hearty welcome, witness some good working, and feast their eyes on some of the finest scenery in the country. We predict a successful future for this lodge, which we feel sure will be well attended and properly worked, the first and present Master, Bro. Jas. Whitehead, having had great experience in the Peveril of the Peak Lodge, of which, two years ago, he was Master.

A large number of brethren from various parts of Derbyshire assembled to do honour to the occasion, but we should have felt far more pleased, in conjunction with all present, to have seen the R.W.P.G.M., the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., in the chair. At the same time, however, his deputy, Bro. H. C. Okeover, officiated with the same thoughtful care and interest which we have seen him exhibit on previous occasions at the Provincial Grand meetings in Derby.

Amongst those present at the consecration were:

Bros. H. C. Okeover, V.W.D.P.G.M. Derbyshire; W. Hextall, P.S.G.W.; Septimus Stone, P.J.G.W.; Thos. Cox, P.G. Treas.; Jas. B. Coulson, P.P.G. Sec., acting Prov. G. Sec.; Rev. Thos. Orrell, P.G. Chap.; A. Frazer, P.G.S.D.; Josiah Allen, P.G.J.D.; E. Horne, P.G. Org.; D. A. Davis, P.G.S. of W.; Jas. Whitehead, P.G. Dir. of Cers.; J. V. Bettle, P.G. Asst. Dir. of Cers.; Alf. P. Wood, P.G. Purs.; E. J. Sykes, P.G. Swd. Br.; T. Parker, P.G. Std. Br.; W. Stone, P.G. Tyler; Ed. Holdren, P.G. Asst. Tyler; Frank Campion, P.P.S.G.W.; Rev. A. A. Bagshawe, P.P.G. Chap.; Samuel Whitehead, P.P.J.G.D.; Samuel Taylor, P.P.G. Purs.; S. Slack, P.P.A.G. Dir. of Cers.; Josiah Taylor, P.P.G.S.; John Hall, P.P.S.B.; Joseph Taylor Wright, P.P.G.P.S.; John Barrowby, P.P.G. Reg.; Percy Wallis, W.M. 850; John Turner, 902; W. Butterfield, S.W. 1085; John Briggs, 731; W. Whittaker, W.M. 731; J. Richardson, 1085; Thos. Parker, I.P.M. 1405; George Smedley, I.P.M. 633; G. Goodwin, 1235; Chas. J. Bennett, S.D. 1235; Wm. Cartwright, S.W. 633; W. Lees, 1235; James Glossop, 999; W. Boughen, P.M. 1235; J. W. Wyatt, I.P.M. 654; Chas. Wilkinson, W.M. 1235; John Hawthorn, S.W. 654; Robert Hulme, J.W. 1235; Edwin Broomhead, 1235; R. Lomas, 1235; Thos. Williamson, 204; John Pollitt, S.D. 654; Geo. Walker, W.M. 654; Jos. Walker, Org. 654; A. Rowbottom, 625; John E. Thorp, 654; J. Andrew, J.W. 336; Will. Severe, S.D. 625; Samuel Collier, S.W. 625; Thos. Orme, 625; Thos. Hibbert, 625; John H. Orme, 1688; Samuel Robinson, Sec. 625; J. E. Sutton, 1235; R. B. Orme, 1495; Jos. Whitehall, 1235; T. W. Varley, 1235; Jos. Johnson, 654; S. H. Masters, 654; John Wrigley, S.W. 210; John Stafford, 902; W. Stirling Anderson, 654; A. T. Bramurch, Chap. 1688; Nath. Dumville, P.M. 152 and 322; Mark Stafford, P.M. 361; A. O. Brookes, 884; J. Hadfield, W.M. 625; Joseph Collier, P.M. 625, P.P.G.D.; Jas. Smith, P.M. 210; Thos. Owen, P.M. 731; Thomas Dearnaley, P.M. 625, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; J. E. Russell, P.M. 1085; R. R. Ricketts, 126; R. R. Lisenden, J.D. 317 (*Freemason*); and others.

The proceedings commenced by the R.W.D.P.G.M., Bro. H. C. Okeover, occupying the chair of K.S., supported by Bro. Hextall, P.G.S.W., and Bro. Stone, P.G.J.W. The P.G. Chaplain invoked a blessing on the proceedings, after which the R.W.D.P.G.M. announced the object of the meeting,

and the acting Prov. Grand Secretary read the petition and warrant granted on the 6th November, the brethren approving in Masonic form of those names mentioned in the warrant to preside over them. The acting R.W.P.G.M. then constituted the brethren into a regular lodge.

The Prov. Grand Chaplain, Bro. THOS. ORRELL, delivered an oration as follows: Right Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master and brethren—You have met together on a very solemn occasion. You have assembled to witness and take part in one of the most solemn ceremonies of Freemasonry. The consecration of a lodge is no trivial matter. You are undertaking duties and responsibilities which will have to be accounted for not only to the P.G.M. but to the G.A.O.T.U., who will render to every man according to his work. That these duties and responsibilities may be discharged in such a manner as to be well pleasing unto our Divine Master, it behoves every brother to study the nature and design of Freemasonry. With regard to its nature, it may be designated "a peculiar system of morality." Morality, my brethren, is the very nature and essence of Masonry. Our Craft is as much opposed to vice as light to darkness, and as remote from it as the east is from the west. On this account it has the blessing of the Supreme Ruler of the Universe resting upon it, for when we see a brotherhood which has existed from time immemorial; and even ranks amongst its early fathers the revered names honoured in sacred history, we cannot account for its prolonged existence except on the ground that it is favoured with the blessing and protection of the Great Architect of the Universe, whose Word declares, "them that honour me, I will honour." With respect to the design of Freemasonry, I need only say that this will be clearly seen if you study its principles, which are Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. Brotherly love is the great stronghold of Freemasonry. Referring to this great principle, an "ancient writer" said, "Love is not provoked," though it appears a little word has been inserted in the middle of the sentence which makes it read, "Love is not *easily* provoked." But as it ceases to be "love" when provocation assumes the reins, we may adhere to the original statement and say it is *not* provoked. Let this patient and long-suffering love towards the brethren characterise all Masonry. Let it circulate from heart to heart until the entire lodge is penetrated with this great principle which, like the sap of a tree, circulating into every branch, stem, and leaf, shall make its influence felt in binding together the hearts of the whole lodge as the heart of one man. Being grounded upon the foundation of "brotherly love," you will be prepared to exemplify the next great principle of Freemasonry, "Relief," which does not always imply pecuniary assistance to the "poor and distressed." No; relief is often administered by a kind word, and an expression of sympathy, or timely counsel and advice. No true Mason would think of withholding "relief" from a brother when in his power to impart it. And both "Brotherly Love" and "Relief" are regulated by another grand principle, that of "Truth." Masons, in fulfilling the two former principles, establish the third. Some people do good that they may obtain praise of men; that is *acting* a lie. It is saying they are full of sympathy and benevolence, when they are simply and purely purchasing applause. But Masons do good for its own sake, not seeking to parade their good works before the world. This is the phase of "truth." And in all our dealings we shall find that "truth" is in "morality" what "a straight line" is in "geometry." It is the shortest. It requires the least trouble, and it gives the least in the end. Masonry teaches us this, and if we follow its teachings we cannot fail to advance in the paths of morality. And now, my brethren of the High Peak Lodge, I heartily congratulate you on the consecration of your lodge, and sincerely wish you "God speed" in every good work. But before I resume my seat I would just offer one word of counsel. Have a care what sort of men you introduce to your lodge. Do not propose any gentleman of whom you have only a slender acquaintance. Let him be well known, intimately known, thoroughly known by a well-trying brother, who shall speak of him in the lodge, and then you will run less risk of having to mourn over a brother who has fallen out of the ranks, and severed himself from membership of his lodge. Then may you expect to prosper. Your walls shall be built up in all moral beauty. There shall be no unsightly bulges and ugly excrescences marring the stateliness of your fraternal fabric. They shall be perpendicular, and every stone on the square; and the whole structure shall have the approval of your own conscience, the honoured and revered of the Great Architect of the Universe.

At the conclusion of the oration the ceremony of consecration was proceeded with, and the D.P.G.M. dedicated the lodge to Masonry, Benevolence, and Virtue.

Bro. Jas. Whitehead was afterwards installed first W.M. of the lodge by Bro. Jas. B. Coulson, acting P.G. Sec., in a satisfactory manner.

Bro. Whitehead appointed the following brethren officers for the ensuing year, and they were severally invested: Bros. C. C. W. Ferguson, acting I.P.M.; Dr. Theobald E. Jones, S.W.; James C. Hyde, J.W.; R. N. Hyde, Treas.; Alfred M. Bennett, Sec.; John B. Boycott, S.D.; Jos. Heathcott, J.D.; John Hallam, D. of C.; John D. Simpson, Org.; Jos. Lingard, I.G.; and Thos. Horrox, Tyler.

The addresses to the W.M. and brethren were delivered by the Installing Master, and to the Wardens by Bro. Frank Campion, P.P.S.G.W., shortly after which the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

The proceedings throughout were conducted in a very admirable manner and seemed to give satisfaction to all present, and with such a fair start we trust the lodge will go on and prosper. There are already two joining members to ballot for at the next regular meeting, and a candidate for initiation.

As a proof of the interest evinced by those who are connected with this lodge, we may state that several articles were presented to the lodge, amongst them being a very handsome silver square and compasses for Bible, presented by the S.W., Bro. Dr. Jones, and a kneeling stool given by the same brother, with several Masonic emblems embroidered on it by his wife. A cushion of blue satin, with Masonic emblems embroidered by Miss Heathcott. A Bible, presented by Bro. D. A. Davis, P.G. Supt. of Works. A Tyler's sword, presented by Bro. Joseph Lingard, I.G. A complete set of working tools, also three gavels, pair of Deacons' wands, and rough and smooth ashlar, presented by Bro. James Whitehead, W.M. The same brother also gave a charity bag of black silk velvet, and worked by Mrs. Whitehead. Bro. Jas. Hyde gave a handsome donation to provide a desk for the Secretary, and has also lent the lodge an American organ until they possess one of their own.

The brethren on leaving the lodge repaired to the Royal Oak Hotel, and one hundred and seven of their number sat down to a banquet, presided over by the R.W. acting P.G.M., Bro. H. C. Okeover, at the termination of which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

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

As promised in our last issue, we now give an account of the proceedings at the banquet, which took place in the evening at the Alexandra Hotel, Point. Bro. Colley, W.M. 1937, presided, and those at the head of the other tables were Bros. Crowe, W.M. 738; Morrison, S.M. 447; Willis, W.M. 1192; Smith, W.M. 1605; Horsley, W.M. 1729; and Field, P.M. 558, 1436, and 1886. There were also amongst those present Bros. Russell, P.M. 738; Finne- more, 1605; Marriott, P.M. 738; Harrison, P.M. 447; Stantial, P.M. 956; Hart, P.M. 724; Voysey, P.M. 1192; and Rix, 398.

The number of brethren present was 102, and such a gathering of Masons has never before been witnessed in Natal.

The band of the 58th Regiment was engaged, and at intervals during the repast played some excellent selections.

When the tables were cleared and the glasses charged, Bro. CROWE, acting as Toastmaster, proposed the toasts of "The Queen," and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the most noble the Grand Master of England," which were received with applause.

The toast of "The M.W. Grand Masters of Scotland and Ireland" were next given.

Bro. RUSSELL, in proposing the toast of "The newly-installed W.M. of the Addington Lodge, Bro. the Ven. Archdeacon Colley," said that Bro. Colley entered upon his duties under most favourable auspices. Although a young Mason, and with comparatively little experience, yet he entered the lodge with considerable *prestige*, first because it was a new lodge and everyone was interested in it, and secondly, because every member joining it was a member of some other lodge, but though it was desirable to form a new lodge nearer his home—and it showed that they were willing to support the new lodge by their desire to have it nearer their homes—and lastly, all those who formed the new lodge were zealous Masons, and not finding employment for their talents in their own lodges had therefore formed a new lodge. Accordingly the W.M. entered upon his career with flying colours, and he (the speaker) had not the slightest doubt but that the good wishes of everyone would carry the new lodge forward to prosperity under the auspices of the newly installed W.M. (Applause).

In response, the W.M. the Ven. Archdeacon COLLEY, said: I thank you, brethren, for the very kind way in which you have received my name this evening. The position I occupy to-day is one which I have been disinterested enough to covet for some time. Disinterested, I say, for it entails a considerable amount of labour, and the honour (though I appreciate it greatly and prize it most highly) I could better dispense with than the duty connected therewith, to which I feel a native attachment, yet which nevertheless necessitates, as all Masons know, very close application and real hard work. Still in the heat of the toil, mental and bodily, there is by the way of compensation the proud feeling that any man may lawfully indulge when he stands before such an assembly as I stand to-day, the chosen leader of a fraternity so ancient and honourable, and, next to religion (of which it is the best part, and thank heaven, creedless) so wise, and beneficent, and useful, and good as Freemasonry. Amid the sad divisions of mankind, and the opposing parts we have to take from conscious feeling and individual principle in politics and religion, often man against man, is it not a blessed thing that there should be common ground where on an equality we all can meet? Wide as the poles asunder on many things, here is one object and the chiefest, round which we all can cluster and rally and cohere, and in which we all can unite neighbourly friendship, benevolence of thought and feeling towards our fellows, in a word, the Brotherhood of Man, that highest and most practical proof of the Fatherhood of God, the great Architect of the Universe, in whose service we, as Speculative Masons, free and Accepted, are charged from our initiation as entered apprentices to assist in building up the temple of humanity. Blundering, it may be, a little in our first steps and endeavours as apprentice hands, we commence with the rough ashlar to work, mark, and indent on; but soon it is our privilege, more skillful now on the perfect ashlar, to try and adjust our jewels. And so on and on through this degree and that step by step do we make real progress in life, and fulfil (though it may take some of us three score years and ten in the process) life's solemn contract, emulating throughout all our mortal years the labour of the Great Architect when he said "Let us make man."

For rough ashlar we are quarried.

But the gavel of life's shocks,

With the chisel's point to dress us,

The nonsense from us knocks.

In Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty

It is our aim to grow;

And by doing well his duty

A Mason you shall know.

For true to the Plumbet

All our doings are,

If we act on the Level

And work on the Square.

When, as instrumental with others in the institution of this lodge, we set about the work that has this day seen fruition, I had no idea whatever of being made its first Master. At the time I was only as a temporary resident in the parish, a bird of passage as it were, a simple stop-gap, expecting weekly the arrival of a clergyman for Christ Church, whose coming would have been the signal for my immediate departure for England. I had, therefore, no ulterior motive to serve in the interest I took in founding this lodge. I saw the advantage that would accrue to the Craft in having Masonry corporately represented at Addington, where I found so many of the brethren. And I saw the greater advantage that my parish would reap from having Masonry as one of its institutions. A good text here occurs to me; but there is a wise law in our Order that forbids allusion to religious as to political matters, with discussion thereon, else, as a clergyman, I should at this juncture be able to announce a very apt text in support of my remarks. But this I may say, that the Great Grand Master and Great Architect of the Universe has caused it to be transcribed on the tracing board written in the volume of the Sacred Law that "He maketh men to be of one mind in the same house." And while these two important things, religion and politics, still divide mankind into opposing camps, Masonry is as a city of refuge to flee unto from the noise of the archers—the clangour of the

creeds, the wrangle of the sects and the party cries of the State. It is a blessed retreat where the best part of our manhood can get a new lease of hope, to enable us to keep down the heart's cynicism, and doubt that looms so darkly often and clouds the future adverse to our rosy view of life; yea the sacred refuge where tyled from the intrusion of outer baneful influences we can gather strength to go out into the world-battle with the sophisms and shams that daily surround us. "O for a lodge in some vast wilderness," was the aspiration of one of the prophets of old when feeling the need of such a retreat as this from the strife of daily life; and not in a wilderness indeed, by any means, as we Addingtonians think, but a paradise as it may be with a little tree planting and path cutting through the bush, and undoubtedly the future centre of the commerce of the colony, have we established our lodge. And diverse as may be the sentiments and opinions of men on matters political and religious and what not, we welcome all. For here, will benevolence in thought and charity, in word and act and deed (the distinguishing characteristics of the Craft) under the directing providence of the Supreme Grand Master and Great Architect of the Universe, make men to be of one mind in the same house, where as brothers all we may dwell together in unity within the walls now rearing and our heart's common home, situated mystically due east towards the warm skies of the glorious sunrise, in length from east to west, in breadth between north and south, in depth from the surface of the earth to its centre, commensurate with its altitude high as the heavens. For a Masonic lodge is even of this vast extent to signify the universality of the science, and suggest that a Mason's charity should know no bounds save those of prudence, and his benevolent thought and neighbourly feeling no limit or bound whatsoever. Hence Masonry may be looked upon as a religion—the religion of common life and common sense, and, therefore, as I have said, creedless: no jots and tittles to annoy—no straws of doctrine to stumble at—no heresy to dread—no orthodoxy to be ashamed of. In politics it is a committee of the whole house—the Government party, together with Her Majesty's opposition concurrent to legislate for the public good—the public good in the private bettering of each individual, according to the obligation required of us from initiation upwards to be good and true men and quiet citizens. These are the practical ethics of Masonry. As an intellectual system, its depths, even by many experienced Masons, are but little suspected: as we all in our turn have described it, it is "a peculiar system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols." And only a close study of the science of correspondences, the grammar of sacred symbols, and lexicon of divine allegory can fully discover to us all the mental wealth esoterically hidden in Ancient Freemasonry. The Rosicrucians, the Gnostics, the Essenians, and, in modern times the new order of Theosophists, seem to be the only adepts as outsiders capable of estimating rightly the profound depths of our system. And these err in dividing the moral from the intellectual part of our philosophy. Intelligent and worthy Freemasons alone, except the spiritually initiate, have the mater al in its virgin state and rich profusion, to combine the knowledge of the good and true (as expressed in our mysteries) with the humble endeavour to practise it. But I must not allow myself to be drawn into anticipating a lecture on Masonry; this will be a pleasing duty for me some day in lodge as Master. The festivities of the occasion, now that the great work of the day is accomplished, require the flow of soul rather than any poor apology I can offer for the feast of reason; and, indeed, it would be unkind to expect much reason after a dinner of so many courses. Let us, therefore, be content to be merry for the rest of the day, and wise if we can be to-morrow and all our morrows. Yet with the wisdom of fraternal love let us not forget to cement this our first Masonic feast, for

What might be done if men were wise,

What glorious deeds, my suffering brother;

Would they unite in love and right,

And cease the scorn of one another:

Oppression's arm might be embued

With kindling drops of loving-kindness;

And knowledge pour from shore to shore

Light on the eyes of mental blindness.

All slavery, warfare, lies, and wrong,

All vice and crime might die together;

And milk and corn, to teach men born,

Be free as warmth in summer weather.

The meanest wretch that ever trode,

The deepest sunk in guilt and sorrow,

Might stand erect in self respect

And share a teeming world to-morrow.

What might be done? This might be done,

And more than this, my suffering brother;

More than the tongue ere said or sung,

If men were wise and loved each other.

This wisdom I trust we all shall learn, and, as required of us by the Craft, never forget to practise at the Addington Lodge, No. 1937.

Bro. HARRISON, in proposing "The Health of the Installing Officer, Bro. S. Marriott, P.M.," said that he had known him for a number of years. He had always done his duty in an able manner, but never better than on that day.

Bro. MARRIOTT briefly returned thanks, and in doing so asked the company to drink "Prosperity to the Addington Lodge," a request which was complied with with acclamation.

The toast of "The Officiating Officer, Bro. G. Russell, P.M.," was proposed by Bro. VOYSEY, who said that he had previously been of opinion that some men were born to speak and some to work, but after the excellent address of Bro. Colley he felt that he must change that opinion. The officiating officer, Bro. Russell, stood before them as worthy of respect by every brother present. He had worked hard, and had discharged the duty devolving upon him with ability and grace. It had been his (Bro. Russell's) habit to frequently put in an appearance at the Inanda Lodge and give the brethren advice, and he (Bro. Voysey) was sure that he would be always willing to impart the same knowledge to the brethren of the Addington Lodge. With these remarks he called upon them to drink the health of the officiating officer, Bro. G. Russell, P.M.

Bro. RUSSELL, in replying, stated that he could safely say that this was the proudest moment of his life; he had said that five times before, he thought, but this was the occasion when it was so. Thirty-one years ago Bro. Finne- more and himself were washed ashore on the Bluff, and when they got over to this side it was somewhere near the

spot where the ceremony of that afternoon had taken place, but they had then to look out for buffaloes and tigers, which were unpleasantly numerous. Years afterwards the first Masonic lodge was established in Durban, and he became a member some months afterwards, but they existed for fifteen or sixteen years before they could own a property of their own. That day, however, they had laid the foundation stone of a lodge which absolutely only commenced its being on the day the foundation stone was laid—(hear, hear)—and if that was not a cause for congratulation he did not know what was. (Applause.) They had now three lodges at Durban, two on the coast, and about seven up-country, and before very long, that was, as soon as these strange times had become settled, they would find that Masonry had made such progress as would warrant them in establishing a Grand Lodge for the colony. He hoped that he might live to see it; and thanked them for the kind manner in which they had drunk his health.

Bro. CROWE, proposed "The Orator, Bro. R. I. Finne- more, P.M.," and in doing so remarked that they might recall that when Solomon's Temple was built its excellence and grandeur were mentioned in the widest parts of the earth. They were told that it possessed two pillars, one on each side of the entrance; it was not for him to say if the temple they were erecting at Addington would vie with or surpass the Temple of their ancient Grand Master: that problem he would leave to archaeologists of centuries hence to decide. But there were pillars round the foundation stone of the temple raised that day, and two especially worthy of notice. One had been alluded to already in the person of P.M. Bro. Russell (Hear hear), who laid the stone, but the other was P.M. Bro. Finne- more (Applause), who had had a difficult and onerous part to play. He had to give a general exposition of the principles of Masonry, and yet had to do so without divulging any of their secrets. He did that, as all the brethren present knew, as well as they could have wished (Hear hear). He (the speaker) had heard various expressions from brethren not only belonging to Durban but Maritzburg, and they all united in extolling the able manner in which he had performed the difficult task allotted to him. Bro. Finne- more occupied a high and difficult position in the Craft, and he (Bro. Crowe) thought he worthily fulfilled it, and he looked forward to Bro. Finne- more, P.M. occupying a much higher position in the Craft than he did at present (Cheers). He hoped he would be long spared to the Fraternity and the colony to perform similar duties to those he had performed that day, and in the same able and masterly manner as that in which he spoke at the laying of the stone.

Bro. FINNE- more, P.M., said he had always taken great interest in Masonry, and believed it was a matter of rejoicing to them all that another lodge was established in Natal. He thought it a great honour to discharge the duties he had to perform that day, and he hoped it was not the last time in which he should be called upon to take part in the establishment of a Masonic lodge in Natal. He thought they might congratulate themselves that the Addington Lodge had been established under such favourable auspices. He thanked them very much for the way in which they had proposed and received the toast of his health.

A collection was here made to form the nucleus of a Benevolent Fund for the new lodge.

The toast of "The Caledonian Lodge" was proposed by Bro. Keeler, who in doing so said that the Caledonian was the only foreign lodge in the colony, all the others being under the English constitution. Still the brethren of the Port Natal Lodge would call to mind the happy way in which the Caledonian Lodge had worked with them. They never had to go a second time to the Caledonian Lodge to ask for any assistance they wanted or for charitable purposes. He advised the Addington Lodge to cultivate acquaintance with the Caledonian Lodge, as they would not lose anything by it, and they could say nothing too highly in favour of the Caledonian Lodge.

Bro. MORRISON, responding to the toast, said they were possibly aware of the fact that the W.M. of the Caledonian Lodge was not present, and the P.M. being indisposed was also absent, so that it devolved upon him to reply to the toast, though he did so with a great amount of diffidence. He should have pleasure, and considered it his duty, to report to the lodge the very high manner in which Bro. Keeler had spoken of the lodge, though, no doubt, they would be very much surprised to hear themselves spoken of as distinguished foreigners. He thanked them heartily for their kind expressions regarding the Caledonian Lodge, and pointed out that during his experience of the lodge they had never on any occasion applied to the Port Natal Lodge for any assistance for distressed brethren but it had been given in the very heartiest manner. (Applause.)

The remaining toasts were "The Masters and Past Masters of other Visiting Lodges," "The Visiting Brethren," "The Newly-Installed Officers of the Addington Lodge," "The Ladies," "The Absent Brethren," and the Tyler's.

The proceedings, which had been of a most unanimous and enjoyable character, were brought to a close shortly after midnight.

[In our report of the laying of the stone, on page 113 of our previous issue, by a typographical error, it was stated to have taken place in New Zealand—it should have been Natal].

PERFECT ASHLAR LODGE BALL.

The anniversary gathering of the above lodge was celebrated with great success on Thursday evening, the 23rd ult., at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge. The arrangements were of the most perfect character, and resulted in giving the most complete satisfaction to the ladies and gentlemen present. Dancing commenced shortly after nine o'clock, to the strains of Bro. Grove Ellis's band. The company, numbering nearly 100, adjourned to supper about twelve o'clock. Bro. Yardley personally superintending. Subsequently the toasts of "The Queen" and "The Stewards" were given and well received; the latter being responded to by Bro. W. T. Lover, P.M. "The Ladies" were toasted in felicitous terms by Bro. Schofield, and happily responded to by Bro. Cooper. Dancing was resumed and continued with unabated enjoyment until after four o'clock, when the company separated. Great praise is due to Bro. H. Stockwell, the Hon. Secretary to the ball, and to the Stewards, who were Bros. J. Quincey, W.M.; R. Challoner, S.W.; E. Bridges, J.W.; F. H. Ebsworth, P.M.; W. T. Lover, P.M.; J. J. Bell, P.M.; T. Clark, S.D.; F. W. Stamp, J.D.; G. Williamson, S.E.; S. Shaw, J. Porter, I.G.; and J. G. Willett.

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To Correspondents.

Bro. W. Nott's "Masonic Calendar of Wiltshire" shall be noticed in our next.

The following reports, &c., stand over:—Robert de Lintot, by T. B. W.; Worshipful Master, by Calaminus.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Masonic Correspondence," "The Gazette," "The Citizen," "Freemasons' Chronicle," "Jewish Chronicle," "The Broad Arrow," "The West London Advertiser," "Boletín Oficial de España," "The Masonic Herald," "The Court Circular," "Walsall Free Press," "La Chaine d'Union de Paris," "Allen's Indian Mail," "Freemasonry in Stafford," "The English Lakes Visitor," "Bulletin Grand Orient of France," "Grand Council of Massachusetts," "House and Home," "Natal," "The Masonic Review."



SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 1882.

Original Correspondence.

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

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have the honour to inform you that H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, K.G., has been pleased to appoint Wednesday, the 10th May (the usual day), as the date on which he will preside at the Ninety-fourth Anniversary Festival.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,
F. R. W. HEDGES,
Secretary.

THE R.M.B.I. FESTIVAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am surprised to notice in your last issue that my name is coupled with that of Bro. R. A. Morgan, as a Steward for Lodge Mizpah, 1671, which would lead your readers to attribute the great success achieved to the joint exertions of Bro. Morgan and myself. Allow me, therefore, to disclaim all merit in the list of Lodge 1671, to which I have contributed nothing except part of my qualification as Steward, which, if taken off, would still leave Bro. Morgan's list at the head of all the London lodges.

In fairness to Bro. Morgan I trust you will insert this letter in your next issue, and thus secure to our brother the full merit he is entitled to.

Your faithfully,

J. BERGMANN,

P.M. 1671.

APOLLO UNIVERSITY LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As you have found a place in your "Historical Calendar" to insert date of opening of the above lodge, perhaps it will interest your readers to have before them the names of some, at all events, of its most distinguished members, who have, in the past or present, won for themselves a high position, either in the Craft itself, or in the outside world of politics, literature, &c., &c., &c. The most illustrious of them all is that of H.R.H. Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, a Past Master of the lodge, and Prov. Grand Master and Prov. Grand Superintendent Oxon.

It would, of course, have been easy enough to extend the list still further, but it is sufficient as it stands to show how great must be the influence which the Apollo University Lodge must exercise on the fortunes of the Craft.

Fraternally yours,

ALPHA.

Rev. E. C. Ogle, formerly Prov. G.M. Northumberland. Earl of Shaftesbury, K.G.

Lord Francis Leveson Gower, 1st Earl of Ellesmere.

The above were initiated in the lodge in 1819, the year of its constitution.

John Fawcett, Past Prov. G.M. Durham.

Sir E. R. Borough, P.G. Warden England, and Past D.G.M. Ireland.

The late Rev. John Huyshe, Prov. G.M. Devonshire.

The late Lord Monson (5th Baron), Prov. G.M. Surrey.

The Duke of Abercorn, K.G., G.M. Ireland.

Lord de Tabley, Prov. G.M. Cheshire.

The late Earl Canning, K.G., Governor General of India.

The late Lord Suffield (4th Baron), P.G.M. Norfolk.

The late Duke of Newcastle (5th), K.G., Prov. G. Master Notts.

Earl Granville, K.G., Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

Viscount Sherbrooke, better known as the Right Hon. Robert Lowe.

The late Sir J. Simeon, Bart., Prov. Grand Master Isle of Wight.

Sir W. R. Seymour Fitzgerald, G.C.S.I., late Governor General of Bombay.

Hon. Sir A. F. O. Liddell, K.C.B., Under Secretary State, Home Office.

Duke of Leinster.

Duke of Marlborough, K.G., lately Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland.

Lord Wolverton.

Rev. G. Raymond Portal, Past Grand Mark M.M.

R.W. Bro. W. W. Beach, M.P., P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight.

Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., P.G.M., Worcestershire.

Maxwell C. Close, M.P., Past Grand Warden, P.G.M. Armagh.

The (late) Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, P.G.M. Staffordshire.

Lord Brabourne.

Sir Jas. Ferguson, Bart., Past P.G.M. Ayrshire, late Governor South Australia.

Col. Adair, P. Prov. G.M. Somersetshire.

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Duke of Newcastle, P. Prov. G.M. Notts.

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Sir M. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. Gloucestershire.

Earl of Lathom, D.G. Master England.

Earl of Carnarvon (joining member), Pro G.M. England.

The late P. M. Talbot, P.G.M. South Wales, East.

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Earl of Mar and Kellie, G.M. Scotland.

T. F. Halsey, M.P., P.G.M. Herts.

Earl of Bective, M.P., P.G.M. Cumberland and Westmorland.

Earl of Jersey, P.G. Warden England.

Earl Percy, M.P., P.G.M. Northumberland.

Earl of Donoughmore, P.G. Warden England.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I must ask your correspondent, "A Member of No. 357," to forgive me for differing with him as to the scope and meaning of the passage I quoted in my previous letter from Captain Lamert's history of this lodge. I take it as the result of universal experience that the first business in connection with a new lodge is its "consecration;" this function being usually discharged in the provinces by Provincial Grand Master or by an officer especially delegated by him. When this is done the members of the new lodge are invited to formally express their approval of the principal officers as designated in the warrant, and then the W.M. is installed. In the ordinary course, the newly-installed W.M. then appoints and invests his officers. As I have already remarked, these three ceremonies are, in

ordinary circumstances, compressed into one afternoon; but for reasons, which were no doubt sufficient at the time, they appear to have been spread over an interval of time extending from 10th to 19th February of the stated year.

In confirmation of this view, may I ask your correspondent, firstly, how the W.M. designate of a new lodge could possibly have any status whatever, even as a member thereof, until the lodge had been constituted in accordance with the ancient usages of the Craft? and, secondly, how it would be possible for him, until he had been constitutionally installed in due form, to act as W.M.? When "A Member of No. 357" can satisfactorily answer these questions, I will accept, with becoming deference, his view of the passage quoted from Captain Lamert's "History of Apollo University Lodge."

I remain, faithfully and fraternally, yours,

THE COMPILER OF THE FREEMASON HISTORICAL CALENDAR.

ABSENT MEMBERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have been advised to write to you direct on the following subject, upon which I will thank you to inform me:—

If I go abroad, say for five or six years, without giving notice to my lodge, am I liable for the whole of those years' subscriptions which shall have accrued during that period? My impression is that, inasmuch as I have not put the lodge to any expense during my absence, they cannot legally claim it—am I right? The honour of a reply will oblige

Yours fraternally,

T. W.

[It must all depend on the bye-laws. Many make provision for such a state of affairs. If the bye-laws are silent absent members must pay.—Ed. F.M.]

PROVINCIAL RETURNS TO THE CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I can easily understand the anxiety of your correspondent, "A Member of a West Yorkshire Lodge," as to the amount contributed by his province to our Charities. What is still more to the point, and will doubtless give him the greatest amount of satisfaction, is, that having paid much attention to statistics, so far as they refer to provincial and Metropolitan contributions to our three Institutions, I am able to state and prove to him that West Yorkshire is a long way ahead of the provinces, as to the sums contributed during the seven years, 1875-81. It has given to the Girls' School £4748 13s., to the Boys' School £3461 9s., and to the Benevolent Institution £6426 15s.; making a grand total of £14,636 17s. The next in order are Kent, with £7723 10s. 6d.; Middlesex, with £7399 16s. 9d.; West Lancashire, with £7307 19s. 6d.; and East Lancashire, with £6270 18s. 6d.

Your correspondent might have recollected that, at the Festival of the R.M.B.I. last year, West Yorkshire headed the list of provinces with a total of £3560, which alone is in excess of the sum stated in his letter of enquiry last week.

I do not know whence the figures complained of were derived; but, in the first place, they refer only to the Boys' School, and, in the second place, they are not quite right. The amount assigned to West Yorkshire should have been £3461, not £2461, while Lincolnshire contributed only £498, not £2034.

I remain, faithfully and fraternally yours,

G. B. A.



THE VOICE OF MASONRY, for February. Chicago, United States.

This valuable Masonic serial, edited by Bro. W. Brown, is a very remarkable contribution, month by month, to Masonic studies, enquiry, and "belles lettres." It is undoubtedly a very cheap and striking production, —not cheap and nasty, but cheap and very good,—and deserves the support of all Cosmopolitan Freemasons. It is very carefully edited, and the articles are marked both by originality of thought and clearness of expression, and are not only most readable but worth thinking over and remembering.

EL TALIER.

Is a "Revista Masonica," or a Masonic Review, and the "Organo del Confederacion del Congreso de Sevilla," the organ of the Confederation of the Congress of Seville, which is one of the various jurisdictions in Spain, and of the Independent Symbolical Spanish Grand Lodge. We confess, with all respect to our Spanish brethren, we think the time has come when there should be one Craft Grand Lodge and one A. and A. Rite Grand Council for the whole of Spain. This body seems, also, to be under the Scottish Rite, and originally hailed, if we remember rightly, from Portugal.

BOLETIN MASONICO. Mexico. 1882.

This is the eighteenth number of the second volume of the official organ of the Lodge "Benito Juarez," No. 3, and the semi-official (we ask our readers to note the referred distinction) of the Supreme Grand Orient of the Mexican States, apparently also, under the Scottish Rite. Englishmen, since the cruel judicial murder of the poor Emperor Maximilian, can have no sympathy with a name which recalls that shameful cruelty, and must deeply regret to think that the fair name of Freemasonry was ever prostituted to such mournful infamy.

If Benito Juarez was a Freemason, his Freemasonry had taught him neither toleration nor charity, and whatever the future may have in store for Mexico, we feel, as we have always felt, that it never can be put right with honest men, until it expresses its sorrow at unheard of atrocities, and redeems its financial credit. Mexico is a most remarkable country itself, and possesses a most interesting population, for whom we must all feel deep sympathy; but there seems a curse resting upon it, as some have said, and any mention of the ill-omened memories wrapt up with past and perverted deeds, whether of cruelty, treachery, blood, or outrage, seem to tell us that neither the Mexican people nor the Mexican Masons have yet truly learned the gentler message of peace and good will to men, which living Freemasonry proclaims, which veritable Freemasonry upholds in the sight of all men. We are bound to admit that the serial is ably edited and full of Masonic essays of more than average ability and interest, though we object to the official publication of a ritual.

LE MONDE MACONNIQUE. Paris.

This ably edited French Masonic Magazine for January and February is now before us, and is full of matter interesting and important for French Freemasons. As a record of contemporary French Freemasonry, it is valuable, too, for the book collector and the Masonic editor, but the tone and colouring of French Freemasonry at the present time render the lucubrations which appear in its well-filled pages unsuitable altogether for Anglo-Saxon Freemasons. "Le Monde Maconnique" has no doubt had to "cut its coat according to its cloth," and has had "bon gré mal gré," to yield to the prevailing "chic," humour, sad, and vanity of current French Freemasonry. This may be described, not unfairly, as avowed materialism on one hand, and the assertion of pure "Comteism" on the other, in that all need of a Supreme Being is denied, and a mere relegation of man to the absurd theory of perfectible and perfected humanity is proclaimed. We must not, however, be unjust, though we may seem to be severe. We who know the evil that materialism, "Comteism," the morale indépendante are doing in the world just now, may feel somewhat indignantly, and repudiate such a desertion as French Freemasonry now evidences of the time-honoured teaching of French Freemasonry itself. Still it is but fair to add, that the magazine (which perhaps makes it more dangerous) is conducted with a rare ability, and its essays and articles, "barrin le positivisme," are very well written and very readable. But here we must stop. Freemasonry bids us always be fair and just, and even when we must condemn, to do so with as much leniency and consideration as are compatible with what is right and true, and the eternal fitness of things.

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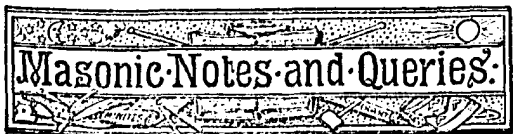
No. 2, edited by Edward Walford, M.A., not only maintains the character of its first appearance, but improves on acquaintance, and gives us the promise of better things to come. It is truly well worth reading, and seems to be admirably edited and most effectively illustrated. We can specially and cordially commend "A Pilgrimage to Rouen," "The History of Gilds," "The Berkeley MSS.," "The Third Calais Roll of Arms," "Popular Romances of the West Riding," "The Bibliography of Essex," as readable and interesting contributions, worthy of the notice of the student, archaeologist, book collector, and the amiable and intelligent "Dryasdusts" of to-day. The announcements for the coming numbers are full of assurances of much pleasant and profitable reading, and many an intellectual treat.

LA CHAÎNE D'UNION. Paris.

This French Masonic magazine is edited by Bro. Hubert, and most ably edited, but alas! it has now, owing to the prevailing ideas and temper of French Freemasonry, as we have already observed, but little interest for any but French Freemasons. We wish it were otherwise, but so apparently it is not and cannot be. It contains sixty pages of clearly printed matter, and is very full and varied. We may allude to it again.

UNTASTED SWEETS. White and Son, 90, High Holborn.

Those who appreciate innocent mirth and like to hear children sing might do much worse than procure a copy of Bro. F. Julian Croger's little song. The Sweets of which our brother sings are not of the sort that usually give pleasure to the middle aged or old; but there are few whose memories will not carry them back to the delights of "Sweet Toffy, Lovely Toffy," so funnily set forth in this musical trifle.



AN OLD ORATION.

I discovered before Bro. Hughan's kind reply came, at page 106, in Bro. D. M. Lyon's valuable "History of Mary Chapel," that Wm. Smellie was the author of the oration. I ought to have looked there before. Very much obliged, however, to Bro. Hughan, as usual.

EDITOR "KENNING'S CYCLOPEDIA."

COMPANIES OF MASONS.

"The companies of Masons offer to us the proof of their regular organisation since the twelfth century in the great manifestation of zeal which they displayed about 1145 in going to Chartres to join in the construction of this cathedral, which has since become so famous. We find at that time, as Hughes, Archbishop of Rouen, wrote to Theodor of Amiens, immense organised Norman companies in a great corporation, under the leadership of a chief named Prince, coming over in a crowd to the country of Chartain. On their return, these same companies, as reported by Haimon, Abbé of Saint Purre sur Dive, built and restored a great number of churches in Rouen and in the province. History attests, in fact, that about this time they rivalled one another everywhere in eagerness and skill in the construction of buildings of every kind." The above is the

translation of an extract from the article "Maitre Maçons' Architectes," contained in the "Histoire des Anciennes Corporations d'arts et métiers," &c., "de la capitale de la Normandie," Pav. Ch. Ouin-Lacroix, à Rouen, 1850, page 227. It calls to mind the often repeated statement of Dugdale about travelling companies of Masons, but in this instance it seems to be better attested.

W. H. R.

ELIAS ASHMOLE.

It is most important, for many reasons, for us just now to seek to obtain all information we can as to what became of Elias Ashmole's private papers, as the probability is that they are extant still somewhere, though where exactly is the question. The reason why his papers are so important to us is, that he had made, according to his biographer, a collection of papers relating to Freemasonry, and had in his possession a parchment roll, or constitution, which Dr. Plot may have seen, and probably did see. Thus several questions arise—Where is Ashmole's will? at Doctors' Commons, or Lichfield? Has it ever been published? There was a little book published containing his diary. Had that also his will? Are any of his papers among the Rawlinson MSS., Bodleian? and is the Rawlinson Constitution a copy of that roll? Is the Sankey who signs the Sloane MS. constitution a relation of the Sankey at Warrington, where Ashmole was initiated? or is that MS. a copy of the roll? Lastly, is Padgett, who signs the Antiquity roll any relation of the Pagets, friends to Ashmole? and have we thus any connection between the two? These are several points which require pressing and threshing out. As it is, it is not too much to say, that it is to Ashmole we must look, to some extent, at any rate, for the elucidation of the difficulties, and the clearing up of the haze which hang over seventeenth century English Freemasonry.

MASONIC STUDENT.

MASONIC BOOKS.

I note Bro. W. J. Hughan's reply, for which I am obliged, and will apply to him later. It is sufficient for my present purposes to know that the book exists.

BOOKWORM.

ROYAL UNION LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 382.

VISIT OF THE PROV. G.M. FOR MIDDLESEX.

The members of this Lodge of Instruction assembled on Monday evening, at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge, when the R.W. the Prov. Grand Master for Middlesex, Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., honoured the brethren with a visit.

The chair was taken by Bro. H. E. Tucker, Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction; he was supported by Bros. E. Cotton, S.W.; E. J. Acworth, 1612; J.W.; Garard, S.D.; Rowles, J.D.; Andrews, P.M.; I.G.; Duffin, Tyler. There were also present: Bros. H. L. Duke, 227; E. H. Suggs, P.M. 454; Weeden, P.M.; Stephens, 1612; H. Woodbridge, 1612; Nye, 1612; C. E. Botley, 780; Phillips, Lambert, Nicholson, Taplin, Brooks, Sec., and others.

Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes of previous meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Fleming being the candidate. At this stage of the proceedings the Prov. G. Master arrived; he was accompanied by Bros. J. Sampson Peirce, J.G.D.; Bro. W. Burdett, 1293, and others, and was formally received and saluted according to his rank. Bro. Tucker tendered the Master's gavel, but Sir Francis directed him to proceed with the business.

Bro. Tucker then announced that Bro. Morgan would read a short paper on "Women in Freemasonry," which was done, much to the gratification of all present.

Sir Francis expressed his appreciation of Bro. Morgan's efforts, and said he could personally testify to the accuracy of the statements made in reference to his relative the Baroness Burdett-Coutts and the Lodge (No. 1278), which bore her name. He then addressed the brethren, and referred to the fact that their lodge being situated in an extreme part of the province, where access was somewhat difficult for him—unless he came through the metropolis—had doubtless in some measure prevented him being with them so frequently as he could have desired. However, he had a lively and pleasant recollection that the members of the Royal Union Lodge had taken a very active part at the time when he was nominated to preside over the Province of Middlesex. He was intensely gratified with the way in which the duties of Freemasonry were being conducted here, and looked forward to increased facilities for lessening at no very distant date the time the journey would take. Sir Francis expressed his regret that his other engagements would not permit of a long stay on the present, but he should be much gratified in meeting the members on a future occasion. The R.W. Prov. G. Master soon after left the lodge amid the applause of all present.

The brethren were then called off for refreshment.

On resuming their Masonic duties, on the motion of Bro. Tucker, it was unanimously agreed that a vote of thanks, to be recorded on the minutes, be sent to the Prov. Grand Master, thanking him for attending. The case of a distressed brother was then brought before the lodge, and a subscription was made by the brethren for the relief of immediate necessities. Bro. E. J. Acworth, who on several occasions had rendered signal service to the brethren, was then elected an honorary member of instruction.

Bro. Andrews, P.M., rose, and said that all present could but have been edified and instructed by the interesting paper read on this occasion by their esteemed honorary member, Bro. Morgan. He (Bro. Andrews) had not hitherto had an opportunity of listening to any of Bro. Morgan's lectures, but he was much struck with the ability they displayed. He had great pleasure in proposing a vote of thanks for the service rendered.

In acknowledging this compliment, Bro. Morgan explained that he was indebted in the main to Bro. T. B. Whytehead, of York, for the material from which he had prepared this paper. Bro. Whytehead, and many other distinguished Craftsmen with whom he was acquainted, would be ready to assist any brother who felt inclined to prepare similar papers, which he was convinced would be equally appreciated.

Bro. Catlin was appointed to preside at the next meeting, and after the reading, by the Secretary, of some letters and telegrams, lodge was closed.

CONSECRATION OF A FREEMASONS HALL AT AUCKLAND, N.Z.

A splendid new hall just erected by the Freemasons of Auckland was opened on December 6th, and consecrated with full Masonic ceremonies, and, to grace the occasion, there was one of the largest attendances of Master Masons and high dignitaries of the Order ever assembled in Auckland. There were upwards of 400 present in full regalia in the hall, including Masters, P.M.'s Officers, and brethren of all the out-district lodges, which were fully represented. The proceedings were of a most imposing character, and the arrangements as perfect as possible.

This hall has been built at a cost, including furniture and interior fittings, of £3500, and is certainly by far the best in the colony. Subscriptions already received from the different lodges in Auckland, together with that subscribed by many country lodges and individual Masons, amount to nearly £2500, and it is expected in a few months the remainder will be collected.

Exactly at half-past two the lodge was tyled, and the Ara Lodge, 348, I.C., was opened in the Third Degree by the W.M., Bro. Crothers, who thus had the honour of opening the first lodge of Freemasons in the new hall, and he very ably performed the duties falling on him, and was well assisted by his lodge officers. Bro. Angelo Forrest presided at the organ throughout the entire ceremony in an able and finished manner to the entire satisfaction of the brethren. The District Grand Lodge of England, with Bro. G. S. Graham, D.G.M.; the P.G. Lodge of Ireland, with Bro. G. P. Pierce, P.G.M.; and the P.G. Lodge of Scotland, with Bro. the Hon. F. Whitaker, P.G.M., and their officers having been admitted and announced by Bro. Malcolm Nichol, P.M., D. of C., and after a procession round the lodge, in the course of which the Grand Officers took their respective positions, Bro. Graham took his seat in the chair, with Bro. Pierce on his right and Bro. Whitaker on his left. The D.G. Lodge of England having been opened, the chorale, "Hail, Eternal, by whose aid," was sung. Bro. L. D. Nathan, on behalf of the Trustees, requested the D.G.M. to consecrate the building, to which he assented, and the D.G. Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. C. M. Nelson, read an appropriate selection of scripture. The anthem, "Behold how good and joyful a thing it is," was sung, after which the brethren formed in order of procession outside the hall in order to proceed to St. Paul's Cathedral.

On arriving at the door the brethren opened out right and left to allow the Grand Lodges to pass up the centre. They were met at the entrance to church by the churchwarden, Bro. A. W. Gardner, 18, and conducted by him to their places.

The church was crowded, a large number of ladies being present. The clergymen who took part in the services were Bros. the Revs. Gould, Gulliver, Dr. Kidd, Tebbis, and C. M. Nelson. The service was chanted under the direction of Bro. Rev. Nelson. Bro. Tebbis read a lesson from the Wisdom of Solomon. Appropriate psalms were chanted, and the hymn "Oh Praise our God to-day" was sung, after which Bro. the Rev. Gulliver ascended the pulpit, and taking for his text a portion of the 30th verse of the 10th chapter of St. Luke, "Fell among thieves," he preached an eloquent and able sermon. A hymn having been sung and an offertory taken up for the poor of the parish, the service was closed, and the order of procession was reformed to the hall.

When the lodge was again formed, the prayer of benediction was offered by the D.G. Chaplain, and the grand honours were accorded, after which the President of Trustees addressed the D.G.M., and the architect, Bro. Skinner, presented the plans which were duly received. The dedication hymn "O First and Sole Foundation" was sung, and the D.G.M. addressed the brethren on the duty which they had met to perform. A procession of Grand Lodge Officers was formed, and halting at the pedestal, the D.G. Master sprinkled salt and dedicated the hall to Masonry, the choir singing "Genius of Masonry." The P.G. Master I.C., Bro. Pierce then scattered corn, and dedicated the hall to virtue, and the P.G.M., S.C., Bro. the Hon. F. Whitaker, poured the wine, dedicating the hall to universal benevolence. Each act of dedication was recognised by Grand Honours, and the D.G.M. lastly dropped oil dedicating the hall to all the purposes of Masonry. The verses of the consecration hymn were sung in the intervals as the procession advanced round the hall.

Bro. the Hon. F. Whitaker then addressed the brethren. He said it was now his duty and pleasure on this interesting occasion to offer a few remarks. Many of them would recollect that a few months ago they had met to lay the foundation stone of this structure, and he trusted they were now all satisfied with it. It had been an ancient and was a modern custom to dedicate and consecrate buildings of this class; but they must not confound consecration with dedication. They had met here to consecrate this handsome temple, under the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe, to Masonry. All lodges must, when practicable, be held in a consecrated building, and they now set this place apart for the rites of Freemasonry, and he hoped it would long remain as a monument of the efforts of the brethren of the present day in erecting a building worthy of the Craft to which they belonged. He thought they might well be proud of what they had done. He had told them at the laying of the foundation stone that, in the earliest days of the colony, Masonry had taken a firm root, but they did not dream then of laying the foundation of such a magnificent building as a Masonic hall. It required great exertion on the part of the brethren to provide such a building as this; but it was an advantage to wait, for now they had one entirely adequate, and they could desire no better. It had no equal in the colony. He hoped that in future the brethren would be more diligent in their attendance, and that their meetings would be worthy of the hall. No doubt many had reasonable objections to meeting in a hotel, but now that objection no longer existed, for they had the best hall in New Zealand, if not in the Australian colonies.

The D.G.M., after the chant "O Praise God" had been sung, addressed the brethren, congratulating them on the erection of the building.

The closing hymn, "Now the evening shadows," was sung, after which the D.G. Lodge was closed in due form, and the Grand Lodge Officers retired in procession. The chairs were then resumed by the W.M. and officers of the Ara Lodge, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

A grand ball was held on the 7th December, at the Choral Hall, to celebrate the event.



Craft Masonry.

LODGE OF ANTIQUITY (No. 2).—The monthly meeting of this "time immemorial lodge" took place on Wednesday week, at Freemasons' Hall. After the normal business, and the passing of Bro. Ames, jun., Bro. John Batley, P.M., was duly installed in the chair of "Old Antiquity" by Bro. the Rev A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., Chaplain.

Subsequently the brethren adjourned to a very pleasant and enjoyable banquet, and separated at an early hour, as is the commendable custom of this world-known lodge, after much friendly sociality.

Bro. Gould, P.G.D., returned thanks for "The Grand Officers," and Bro. Cantle, P.M., for "The Visitors;" while Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., "Orator" of the lodge, replied in a most effective speech for "The P.M.'s."

Everything promises a year of peaceful and contented progress for this good old lodge, as under its late respected W.M., Bro. E. A. Pontifex, to whom a Past Master's jewel was voted by acclamation for his efficient services. The Lodge of Antiquity sends up a Steward yearly for all the three great Charities of our Order.

Among the brethren present we noticed Bros. E. A. Pontifex, P.M.; Lieut.-Col. Creaton, G.T., Treas.; E. J. Barron, the excellent Secretary; Philbrick, P.M., and Orator; J. Sampson Pierce, Director of Ceremonies; A. F. A. Woodford, Chaplain; R. R. Holmes, P.M.; W. F. Rae, P.M.; Sharon Turner, S.W.; Rivington, J.W.; Letchworth, S.D.; Ames, J.D.; Jekyll, G. Org., Organist; Ames, senior; Ames, junior; Stephen Pearce, Hilary Skinner, Gould, P.G.D.; Cantle, P.M.; and several other visitors. Bro. Speight was re-elected Tyler.

ROYAL SOMERSET HOUSE AND INVERNESS LODGE (No. 4).—The installation meeting of this time immemorial lodge took place on Monday evening, the 27th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, and was numerously attended by many eminent members of the Craft. The early history of this lodge is very difficult to be traced, but from time to time it has numbered amongst its members many who have distinguished themselves in the highest walks of music, literature, and the fine arts, and at the present time the medical profession is well represented by some of its most eminent members.

There were present Bros. Robert Gresley Hall, W.M.; Rev. Henry Lansdell, P.P.G.C. Devon, S.W.; G. Weldon, J.W.; Chynworth, P.M., Treas.; F. West, P.G. Reg. Surrey, Asst. Sec.; W. Whitmore, S.D.; Walter Lumley, I.G.; A. C. Veley, P.M.; A. Meadows, P.M.; H. A. Bennett, P.M.; H. J. Gardiner, P.M.; W. Macintosh, P.M.; J. A. Joseph (the father of the lodge), P.M.; and T. H. Devonshire, P.M. Amongst the numerous visitors were Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.; P. de Lande Long, P.G.D.; R. F. Gould, P.G.D.; J. Lewis Thomas, P.G.A.D. of C.; Dr. Gooding, P.G.S.; Dr. Venn, F.S.A.; Dr. Bullen, —Zackeri, P.G.M. of the State of California; Wilhelm Ganz, P.G. Org.; E. Swanborough, P.M. Asaph; Wm. Abbott, C. E. Thompson, 177 and 1158 (*Freemason*).

The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. E. H. Cousins, after the usual questions (which were well answered), was passed to the Degree of F.C. A Board of Installed Masters was then formed, and Bro. Dr. Alfred Meadows, P.M., P.G.S., impressively installed the W.M. elect, Bro. the Rev. Henry Lansdell, P.P.G.C. Devon, S.W. into the chair of K.S. The newly elected W.M. then installed his officers as follows: Bros. G. Weldon, S.W.; Chynworth, Treas.; W. Whitmore, J.W.; Walter Lumley, S.D.; C. B. Cousins, J.D.; Speight, P.M. Tyler.

The subsequent addresses were very impressively delivered by Bro. Dr. Meadows, after which the anthem, "Behold how good and joyful," was sung by the musical brethren under the direction of Bro. Stedman.

Some routine business having been disposed of, a procession was formed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall, where a *recherche* dinner was provided for about seventy-five. Grace was sung by Bro. Stedman's choir boys with good effect.

The W. Master, in proposing "The Queen and the Craft," said he hoped it would long continue to be the first toast among Masons. He saw around him many brethren who had travelled in various parts of the world, but in whatever clime they may have travelled he did not think they had seen a sovereign whom they would exchange for our own. (Hear, hear.) She was the daughter of one Mason and the mother of Three.

In introducing the next toast, "The Most Worshipful Grand Master," the W.M. said it would be a vain artist indeed who would attempt to paint the lily or gild refined gold. There were certain names in Masonry which to mention was sufficient to ensure them a good reception, and the name of His Royal Highness was one. Without further preface he proposed "The Health of the M.W.G.M." It is almost needless to say the toast was received with every demonstration of fraternal feeling.

The W.M. said with the next toast of "The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon; the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom; and the Present and Past Grand Officers," he would couple the name of Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, the Grand Secretary, an ever welcome guest—(hear, hear)—and although he (the W.M.) was not an old Mason, he thought he should not be hold if he were to say that Bro. Col. Clerke had won the hearts of all his brethren. (Hear, hear.) He then referred to Bros. Long, Rucker, Ganz, and other eminent Past Grand Officers. He was sure they would all feel as one man in tendering them their best wishes and hearty congratulations. He should ask Bro. Col. Clerke to speak for the toast, and Bro. Ganz to play to them. (Applause.)

Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, in reply, said it frequently happened to him in the course of his perambulations that he was called upon to return thanks for the Grand Officers, but it very seldom happened that he had to do so before so dis-

tinguished an assemblage; nor did it often fall to his lot to be present at such "unwarrantable" proceedings as he had seen in the lodge-room that evening—(laughter)—and even in the presence of himself and other Grand Officers. There was no privilege the Grand Officers valued more highly than that of having their names so kindly received as they always were at these Masonic proceedings. As for the Royal Somerset House Lodge, its history and prosperity were so well known that it would be quite useless for him to dilate upon them. He would simply say that they hoped that the future of the lodge might be as distinguished as it had been in the past, and he for one was quite sure that in the hands of their most estimable and much-travelled Master it would be so. He begged to thank them very heartily for the reception they had been kind enough to accord them.

Bro. Gresley Hall, I.P.M., said what he deemed a very pleasing duty was to propose the next toast, and that was "The Health of their W.M.," and he was sure they would receive it with acclamation. (Hear, hear.) The confidence the brethren had placed in him would never be abused. He felt sure that the numerous gathering of such distinguished brethren could not but be very pleasing to him.

The toast was received with much applause.

The W.M. said it was his duty to rise and thank them, one and all, for the way in which they had received his name. Looking back for nine years, during which he had been associated with the lodge, he could safely say he had received nothing but kindness from their hands. He could only thank them, and that very imperfectly, for the manner in which they had drank his health. For the welfare of the lodge, he sincerely hoped it would not go back in the prestige it had maintained, and if it only kept on in its present position he should but be too glad. He hoped that the brethren would improve in their working and in those practical measures which tended to ennoble their Order, and if that were the case he felt sure that they would have cause to congratulate themselves as members of the Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge, No. 4. (Cheers.)

The W.M. proposed the next toast, that of "The Past Masters." They had a goodly number of them, and from his heart he could not help remembering the kindness they had shown towards him and the other officers of the lodge, and for that they were entitled to their best thanks, for it was owing to their help that the affairs of the lodge had been carried on so well. As the attendances were falling off a whip was given, which he was pleased to see had had a very good effect, for it had been very heartily responded to. Some of them had come from a long way in the country. There was one worthy brother whom he wished they should very often see, and that was Bro. Dr. A. Meadows, who had worked so well. He personally thanked him for what he had done that evening. He coupled with the toast Bro. R. G. Hall and Bro. Meadows.

Bro. Hall, I.P.M., said he must plead his inability to adequately respond to the toast, for the fact was he had only been a Past Master for a few hours. He felt he had attained the highest honours he could have wished for.

Bro. Dr. Meadows said, in obedience to the call of the W.M., it was his duty, and to follow the impulses of his heart, a very great pleasure to thank them for having mentioned his name in the way in which they had done. He should, however, have felt greater pleasure if he had done his work better in the lodge room. (No, no.) It reminded him of some other difficult labours which he had had to perform—(laughter)—and when his brother Past Master Chynworth gave him a little help from behind, he could not but feel as much pleasure as no doubt other persons had felt when they had been helped in their labours. (Loud laughter.) Brethren might laugh, but he could assure them it was not a comic song. (Roars of laughter.) In conclusion, amidst much merriment, he said it was a lodge from which he had drawn his mother milk, he had been reared in, and he trusted he might die in it. (Hear, hear.)

The W.M., for the toast of "The Visitors," said it was one which was always welcome and always received with enthusiasm. They were honoured by an exceptionally large number of visitors that evening, as he believed there were more present than there had been during the past nine years, and he was proud that it should have occurred on his installation night. Amongst them was one distinguished brother (Dr. Bullen) to whose skill he was indebted in a great measure for his presence there that evening. He asked the members to drink towards their good health and happiness. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Gooding.

In returning thanks Bro. Gooding paid a high compliment to the W.M., Bro. Dr. Meadows, and the officers of the lodge.

The toast of "The Officers of the Lodge," and "The Treasurer," succeeded, and were responded to.

The brethren shortly afterwards separated. The musical arrangements, under Bro. Stedman (who introduced his choir boys), assisted by Bros. Lyndon, Hodges, Kenningham, and Chas. C. Tinney, gave much satisfaction.

NEPTUNE LODGE (No. 22).—A meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 23rd ult., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., when the following brethren were present: Bros. John Harpir, W.M.; J. J. Slater, S.W.; Henry, Povey, J.W.; Isaac Wilcox, P.M., Treas.; E. F. Storr, P.M., Hon. Sec.; R. Coulcher, S.D.; Wm. Cook, J.D.; T. P. Collings, P.M., D. of C.; Joseph Corbett, I.G.; J. Parkinson, Tyler; J. Norman, P.M.; C. S. Hopper, J. R. Taylor, Clarence Harecourt, P.M.; C. P. Crowe, Mark Hubbard, L. V. Walker, Thos. Whiting, B. J. Crowe, T. J. Laurence, A. McGregor, B. Peart, jun., Wm. Buszard, H. S. Crawford, P.M.; and Jno. Parkinson. Visitors: Bros. Christopher Pratt, 1034; and Chas. Bayley, 1445.

Bro. J. R. Taylor was passed to the Second Degree in a very able manner by the W.M. Bro. E. F. Storr, P.M., Hon. Sec., announced he had had much pleasure in representing the lodge for the tenth time as their Steward (for the Charities) at the Festival of the Benevolent Institution held at Freemasons' Tavern, on Tuesday, the 21st ult. After some formal business, the lodge was closed in due form, the brethren afterwards enjoying themselves at the banquet table in a very pleasant and social manner.

LODGE OF PROSPERITY (No. 65).—At the Guildhall Tavern, on Thursday, the 23rd ult., Bro. William Chicken, the W.M. of the above lodge was well supported with officers, brethren and visitors, and

after Bro. Ruse had been raised to the Sublime Degree, the W.M. proceeded to the election of a brother to fill the chair for the ensuing year, when the choice unanimously fell on Bro. J. Roberts, the S.W., whose installation will take place in March.

After concluding the rest of the business the brethren adjourned to a banquet in the large room, when everyone eagerly looked for the special menu card which has now come to be an institution at Prosperity banquets. Upon this occasion the W.M. had an artistic treat ready for the brethren, and the speech of King Henry V. to his soldiers had been so well adapted that in order to shew how well Shakespeare can be quoted or adapted to Masonic gatherings, we subjoin a copy. The words "fight" and "die" had only to be altered to "feed" and "dine."

—I would not lose so great an honour,
For the best hope I have. O, do not wish one more!
Rather proclaim it, Prosperity, through my host,
That he which hath no stomach to this feed
Let him depart; his passport shall be made,
And cowans for convoy hang upon his arm:
We would not dine in that man's company,
That fears his fellowship to dine with us.
This night is called—Prosperity's feast:
He that outlives this night, and gets safe home,
Will stand a tip-toe when this day is nam'd,
And rouse him at the name of Chicken.
And he'll remember, with advantages,
The glorious treat he had that night. Then shall our names,
Familiar in their mouths as household words,—
Ferry, the I.P.M., Goodwin, Cornwall,
Arnold, and Bellerby, Daniel, Leins, and Brown—
And many a worthy brother else,
Be in their flowing cups freshly remember'd.
This tale shall the Brother teach his son;
And Chicken's Banquet shall ne'er go by
From this day to the ending of the world,
But we in it shall be remembered,—
We few, we happy few, we band of Brothers,
That dined upon Prosperity's Election day.
Adapted from King Henry V. Act IV. Sc. 3.

WESTBOURNE LODGE (No. 733).—The anniversary meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 16th ult., at Lord's Hotel, St. John's-wood, there being present Bros. Walter Hallett, W.M.; Wm. Hitchcock, S.W., W.M. elect; E. Arrowsmith, J.W.; John Welford, P.M., Treas.; S. R. Walker, Sec.; Benj. Kershaw, S.D.; M. C. Joy, J.D.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.M., P.G.P., D.C.; C. R. Wickens, I.G.; C. J. Biorn, Steward; E. J. Allen, P.M.; Lewis Ascott, P.M.; J. W. Curtis, R. Reeder, W. G. Eaton, J. Gawith, G. Bell, W. Burton, W. Drew, Arthur Roberts, A. Arrowsmith, J. R. Crook, R. Knight, S. J. Humphress, Charles Kilby, W. W. Burne, R. D. Rees, A. Carlstrom, E. G. Easton, R. Taylor, Mark Rowe, Jno. Martin, George Lamb, jun.; G. J. Jennings, G. Price, R. H. Jackson, and the following visitors: Bros. John Dixon, P.M. 1728; J. John Masters, 3 (I.C.); R. N. Field, P.M. 903; W. S. Allen, 784; J. I. Mickleburgh, W.M. 1425; F. Leach, 25; C. J. F. Shannon, 975; B. F. Buckothe, 704; A. Le Claire, 1003; J. M. Chapman, J.W. 1622; A. E. Stead, 1622; H. Longhurst, P.M. 781; Charles Taylor, 1319; Jno. Jones, 1507; R. R. Forder, 1050; J. Burton, 1507; J. Payne, 1425; J. Alexander, 1614; Jno. Seagrave, 511; C. J. Craig, 1223, and F. A. Kelly, 1524 (*Freemason*).

The lodge was opened punctually at half-past four by the W.M., Bro. Walter Hallett, assisted by his efficient officers, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Auditors' report was next received and adopted.

The principal business of the evening was then proceeded with, namely, the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. W. Hitchcock. The chair of Installing Master having been assumed by Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.M., P.G.P., the W.M. elect was presented by Bro. E. J. Allen, P.M., and having signified his assent to the charges, which were impressively read over by the Secretary, Bro. S. R. Walker, Bro. W. Hitchcock was installed in the chair of King Solomon, the ceremony being performed by Bro. C. A. Cottebrune with his accustomed ability. The newly-installed Master was proclaimed and saluted according to ancient custom, and appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. W. Hallett, I.P.M.; E. Arrowsmith, S.W.; B. Kershaw, J.W.; Jno. Welford, P.M., Treas.; S. R. Walker, Sec.; M. C. Joy, S.D.; C. R. Wickens, J.D.; W. Drew, I.G.; C. J. Biorn and Drake, Stewards; Hart, Org.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.M., D. of C.; W. G. Eaton, Asst. D. of C.; and C. Thomas, Tyler.

Bro. William Hitchcock at once gave substantial proof of his efficiency, by the very able and excellent manner in which he initiated Messrs. Alfred Lovesey and Henry Thos. Tucker. The notice of motion standing in the name of the Secretary was then brought forward, that the subscription fee be raised from two to three guineas, and on being put to the lodge, seconded by Bro. Allen, P.M., was carried unanimously.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren shortly afterwards sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. R. Reeder, who has recently become proprietor of Lord's Hotel.

At the close of the banquet the W.M. proposed the first toast at all Masonic banquets, "The Queen and the Craft," quickly followed by that of "H.R.H. the M.W. G.M.," to which succeeded that of "The Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M., the Earl of Lathom, R.W. Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," coupled with the name of Bro. Cottebrune, Past Grand Pursuivant of England, who briefly replied.

Bro. Walter Hallett, I.P.M., then proposed in a few choice words, "The Health of the Worshipful Master," who, in reply, expressed the very great pleasure he felt in occupying the position of Master of the Westbourne Lodge, more particularly as it was his birthday in Freemasonry, having been initiated in Lodge 933 just six years back. It would be his constant endeavour to do his best for the welfare of the lodge and to aid in its continued improvement.

The next toast was that of "The Initiates," proposed in able terms by the W.M., and to which those newly enlightened brethren aptly replied.

In reply to the toast of "The Visitors" of whom there were about thirty present, Bros. Flood, Mickleburgh and George Dixon responded, each adding their testimony to the excellent manner in which the business in the lodge

had been performed, and the really masterly manner in which Bro. Hitchcock had initiated the candidates and the hospitable way in which the visitors had been entertained.

In proposing the next toast, that of "The Past Masters," the W.M. truly said that little could be done without them. All Masters of lodges, especially those recently installed were dependent upon the P.M.'s for support, and he felt sure that whenever their assistance was required they would be ready and willing to render every service. It was his privilege to present, Bro. Hallett, which he did with a great degree of pleasure, with a handsome Past Masters jewel, awarded him by the lodge, in testimony of their appreciation of his services during his year of Mastership, and he (the W.M.) wished that he might be spared many years to be among them.

Bro. Hallett briefly replied, observing that he would highly prize the jewel as long as he lived, and in thanking the W.M. for the kind remarks hoped he would receive the same support from the officers and members of the lodge as he had been favoured with.

The remaining toasts were duly proposed, that of the Tylers' bringing a most enjoyable meeting to a close.

FRIARS LODGE (No. 1341).—The regular meeting of the above lodge was held at Bro. Kingston's, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, E.C., on the 15th ult. Lodge was opened by Bros. R. Durell, W.M.; A. Peterken, S.W.; H. L. Godolphin, J.W.; W. Musto, P.M.; Treas.; W. Hogg, P.M.; Sec.; T. Foxall, P.M.; J. Wright, P.M.; P.G.P.; E. J. Friedberg, I.G.; H. Marks, C. Eschwege, A. Budd, T. Ward, W. Hooper, H. Chown, R. S. Sadd, J. Quincey, E. Charwood, W. J. Musto, J. Barry, T. Christmas, A. Chappell, G. H. Stephens, S.D. 1623 (*Freemason*); and others.

All formal business being disposed of, the W.M. proceeded to initiate Messrs. Thomas Deeks and Henry J. Newport, who had been successfully balloted for, into the secrets and mysteries of the Order, each candidate being taken separately, and the ceremony most impressively rendered by the W.M., who had the advantage of Bro. Musto, P.M., acting as Deacon. Bro. Marks was then passed to the Degree of F.C. The next business was to raise Bro. Charwood to the Sublime Degree, which ceremony was rendered in a finished and masterly manner.

Bro. Eschwege brought forward a motion, of which due notice had been given: "That the lodge should be removed, and that a Committee be formed to select a future home for the lodge." The importance of this question was evidenced by the lengthened and thoroughly exhaustive discussion which ensued, and which manifested how great an interest is taken in the welfare of the Friars Lodge, alike by its junior, as well as its senior, members. The brethren agreed to select another place of meeting, and appointed a committee to ascertain particulars and report thereon to the lodge on its next meeting.

The brethren afterwards sat down to a banquet, but as it was ten o'clock, instead of seven, as announced, great praise is due to Bro. Kingston, the host, for the excellent fare he supplied under such disadvantageous circumstances. The viands having been satisfactorily disposed of, at a very late hour Bro. Durell, W.M., gave in terse brief terms the usual loyal and Craft toasts, all of which were enthusiastically honoured.

Bro. J. Wright, P.G. Purst., responded for "The Grand Officers," whom, he said, were always gratified to receive in the cordial manner in which the toast was received a proof that their efforts on behalf of the Craft were appreciated by the brethren.

Bro. Foxall gave "The Health of the W.M." in appreciative terms.

This was cordially received, and briefly acknowledged.

"The Initiates" were next honoured; and Bro. Deeks returned thanks on behalf of himself and Bro. Newport.

"The Past Masters," "The Visitors," and "The Officers" were also toasted.

The recollection that time and train wait for no man, abbreviated the remarks of the W.M. and of Bro. Musto, P.M., and allowing but little opportunity for that attention to harmony, which is the rule in the Friars Lodge; Bro. Eschwege, however, gave the song of the evening, accompanied by Bro. H. L. Godolphin.

The Tyler's toast was given, and the proceedings terminated. It was mentioned that a Masonic Charitable Association, for the purpose of obtaining Life Governorship of our Masonic Institutions, was being formed under the auspices of the Doric, 933, and Friars Lodges. Bro. W. Musto, P.M., is the Hon. Sec.; and the first meeting will take place at the Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, E., on Friday, the 3rd inst.

HEMMING LODGE (No. 1512).—This lodge held a meeting on the 16th ult., at the Lion Hotel, Hampton, when there were present, among others, Bros. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., W.M.; Hiscox, S.W.; Moody, J.W.; E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., Treas.; W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middx., Sec.; T. W. Ockenden, P.G.S. Middx., I.P.M.; Davey, I.D.; John Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M.; Jackson, W.S.; and Gilbert, Tyler.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Burr was raised, and Bro. H. Wheatley passed. Several minor matters were then discussed and satisfactorily disposed of.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to an excellent collation. Upon the removal of the cloth the preliminary toasts were done full justice to.

W. Bro. J. Hammond responded upon behalf of "The Principal Grand Officers."

"The Health of the W.M." was warmly proposed by W. Bro. W. Hammond.

"The Past Masters" followed, and the pledge having been enthusiastically drunk, Bro. Jessett acknowledged the compliment upon behalf of himself and colleagues.

"The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary" came next. In giving this important toast the W.M. expressed the great obligations the lodge were under to those two worthy and zealous brethren.

Bros. Hopwood and Hammond, in response, respectively said that they were only too pleased to do all they could to further the interests of the Hemming Lodge, which lodge they, as founders, were gratified to see held so high and deservedly a position in the province.

"The Masonic Charities," coupled with the name of Bro. Ockenden, Steward this year for the Boys' School, followed.

In acknowledging this toast the recipient of the honour

gave some very interesting statistics in connection with the returns of the three Institutions for the year 1881; and, in conclusion, appealed strongly to the brethren to support the Charities in the present year.

The toast of "The Officers," connected with the names of Bros. Hiscox, Moody, Davey, and Jackson, terminated the proceedings.

CITY OF WESTMINSTER LODGE (No. 1503).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 23rd ult., at the Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street. Present: Bros. J. Waugh, W.M.; J. Hammond, S.W.; Eastgate, J.W.; J. E. Shand, P.M. Treas.; E. J. Scott, P.M. Sec.; G. Jones, S.D.; H. Lee, J.D.; W. C. Smith, I.G.; Hill, Steward; Hoare, Org.; B. H. Swallow, P.M.; and White, P.M. Among the visitors were Bros. J. McLean, W.M. 177; H. M. Levy, P.M. 188; Reckley, W.M. 507; R. Knight, 733; J. W. Curtis, 733; G. Woods, P.M. 755; H. Tinney, 1310; J. Green, 1305; W. Carrington, S.W. 1791.

The lodge having been opened and advanced, Bros. Hofman and Radcliffe were raised to the Third Degree. Bro. J. Parney, of No. 1507, was elected as a joining member, and then the ballot was taken for the admission of Messrs. W. F. Gourlie, R. D. Armstrong and T. Bates; this proving unanimous in their favour they were initiated into the Order. The widow of a deceased brother was relieved from the Benevolent Fund with the sum of £10. The W.M. having announced that it was his intention to act as Steward for the next festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the sum of ten guineas was voted from the funds of the lodge to be placed on his list.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of banquet, after which the customary toasts were given.

Bro. Shand gave that of "The W.M." He felt sure the health of their Master would be drunk with all honour. They had that evening had the opportunity of witnessing his fitness for the office, he having been called upon to work both the First and Third Degrees. He had accomplished the task in a very gratifying manner. He was sure the W.M. would do all that might be required of him.

The W.M. tendered his thanks. He should do his best for the benefit of the lodge, and hoped that at the termination of his year of office the brethren would be able to express satisfaction with him.

The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Initiates." Bro. Gourlie, in reply, was sorry his two brother initiates had been obliged to leave early in the evening, in consequence of their residing in the country. On his own and their behalf he returned sincere thanks for the honour that had been done them by the City of Westminster Lodge. He hoped they would each become a credit to the Order.

The toast of "The Visitors" followed from the chair, and to this the several guests replied.

Speaking of "The Past Masters," the W.M. expressed the pleasure he felt in following such esteemed brethren as those who had preceded him in the chair of the City of Westminster Lodge.

Bros. Swallow, White, and Shand replied, expressing the pleasure they each felt in the prosperous state of the lodge, and paying a just compliment to the present occupant of the chair. The brethren might rely on the Past Masters at all times doing what lay in their power to advance the interests of the lodge.

The toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary" was next on the list. The W.M. felt the funds of the lodge could not be entrusted to a more worthy brother than Bro. Shand, while, as regarded the Secretary, he considered the brethren owed Bro. Scott a debt of gratitude for the way in which he had always discharged the duties of his office.

"The Officers' Health" was duly honoured, and then the Tyler's toast was given, bringing to an end the day's proceedings.

KING'S CROSS LODGE (No. 1732).—The members of this young but flourishing lodge celebrated their fifth anniversary on Saturday, the 18th ult., at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, when lodge was opened punctually at 4.30, by the W.M., Bro. Henry Stiles. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the report of the Audit Committee adopted. Ballot was then taken for Bro. W. Bayley, the result being unanimously in favour of his admission. Lodge having been advanced, Bro. Henry Higgins, the W.M. elect, was presented to the Installing Master, Bro. Henry Stiles, and duly obligated and subsequently installed into the chair of King Solomon, the whole ceremony being performed by Bro. Stiles in a manner reflecting the greatest credit on his abilities.

The newly Installed Master having been proclaimed and saluted in the usual manner, named and invested the following brethren as his officers: Bros. Lewis Solomon, S.W.; Leon Jacobs, J.W.; J. J. Michael, P.M., Treas.; Frederic Sainsbury, Sec.; George Goringe, S.D.; C. B. Putland, J.D.; B. Kauffman, I.G.; W. R. Yates, D.C.; F. Fletcher, Asst. D of C.; A. Hubbard, W.S.; A. Pawson, Asst. W.S.; and J. Daly, Tyler.

A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Bro. H. Stiles, I.P.M., for the very able manner in which he had installed his successor, and a most handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Stiles, voted at the last meeting, in testimony of the appreciation of the brethren for the very efficient way in which he had discharged the duties of his office during the past year.

The candidate for initiation having been properly prepared, was duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry by the newly-installed Master in a very creditable manner.

Lodge being closed in due form, the brethren adjourned to the Pillar Room, where an elaborate banquet awaited them, and which was served in Bro. Clemow's well-known excellent manner.

On the removal of the cloth, the W.M. proposed, in appropriate terms, "The Queen and the Craft," followed by "The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," which were duly honoured. Next in order came "The Grand Officers, the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M., the Earl of Lathom, R.W. Dep. G.M.," on behalf of whom and the rest of the Grand Officers, Bro. Cubitt responded.

Bro. Henry Stiles, I.P.M. had much pleasure in proposing the next toast, that of "The Worshipful Master," who was, in his opinion, the "right man in the right place." He should follow the excellent example set by the Chairman in giving short speeches, and would therefore content himself by leaving the toast in the hands of the brethren, who knew his qualities and appreciated them so well.

The W.M., in returning thanks, said, that though this was not the first occasion he had occupied the chair, he had for a very long period looked forward to the time when he should fill the honourable position in the King's Cross Lodge. Nothing should be wanting on his part to promote the best interests of the lodge. He would perform the duties to the best of his ability, and with the support of the brethren, which he felt sure of having by the warm manner in which they had received the toast of his health, he trusted his year of office would be successful.

The W.M. in proposing the next toast, that of "The Installing Master and I.P.M.," congratulated him upon the ability he had shown in the lodge, which had gained for him the admiration and respect of the whole lodge. He had set (him Bro. Higgins) an example he should feel proud to follow.

Bro. Stiles in reply, said that those present were the best judges as to the performance of his duties. If he had carried out the duties of W.M. and I.M. to their satisfaction, he was fully paid for his services by the good will of the brethren expressed in the hearty manner in which they had received his name.

To the toast of "The P.M.'s" Bros. J. J. Michael, W.M. Stiles, J. T. Briggs and T. W. Knight replied.

Bros. Faulkner, Kelly, Kipps, Hickman and Henning (Preceptor of the King's Cross Lodge of Instruction) having replied on behalf of the visitors, the remaining toasts were duly given and responded to.

The brethren present at the opening of the lodge included Bros. Henry Stiles, W.M.; J. T. Briggs, I.P.M.; Henry Higgins, S.W.; Lewis Solomon, J.W.; J. J. Michael, P.M. Treas.; F. Sainsbury, Sec.; Leon Jacobs, S.D.; George Goringe, J.D.; C. B. Putland, I.G.; B. Kauffman, D. of C.; W. M. Stiles, P.M.; T. W. Knight, P.M.; W. R. Yates, F. Fletcher, A. Hubbard, W. Chilverd, Charles S. Note, A. Pawson, F. C. Austin, E. Mayo, and the following visitors: Bros. H. Deane, W.M. 1543, P.G.S. Essex; J. Faulkner, W.M. 1423; H. E. Turner, 1140; James C. Smith, 1741; George Chalk, I.P.M. 1777; Wm. Sperring, 1512; Jacques Wynman, 188; Jno. Shipley, S.W. 30; L. S. Hickman, P.M. 188; Thos. Cubitt, P.M. 157, P.G.P.; W. Kipps, Past G. Org. Kent, P.M. 1275; Valentine, S.D. 1017; T. C. Edmonds, 1507; Moritz Hendelsohn, Doric, 210, California; James Henning, Preceptor 1732; A. Simner, 177; and F. A. Kelly, 1524 (*Freemason*).

ALLIANCE LODGE (No. 1827).—This lodge met on Wednesday, the 1st inst., at Guildhall Tavern, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Frank Green, P.M. 827, Vice-President Board of General Purposes. There were also present Bros. H. Willey Wright, S.W.; Perkins, C.C., acting as J.W.; Bowley, S.D.; Henry Wright, J.D.; Jewson, Org.; J. E. Turner, Sec.; Major Sewell, acting I.G.; and Whiddington. Visitor: Bro. Cutbush, P.G.D. Herts.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. the Rev. J. G. Scott was passed to the Degree of a Fellow Craft. The ballot was then taken for Major E. J. Rodney Wilde, and proving unanimous, he was initiated.

Several communications were read by the Secretary; one from the Secretary of the Boys' School announcing that the Lord Mayor will take the chair at the annual festival, in June next, and it was felt that the lodge being directly connected with the Corporation of which Bro. the Lord Mayor is the head, that some members ought to represent it on the occasion. The W.M. expressed his willingness to do so; and the lodge decided to support him in every way.

It was also resolved to invite Bro. the Lord Mayor and such of his suite as are Masons, including the Sword and Mace Bearers to a banquet, as was given to Bro. Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott in 1880.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren, with the exception of the W.M., P.M.'s, and Wardens, who had left to attend Grand Lodge, spent a quiet evening together at the Guildhall Tavern; "The Health of the Queen," "The W.M.," "The Initiate," and "The Visitor (Bro. Cutbush)" being the only toasts.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.—Lodge of Industry (No. 48).—The February meeting of this lodge was held at the new Industry Masonic Hall, Jackson-street, on Monday, the 27th ult., when there was a capital number of members and visitors, amongst whom were Bros. D. Sinclair, P.M.; M. Corbett, P.M.; R. Whitfield, P.M.; R. Wightman, P.M.; M. H. Dodds, P.M.; H. B. Slee, E. Nichols, W. F. Carmon, W. Brown, J. R. Bewley, W. C. Thomlinson, G. Parker, J. T. Corking, J. A. Dixon, R. Dixon, A. Simpson, J. Phillips, J. Ivison, J. T. Harrison, R. Locke, W. F. Brown, R. Brason, T. Tucker, T. E. Brigham, R. Tate, W. Richardson, W. Whitfield, C. Green, R. Hudson, P.M. 1380, P.G.D.C.; J. Cook, P.M. 481, P.P.G.S.W.; C. B. Ford, S.W. 481; T. Dinring, J.D. 481; J. C. Lawson, S.D. 424; T. V. Smith, I.P.M. 991; F. H. Corder, I.P.M. 1664; R. W. Cummins, S.W. 1676; J. H. Leach, W.M. 97; C. McNamara, S.W. 97; E. Clarkson, I.G. 97; W. B. McLearnson, W.M. 431; J. D. Dixon, S.S. 1427; J. Page, P.M. 406; W. Cooper, P.M. 1342; T. A. Moffitt, 424; and others.

The lodge having been opened by the W.M., Bro. J. G. Smith, assisted by his officers as follows: Bros. J. Wood, I.P.M.; E. Liddell, S.W.; E. W. Middlemast, J.W.; W. Brewis Elsdon, Treas.; A. Rhagg, Sec.; A. Simpson, as S.D.; W. M. Pybus, J.D.; E. Shewbrooks, I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; W. Dalrymple, J.S.; and Joshua Curry, Tyler; the minutes of previous meeting were confirmed, and the ballot was afterwards taken for Mr. T. Thompson, who was duly elected. The candidate being in attendance, was initiated by the W.M.; the J.W. explained the working tools and gave the charge of the Degree. Bro. John Phillips was also passed as a F.C. by Bro. D. Sinclair, P.M., the working tools being given by the S.W.

The election of officers followed. The present W.M., Bro. Smith, was re-elected unanimously, the S.W. and J.W. both declining to stand. Bro. M. Corbett was elected as Treasurer; the Finance Committee was appointed; Bro. R. Ferry re-appointed as Organist, and Bro. Curry as Tyler. Two propositions for initiation were made, and the W.M. having received the "Hearty wishes" of the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed.

The brethren adjourned to the refreshment board, and enjoyed themselves heartily. The loyal toasts were proposed from the chair, as well as the following: "The Initiate," Bro. Thompson responding; "The Visitors," for which Bros. Jos. Cook, P.M. 481, and J. W. Leech, W.M. 97, replied.

Bro. R. Whitfield, P.M., gave "The W.M.," and in doing so, congratulated Bro. Smith on his re-appointment. Bro. Smith had been placed in somewhat of a difficulty and delicacy, but he had no doubt that the forthcoming year would be equally successful as the past. The present position of the W.M. reminded him of Shakespeare's words, that some men were born great, some achieved greatness, and others had greatness thrust upon them. Their W.M. was the whole trinity of this, and combined the excellent quality of unity as well.

The W.M. replied in an appropriate address, and pointed out what the past year's proceedings had been, and how in the future he craved the indulgence and help of the members to enable the lodge to become even more successful than it stood at that moment.

"The Past Masters' Health" was then proposed, and the W.M. referred to the great help he had received from the Past Masters of the lodge as a body.

Bros. D. Sinclair and R. Whitfield replied in suitable terms, after which the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren retired.

DARLINGTON.—Restoration Lodge (No. 111).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 18th ult., at the North-Western Hotel. Present: Bros. T. Wood, P.G.R., W.M.; J. Senior, S.W.; J. Baker, J.W.; J. Storer, P.M., Treas.; F. Woolley, Sec.; J. Mottram, S.D.; E. J. Mousley, J.D.; S. Scott, D.C.; J. Woodbridge, I.G.; T. Rigby, Steward; R. Tomlinson, Tyler; J. Bodenham, Prov. G. Treas., P.M.; G. Spilbury, P.P.G.J.D., P.M.; J. Hayes, F. Espley, W. D. Batkin, G. Griffith, W. Brown, W. H. Frith, W. P. Duncalf, P. Bottrill, C. H. Dudley, J. Nevitt, C. J. Nevitt, H. Newton, J. Taylor, A. Ward, A. F. Whitmore, and H. Thorn. Visitors: Bros. Foster Gough, D.P.G.M. Staffordshire; T. W. Chalmers; E. H. Thorne, P.G.S.B., W.M. 526; R. Jackson, 1896; and T. Collins, 1896.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. announced that he had received the annual report of the Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Association, by which it appeared that this lodge had contributed £46 4s. towards the "A" Fund and £14 8s. to the "B" Fund; the total being the highest amount contributed by any lodge in the province; and the W.M. said he could also congratulate the lodge respecting the total amount contributed since the formation of the Association, as there again the lodge stood first on the list. He informed the brethren that he had been made a Vice-President of the Association in recognition of the support given to it by the lodge.

Bro. Storer, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., briefly, but very appropriately, proposed that a Past Master's jewel be presented to Bro. Wood out of the funds of the lodge for the admirable manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of the chair for the past two years. This was seconded by Bro. Senior, S.W., who, on behalf of the officers, spoke of the kindly spirit at all times displayed by the W.M. to them. The proposition upon being put to the lodge, was carried unanimously.

W. Bro. Foster Gough, D.P.G.M., in response to a vote of thanks accorded to him by the lodge for his visit amongst them, said that, although he had not seen any ceremonies gone through that evening, he could not forget the way in which he had seen the lodge do its work upon a previous occasion, when he told them that he could not find the slightest fault with the W.M. or any of his officers.

Messrs. S. Parton and Belcher having been proposed as candidates to be initiated, the lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and the brethren adjourned to listen to a most able address on "Mark Masonry" by W. Bro. Foster Gough, D.P.G.M.

BATTLE.—Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 16th inst., in the Masonic Hall, when there was a good attendance of the brethren. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. B. (Sargent, supported by Bros. C. W. Duke, P.P.G.J.D., P.M., S.W.; A. D. Womersley, J.W.; H. G. F. Wells, P.M., Hon. Treas.; Chas. R. Chandler, P.G. Stvd, D.C., Sec.; Henry Kimm, acting S.D. (Freemason); B. H. Thorpe, P.P.G.S.D., P.M., acting J.D.; J. Fielding, Org.; J. F. Richardson, I.G.; W. C. Tull, J. A. Middlemass, C. Martin, G. Farley, C. Armstrong, W. Freeman, B. Cullwick, J. Foord, and F. Forss, 40.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed the W.M. proceeded to initiate Mr. J. Walder and confer the Second Degree upon Bro. J. B. Foster both of which ceremonies were very ably performed.

The lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to a substantial and well served supper, at which the usual Masonic and other toasts were honoured.

BYKER.—Walker Lodge (No. 1342).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the lodge-rooms, Hope and Anchor Hotel, on the 11th ult., Bro. J. Donald Annan, W.M., in the chair. The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed. Bro. Jno. Muir Cantley was raised to the Degree of a M.M. by the W.M., who gave the work, including the tracing board and charge. The brethren then proceeded to ballot for a W.M. for the ensuing year, when the W.M. declared Bro. W. Smith, S.W., to be duly elected. Bro. Alderson Barker, P.M., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Sims was elected Tyler. The standing Finance Committee was also re-elected. "Hearty good wishes" were tendered from many visiting brethren.

The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to the refreshment board, where the W.M. occupied the chair and the S.W. the vice-chair.

The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," and that of "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Grand Master," were duly honoured.

The W.M. then, in very graceful and laudatory terms, proposed "The Health of the W.M. Elect," which was

received with the greatest enthusiasm by both members and visiting brethren.

The W.M. elect briefly responded, and hoped that in following in the footsteps of the Past Masters who had preceded him the lodge would continue in the prosperous and efficient condition which at the present time characterised it.

Bro. Cumberland, P.P.G.J.W. Yorkshire, in his response to "The Visitors' toast," alluded to the excellent working of the lodge, and expressed the hope that the W.M. elect would conduct the business of the lodge in the same strict caution as his predecessor.

The other brethren responding to this toast were Bros. Jno. Page, P.M. 406, P.P.G.S.B.; W. B. McLearn, W.M. 431; and Leech, W.M. 97.

Bro. Dr. Adam Wilson, P.M., P.P.G. Purst., proposed the toast of "Provincial Grand Lodge," to which Bro. B. J. Thompson, P.M., Prov. G. Sec., responded, and alluded to the time when he was the first W.M. of that lodge, and the many difficulties it had then to encounter; and congratulated the members on its recent growth and increasing prosperity.

The toast of "The W.M." was proposed by Bro. Wm. Cooper, I.P.M., P.P.G.J.D., and the W.M. responded in his usual able and eloquent manner.

The toast list was interspersed by songs and recitations, given by the several members; and, after the Tyler's toast, the brethren separated, a very enjoyable evening having been spent.

Amongst the brethren and the visitors were Bros. John Donald Annan, W.M.; W. Cooper, I.P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; B. J. Thompson, P.M., P.G. Sec.; Dr. Adam Wilson, P.M., P.P.G. Purst.; Dr. Alderson Barker, P.M., Treas.; W. Scott, P.M., Sec.; Cumberland, P.P.G.J.W. Yorkshire; J. Page, P.M. 406, P.P.G.S.B.; W. B. McLearn, W.M. 431; Leech, W.M. 97; W. Smith, S.W., W.M. elect; Alfred Simpson, acting J.W.; W. Varty, Sec.; Dixon Cowie, S.D.; James Cooper, J.D.; John MacKay, acting I.G.; John Bywell, S.S.; J. Purvis, J.S.; Sims, Tyler; Bennett, Alex. Simpson, Turnbull, Brown, Cantley, A. D. Campbell, Marston, T. Dinning, S.S. 481; Peter Hastie, 481; Daniel Anderson, W.M. 1064; Spowart, and others.

MANCHESTER.—Worsley Lodge (No. 1814).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Monday, the 20th ult., at the Court House, when the following brethren were present: Bros. R. Williams, W.M.; W. Bowden, P.P.G. Purst., S.W.; Dr. W. G. Martin, J.W.; W. B. Upjohn, Sec.; Joseph Roscoe, S.D.; Thos. Wilson, J.D.; Rev. Will Baynes, P.M.; J. Hartley Hacking, P.M. 1213; S. Samuelson, Tyler; G. A. Batley, J. Wallwork, W. A. Rothwell, S. Bradburn, John Redyard and others. Visitors: Bros. Samuel Jen, P.M. 70, 108, 1091, 1480, 1847, P.P.G. Treas. Devonshire; Rev. J. E. Roberts, Prov. Grand Chap. E. Lanc.; Henry Crosby, P.G. Purst. W. Lanc., P.M. 1588; James B. Andrew, W.M. 1588; Geo. McFarlane, W.M. 1633; Hiram Morton, P.M. 315; Richard Starkie, I.P.M. 1354; Richard Broadbent, P.M. 325; Thos. Hassall, W.M. 1213; W. R. Clayton, S.D. 101; J. E. Johnson, J.W. 1335; B. Derham, 1723; and R. K. Lisenden, J.D. 317 (Freemason).

The W.M. elect was Dr. W. G. Martin, who although only four years a Mason, has worthily and deservedly attained the proud position of W.M., a position which we feel sure no member of the lodge grudges him, he being generally beloved by them all, and we feel equally certain the members of the lodge will unite in rendering him all the assistance in their power, and also that he will fulfil his duties with honour to the lodge and credit to himself.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the W.M. elect was presented to the Installing Master, Bro. R. Williams, and with due rite and ceremony inducted into the chair of K.S., and on the re-admission of all M.M.'s was proclaimed and saluted in the usual manner. The W.M. afterwards appointed his officers, who were invested by Bro. R. Williams, as follows: Bros. Thos. Wilson, S.W.; William Henry Wilson, J.W.; the Rev. the Earl of Mulgrave (by proxy), Chap.; J. Roscoe, Treas.; the Rev. W. H. Baynes, P.M., Sec.; Israel Wallwork, S.D.; Arthur Derham, M.D., J.D.; N. Hartley Hacking, D. of C.; R. F. Coules, F.C.O., Org.; W. B. Upjohn, I.G.; S. Bradburn, R. T. Martin, and A. Yates, Stewards; and S. Samuelson, Tyler.

The addresses to the W.M. and Wardens were delivered by Bro. Wm. Bowden, P.P.G. Purst., and to the brethren by Bro. the Rev. J. E. Roberts, P.G. Chap. East Lanc. After which "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

The brethren adjourned to the Bridgewater Hotel, and celebrated the festival of St. John with a well-served banquet. When the banquet was over the brethren returned to the lodge room, where dessert was prepared for them, and during which the usual loyal toasts were proposed and responded to.

Bros. the Rev. J. E. Roberts, P.G. Chap.; Samuel Jen, P.P.G. Treas. Devonshire; Henry Crosby, P.G. Purst. W. Lanc.; and Wm. Bowden, P.P.G.P. W. Lanc., responded on behalf of "The Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers."

In proposing "The W.M.'s Health," Bro. R. Williams, I.P.M., said he considered it the toast of the evening. He was proud to see Bro. Dr. Martin in the position of W.M., as he had suddenly shot up from the ranks to the highest office the lodge could give him, and there could be no doubt that in reaching this exalted position in such an incredibly short space of time he must have been deserving of it. He felt sure their W.M. would prove worthy of the honour bestowed upon him, as during his (Bro. Williams') year of office he had asked him on many occasions to perform various duties, which he had done satisfactorily. Bro. Williams concluded his remarks by calling upon the brethren to drink Dr. Martin's health, which they did with every manifestation of pleasure.

The W.M., in reply, said there were times in a man's life when he could not find language to sufficiently express his thoughts, and such was the case with him at the present time; he would therefore content himself by thanking Bro. R. Williams for his kind remarks, and the brethren for so heartily responding to the toast; and assured them that during his year of office he should not depart from the ancient landmarks of the Order.

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of their I.P.M.,

Bro. R. Williams," said it was in his opinion an important toast, because Bro. Williams had fulfilled his duties as W.M. during the past year, and also as Installing Master that day, to the satisfaction of them all, and it was a great comfort to him (Dr. Martin) to know that in their I.P.M. he should have a brother on whom he could rely for assistance or advice in case of need. As long as language was spoken throughout the world, as long as history recorded the deeds of bravery, so long will be recorded that remarkable charge of the 600 at Balaklava, from which their I.P.M. was a survivor, and of which it was said "All the world wondered." Bro. Dr. Martin went on to say they felt so proud of their I.P.M. that it was extra pleasing to present him with a slight token of their esteem in the shape of a silver tankard, on which the inscription read as follows: "Presented to Bro. R. Williams by the brethren of the Worsley Lodge of Freemasons as a token of their fraternal regard, February 21st, 1882." The concluding words of the W.M. and reading of the inscription was the signal for loud applause, which having subsided, the health of Bro. Williams was heartily drank from the tankard, which was passed round to each brother.

Bro. Williams, in reply, said it had crossed his mind during the evening that he should have to reply to the toast of the I.P.M., but he had no intimation that he should have to express any other sentiments than those embodied in that toast, and consequently, he had been taken quite by surprise by the gift of this handsome tankard. With regard to what he had done, he would say that for a young lodge they had not done so badly, and for the information of the visiting brethren he would say, the lodge had got out of debt and had a balance over in hand; but in saying this he did not wish to take any praise on himself, as it was mainly due to one of their members, who was for ever remonstrating about the cost of this or that, and saying, we cannot afford it yet. The result, however, had been a good balance-sheet. Bro. Williams concluded his remarks by saying they had done him the honour of presenting him with the first testimonial that had been given to any member, and he should prize it above everything he possessed.

Several other toasts were proposed and responded to, including that of "The First W.M., the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Ellesmere," "The Past Masters," "The Visiting Brethren," "The Newly-Invested Officers," "The Wives, Sisters, and Daughters of Masons," and a very pleasant evening was spent.

INSTRUCTION.

ISRAEL LODGE (No. 205).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at Bro. Yetton's, Rising Sun, Globe-road, E. Bros. D. Moss, W.M.; W. Gray, S.W.; J. Taylor, J.W.; W. J. Musto, S.D.; L. C. Haslip, J.D.; H. Marks, I.G.; W. Musto, P.M., Preceptor; G. H. Stephens, Hon. Sec.; W. Partridge, P.M.; J. P. Cohen, P.M.; J. T. K. Job, Walker, J. H. Pringle, Horley, W. Yetton, P.M.; T. J. Barnes, P.M.; and others.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was worked, Bro. Partridge, candidate. Bro. Taylor worked the First, Second, Third, and Fourth Sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. W. Gray was elected W.M. for the ensuing lodge meeting. The brethren decided to work the Fifteen Sections on the fourth meeting night in next month, and to invite Bro. W. H. Myers, P.M. 820 and 1445, to preside upon that occasion. Bro. Moss introduced his motion asking the lodge to devote from its funds an amount towards the Mansion House Relief Fund on behalf of the persecuted Jews in Russia. A sum of one guinea was duly voted from the funds, which amount was immediately increased to £3 3s. by the brethren present, and lodge was closed.

MERCHANT NAVY LODGE (No. 781).—A successful meeting of the above lodge of instruction was held at Bro. Gregory's, Silver Tavern, Bude-tt-road, Limehouse, E., on the 22nd ult. Lodge was opened by Bro. Bull, W.M., who was supported by Bros. A. W. Ellingford, S.W.; A. Scherboom, P.M., J.W.; E. M. Money, S.D.; Austen, J.D.; L. Kennett, I.G.; Turquand, P.M., Preceptor; C. Breden, P.M., Hon. Sec.; B. C. Rawe, W.M. Mother Lodge; Ould, Stevens, Wyles, J. H. Pringle, F. Robinson, E. Gregory, Watson, C. Stuart, Stephens, and others.

After due formalities, Bro. Money was raised to the Third Degree in an able manner. Lodge was closed down, and Bro. Ellingford was elected W.M. for the ensuing lodge meeting, and lodge was closed and adjourned.

A meeting of the East London Masonic Charitable Fund, in connection with the lodge, was subsequently held and largely attended. Bros. Daniells, P.M., President; Turquand, P.M., Treas.; and C. Breden, P.M., the indefatigable Hon. Sec. The receipts enabled the Treasurer to declare ballot for the Life Governorship, and Bro. G. H. Stephens having been appointed Scrutineer, the ballot was taken, and fell to Bro. E. M. Money, who will represent the Girls' School at the next Festival in May. The brethren were much gratified at the capital list taken up by the lodge Steward, Bro. F. Robinson, J.D. 781, to the Benevolent Institution, which reached the handsome amount of over £115, a result which was largely conducted to by this excellent association.

DALHOUSIE LODGE (No. 860).—The members of the above lodge assembled in goodly numbers at Bro. Smyth's, the Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on the 28th ult. The evening was devoted to the working of the Fifteen Sections, Bro. G. H. Stephens having been invited to preside. Lodge was opened in due form, Bro. Stephens being assisted by Bros. Lorkin, S.W. 1524, as S.W.; Christian, S.D. 800, J.W.; Edwards, S.D.; Baker, J.D.; T. Clark, I.G.; F. Carr, Sec.; W. H. Wallington, P.M.; Brasted, P.M.; Gloss, Cushing, Clark, Smyth, Robinson, Allen, Catling, Lamb, Dugman, Marsh, Boyce Wardell, Corble, Wright, Greenwood, Bown, Polak, Darnell, Young, Nash, Moss, Olley, and others. Lodge was opened up and resumed, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Fifteen Sections were next most ably worked to an attentive and appreciative audience as follows:—

First Lecture: First Section, Bro. Glass, J.W. 453; Second, Bro. Smyth, J.W., 1524; Third, F. Can, J.W. 1607; Fourth, Bro. T. Clark, J.W. 1178; Fifth, Bro. Allen,

P.M. 733; Sixth, Bro. C. Lorkin, S.W. 1524; Seventh, Bro. G. H. Stephens, 1623. (Bro. C. Lorkin put the questions).

Second Lecture: First Section, Bro. Wardell, W.M. 95; Second, Bro. Moss, 1275; Third, Bro. Brasted, I.P.M. 1524; Fourth, Bro. C. Lorkin, S.W. 1524; Fifth, Bro. E. J. Allen, P.M. 733.

Third Lecture: First Section, Bro. Edwards, 1287; Second, Bro. E. Dignam, W.M. 1524; Third, Bro. Wallington, P.M. 860.

Bro. Wallington, Preceptor, proposed that a cordial vote of thanks be recorded upon the lodge minutes to the W.M. for the excellent manner in which he had discharged his arduous duties that evening. He was speaking for all the brethren when he said Bro. Stephens working had given the greatest pleasure. They had only recently elected him an honorary member, and he (Bro. Wallington) had looked forward to the time when Bro. Stevens should work the Fifteen Sections. The idea had that evening been carried into practice, and they were obliged to Bro. Stevens for presiding that evening, and hoped he would occupy a similar position again in the lodge.

After the W.M. had expressed his thanks for the honour done him, lodge was closed, and a thoroughly harmonious evening ended.

DORIC LODGE (No. 933).—A most successful gathering of the members of the above flourishing lodge was held at Bro. J. Clayton's, Dukes Head, 79, White-chapel-road, E., on the 24th ult. The evening was devoted to working the Fifteen Sections under the presidency of Bro. G. H. Stephens, S.D. 1623. The W.M. was supported by, among many others, the following well known brethren: Bros. B. Cundick, P.M. 1421 (Preceptor), S.W.; B. Stewart, 1278, J.W.; T. J. Barnes, P.M. 554, and 933, I.P.M.; W. Musto, P.M. 1349, Secretary; Dr. T. Loane, S.D.; C. H. Bardoulean, J.D.; J. West, I.G.; also Bro. W. J. Musto, D. Moss, C. Eschwege, C. H. Webb, P.M.; J. J. Berry, P.M. 554; H. Cotter, P.M. 554; J. T. K. Job, W.M. 1076; G. A. Payne, W.M. 933; W. Gray, 148; J. H. Pringle, I.G. 781; F. Robinson, J.D. 781; and others.

After due formalities lodge was advanced and the Sections were most ably worked by the following brethren:

First Lecture: First Section, Bro. I. J. Barnes, P.M. 554; Second, Bro. Bardoulean, 1421; Third, Bro. Loane, D.C. 1421; Fourth, Bro. Richardson, 174; Fifth, Bro. West, M.C. 933; Sixth, Bro. McDonald, J.W. 1445; and Seventh, Bro. Cundick, P.M. 1421.

Second Lecture: First Section, Bro. W. Vizzard, 1472; Second, Bro. Eschwege, 1319; Third, Bro. W. Musto, W.M. 1349; Fourth, Bro. Pringle, I.G. 781; and Fifth, Bro. Moss, S.D. 1275.

Third Lecture: First Section, Bro. Stewart, 1278; Second, Bro. Taylor, S.D. 554; and Third, Bro. Webb, P.M. 1607 and 174.

At the conclusion of the working Bro. Musto proposed that a cordial vote of thanks, together with the honorary membership of the lodge, be given to Bro. Stephens for the able discharge of the duties of the chair that evening, during the working of the Fifteen Sections. Having worked with Bro. Stephens many years, he felt he would prefer to see the honorary membership conferred upon the W.M. for presiding as he had that evening. It was an honour which would sit gracefully on Bro. Stephens' shoulders, having been so ably earned. Bro. W. H. Myers, P.M., was also elected an honorary member of the lodge, in recognition of his eminent services to the lodge and to Freemasonry in general. A large number of brethren were admitted as members, and the lodge was closed, a highly memorable evening having been passed.

SOUTHERN STAR LODGE (No. 1158).—At the weekly meeting, on Thursday, the 23rd ult., the lodge was opened by Bro. Wise, Preceptor, as W.M., and the minutes of previous meeting having been confirmed, Bros. Hartley and Robinson were unanimously elected joining members.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the supper table, and partook of refreshments. On the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Craft toasts were given by the Chairman, Bro. Wise, who was ably supported in the vice-chairs by Bro. A. Darch, P.M. 72, and Bro. Bedford Lemere, F.M. 193.

In proposing "The Healths of the Preceptor and Secretary," Bro. Darch alluded to the long and zealous services of each of those brethren, and announced that the members of the lodge and of the Charitable Association connected therewith had resolved to mark their appreciation of those services by the presentation of a valuable gold Albert and a handsome gold watch to those officers respectively.

Bro. Darch was assisted in the presentation by Bro. Lemere, who also testified to the great benefit he had received from attending the lodge of instruction, and the ready, genial, and courteous manner in which he had been constantly aided by Bro. Wise, Preceptor.

The Chairman having acknowledged the testimonial in appropriate terms, expressed the hope that he would for many years be permitted to continue the most pleasing duty of his life, that of imparting instruction to aspirants to Craft knowledge.

The Secretary (Bro. Walter Wood, J.W. 193), gave a satisfactory account of the progress of the lodge, the attendance being fifty per cent in advance of corresponding periods in previous years, a proof that the removal of the lodge to its present quarters was advantageous. The Charitable Association was also doing good work and steadily contributing £100 per annum to the Masonic Charities. Bro. Wood said the handsome present he had that evening received, acquired an additional value from the fact that the Secretaries of charitable associations received a snub at the last election for Boys and Girls, being in effect told by the Governors of those charities that the money brought in by monthly and weekly instalments could be done without, and that the clerical work and responsibilities attached to the office was unworthy the recognition of one honorary vote for each £100 brought up, as proposed by Bro. Gladwell and his supporters. The No. 4 association, terminable in two years, would date from that evening, and he trusted that every brother present would take a share or shares and induce others to do the same, so that ballots for Life Subscriberships might be taken fortnightly instead of monthly as heretofore.

After a few remarks by Bro. Holloway, a former Secretary of the lodge, some excellent songs and recitations were given by the Chairman, Bros. Darch, Ford,

Hartley, C. Williams, E. Williams, Millard, Dunkley, Probyn and others, and with "The Health of our host, Bro. Lloyd," and a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman, a most successful evening was brought to a pleasant termination.

PERFECT ASHLAR LODGE (No. 1178).—The weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held on Monday evening, at the Jamaica Tavern, Southwark Park-road, Bermondsey. There were present Bros. Chicken, W.M. Prosperity, 65, W.M.; Esterbrooke, S.W.; Davis, J.W.; Lardent, S.D.; Pulsford, J.D.; Bear, I.G.; Kent, P.M. 879, Preceptor; Parker, Sec.; and others.

The lodge was opened in due form at 8 p.m. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Butcher being candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Bear, who offered himself as a candidate for the Third Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was ably performed by Bro. Chicken. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. During the evening every brother present was examined by the W.M. in the signs of the Three Degrees. All business being ended the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned.

CHAUCER LODGE (No. 1524).—At the regular meeting of the above successful lodge, held at the Grapes, St. Thomas-street, Borough, on Tuesday last, there were present Bros. R. C. Harrison, J.W. 1540, W.M.; H. Blackwell, S.W.; W. I. C. Rea, J.W.; A. Newhouse, J.D.; C. M. Tate, I.G.; Charles Graham, Secretary; F. Croaker, Treasurer; H. C. Ball, W. Klingenstein, G. Edwards, H. Fowler, H. Chapman, Emblym Blitz, Isaacs Wingham, Martin Renaut Anneau, 1320; Austen, 1000; Dr. Gollin, 1572; W. Smith, 975; Blackwell, 1101; H. J. Lardner, W.M. 1745; T. McButt, 1623; T. Butt, 907; and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The W.M. then introduced Bro. W. Stevens, P.M., P.Z., to the brethren for the purpose of giving his reading explanatory of the entire ceremony of the First Degree. In the course of his introductory remarks it was apparent that Bro. Stevens had a very interesting lecture, and as he passed through the various points of ceremonial he was supported by the numerous brethren. There is no doubt both officers and members of a lodge would do well in hearing the work, which Bro. Stevens must have given a great deal of time in preparing.

At its conclusion the W.M. proposed a cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Stevens for the excellent way he had delivered his lecture, and expressing the satisfaction of the brethren at his coming among them. The S.W. seconded all the W.M. had said, and hoped that Bro. Stevens would continue his labours in the other degrees, which was unanimously carried. Bro. Stevens returned thanks, and said he should be only too pleased to repeat his evening's work at any time he was asked. Other matters were disposed of, and the lodge was closed and adjourned, a memorable and highly instructive evening having been enjoyed by all present.

Royal Arch.

JERUSALEM CHAPTER (No. 185).—This old and flourishing chapter met on the 14th ult., at the Freemasons' Tavern. Among those present were Comps. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., M.E.Z.; Moss, H.; Davis, J.; Davage, P.Z., S.E.; Harfeld, P.Z., Treas.; Ellborn, P.S.; Davis, 1st Asst.; and Mander, I.P.Z. The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the election of officers for the year ensuing then took place with the following result: Comps. Moss, M.E.Z.; Davis, H.; Stewart, J.; Davage, S.E.; Harfeld, Treas.; Ellborn, S.N.; Davis, P.S.; and Parkinson, Janitor.

The M.E.Z. having been elected to represent the chapter at the forthcoming festival of the Girls' School, and a Past Principal's jewel having been unanimously voted to him, upon the motion of Comp. Harfeld, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts were duly proposed and honoured.

"The Health of the M.E.Z." was flatteringly proposed by the I.P.Z.

The First Principal having responded, then gave "The M.E.Z. Elect."

Comp. Moss, in reply, expressed his great obligations to the chapter for having elected him to that high position, and although he could not hope to surpass the efforts of some of those who had preceded him in the chair, yet he would strive to equal them. He had been many years connected with the chapter, and he looked forward with a great deal of pleasure to his year of office.

"The Health of the Third Principal" followed, and Comp. Davies replied.

"The Past Principals" came next in order, coupled with the name of Comp. Mander, who briefly acknowledged the compliment.

The toast of "The S.E. and Treasurer" was then given by the M.E.Z., in which he expressed his personal obligations to those companions for the very valuable and efficient aid they had rendered him during his year of office.

Comps. Davage and Harfeld modestly replied. The toast of "The Officers," coupled with the names of Comps. Ellborn and Davis, terminated the proceedings.

WEST SMITHFIELD CHAPTER (No. 1623).—This prosperous chapter held a convocation at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 23rd ult. Among those present we noticed Comps. Elliott, M.E.Z.; Butt, H.; T. Adams, P.Z., acting J.; H. J. Lardner, S.N.; E. Mallett, S.E.; Goodenough, P.S.; Gardiner, 1st Asst.; James Stevens, P.Z. (Hon. member). Comp. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the M.E.Z. announced that their worthy Comp. Stevens had kindly undertaken the duties of Installing Officer, and would at once assume the First Principal's chair in order to carry them out. A dispensation from Grand Chapter was then read, authorising Comp. H. J. Lardner to be installed as Second Principal of the West Smithfield Chapter, notwithstanding he had not served the usual probation in the Third Principal's chair.

The arduous ceremony of installation was then ably performed by Comp. Stevens. Comp. Lardner was first installed as Third Principal, he was then duly inducted into the chair of H., and Comp. Van Raalte was installed as J. The ceremony of installing Comp. Butt as M.E.Z. was postponed, subject to a dispensation being obtained from Grand Chapter. The officers invested were Comps. Mallett, S.E.; Kent, S.N.; Goodenough, Treas.; Gardiner, P.S.; Phillips and Grimwood, Assts.; Marsh, Janitor. A brother who had been duly balloted for was then exalted to the Degree of R.A. Masonry by Comp. Stevens. Previously to the lodge being closed, a vote of thanks to the Installing Officer was carried with acclamation, and ordered to be placed upon the minutes.

Comp. Stevens having briefly acknowledged the compliment, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to an excellent banquet.

Upon the removal of the cloth, the most important toasts were duly proposed and honoured, and a Past Principal's jewel presented to Comp. Elliott, but in consequence of the lateness of the hour when the first toast was given, the after proceedings were shorn of their customary interest and conviviality.

Mark Masonry.

PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 238).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 21st ult., at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street. Among those in attendance were Bros. Alfred Tisley, W.M.; Harding, acting S.W.; Sir Charles Palmer, Bart., J.W.; John Henry Dodson, Treas. and M.O.; W. Wigginton, P.G.S. of W., P.M., and Sec.; T. C. Walls, G. Swd. Br., I.P.M.; F. Farrington, J.O.; W. E. Farrington, S.D.; C. Brown, J.D.; Gruggen, I.G.; W. Farrington, Org.; and Harrison, Tyler.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the election of officers for the ensuing year took place with the following result: Bros. Richnell, W.M.; J. H. Dodson, Treas.; and Harrison, Tyler. Upon the motion of W. Bro. Wigginton, which was seconded by the I.P.M., and carried by acclamation, an address to R.V. Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, was agreed upon, and the Audit Committee were directed to settle the preliminaries and other matters connected therewith, and to report to the lodge at its next meeting. Previously to the lodge being closed, a P.M.'s jewel was unanimously voted to the W.M., who briefly returned thanks.

At the subsequent banquet a few toasts were given and duly responded to. It was during the banquet that a return telegram was received from Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, thanking the brethren for their congratulations upon the safe arrival in England that day of himself and his betrothed wife, the Princess Helen.

INSTRUCTION.

OLD KENT LODGE.—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 27th ult., at the Crown and Cushion, London Wall. Present: Bros. Blackman, W.M.; Gravely, S.W.; Griffiths, J.W.; Pargeter, M.O.; H. Walker, S.O.; Tholander, J.O.; Nicholls, S.D.; Pitt, I.G.; Turquand, Preceptor; Money, Sec.; and A. McDowall, W.M. 97, as a visitor. The ceremony of advancement was worked, Bro. McDowall acting as candidate. In accordance with Bye-law IX., Bros. Pargeter and Nicholls were elected to audit the accounts for the current year. Bro. McDowall was elected a joining member of the lodge.

Bro. Money proposed, and Bro. Nicholls seconded, that extraordinary meetings of this lodge of instruction be held on the first and fourth Mondays of April next, viz.: on the 3rd and 24th April, which was carried unanimously.

On the motion of Bro. Turquand, seconded by Bro. Money, Bro. George Clark, jun., W.M. 234, was elected to fill the chair at the next meeting, and all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed and adjourned to the 13th inst.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—Royal Kent Chapter (No. 8).—The annual installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, on Friday, the 24th ult. The chapter was opened in due form by the M.W.S., Ill. Bro. Adem Winlow, 30', assisted by his officers.

This being the day to instal the M.W.S., Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister ascended the throne, and the M.W.S. elect, Ill. Bro. Robert Allan Luck, was presented to him by the acting Grand Marshal. After addressing the M.W.S. elect on the duties of his high and important office, the illustrious brother installed him with great care and solemnity, placing him upon the throne of his predecessors. The M.W.S. then appointed his officers for the year as follows, delivering to each an appropriate address: Ill. Bros. Col. Monks, 30', H.P.; S. F. Bousfield, 1st Genl.; J. J. Wilkes, 2nd Genl.; T. Watson, G.M.; C. R. Fry, R.; H. Hotham, P.M.W.S. Recorder; and H. Maddison, Capt. of G.

A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, S.G.I.G. 33', for having performed the ceremony of installation. Three brethren were proposed for the next chapter.

The brethren then adjourned to a banquet, under the presidency of the M.W.S., when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Ill. Bro. J. S. Cumberland, P.M.W.S. of the Hilda Chapter, York, was a visitor at the chapter.

LANCASTER.—Philips Chapter (No. 52).—The annual meeting of this flourishing chapter was held on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Athenaeum. The chapter was opened by Ill. Bro. J. W. Baldwin, 30', assisted by the officers. W. Bro. George J. McKay, Prov. G. Sec. Cumberland and Westmorland, M.W.S. elect, was then presented by Ill. Bro. Longman, 30', to Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, 33', S.G.I.G., for installation, which he gave with his usual care and solemnity.

The following brethren were then appointed and invested by the newly-enthroned M.W.S., with appropriate addresses to each: Ill. Bro. Baldwin, 30', P.M.W.S.; Bros. W. W.

Cottam, H.P.; Barber, 1st Gen.; J. Crosby Dawson, 2nd Gen.; Major Sewell, G. Marshall; Bell, R.; Atkinson, P.M.W.S., Recorder; Captain Turner, C. of G.; A. McRaith, H. and Treas.; and Allinson, Equerry. The address was given by Ill. Bro. Captain Garnett, 31st.

The ballot was then taken for Bros. R. J. Nelson, P.M. 120, P.P.G.S.D. Cumberland and Westmorland; and B. Bevan, M.A., 314, which proving unanimous in each case, and both brethren being in attendance, they were duly perfected, the newly-enthroned M.W.S. conducting the first part of the ceremony, the second being performed by Ill. Bro. Captain Garnett, 31st, both of which were done in a faultless manner.

Ill. Bro. J. A. Baldwin, 30th, presented the chapter with a very handsome loving cup of solid silver, which was accepted; and an unanimous vote of thanks recorded to him on the minutes of the chapter.

The business of the chapter being over it was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the County Hotel, where an elegant banquet was well served. The customary toasts were honoured.

In giving "The Supreme Council," Ill. Bro. Garnett, 31st, congratulated the chapter upon its being favoured with the presence of Ill. Bro. Banister, 33rd, S.G.L.G. Northern Provinces.

The toast having been warmly received, the recipient of the honour made a most fluent speech, expressive of the gratification it afforded him to be present.

"The Health of the M.W.S." was proposed by Ill. Bro. Baldwin; and this toast having been duly honoured, "The P.M.W.S." was given by the M.W.S., who said Ill. Bro. Baldwin showed his great interest in the chapter in coming all the way from London to attend its meetings.

"The Health of the Newly-Perfected Brethren" were given, and elicited a hearty speech from both, of their admiration of this beautiful Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Rite.

The brethren then separated.

CORNWALL CHAPTER (No. 61).—The annual meeting of this chapter was held on Tuesday last. Owing to indisposition, the M.W.S. (Ill. Bro. Rev. W. H. Blossome, M.A.) was unable to attend, but the chair was taken by the Ill. Bro. Charles Truscott, jun., 30, I.P.M.W.S., who installed Dr. William Mason, 30, as M.W.S. for the ensuing year. Two candidates were perfected, viz.: Bros. Sir Charles Buene Graves-Sawle, Bart. (D.P.G.M. Cornwall), and John de Cressy Treffry. The M.W.S. presided, and Ill. Bro. W. J. Hughan, as usual, gave the particulars of the preliminary degrees and the esoteric portion of the Rose Croix.

The following were appointed as the officers for ensuing year: Bros. W. Ledgry, 30, High Prelate; Alfred Luke, 30, 1st Gen. and Treas.; Frederick W. Dabb, 30, 2nd Gen.; William D. Rogers, Recorder; Thomas Hicks, G.M.; Thomas Hart, 30, Raphael; Richard Carter, C. of G.; Thomas H. Lukes, C.; John F. Hooper, Almoner; Dr. Nettle, Organist; Sir Charles B. Graves-Sawle, Bart., Herald; J. de Cressy Treffry, D. of C.; and W. Rooks, Sentinel. The banquet was held at the Red Lion Hotel.

CHESTER.—Stanhope Chapter (No. 75).—This chapter was opened on the 23rd ult., by the M.W.S., Ill. Bro. Major Henry Platt, 31, assisted by his officers. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed, when the M.W.S. was re-elected for the second time, and he then appointed his officers. Bro. the Rev. Edward Octavius Rawson being a candidate for this beautiful Christian Degree, was perfected by the M.W.S. The business of the chapter being over, it was closed in due and solemn form. Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, S.G.L.G., 33, was prevented attending the chapter through illness.

The brethren afterwards dined together at the Queen Hotel, under the presidency of the M.W.S., who gave the loyal and Masonic toasts in felicitous terms, and the responses were equally appropriate.

Knights Templar.

DARLINGTON.—St. Cuthbert's Preceptory (No. 139).—The annual installation meeting of this flourishing preceptory was held at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 21st ult., when Sir Knight J. C. Martin was installed E. Preceptor. The ceremony was performed by Sir Knight C. R. Fry, P.E.P., in his usual impressive manner. The Preceptor then invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Sir Knights Thos. Ness, Cons.; J. Bailey, Mar.; J. J. Wilkes, Exp.; S. F. Bousfield, Reg.; and T. M. Barron, C. of G. Two brethren were proposed for installation.

At the conclusion of the Preceptory, the Sir Knights adjourned to a very choice banquet at the King's Head Hotel, which was served in the well-known style of the worthy hostess. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Rosicrucian Society.

YORK.—York College.—The regular quarterly meeting of this active body was held on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, having courteously placed its rooms in the Queen's Hotel at the disposal of the fratres. The college was opened at 3 p.m. by the celebrant, Frater T. W. Holmes, V.I., and his officers, there being also present Frater T. B. Whytehead, Hon. IX., Chief Adept; Rev. W. C. Lukis, VII., Suffragan; T. J. Wilkinson, V., Prov. Sec.; J. W. Woodall, IV., Prov. Treas.; J. S. Cumberland, Hon. VIII., Sec. and Treas.; J. Mailey, IV.; A. T. B. Turner, H.; J. Oates, I.; P. Trevor, I.; J. F. Atkinson, I.; and others. A number of letters, explanatory of absence, were read from members, this being the annual and obligatory meeting.

Successful ballots were taken for Bro. Chas. Fendelow, P.M., &c., Wolverhampton, and Bro. J. L. Atherton, P.M. 430, Bradford. Bros. T. M. Barron, Darlington, and Saml. Wilson, Darlington, being in attendance, were received into the M.C., and took their seats as members of the college in the grade of Zelator, the lecture in that grade being given by Frater J. Mailey, Conductor of Novices.

The Suffragan read a most interesting paper on an old French work on Masonry, in the library of the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611. The book was presented to the library

by Bro. A. M. Broadley, of Tunis, who found it in the town of Sfax, after its bombardment by the French. Frater the Rev. W. C. Lukis translated it, and finding some of its contents of considerable value, wrote a short sketch of it, and this he read before the college, as also extracts from the work itself. The book is an elaborate defence of Freemasonry against the Papal Bull of Benedict XIV., and was published at the Hague in 1752. The defence is comprised in a series of supposititious letters, purporting to have been written by a Jesuit, each containing an argument logically worked out, and Frater Lukis announced that several leading Masons had offered to subscribe towards its publication. It was resolved that the college should contribute towards the expense, and receive copies for distribution amongst the members, and the Suffragan received the thanks of the college for his interesting communication.

The scroll for officers of the college for the year then took place with the following result: Frater J. Mailey, IV., Celebrant; J. S. Cumberland, Hon. VIII., Treas.; E. P. Paterson, V., P.A.; C. L. Mason, V., S.A.; T. J. Wilkinson, VI., T.A.; E. Linck, I., O.A.; R. W. Moore, I., C. of N.; A. T. B. Turner, II., and J. Oates, I., Heralds; C. R. Fry, I., G. of the T.; T. Trevor, I., Torch Bearer; E. T. Clark, I., Med.; and T. W. Holmes, VI., Org. The C.A. announced the death of the late Acolyte, Frater Redfare, and Frater Pearson was elected to the office.

Fra. Holmes having thanked the fratres for their kindness during his year of office, then installed his successor, Fra. Mailey, and the officers elect who were present assumed their respective chairs. The Treasurer's balance-sheet was audited and found satisfactory; and the Chief Adept announced that, according to instructions received from the High Council, he had conferred the grade of Honorary VIII. upon Fra. J. S. Cumberland in recognition of his valuable services to the Order. The names of four brethren were proposed as aspirants, and the college was closed at six o'clock p.m., the fratres subsequently partaking of high tea together, under the presidency of the Celebrant.

Victoria.

ROYAL ARCH.

YARROWEE CHAPTER (No. 713).—The first annual convocation and installation of this chapter was held on the 3rd ult., in the Masonic Hall, Camp-street, Ballarat. Comp. C. B. Finlayson, M.E.Z., presided, and was supported by Comps. W. Little, M.E.H., and H. A. Nevett, M.E.J., all of whom were re-elected and installed for another year in their respective chairs. The following officers were duly invested by E. Comp. Henry Wheeler, P.P.: Comps. Andrew Brown, Treas.; Henry H. Peake, S.E.; R. H. Dunn, P.S.; T. W. White, and S.; F. M. Claxton, 3rd S.; Peter Cazaly, Organist; and Peter Todd, Janitor.

During the evening a splendid and costly Past Principal's jewel was presented to Comp. Finlayson by Comp. Lempriere, District Grand Scribe E., on behalf of the subscribing companions. The business of the chapter being ended, the companions adjourned at nine p.m. to Craig's Royal Hotel, and partook of a sumptuous banquet prepared by Host Thompson.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been proposed by the M.E.Z., Comp. Lempriere gave the toast of "The Health of the M.E.Z.," in eulogistic and felicitous terms, saying that from his personal knowledge of Comp. Finlayson for the last twenty years he was sure the chapter must prosper under his able management.

Comp. Finlayson responded, and said the great advance that had been made in Freemasonry during the last decade deserved not only the consideration of the public but of the Craft. The reason of the advance of Masonry was not far to seek. There was a strong wave of liberalism passing over the world, and Masonry met that wave. It ignored creeds, races, and politics.

The toast of "The Second and Third Principals" was proposed by Comp. Baselli, to which Comps. Little and Nevett responded.

Comp. Wm. Little, P.P., proposed "Success to the Chapter," and said they had great reason to consider themselves honoured by identification with this the highest section of English Masonry. He said "honoured" advisedly, for would it not be presumption to suppose that the worthiest of their number added anything to the lustre that surrounds an institution so venerable, so humane, and he might add, so divine. They had great cause to be proud of the institution and of their chapter, and trusted success would follow their efforts to establish and perfect the R.A. in this district.

"The First Principal of the St. George's Royal Arch Chapter, No. 93, S.C.," was proposed by Comp. Claxton, who testified to the many excellent qualifications of Comp. Nevett for that purpose.

Ex. Comp. Nevett, Z. of the St. George's Chapter, after thanking the companions for the kind manner in which the toast had been received, said that every Mason should strive to advance in Masonic knowledge. The companions should impress upon their brethren of the blue lodges that they should not be content to rust out. After having passed through the Degrees of the blue they should aspire to the highest seats in the purple lodge. They would be amply rewarded by the pleasure they would receive from the beautiful ceremonial and by the advantages they would derive from its more extended teaching.

Comp. Wheeler proposed "The Health of the Visitors," coupled with the name of Comp. Lempriere, District Grand Scribe E. He would inform the visitors that in Ballarat they prided themselves in doing honour to this toast, and endeavoured to make their visitors as welcome as they could. They considered it not only the privilege but the duty of every zealous Royal Arch Mason to visit any chapter that he might be in the neighbourhood of, for instruction or, perhaps, to impart instruction. But in the case of Comp. Lempriere, who had come from Melbourne for the purpose of being present at the installation of the officers of the chapter, they had not only the pleasure of welcoming him, but of expressing their obligation to him also.

Comp. Lempriere responded, expressing his gratification at being present, and at the success that had followed during the chapter's first year's existence, and promised that he and the other District Grand Officers would be present next year. He apologised for the unavoidable absence of the District Grand Superintendent.

"The Newly-Invested Officers" was proposed by Comp. Robert Lewis, who considered nothing but success could follow a chapter so well officered, to which Comp. Dr. Dunn, of Maryborough, responded. He gave expression to some interesting particulars relating to the benevolence of the Order, and testified to the wide-spread satisfaction the formation of the chapter had given to country Masons. He believed that, although the Maryborough contingent was distant forty miles away, they would be found to be amongst the most regular at the convocations.

The Janitor's toast concluded an enjoyable evening, which was agreeably diversified with songs by Comps. P. Cazaly, C. Bean, A. Brown, J. W. White, T. Pope, and T. H. Lempriere, and recitations by Comp. W. H. Batten.

WEDDING FESTIVITIES.

The Church of St. Jude, Englefield Green, was surrounded and filled by a numerous assemblage on Shrove Tuesday, to witness the marriage of Mr. Clayton Russell and Miss Blanche M. Batley, fourth daughter of Bro. John Batley, W.M. Antiquity, No. 2.

The officiating clergymen were Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C.; the Rev. E. R. Gray, LL.D., vicar of St. Michael, and All Angels, Ladbroke Grove-road; and the Rev. Trevor Nicholson, vicar of the parish.

The procession of bride and bridesmaids up the nave and into the chancel of the pretty little church was very effective, but it would require the intense knowledge of one of the dear creatures themselves, in all that relates to æstheticism (which is now almost a slang word), to describe the dresses, &c., without which any account of a wedding seems tame and unmeaning. The ceremony was duly proceeded with, and seemed to produce a deep impression on all concerned, not merely the special "dramatis personæ," but most markedly the bridesmaids. A very brilliant party assembled at the hospitable abode of Bro. and Mrs. Batley, to admire the presents which were many and valuable, to wish bridegroom and bride all happiness and prosperity, and to partake of a most *recherché* dejeuner.

The usual toasts were given and received with much enthusiasm, and heartfelt aspirations were offered for the graceful bride and Mr. Clayton Russell.

The happy pair left in the afternoon amid a shower of old shoes and clouds of new rice, for London, Paris, and Vienna.

Among the bridesmaids were Miss Batley, Miss Russell, Miss Smith, Miss Remnant, Miss F. Wilson, Miss C. Hood, Miss Taylor, Mrs. M. Russell, and Miss M. Godwin. Among the general company we noticed Genl. Sir A. and Lady Tayler, Col. and Mrs. Courtney, Col. and Mrs. Edgecome, Captain and Miss Vardon, the Rev. Trevor and Mrs. Nicholson, Mr. and Mrs. Hood, Mr. H. Russell Smith, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Le Batt, Miss Myers, Mrs. Remnant, Bro. J. Armytage Batley, and a numerous assemblage of the family on both sides, too many for our limited space. Bro. Batley, the fair bride's father, was installed on Wednesday, W.M. of No. 2.

Obituary.

BRO. BARRON FIELDER, P.P.G.S.W. BERKS AND BUCKS.

We regret to record the death of Bro. Barron Fielder, of Newbury. Bro. Fielder had for some time been in declining health, and his death occurred at his residence in Northbrook-street, on Tuesday, the 21st ult. Deceased always manifested great interest in local institutions, and liberally contributed to charitable objects. For several years he held a seat in the Town Council, but retired from the position through impaired health. He had been associated with the Masonic body for some twenty years, was a Past Master of the Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, and Past Provincial Grand Senior Warden of Berks and Bucks. The Masonic Charities found in him a liberal supporter, and his loss will be keenly felt by the numerous brethren, by whom he was held in the highest respect. The officers and members of the lodge expressed a desire to attend his obsequies, but their presence as a body would scarcely have coincided with the quiet manner in which the funeral arrangements were desired to be carried out, and accordingly the survivors declined the offer, although the fraternal feelings which prompted it were fully appreciated. The deceased was forty-eight years of age.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

ALABONE.—On the 27th ult., at Lynton House, Highbury-quadrant, London, N., the wife of Dr. F. W. Alabone, of a son.

TITOMSON.—On the 27th ult., at 40, Ladbroke-grove, Kensington-park-gardens, W., the wife of Dr. Sinclair Thomson, of twin daughters.

MARRIAGES.

JOYNSON—BRIGHT.—On the 28th ult., at Christ Church, Mayfair, by the Rev. R. B. Billinge, Edward Joynson, Capt. 3rd Batt. South Lancashire Regt., son of the late Mr. Thomas Joynson, Liscard, Cheshire, to Emily, daughter of the late Mr. Joseph Bright, Prince's-park, Liverpool.

RUSSELL—BATLEY.—On the 21st ult., at St. Jude's Church, Englefield Green, by the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, M.A., late Rector of Swillington, Yorkshire, assisted by the Rev. Trevor Nicholson, Vicar of Egham, and by the Rev. Dr. Gray, Vicar of St. Michael and All Angels, Notting-hill, London, J. Clayton Russell, Esq., eldest son of the late John Russell, Esq., of Elliott House, Ripon, Yorkshire, to Blanche Morris, fourth daughter of John Batley, Esq., of Castle Hill, Englefield-green, Surrey.

DEATHS.

BASTABLE.—On the 27th ult., Mr. Henry Bastable, late of Lincoln's-inn-fields, in the 57th year of his age.

FIELDER.—On the 21st ult., at his residence, Northbrook-street, Newbury, Bro. Barron Fielder, P.P.G.S.W. Berks and Bucks, aged, 48.



Bro. Henry Irving is going to bring out "Romeo and Juliet" on Wednesday next, and is strengthening the cast considerably by the addition of Mrs. Stirling, Mr. Glenny, and Mr. Fernandez. Bro. Irving is not going to content himself, as is too often the case with managers in this play, by leaving its impersonation to the two principal characters. The Lyceum will be closed this evening (Saturday) until Wednesday.

Bro. Byron's new comedy, "14 Days," will be played for the first time to-night at the Criterion, Mr. Charles Wyndham being, of course, the leading actor. It is an adaptation from the French. Bro. Byron, we regret to say, is still lying at his house in Bedford-square seriously ill with a pulmonary affection.

The musical and dramatical amateurs are about amalgamating to build for themselves a theatre, to be in the neighbourhood of the Strand. The manager of the amateur theatre will be Mr. J. W. Currans. It will be a big venture for amateurs.

On Sunday week Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales gave a dinner to several members of the dramatic profession. But the dinner was not, as some of the papers have stated, a formal actor's dinner, but simply a friendly one, and especially as a tribute of the esteem H.R.H. has for this branch of art. A more graceful compliment could not be paid than that of entertaining the leading professionals at Marlborough House. Patronage was banished. The names of those invited were Bros. Henry Irving, J. L. Toole, H. Bancroft, T. Hare, J. Kendall, J. Hollingshead, Lionel Brough, J. Clayton, D. James, Messrs. Herman Vezin, C. Wyndham, Henry Neville, G. Grossmith, and E. Cecil. The other guests were the Duke of Beaufort, Earl of Aylesford, Lord Carington, H.R.H. Prince Leiningen, Hon. Ponsonby Fane, Lord Torrington, Bro. the Earl of Fife, Lord Lytton, Lord Londesborough, General Probyn, Colonel Tyrwhitt Wilson, Mr. F. Knollys, Mr. G. A. Sala, Mr. F. Burnand, Mr. Charles Hall, Dr. W. H. Russell, and Sir George Wombwell. Bro. Byron, owing to illness was unable to accept the royal hospitality.



The great meeting called by the Prince of Wales in furtherance of the proposal to form a Royal College of Music was held in the Banqueting Hall, St. James's Palace, on Tuesday, under the presidency of His Royal Highness. Among the illustrious and distinguished personages present were the Dukes of Edinburgh and Albany, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Duke of Westminster, the Earls of Rosebery, Derby, Lathom, and Spencer, the speaker of the House of Commons, Lord Aberdare, the Prime Minister, Sir Stafford Northcote, Bart., M.P., the Lord Mayor of London, the Turkish, German, Austrian and Swedish Ambassadors, Sir R. Cross, M.P., Mr. Childers, M.P., Sir John Lubbock, Bart., M.P., Sir Donald Currie, M.P., Sir R. Wallace, M.P., Bishop of Sodor and Man, Cardinal Manning, Sir Julius Benedict, Sir P. Cunliffe Owen, Herr Randegger, Mr. Henry Leslie, Mr. Arthur Chappell, Bro. Carl Rosa, and others.

After reading letters of regret at their inability to be present from the Duke of Connaught and Prince Christian, the Prince of Wales, in a long and eloquent speech, stated the object in establishing a national school for musical education, pointing out that three centuries ago, as shown by the Duke of Albany at Manchester, England relatively to other countries occupied a far higher place in the musical world than it does now. Other nations, thanks to their conservatories, such as those established at Berlin, Vienna, Paris, had their different schools of music, but England, though it had composers of eminence, owing to the want of such an institution, had none; none that was indicative of the national life and national feelings. It was proposed that the College should have a foundation of one hundred scholars, fifty of whom would be educated at an estimated cost of £40 each, and the other maintained, as well as educated, at £80 each, while the College would be also open to those who could afford to pay for their education. The site for the building would be given by the Commission of the Great Exhibition of 1851, a nucleus for the college being already afforded by the building so liberally constructed by Mr. Frenke, and a communication would be established between the College and the Royal Albert Hall, so that certain rooms and theatres in the latter would be immediately available. After an eloquent appeal to all present to aid him in the good work, His Royal Highness, in conclusion, called upon H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh to propose the resolution of the day, which was to the following effect, namely, "That this meeting approves of the proposal to establish a Royal College of Music as a national institution, and undertakes that meetings shall be called throughout the country, and the utmost exertions used, individually and collectively, to forward the movement by obtaining the necessary funds for endowing a College of Music for the British Empire." This was seconded by the Archbishop of Canterbury, as the foremost representative present of the religious bodies of the country, supported by the Earl of Rosebery, on behalf of the Lords Lieutenant of counties, and the Lord Mayor of London as representing the municipalities, and carried by acclamation. A resolution of thanks to the Prince of Wales for having called the meeting, and likewise for his promise to take the College under his immediate patronage as its President, having been proposed by the Prime Minister and seconded by Sir Stafford Northcote, M.P., was also carried, and His Royal Highness having thanked the meeting for their kindness and courtesy, the proceedings terminated.

The following is the preliminary list of subscriptions: Her Majesty the Queen, £500; H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., £250; H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh, K.G., £250; H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, K.G., £100; H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, K.G., £100; H.M.'s Commissioners of 1851, £500 per annum, representing at twenty-five years' purchase, £12,500; Mr. Frenke's Building, presented to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., by Mr. Frenke; Sir Richard Wallace, Bart., K.C.B., M.P., £1000; Mr. S. Morley, M.P., £1000; Messrs. Robert Cocks and Co., £1000; Messrs. Collard and Collard, £1000; Sir Edward Scott, Bart., £600; the Duke of Westminster, K.G., £500; Mr. J. J. Colman, M.P., £500; Mr. Jeremiah Colman, £500; Mr. Pfeiffer, £500; Sir Donald Currie, K.C.M.G. M.P., £500; Mr. Thomas Chappell, £500; Mr. Howard Morley, £500; Mr. Charles Morley, £500; Messrs. B. & Co., £500; Baron Ferdinand Rothschild, £250; Mr. Warren De La Rue, £250; Messrs. Elkington and Co., £210; Mr. Edward L. Lawson, £200; the Earl of Rosebery, £100; Messrs. N. M. Rothschild, £100; Mr. Arthur Chappell, £100; Messrs. Ashdown and Parry, £100; Messrs. Metzler and Co., £100; Mr. Joseph Williams, £100; Mr. Maxwell, £100; and Bro. Carl Rosa, £100. We must not omit to add that the Prince, in referring to the many letters he had received, made special mention of one from an anonymous source, the writer of which sent "£50 for the Royal College of Music, from one whose earliest recollection is the singing of the National Anthem on the accession of the Queen, when, as a poor lad, he joined in a procession of Sunday School children; in memory of the late Prince Consort, and in gratitude of the long and peaceful reign of Her Majesty."

The feature of the Philharmonic concert of Thursday last was the performance for the first time in England of "Hungaria," the ninth in order of the twelve "Symphonic Poems" which the well-known composer Liszt has written. The better parts of the hall were well filled, and the "Poem," though noisy in parts, experienced a fair reception. Mr. W. G. Cousins's efforts as conductor were well supported by the orchestra, which played with great care throughout. Schumann's pianoforte concerto was brilliantly played by Herr Schwarwenka, and Mesdames Marie Roze and Trebelli achieved great success by their vocal efforts, the former eliciting loud applause for her singing of Glück's "Divinité du Stix," and the latter giving with equal success Mozart's "Voi che Sapete."

In the continued absence of Bro. Sir Michael Costa M. Sainton again wielded the baton at the concert last Friday, in St. James's Hall, of the Sacred Harmonic Society, at least in the case of the first and second parts of the programme, to wit, Mendelssohn's setting of the "Forty-second Psalm," and Sullivan's "Martyr of Antioch," the intermediate number, a new arrangement of the "Te Deum," by Mr. W. G. Cousins, being conducted by that gentleman in person. The psalm was well rendered, and as well received, the place of Miss Beebe, the principal vocalist, who was accidentally absent, being ably filled, at a moment's notice, by Mrs. Sutor. The "Te Deum" contained several striking passages, and will probably be better appreciated when the music has become more familiar to the public. The "Martyr of Antioch" went extremely well, Miss Annie Marriott, Madame Patey, and Messrs. Lloyd, King, and Cross taking the solos.

M. Sainton will again conduct at the same Society's concert on Friday, the 10th inst., when Haydn's "Creation" will be given, the principal artistes being Miss Mary Davies, Mr. Edward Lloyd, and Signor Foh.

The first of Mr. Walter Macfarren's series of three Orchestral Concerts took place at St. James's Hall on Saturday evening, in the presence of a large and appreciative audience, all of whom were desirous of showing their sympathy with this popular composer. The programme included, besides the overtures to "Oberon" and "Die Zauberflöte," Mendelssohn's violin concerto and Beethoven's symphony in C minor; two novelties by Mr. Macfarren himself, one being a "Concert-stück" for pianoforte and orchestra, and the other his overture to "King Henry V.," which was produced at last year's Norwich Festival, when it experienced a very favourable reception. The programme was admirably carried out under the conduct of the concert-giver, the solo part in the "Concert-stück" being correctly and tastefully interpreted by a *débutante*, Miss Margaret Gyde, a pupil of Mr. Macfarren's at the Royal Academy of Music, her performance being loudly applauded by the audience. The favourable verdict passed on the overture to "King Henry V." at Norwich was fully confirmed on Saturday. The vocalists were Miss Mary Davies and Bro. Santley, one of the latter's contributions being "O ruddier than the cherry," with piccolo obligato by Mr. Barrett.

At Steinway Hall, on Thursday, the 23rd ult., there was a matinee musicale by MM. Ferdinand and Hermann Carri, violinist and pianist, who are endowed with considerable talent, and have been recently playing with great success in Paris. The performances gave unmistakable satisfaction.

A few weeks since we announced there would be a season of grand German opera at Drury Lane Theatre, in the months of May and June. The prospectus is now before the public, and, consequently we are in a position to form some idea of its character. The directors are Hermann Franke and B. Pollini, with Hans Richter, of Vienna, as conductor. The operas will be Wagner's "Der Fliegende Holländer," "Tannhäuser," "Lohengrin," "Die Meistersinger," and "Tristan und Isolde," with Beethoven's "Fidelio," Weber's "Euryanthe," and Mozart's "Così fan tutti." The artists engaged include the *Prime Donne* of the Hamburg, Dresden, and Berlin operas, Herr Hermann Winklemann, Hamburg, and Herr Franz Nachbaur, Munich. The orchestra will be that of the Richter concerts, while the chorus, which will consist of a hundred voices, have been chosen from the opera houses of Hanover, Hamburg, Berlin, Schwerin, &c. There will be two series of twelve performances each, one being given on Tuesdays, and Thursdays, the other on Wednesdays and Saturdays.



Bro. the Lord Mayor and the Council of the City of London Society of Artists gave a conversation at the Mansion House on Tuesday evening, when about 2000 persons availed themselves of the invitations. The objects of the gathering was to promote art in the City, and to bring this society before the citizens. Sir Frederick Leighton, P.R.A.; Mr. Calderon, R.A.; Mr. Stackpool, A.R.A.; M. M. Whitter, R.A.; Mr. Oakes, A.R.A.; Mr. Morris, A.R.A.; Mr. Buer, A.R.A.; Mr. Thorneycroft, A.R.A.; and Mr. Strong, A.R.A., lent pictures and sculpture for the evening, which were exhibited in the Egyptian Hall, the Venetian Parlour, and other rooms in the Mansion House. The guests were received by Bro. the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, and Mr. Sheriff Ogg, attended by the City Marshal and the Sword and Mace Bearers. The Lord Mayor wore his jewel and his robe of full state embroidered with gold lace. Amongst the company present, and announced by Bro. Barker, were Mr. Justice Denman, Count and Countess de Hamel de Maus, Sir Fredk. Leighton, Bro. Major Sewell, the Master of the Cooks', Turners', Framework Knitters', Butchers', Girdlers', Curriers', Mercers', Cutlers', Fruiterers', Joiners', Clothworkers', and Painters' Companies; Colonel Alexander, Major-General Hopkins, Bro. Squire, C.C.; Capt. Baptie, C.C.; Bro. Lieut.-Col. Britten, Capt. and Mrs. Douglas Gordon, the Mayor of Wolverhampton, the Master of the Dyers', Fannmakers', Brewers', and Salters', Companies; Bro. J. V. Moore, C.C.; Bro. Lieut. Henry Wright, Bro. ex-Sheriff Waterlow, Bro. the Comptroller, the Chamberlain, Bro. ex-Sheriff Bayley, Mr. Prebendary Whittington, Bro. Alderman Staples, Bro. Sir Frederick Perkins, Mr. Surr, C.C., and Mrs. Surr, and Mr. Deputy Walter.

The Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, with the Prince of Waldeck, were present at the Crystal Palace on Saturday last at the informal opening of the Electric Light Exhibition, being conducted round the building by the Chairman of Directors, Mr. McGeorge, C.C., and Major Fled Page, the Secretary. The exhibition promises to be one of the most interesting and successful ever held. The great attraction is, undoubtedly, the immense arc light of 150,000 candle power, shown by the Brush Company; the other principal exhibits being the Maxia and Brockie Lights, the former by the Electric Light and Power Generator Company, and the latter by the British Electric Light Company, the Pilsen Lamp of Messrs. Rowatt and Fyle in the Handel Orchestra, the improved Jablohoff in the Opera Theatre, and the Swan Light in the Picture Gallery, the powerful Siemens chandelier exhibited in Paris brilliantly lighting up the south end of the Palace. There is also on view a collection of objects arranged in chronological order, shown by the Telegraph Department of the Post Office and by the South-Eastern Company, the former including the original model made by Mr. Ronalds, at Hammersmith, in 1816, of an electric telegraph, and the early dials of Professor Wheatstone, while among the latter is the telegraph sent in 1840 by Mr. C. V. Walker from the deck of the Princess Clementina when laying the first submarine cable from Folkestone across the Channel. The Royal party expressed themselves as greatly pleased by the display.

Bro. G. A. Sala presided at the meeting on Saturday of the West London School of Art, Great Titchfield-street, the occasion being the distribution of prizes won by the students during the past year. Bro. Sala, in the course of his remarks, enumerated five distinct boons with which, in his opinion, England as a nation has been favoured, and to which much of the progress made of late years in art education was due. These were the acquisition of the Elgin Marbles and the Great Exhibition of 1851, the revival of Gothic architecture, the Facets derived by our artists from a study of Japanese art, and photography, which enables people to inspect exact representations of the great masterpieces of ancient art. On the motion of Mr. R. W. Edis, a vote of thanks to Bro. Sala was cheerfully and unanimously accorded.

Mr. Sargent has just completed his picture of the House of Commons, which he began in 1880. As yet it has not been exhibited to the public. We have had a private view of it, at Messrs. Gladwell Brothers' famous old fine art gallery, Gracechurch-street. The Sergeant-at-Arms placed a room adjacent to the House in which the common debates take place, at the disposal of Mr. Sargent. He has taken his picture evidently from the Ambassadors' gallery, and on a night of a full debate. The Prime Minister is represented making one of his great speeches. As we very frequently visit the House and hear the debates, we can say it is a faithful representation of the House of Commons as a building and of its members. Of course most of them have sat especially for their portraits, so that every individual is duly represented. Not as one sees in cheap prints, the principal personages depicted, and the faces of the rest of the members being meant for no one in particular. There are nearly 400 different portraits in the painting. During the time of its painting the speaker and many of its members have evinced a deep interest in its progress, by paying many visits to the temporary studio. Etchings have been made of it, and even the plate of these is the work of Mr. Sargent himself. The price is ten guineas, and most of the members have subscribed for a copy. Some members are of course more prominent than others and more easily recognisable. The etching is the largest that ever has been done. Prominent in the government and opposition benches are the leading members of both political parties, but the more quiet arena will have greater interest for our readers, which contains portraits of Bros. the Earl of Bective, Sir Thos. Brassey, Sir Watkin W. Wynn, the Earl of March, Hon. and Rev. F. Byng, Chaplain to the Speaker, P.G. Chap.; Lord Kensington, Sir C. Mills, Hon. J. Dundas, Montague Guest, T. F. Halsey, Sir Michael Hicks Beach, the Marquis of Hartington, Sir James McGarel Hogg, Lord Castlereagh, and Edward Clarke, Q.C.



ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.—H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught has fixed Wednesday, the 10th of May next, as the day upon which the annual festival for 1882 of the above Institution shall be held.

Bros. Sir J. B. Monckton and Alderman Hadley, and C. W. C. Hutton, J.P., are among the Stewards at the forthcoming festival of the Railway Officers and Servants' Association and Railway Orphan Fund, which will be held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Wednesday, the 8th inst., when the Marquis of Salisbury will preside.

The ceremony of installation will be worked by Bro. Chicken, on Monday evening next, in the Perfect Ashlar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1178. A cordial invitation is extended to the members of the Craft by the brethren of the lodge.

The *City Press* states that the silver and inlaid casket containing the address from the Corporation to Mr. Gladstone will be presented early next week. The presentation will be of a private character.

The festival dinner of the United Kingdom Railway Officers and Servants' Association will be held on Wednesday, the 8th inst., the Marquis of Salisbury in the chair.

Bro. Sir John Bennett lectured on "The House of Lords: Its Past History, Present Position, and Possible Future," in the Lecture Hall, Greenwich, on Wednesday last. He will also repeat his lecture on the above interesting subject at the Tonbridge Wells Working Mens' Liberal Association, in the Friendly Society's Hall, on Monday evening next.

Bro. G. A. Sala presided at the annual presentation of prizes to the students of the West London School of Art, 155, Great Titchfield-street, W., on Saturday last.

Bro. J. R. D. Lynn, of Blyth, the coroner for the Southern Division of the county of Northumberland, has appointed Bro. Wm. Brewis Elsdon, solicitor, Newcastle, Treasurer of Lodge of Industry, No. 48, his deputy coroner for the division.

The ceremony of installation in connection with the Bootle Lodge, took place on Thursday, the 2nd inst., at the Town Hall, Bootle, when Bro. Thomas F. Young, was duly installed in the chair. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next issue.

A meeting of the General Committee of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution was held last (Friday) evening, at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, for the purpose of hearing applications for the education of sixteen, and the advancement of two children of deceased Freemasons.

Bro. the Bishop of Peterborough (Dr. Magee) has been ordered by his physicians to abstain from preaching, and to leave his diocese for rest. We regret to say his voice will not be heard in any pulpit again this year, unless he recovers his former strength very rapidly. Our right reverend brother is one of the most powerful preachers on the bench. The Bishop came to London a fortnight since, and spoke in Convocation. We hear he is already feeling better for the rest.

Bro. the Earl of Jersey, H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge, the Duke of Marlborough, Earl Sydney, the Marquis of Winchester, the Lord President of the Council (Earl Spencer), Viscount Barrington, the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone, the Right Hon. Spencer Walpole, M.P., Mr. John Holms, M.P., Mr. Hilbert, M.P., the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, and Mr. Bartlett Burdett-Coutts were amongst the congregation at the Chapel Royal, St. James's Palace, on Sunday last. The Bishop of Chichester (Dr. Durnford) was appointed to preach, but owing to indisposition was unable to occupy the pulpit, his place being taken by the Sub-Dean (Rev. F. Garden). The Bishop will have to pay a fine of two guineas.

The M.W. the Grand Master presided at a Council of the Duchy of Cornwall on Saturday, when Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe took the oath on appointment to a seat at the Board. There were also present the Earl of Leinster, Sir William Knollys, Sir Dighton Probyn, the attorney, Sir W. Anderson, and Mr. Holyrann, private secretary to H.R.H. the Princess of Wales.

Bro. W. H. Pannell, C.C., F.C.A., has been appointed chairman of the Fish Supply Committee for the second time, and chairman of the Streets Sub-Committee of the Commissioners of Sewers.

Bro. Sir Garnet Wolseley on Saturday night was present at the distribution of prizes of the Queen's Westminster Rifle Volunteers, at which H.R.H. the Princess Mary Adelaide was the distributor. In the evening the gallant general dined with the Duke of Teck, the Duke of Sutherland, Bro. Lord Chelmsford, Lord Elcho, General Higginson, and the officers and men of the regiment, and made an impressive speech on the army system.

The Countess Spencer had a reception on Saturday last, which was attended by, amongst others, Bros. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., the Marquis of Hamilton, Sir James McGarrill Hogg, M.P., J. B. Firth, M.P., the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, and Mr. Bartlett Burdett-Coutts, the Earl of Sydney, the Prime Minister, the Earls of Kinnore, Northbrook, and Kimberley, Bros. Sir Edward Colebrooke, M.P., Colonel Spencer (Sergeant at Arms, House of Lords), the Lord Chancellor, Lady Selbourne, Lord and Lady Ferdinand Cavendish, the Speaker, and many members of the Government.

A SEVERE TEST.—Under the guidance of the medical profession during the past quarter of a century, the public have patronized WRIGHT'S COAL TAR SOAP. They continue to use it because experience has taught that to have it in the bedroom, bathroom, and throughout every household is a sure preventive of infectious disease. It can be bought everywhere. Fraudulent imitations, however, are to be met with. Purchase no other Coal Tar Soap but WRIGHT'S.—[ADVT.]

Countess Stanhope's evening party at Grosvenor-place on Saturday last included the Duke and Duchess of Leeds, Rev. the Earl and Countess De la Warr, Bro. Lord and Lady Chelmsford, Bro. the Earl of Jersey, Bro. Col. Sir James McGarrill Hogg, M.P., Sir Algernon Borthwick, the Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol and Miss Ellicott, Bro. Staveley Hill, O.C., M.P., Mr. Augustus Hare, Professor and Mrs. Spottiswoode.

Bro. Captain Bowes A. Paice, A.R.I.B.A. (St. Andrew's Lodge), has been acting lately as Colonel Commanding for Sir Frederick Leighton, P.R.A., Colonel of the Artists' Rifle Volunteers, and also as Adjutant in the same corps.

Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, K.G., will preside at the festival dinner of the National Hospital for the Paralyzed and Epileptic, Queen-square, at Freemasons' Tavern, on the 14th inst.

The wedding of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany will be celebrated towards the end of April; the arrangements for the ceremony will be similar to those on the occasion of the marriage of Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught. The marriage will take place in St. George's Chapel, Windsor.

Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught will take the chair at the dinner of the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond-street, which will be held on the 8th inst. at Willis's Rooms.

Bro. the Lord Mayor was presented by the Premier, at the levee last week, to Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, acting for the Queen; Mr. Sheriff Ogg by the Home Secretary. Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Hanson was prevented from attending owing to the death of his father in Switzerland. Bros. the Rev. Dr. Cox, ex-Under Sheriff Wragg, Sir Thomas Brassey, and J. F. Truscott were amongst those who attended.

Bro. G. R. Sims's drama, "Lights o' London," is on its way through the provinces, its first station being Hull, where it has been received with great applause.

Mr. Alfred Mackenzie, secretary of the British Orphan Asylum, writes that at the next meeting of the directors the proposed alteration of the name of Slough to Upton Royal will be specially brought to their notice, it being the opinion of many well wishers to the institution that it having been located in Slough over twenty years any change in the name of its present locality would very prejudicially affect it. There is in England only one "Slough" but about thirty "Uptons."

Bros. F. H. Cozens and A. Hubbard were among the vocalists at the Cripplegate Ward Club dinner, held at the Albion on Tuesday last.

Bro. Alderman Sir F. W. Truscott is staying at Brighton.

Bro. Sir John Bennett lectured on Friday, the 24th ult., at Chislehurst, on "Paris and Its Electrical Exhibition" to a large audience, and at the close he received a hearty vote of thanks for his able and graphic address.

Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold will preside at the next annual dinner of the Newspaper Press Fund. The capital fund now amounts to £13,250.

In aid of the funds of the Ratcliff Hope Benevolent Society an entertainment will be given on Monday next at the Limehouse Town Hall. Bro. T. J. Barnes, P.M. 554 and 933, is Chairman, and Bro. Berry, P.M. 554, Hon. Sec., and under their superintendence there is little doubt of a satisfactory result, in a pecuniary point of view. In such a good work it must be a labour of love to all concerned.

Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Albany and the Princess Helen of Waldeck on Thursday, the 23rd ult., visited the studio of Bro. Bassano to be photographed. Although it is too early to see the production, we have no doubt that our brother will sustain the name he bears as a delineator of likenesses. This is the first visit of Her Serene Highness to the metropolis.

Bro. Squire, C.C., W.S. 1827, entertained Bro. J. V. Moore, Mr. Hart, C.C., and the rest of his colleagues in the Court of Common Council of the Ward of Billingsgate at dinner recently at his private residence.

The Fifteen Sections were worked by Bro. Tate, P.M. 862, at the Excise Tavern, Old Broad-street, E.C., on Monday last, with great success and a numerous attendance of the brethren of the Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.

Bros. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex have given their patronage, in conjunction with the members of the Common Council representing the Ward of Farringdon Without, to the Grand Concert announced in aid of the charitable institution known as "Ye Antiente Fraternite of Ye Rahere Almoners," to take place at the Memorial Hall, Farringdon-street, E.C., on the 22nd inst., and his Lordship has promised personal attendance. Bros. Humphrey J. Stark, C. Lovring, and other well-known musicians have undertaken the direction and management of the concert, which will be of a most attractive character.

The Act for the Protection of Wild Birds during the Breeding Season came into operation on Wednesday, and it is illegal to kill or catch any bird before the 1st of August next; but the Act does not prohibit the owner or occupier of land killing any wild bird not included in the schedule, which enumerates eighty-five kinds of birds to be protected. By the amended Act, passed August 22nd, 1881, larks, not hitherto included, are added to the schedule of protected birds. Fourteen days are allowed for the sale of birds and wild fowl killed before the 1st day of March.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—In order that the slightest indisposition may not rapidly run its disastrous course from bad to worse, the afflicted of every age and class should give it immediate attention. A few doses of these thoroughly purifying and strengthening Pills will always be beneficial when the least disorder reigns, or when nervous fears oppress. Two or three Pills at bedtime have the happiest effect in promoting perfect digestion, whereby the muscles are rendered more vigorous, the spirits more buoyant, and the entire frame more healthy. Holloway's medicine increases the quantity of nutriment derivable from a given quantity of food, and so the quality of the blood is improved, the tone of every fibre throughout the body is heightened, and the disposition to fall into disease is reduced to a minimum.—[ADVT.]

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.—The list of Bro. Capt. John Finch, P.M. and Treas. of the Phoenix Lodge, No. 173, as Steward for that lodge, amounted to £89 9s. 6d.

The Prince of Wales presided at the annual dinner of the Civil Service Rifles (of which His Royal Highness is Honorary Colonel) on Wednesday last, at Willis's Rooms. Bro. the Duke of Manchester was also present.

Bro. Alderman Fowler, M.P., attended a meeting held at the National Club on Friday, the 24th ult., to express sympathy with the Jews under their persecution, at which a letter was read from Mr. Edward Cazalet stating that he was negotiating for the construction of a railway from Tripoli to Damascus, and he desired to obtain the co-operation of the Jewish community with a view to Hebrew emigrants gaining a livelihood on the work, and by receiving allotments of land.

Bro. A. J. Percival Stevens is to be installed W.M. of the Royal Standard Lodge, No. 1298, at the Wellington Club, Islington, on Tuesday next.

Bro. John Greenwood, of Sowerby Bridge, an octogenarian Freemason, was, on Wednesday, the 25th ult., entertained at a complimentary supper to commemorate his 80th birthday, by the members of the Ryburn Lodge, No. 1283. We hope to give a report of the proceedings in our next.

Bro. James Stevens, P.M., &c., will deliver his reading, explanatory of the First Degree, at the United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, on Friday evening next.

Bro. the Earl of Mar and Kellie, Grand Master of Scotland, along with a deputation from the Grand Lodge, paid an official visitation to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow. We shall give a report of the proceedings in our next.

At Bro. Kingston's, "Ye Moorgate," Finsbury, on Tuesday evening last, the Rosemary Amateur Musical Society, which is patronised by Alderman Sir Andrew Lusk, Bart., M.P., held its fourth meeting of the season. The programme consisted of songs, readings, and selections, and gave much satisfaction to a large number of guests.

Mr. George Howard, M.P., having regard to the success achieved by the Government in opening on Sundays the National Museums and Galleries in the suburbs of London and in Dublin, proposes at an early date to move a resolution in the House of Commons in favour of extending the plan to all Museums and Galleries supported by national funds.

Herr Joachim is announced to appear at Mr. Macfarren's orchestral concert at St. James's Hall, on Saturday evening next, the 11th inst. The programme will include Beethoven's overture to "Leonora," Spohr's dramatic concerto for violin, Sterndale Bennett's pianoforte concerto in C. minor, and a new symphony in B. flat by Mr. Macfarren.

To-day (Saturday), at the morning performance, at Her Majesty's Theatre at 2 p.m., will be revived Wagner's "Rienzi," while in the evening will be repeated Sir Julius Benedict's "Lily of Killarney."

The Emblematic Head-Pieces which are this week introduced into the pages of the *Freemason*, have been specially designed by Bro. F. Seifert, of the Pilgrim Lodge, No. 238. The reader will have no difficulty in discovering the many Emblems of the Craft which have been introduced in the more strictly Masonic designs, while the subjects of science, art, &c., will be found equally appropriate.

It is generally believed that, in the event of Bro. Sir Michael Costa, who is slowly and satisfactorily recovering from his recent seizure, being unable to fulfil the onerous duties of conductor at this year's Birmingham Musical Festival, his place will be taken by Herr Randegger, the novelists, however, being conducted by their respective composers.

The news that Bro. Carl Rosa finds himself unable to fulfil the promise made in his prospectus for the season to produce Berlioz's opera of "Benvenuto Cellini," will be received with universal regret, public curiosity having been greatly stimulated by the glowing accounts given of the beauty and originality of the score. Everyone, however, will sympathise with Bro. Rosa, who rarely fails in carrying out a programme when it has once been announced.

At the recent dinner of the Dramatical and Musical Society Sick Fund, presided over by Bro. the Lord Mayor, there were amongst his supporters Bros. Edward Terry, Lionel Brough, Arthur Swanborough, Hy. Neville, J. W. Anson, L. C. Phillips, C.C., and ex-Under-Sheriff T. Beard, C.C.

Dr. Murrell, Lecturer on Materia Medica and Therapeutics at the Westminster Hospital, has been appointed Examiner in Materia Medica at the University of Edinburgh, in the place of Dr. Lauder Brunton, F.R.S., resigned.

The Royal Commission on Technical Education held its first meeting at the South Kensington Museum, on Friday last. The first witnesses called were Sir Edward Baines and Mr. Frank Curzon, of Leeds, the President and Secretary of the Yorkshire Union of Mechanics' Institutes, who fully explained the working of those bodies, especially with regard to science and art classes and competitive examinations in design. They further described how, in their opinion, State aid might be most serviceably employed in teaching science and art. Mr. W. Gee, Secretary and agent of the Lancashire and Cheshire Union of Mechanics' Institutes, gave similar evidence in respect of that Union, while Mr. J. H. Reynolds, Secretary of the Manchester Mechanics' Institution explained its operations, more especially in connection with the teaching of technology. Mr. John Sparks, principal of the National Art Training School, South Kensington, was also examined, and in the course of his evidence, stated some of the results of his experience of the well-known Doultonware which had been produced, mainly under his superintendence, by the students of the Lambeth School of Art. The Commissioners will meet weekly for some time to come in London, after which they purpose visiting many of the most important centres of manufacturing industry in the provinces.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Saturday, March 11, 1882.

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 4.

Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1622, Rose, S.M.H., Camberwell.
Chap. 975, Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bdg.

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, MARCH 6.

Lodge 12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 129, Leadenhall-st.
" 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.
" 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 144, St. Luke's, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 256, Union, F.M.H.
" 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.
" 1669, Royal Leopold, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 1670, Adelphi, 4, Adelphi-terrace, Strand.
" 1924, Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Brockley.
Chap. 91, Regularity, F.M.H.
" 1056, Victoria, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
" 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq., W.
Mark 139, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.

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, MARCH 7.

Colonial Board, at 4.
Lodge 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H.
" 9, Albion, F.M.H.
" 18, Old Dundee, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 166, Union, The Criterion, Piccadilly.
" 172, Old Concord, F.M.H.
" 217, Stability, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 765, St. James's, Bridge House Hot., Lon. Bridge.
" 1257, Grosvenor, F.M.H.
" 1250, Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav., E.
" 1201, Golden Rule, Regent M.H., S. Air-st., W.
" 1298, Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Wellington-st., W.
" 1381, Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington.
" 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
" 1472, Henley, Three Crown Hot., N. Woolwich.
" 1693, Kingsland, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.
Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues.
Vehborough, 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.
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.
Eleonor, 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 8.

Gen. Com. R.M. Ben. Inst., at 3.
Lodge 11, Enoch, F.M.H.
" 13, Union Waterloo, F.M.H., Woolwich.

Lodge 15, Kent, F.M.H.
" 87, Vitruvian, South London H.H., Lambeth.
" 147, Justice, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
" 749, Belgrave, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.
" 1306, St. John of Wapping, Moorgate-st. Hot.
" 1694, Imperial, Pier Hot., Oakley-st., Chelsea.
" 1718, Centurion, Regent M.H., S. Air-st., W.
" 1766, St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch.
Chap. 1260, John Hervey, F.M.H.
Mark 284, High Cross, Seven Sisters' Hot., Tottenham.

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 9.

Lodge 19, Royal Athelstan, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 91, Regularity, F.M.H.
" 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 238, Pilgrim, F.M.H.
" 263, Bank of England, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 334, Polish National, F.M.H.
" 657, Canonbury, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 800, Dalhousie, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 870, Southwark, Southwark Park Tav.
" 1070, Capper, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 1425, Hyde Park, The Westbourne, 1, Craven-rd., at 8.
" 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury.
" 1598, Ley Spring, Red Lion Tav., Leytonstone.
" 1599, Skelmersdale, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
" 1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill.
" 1708, Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley.
" 1791, Creton, F.M.H.
Chap. 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 538, Vane, F.M.H.
" 534, Yarrowburgh, Green Dragon, Stepney.

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, Marston 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 10.

Lodge 33, Britannic, F.M.H.
" 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 157, Bedford, F.M.H.
" 177, Domestic, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1201, Eclectic, F.M.H.
Mark 198, Croydon, 105, High-st., Croydon.

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 11.

Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 173, Phoenix, F.M.H.
" 170, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1328, Granite, F.M.H.
" 1426, The Great City, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1686, Paxton, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 1743, Perseverance, Imperial, Holborn Viaduct.
" 1830, Duke of Cornwall, F.M.H.
" 1928, Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton.
Chap. 1423, Era, The Albany Hot., Twickenham.
K.T. Preceptory D, Mount Calvary, F.M. Tav.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE

For the Week ending Saturday, March 11, 1882.

MONDAY, MARCH 6.

Lodge 104, St. Johns, Ashton Hot., Stockport.
" 113, Unanimity, Bull Hot., Preston.
" 428, Sincerity, Angel Hot., Northwich.
" 703, Clifton, Royal Hot., Blackpool.
" 1015, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.
" 1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.
" 1204, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot., Waterloo.
Chap. 1496, Trafford, Alexandra Hot., Manchester.
Everton L. of L., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, MARCH 7.

Lodge 293, King's Friends, Lamb Inn, Nantwich.
" 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.
" 995, Furness, M.T., Uxerstone.
" 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton-le-Field.
Chap. 293, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
" 201, Grosvenor, M.R., Chester.
Merchant's L. of L., M.H., Liverpool.
Bootle L. of L., 146, Berry-street, Bootle.
Mark Lodge 11, Joppa, M.C., Birkenhead.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8.

Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
" 323, Concord, Florist Hall, Stockport.
" 430, Fidelity, Queen's Arms, Dukinfield.
" 1091, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1140, Ashton, Victoria H., Withington.
" 1350, De Grey & Ripon, M.R., Liverpool.
" 1398, Baldwin, Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
" 1403, West Lancashire, Commercial Hot., Ormskirk.
" 1517, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1715, Arthur John Brogden, M.H., Grange-over-Sands.
Chap. 86, Lebanon, Crown Hot., Prescott.
" 178, Harmony, M.H., Wigan.
" 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.
Neptune L. of L., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, MARCH 9.

Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
" 333, Royal Preston, Castle Hot., Preston.
" 477, Mersey, M.R., Birkenhead.
" 780, Croxteth, United Service, Liverpool.
" 1035, Prince of Wales, Skelmersdale, H., Liverpool.
" 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys, Eccles.
Chap. 220, Harmony, Garston Hot., Garston.
Ancient Union L. of L., M.H., Liverpool.
Mariners L. of L., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, MARCH 10.

Lodge 1280, Rock, M.R., Birkenhead.
Faith Encampment 41, M.H., Wigan.
Hamer L. of L., M.H., Liverpool.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN DUBLIN.

For the Week ending Saturday, March 11, 1882.

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

MONDAY, MARCH 6.

Lodge 2, Dublin. | R.A.C. 245, Dublin.

TUESDAY, MARCH 7.

Lodge 171, Dublin. | Lodge 227, Dalkey.

Female Orphan School Board.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8.

Lodge 143, Dublin. | Lodge 120, Dublin.

R.A.C. 250, Dublin. | Committee of Inspection.

THURSDAY, MARCH 9.

Grand Lodge of Instruction at 8.

Lodge 27, Dublin.

FRIDAY, MARCH 10.

Lodge 25, Dublin. | Lodge 250, Dublin.

Grand Mark Lodge. | R.A.C. 93, Dublin.

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NOTES.

(a) Rev. Dr. George Oliver, D.D., son of Bro. Rev. S. Oliver, Rector of Lambton, Northamptonshire, was born at Popplewick, 5th November, 1782, and initiated into Freemasonry in a lodge at Peterborough, in 1801. He is probably the most voluminous writer on Masonic subjects that ever lived; but though he undoubtedly did immense service to the Craft by his writings, the student must be chary of accepting many of his views, which, had he been less of an enthusiast, and more careful in examining the evidence on which he fixed them, he possibly would never have advanced. For several years he was Deputy Grand Master of the Province of Lincolnshire, and besides being honorary member of many lodges in this country, had had the honorary rank of Past Grand Master conferred upon him by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. He was also a member of the A. and A. Rite, and had taken the 33°. His most important works are "The Golden Remains of the early Masonic Writers," his "Historical Landmarks," "The Antiquities of Freemasonry," "The Signs and Symbols of Masonry," "The History of Initiation," an edition of "Preston's Illustrations of Masonry" (with the history continued to 1800), "Institutes of Masonic Jurisprudence," "The Book of the Lodge," "Revelations of a Square," &c., &c. He was also author of several non-Masonic works, such as "History and Antiquities of the Collegiate church of Wolverhampton," "Guide to the Druidical Temple at Nottingham," "Remains of Ancient Britons between Lincoln and Sleaford," &c. He died, full of years and honours, in 1867, and was buried with Masonic rites.

(b) Kansas. Though able to boast an existence extending over only a quarter of a century, this Grand Lodge, according to the latest returns, has on its roll no less than 190 lodges, with a subscribing membership of 8502 Craftsmen.

(c) William White, initiated in the Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge, then No. 2, was appointed Senior Warden of the Emulation Lodge, 21st December, 1779, and served the office of W. Master during the years 1779, 1771, 1774, and 1777, and filled the same office in the Grand Steward's Lodge, 1780. In the last named year he was appointed Grand Secretary ("Moderns") with Bro. James Heselton, became sole Grand Secretary 1781, and so remained till 1810, when his son, Bro. W. H. White, was made joint Secretary with him. He died 12th May, 1815.

(d) Massachusetts. In the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, which is among the most flourishing in the United States, there are 225 lodges, and over 25,000 subscribing members. Moreover, it has been at great pains and spared no (reasonable) expense in order to get together a good Masonic library, which already numbers 2250 bound volumes, and 2000 pamphlets.

(e) Misraim. A foreign rite which appears to have been established at Milan in 1805, and introduced in 1814 into France, where it still exists. It has ninety degrees arranged in four series, which, according to Bro. Yarker, are described as (1) Symbolical, (2) Philosophical, (3) Mystical, (4) Kabbalistic. It must not be confounded with the rite of Memphis, though there is an apparent similarity between the two.

(f) Nicolas de Bonneville is principally known by his work entitled "Les Jésuites Chassés de la Maçonnerie," published in 1788. He was, according to Thory, also the author of "La Maçonnerie Écossaise comparée avec les trois Professions des Templiers." He died 1828.

MAR. + HISTORICAL CALENDAR. + 1882.

- 1 Wed. Baron G. J. van Stassart elected first G.M. of G.O. of Belgium, 1835. Supreme Council of Belgium founded, 1871.
- 2 Thur. Bro. de Witt Clinton, b. 1769. Edict of Elector Charles Theodore of Bavaria against Illuminati and Freemasons, 1785. Sir W. Scott made a Mason in St. David's Lodge, Edinburgh, 1801. Edict of Magistrates of Berne (Switzerland) against Freemasonry, 1745. Bro. Rev. G. Oliver, D.D., (a) English Masonic Author, died 1867. Grand Lodge of Quebec conditionally acknowledged as independent by Grand Lodge of England, 1875.
- 3 Fri. Prince Cambacérès nominated G.M. of the Philosophie Scotch Rite, 1804.
- 4 Sat. First meeting of Grand Orient of France after its constitution in 1772, Duke of Luxembourg in Chair, 1773. Reports in favour of Union of the two Grand Lodges, Massachusetts, 1791. Opening of the Masonic Temple at Rome, 1875.
- 5 Sun. Address by Grand Orient of France to Provisional Government, 1848.
- 6 Mon. Lodges in Canada nominate Prince Edward (Duke of Kent) their G.M., 1792. Ordinance of Charles Louis Frederick, Grand Duke of Baden, against Secret Societies, 1813. Grand Lodge of Kansas, (b) established, 1856.
- 7 Tu. W. White, (c) G.S., "Moderns" 1780-1813, initiated in present No. 4, 1779. Grand Lodge (Ancients) Boston, met and declared itself independent. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, (d) Bro. Jos. Webb first G.M., 1777. Centenary Festival at Boston of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, Bro. P. Lowell Everett Grand Master presiding, 1877.
- 8 Wed. Prince William (afterwards Duke of Clarence and William IV.) initiated in the Prince George Lodge at Plymouth, 1780.
- 9 Thur. The first Statutes of the Rite of Misraim (e) compiled, 1816.
- 10 Fri. The Grand Orient of Poland resumes its labours, 1814.
- 11 Sat. Funeral Lodge held by G.O. of Poland in memory of Prince Pomiatowski, 1814.
- 12 Sun. Nicolas de Bonneville, (f) a French Masonic author of note in his day, b. 1760. First number of *Freemason* appeared, 1809.
- 13 Mon. Grand R.A. Chapter New York constituted, 1798. Prince of Orange, afterwards William II. of the Netherlands, initiated, 1817.
- 14 Tu. New Statutes of the Grand Orient of France promulgated, 1830.
- 15 Wed. Decree of the Imperial (German) Diet interdicting all connection between the German Stone Masons and the G.L. (*Haupt-Hütte*) of Strasburg, 1707.
- 16 Thur. Revival of Grand Lodge at York, (g) Bro. Francis Drake, G.M., 1761.
- 17 Fri. Foundation of the Eclectic Union in Germany.
- 18 Sat. Bro. E. F. Klein, G.M. Royal York Lodge of Friendship from 1801, died 1810.
- 19 Sun. The Committee of Associated Lodges seceding from G. Lodge of Scotland address Committee of G. Lodge expressing their wish to rejoin latter, 1813.
- 20 Mon. Baron von Hund, (h) chief instrument in spreading Knight Templarism, received into Freemasonry at Frankfurt-on-Main, 1742. Lord Carysfort installed Grand Master of England, 1752.
- 21 Tu. Sentence of death passed on Cagliostro (i) by the Inquisition at Rome, 1791. Grand Lodge of Holland maintains its independence against proposed encroachments of Grand Orient of France, 1812.
- 22 Wed. Gustavus IV. of Sweden initiated into Freemasonry at Stockholm, 1793. Lodge "Catherine of the North Star" at Warsaw reopened, 1810.
- 23 Thur. Grand Lodge "zur Eintracht," Darmstadt, founded 1846.
- 24 Fri. The Grand Chapter General and Gerbier's Grand Chapter of France united into one Chapter, 1785. Grand Lodge of South Carolina (so-called A.Y.M. Rite) constituted 1787.
- 25 Sat. Committee of Fourteen appointed to report on Dr. Anderson's Draft Constitutions signify their approval to Grand Lodge, 1722. Institution of Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, 1788.
- 26 Sun. The magistrates of Aix-la-Chapelle publish an ordinance forbidding assemblage of Freemasons under certain penalties, 1779. Edict of Gustavus IV., placing all secret societies, excepting that of the Freemasons, under surveillance, 1803.
- 27 Mon. First Quarterly Meeting of St. Mary's Chapel, Edinburgh, No. 1, under purely Speculative System, many members from other lodges being present, 1740.
- 28 Tu. Royal Kent Lodge of Antiquity, Chatham, constituted, 1723. Funeral honours paid by Supreme Grand Council of France to Count de Valence, S.G.C., deceased, 1822.
- 29 Wed. Lord Lovel (k) (afterwards Earl of Leicester), installed Grand Master at Mercers' Hall, 1731. Emanuel Swedenborg (l) died, 1722.
- 30 Thur. Earl of Crawford installed Grand Master at Mercers' Hall, 1734. H.R.H. Prince of Wales presided at Festival of R.M.L. for Boys, 1869.
- 31 Fri. Baron Bielfield, (m) present when Frederick of Prussia (Frederick the Great) became a Mason, born 1717. First record of admission of a M.M. in Scotland under the Modern or Speculative System, in Minutes of Canongate Kilwinning, 1735. The seceded Associated Lodges reunited with Grand Lodge of Scotland, 1813.

NOTES—continued.

(g) York. This fine old northern city, the metropolis of northern England, is so intimately associated with the traditions and history of our Craft as to have become a household word. The earliest minutes of the old York Lodge date back to the year 1705, at which time, and for twenty years afterwards, its chief was distinguished by the title of Master or President. In 1725 it assumed the title of "Grand Lodge of ALL England," presumably in contradistinction to the Grand Lodge in London, which styled itself the "Grand Lodge of England." Between the years 1734 and 1761 it lay dormant, but in the latter it resumed work as noted in the "Calendar."

(h) C. G. Baron von Hund was born in 1722, died 1779. The year following his initiation he is said to have received the High Grades in Paris. About 1740 he founded the Lodge of the "Drei Saülen" at Kittlitz, and laid the foundation of a Protestant church with Masonic ceremonial. About 1754 he again visited Paris, when he became mixed up with Bonneville's Chapter of Clermont, which had incorporated the Templar grade and the pseudo-tradition of the Scottish continuation. On this, according to Thory, he built up his system of the Strict Observance. Though originally a Protestant, he died a Roman Catholic, and was buried in front of the high altar of the Romish church of Melrichstadt. For further information see Kenning's "Cyclopedia of Freemasonry."

(i) Cagliostro, Count de, a gross impostor, whose proper name was Joseph Balsamo, is believed to have been born of honest parents, at Palermo, in 1743, and died in prison at Rome, 1795. He more than once visited England, where, it is alleged, he had some connection with the Craft, but it was not long before the real character of the man was discovered. He was the founder of an Egyptian system of Freemasonry, and also of an Androgyne Masonry. He was mixed up with several disreputable frauds, notably that of the "Diamond Necklace," and died, as stated, in a prison of the Inquisition, at Rome.

(k) Lord Lovel. It was during the Grand Mastership of this nobleman that Freemasonry had the honour of receiving into its fold Francis of Lorraine, afterwards Emperor of Germany, and husband of the illustrious Empress-Queen Maria-Theresa. The Duke was initiated, 1731, at an occasional lodge held at the Hague, under a deputation from the Grand Lodge of England. He subsequently received the Third Degree at a similar lodge held at Houghton Hall, Norfolk, the seat of Sir Robert Walpole.

(l) Emanuel Swedenborg, born at Upsala, 1688, was an eminent scholar and metallurgist, and from 1716 Swedish assessor to the Royal Mining College. In 1743 he asserted that he had had a vision from on high, telling him to instruct mankind in the true worship of God. In 1747 he gave up his profession, and thenceforward devoted himself to perfecting and promoting his religious system. He was not a Freemason, though a quasi-Masonic rite has been named after him.

(m) Baron Bielfield, or Von Bielfield, born 1717, died 1770. In 1740, being at the time in the Prussian diplomatic service, he helped to found the Lodge of the "Three Globes," at Berlin, under the King's patronage, which afterwards became "The Grand Mother Lodge of the Three Globes." He was ennobled in 1748, and became Prussian Minister at the Hague. He was Grand Master of the said Grand Lodge, 1754-57.

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