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THOUGH we think it always better "form" not to allude to the inevitable "on dits" of Masonic gossip as regards the new Grand Officers, until officially announced, we may, however, mention that we have heard that the following will be among the new Grand Officers for 1882-83: Lord CARRINGTON, Senior Grand Warden; The Right Hon. the LORD MAYOR, Junior Grand Warden; Rev. THOMAS ROBINSON, P.G.C. Kent, &c., and Rev. THOMAS COCHRANE, Grand Chaplains; Major PENRICE, D.G.M. Norfolk, R. C. ELSE, D.G.M. Somersetshire, Captain CLEMENT N. BESWICK-ROYDS, HARRISON, Q.C., and W. MASEFIELD, D.G.M. Worcestershire, Grand Deacons; HORACE JONES, Grand Supt. of Works; H. S. ALPASS, P.G. Sec. West Lancashire, JOHN MESSENT, L. F. LITTELL; and CUSINS as Grand Organist. We think it right to add, that we know as a fact, that the greatest possible care has been taken in the selection; much thought and consideration evinced; and that, though, of course, it is utterly impossible to gratify all personal aspirations or satisfy all pressing claims, yet that the present yearly appointment of Grand Officers rests on a very high standard of service and work for Freemasonry, and must give entire satisfaction to Grand Lodge. The provinces will be pleased to note that the meritorious efforts of provincial officers are neither forgotten nor disregarded.

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It would be amusing, if it were possible, to read and realize all the claims and applications for Grand office. They proceed from many sources, and are based on very conflicting reasons. Some good brethren seem to think that they are "born," so to say, for the "purple," and have almost a right to it, either simply because they wish it themselves or because they deem that they have sufficient interest at head-quarters to carry the appointment. A considerable section of our brethren, some of the most eager applicants for rank, have, perhaps, a better opinion of themselves than others have of them, and do not see, or will not see, that though, as Mrs. MALAPROP liked to say, "comparisons are odorous," there are others who, to say the least, have far more availing and pressing claims than they have, or ever possibly can have. Now it is not, we think, too much to assert that in the present throng of expectants for Grand office nothing can justify the claim but long and meritorious service. There are, of course, exceptions to every rule, even the laws of the Medes and Persians; and the prerogative of the Grand Master, the fountain of all Masonic honour and promotion must always be carefully guarded and vigilantly upheld. There must exist "power of selection," and very often there is a good reason for a promotion which escapes the popular mind which cannot well be overlooked or passed by. Making every allowance for special cases and exceptional promotions, which we must always fairly and reasonably admit to be both probable and possible, we think, however, we are not saying too much when we add that no one under eighteen years faithful service to the Craft can ordinarily or reasonably expect promotion to Grand Office. No doubt such a limit may disappoint many good friends of ours, worthy men and Masons, whose zeal however sometimes outruns their discretion in openly soliciting or secretly anticipating Grand Office on a lesser qualification of time and service. As we said just now, there are and must be cases and reasons when this rule may be dispensed with, necessarily put on one side, but in our normal promotion to-day, we venture to think we have put before our readers the probably lowest term of service now compatible with an application for Grand Office. Some years ago, twenty years used to be considered a fair qualification, but now we apprehend that we have almost correctly estimated the average of years of Masonic membership required as a preliminary for Grand Office. If then any of our excellent friends are disappointed at what they fondly deemed was in their reach, or grieve that the fruit which they were ready to pluck is not yet ripe for them, we can

only add for their consolation in the fashionable vernacular of the hour, "Dear Boy," "Dear Chappie," wait patiently a little longer!

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WE are much amused at a paragraph, taken from the *Montreal Gazette*, which appears in our last impression, headed "Coming events cast their shadows before." It appears that Bro. RICHARD VAUX P.G.M. and Chairman of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, has thought well to endorse certain statements of our good Bro. GRAHAM, G.M. of Quebec, and gently to intimate that in his opinion the excommunication by the Grand Lodge of Quebec of the mother Grand Lodge of the world, and declaring the three lodges in Canada holding lawful English warrants clandestine lodges, would be a proper proceeding. Knowing something of some of the brethren who form part of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and being fully aware too of their high claims to admiration and regard, their true Masonic feeling and their fitting Masonic acts, we doubt much if such a rash and un-masonic course of action will be approved of in any manner by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The position, as far as we are concerned, is a very simple one, but one which so concerns the honour and dignity of the Grand Lodge of England, that it is one from which it cannot depart, under any menace or any unfraternal behaviour. We regret to note the impatience of modern Freemasonry; this tendency to "Boycott" and excommunicate; this use of "loud" language, always most unmasonic, and the resource, as history proves, of weak minds and weaker cases. As regards this "causa teterrima belli," we would only repeat that the solution is not so much with the Grand Lodge of England as with the lodges of Canada themselves. Originally chartered by the English Grand Lodge, having worked on their legal warrants for many long years, when the first great separation occurred between England and Canada, and the independence of the Grand Lodge of Canada was acknowledged, the very status and loyalty of the fugitives of these same lodges were openly acknowledged. When another severance took place from the Grand Lodge of Canada itself, and the Grand Lodge of Quebec was set up for the first time, the position of these lodges was attacked, and their existence disapproved of in the connection with the old "Mother Country," which, for good and sufficient reasons thereunto moving they had maintained, and declined to abandon. Latterly the complaints of the Grand Lodge of Quebec have grown louder and louder, and the claims of Bro. GRAHAM more and more pressing. In vain our Grand Secretary has assured the Grand Lodge of Quebec through him that the Grand Lodge of England is in honour bound to stand by those who stand by it, and that it is impossible by its own laws to discontinue a connection unless the lodges themselves desire it, as the lodges have apparently done no wrong, but seeking to preserve their union with the warranting Grand Lodge. It may be for them only a question of sentiment, but still it is a sentiment to be respected; and, as they are clearly within their legal rights, it is absolutely impossible on any ground of Masonic law or common equity to censure them or punish them, either by recalling their charters, or desiring them to discontinue to act as chartered English lodges. All the Grand Lodge can do is to say, that if these Canadian Lodges wish to take out new charters from the G. Lodge of Quebec they are perfectly at liberty to do so, but that the Grand Lodge can neither officially advise or lawfully compel them so to do; and when, in addition, it is well-known that the English Grand Lodge fully recognizes the independence of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and will certainly not seek to prolong the existence beyond its natural term of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Montreal, thus giving up its old and cherished association with Canada, we should have thought that everything was settled. What the English Grand Lodge can do properly, legally, or Masonically more we fail to see or to realize. Perhaps some one will kindly inform us. If it should so happen that Bro. VAUX's idea of proper (?) Masonic action should be carried out, we poor benighted English Masons shall endeavour to face the awful alternative held out to us with decency and decorum. If we are to be isolated, we will be isolated, and like the Roman Patrician say "mea virtute me invelvo." We can only say that any such course will lead to the serious disintegration of the whole Masonic family; will assuredly lead to the cessation of many international Masonic relations; and must pave the way for most regrettable severances and painful alienations.

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WE just wish to call attention to one fact amid these claims of American sole sovereignty, as adopted by our good brethren in Canada. The P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba claims to give a lodge license to meet on unoccupied territory temporarily, and then to form a territorial Grand Lodge, in another country, under the name of the Grand Officers of a Grand Lodge thousands of miles away. Where are we all going to? Is there

any sense of Masonic law, right, or precedent left among us? We wonder what our learned Bro. VAUX would have said, if the Grand Lodge of Manitoba had claimed to form a new territorial Grand Lodge in an outlying territory (unoccupied) of the United States, and had given a warrant to a lodge to meet temporarily, let us say, in "Old Missouri." Imagination fails to realize what the effect would have been on that distinguished brother! Even our good old friend CLIFFORD McCALLA could not do justice to the position in the always effective pages of the *Keystone*!

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WE think it well to call attention elsewhere to the proceedings at the consecration of the Clerkenwell Lodge, as the ceremony was most interesting in itself, and most impressively performed, and the GRAND SECRETARY so pointedly alluded to the unwillingness of His Royal Highness the GRAND MASTER to increase the number of metropolitan lodges. In Bro. EDGAR BOWYER the Clerkenwell Lodge have most assuredly selected a most admirable premier W.M., and we augur, from his able and genial sway, the certainty of much good Masonic work, and the assurance of manly efforts for our great Charities.

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Bro. CARSON has an agreeable theory of his own about Templar origin, which was noticed in this paper some time back. He rejoins to our leader ette, and the writer thereof replies to him. It is a very pretty controversy as it stands, but it is a little too special and recondite to occupy the space of our leading columns. We refer our readers to the correspondence.

### LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., President of the Board of General Purposes, occupied the President's chair; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Junior Vice President, took the Senior Vice-President's chair; and Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., was placed in the chair of Junior Vice-President.

The other brethren present were Bros. H. G. Buss, Asst. G. Sec.; A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd, G. P. Britten, P.M. 183; J. H. Matthews, P.M. 143; William Stephens, P.M.; Charles Atkins, P.M. 27; Charles Frederick Hogard, P.M. 205; Charles Dairy, P.M. 141; J. D. Collier, P.M. 1366; Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; Thos. Cull, P.M. 1466; A. J. Graham, P.M. 700; T. M. Purchase, W.M. 1635; J. H. Sillitoe, P.M. 645; Arthur E. Gladwell, P.M. 172; L. C. Haslip, W.M. 813; W. H. Klinkingstein, W.M. 73; E. E. Barrett Kidder, W.M. 12; J. B. Lemaitre P.M. 1613; T. J. Stohwasser, P.M. 569; William H. Bateman, W.M. 171; W. F. Rogers, W.M. 704; E. Zwinger, W.M. 715; W. H. Ley, P.M. 1091; Fredk. Binckes, P.M. G. Stewards Lodge; A. Posener, W.M. 15; James Weaver, P.M. 862; John Seex, P.M. 186; W. Jewett Miller, P.M. 766; John S. Terry, P.M. 507; Walter Hopekirk, P.M. 307; J. McLean, W.M. 177; William H. Dean, W.M. 1900; A. F. W. Ramsay, W.M. 1891; E. Squirrell, P.M. 206; W. H. Perryman, P.M., W.M. 1351; Frederick Davison, W.M. 10; G. J. Jeffrey, P.M. 1166; W. B. Heath, P.M. 198; Lewis M. Myers, W.M. 188; R. Forster, P.M. 1441; H. J. Johnson, P.M. 1791; Thomas Cross, W.M. 1194; H. Sadler, G.T.; and H. Massey, W.M. 1928 (*Freemason*).

The brethren first confirmed recommendations to the amount of £235, made at the last meeting, and then proceeded with the new list, of which there were thirty-seven cases. The brethren sat four hours and a half, during which time they deferred two cases and dismissed two. The remaining cases were relieved with £775, which was composed of three grants of £75 each (£225); one £40 (£40); five £30 (£150); one £25 (£25); eleven £20 (£220); two £15 (£30); seven £10 (£70); and three £5 (£15).

### CONSECRATION OF THE CLERKENWELL LODGE, No. 1964.

This new lodge was consecrated on Saturday last, at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel, when the company assembled was very numerous. The Consecrating Officer was Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S., the number of whose consecrations is perhaps up to the present time larger than that of any other consecrating officer. In his duties he was assisted by Bro. Capt. N. G. Phillips, P.G.D., who acted as S.W.; Bro. R. W. H. Giddy, Dist. G.M. Griqualand, as J.W.; Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G. Chaplain, as Chaplain; Bro. James Terry, Prov. G.S.W. Norths and Hunts, as D. of C.; and Bro. H. C. Levander, G.D., as I.G.

The other brethren present were—

Bros. Edgar Bowyer, T. Hastings Miller, J. T. Goode, G. A. Potter, Colonel Henry Radcliffe, Major Robert Rolfe, John Tuck, Charles Frederick Hogard, P.M. 208; H. Shaw, I.P.M. 834; Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; A. H. Hickmon, W.M. 228; Alfred C. Spaul, P.M. 1768; Wm. Stephens, P.M. 1489, &c.; A. N. Howse, 1677; Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; Charles Stevens, S.D. 1793; John L. Mather, 1580, P.P.G.D.C. Herts; R. L. Sturtivant, W.M. 1278; Thos. Clark, S.D. 1178; Henry J. Dutton, 1706; T. W. Hanson, 1706; Capt. Bedford Pim, 274; E. Locoek, 712, D.P.G.M. Lincoln; Howard Vyse, P.M. 162; Arthur Millward, J.D. 179; F. Sumner Knyvett, P.M. 58, P.G.S.; Edward F. Storr, P.M. 22; Geo. F. Cook, P.M. and Treas. 1471; J. W. Simmonds, P.M. 1258; H. T. Crutch, P.M. 1273; William Barlow, P.M. 77; Thos. Griffiths, P.M. 907; G. A. Rooks, P.M. 142; Frederick Davison, W.M. 10; M. Brickwood, P.M. 192; Richard Baker, P.M. 188; Frederick Binckes, P.G.S.; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; Edward Wharton, 1706; George Lambert, G.S.B.; John Dennis, P.M. 907, 79, 1716, and W.M. 1804; and H. Massey, P.M. 619 and W.M. 1928 (*Freemason*).

The musical brethren were Bros. Dutton, C. Stevens, T. Hanson, and Edward Wharton, who performed under the direction of Bro. Charles F. Tinney.

After the lodge had been formally opened, Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, addressing the brethren, said: It was not now very easy to obtain a warrant for a new London lodge, but H.R.H. the Prince of Wales had thought it right to make a special exception in favour of this Clerkenwell Lodge, on account of the fact that there was actually no lodge in Clerkenwell. Therefore he had acceded to the petition of Bro. Edgar Bowyer and others, and decided to grant a warrant to this new lodge. As a general rule he (Col. Shadwell H. Clerke) made a point when consecrating new lodges of impressing upon the brethren the great carefulness they ought to show in admitting new members, owing to the fact that at the present moment Freemasonry possessed such great and material advantages, and it was to be feared that many were forcing themselves into it practically only

for what they might get out of it. However, in the case of the present lodge such advice was not necessary, as the founders were experienced Masons, and he had not the slightest doubt that they would carefully watch over all those who sought admission to Freemasonry through the Clerkenwell Lodge. He felt certain from what he knew of these brethren that the lodge would be a successful one, worthy of the decision of the Grand Master, and reflect credit and lustre on the Craft.

The Rev. A. F. A. WOODFORD then delivered the following oration:—  
V.V. Consecrating Officer. As the duty of the Chaplain on these interesting occasions seems limited by our Ancient Ritual to a short oration on the nature and principles of Freemasonry, I propose, with your permission, simply and briefly to point out to my assembled brethren, what are the nature and principles, yes, and excellencies of that really great institution, of whose membership we may be all of us justly proud, and whose name and work we may well be glad to "own" in society and the world to-day. And I say this advisedly, with the same confidence, because many whom I have the honour of addressing are not Neophytes of our Order. On the contrary, the memories of most of us can carry us back in some cases through a long array of years, to that hour, now far away, when he first saw the light of Freemasonry; and experience has only attested more and more the value, and Time has only more intensely proved the reality of Masonic teachings and fellowship to ourselves. The older we have grown, the more we have found that Freemasonry has a meaning and an importance for us all alike, whatever our rank or condition in society may be, in that it has cemented firm friendships, in that it has augmented kindly sympathy, in that it has cheered us in sorrow, and given us many an hour of innocent, happy, gracious companionship here. And if to-day we look back, as we must sometimes do, sir, regretfully on vacant places and vanished forms, if we recall with a sigh many a lost mate always at our side in lodge work, and who cheered the hearty board of social hospitality with a sunny and unfailing welcome, such things we know are ever but the accompaniment of mortal life and mortal strivings. And we, who have learnt wisdom from our Masonic lore, will ever bear in mind, that though such things are here in the good providence of the Great Architect of the Universe, they do but add to,—they seem only to increase,—our own personal sense of present privileges, the value of Masonic association and the kindliness of Masonic fellowship. But to pass on. If then we are tempted to ask what are the nature and principles of Freemasonry, before I attempt to describe them, I may, I think, fairly remark that Freemasonry itself is a very remarkable "factor" in the history and struggles of mankind. Its origin shrouded in obscurity, its past history lost in the dimness of ages, it starts into fresh life and remarkable vigour when a few faithful English Craftsmen met together in 1716, reconstituted the Grand Assembly, revived the Quarterly Communication,—in fact, founded the present Grand Lodge of England. We must then look to its avowed teaching, if it had any then, to ascertain what are properly its nature and principles, to discover its "raison d'être," its meaning, its reality, and its end. Practically we are now governed and controlled by the settlement and compact of 1813, but as it is always well to go back to first principles, so it is equally advisable to turn to the historical commencement of our society when we seek to realize what it is, what it professes, what it seeks to be. And, if, then in the first authoritative publication of Grand Lodge, or, rather, under the sanction of Grand Lodge in 1723, we find that Freemasonry is intended to be a Cosmopolitan Fraternity, whose motto may be fairly said to be Charity and Loyalty, whose leading tenets are Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, a sodality which inculcates reverence for God and love for man, loyalty to the throne and obedience to law, we find surely enough on the threshold of our enquiry to arrest attention and gratify interest. But if, in addition to these facts, we note also plainly that Freemasonry seeks to enclose in its mystic circle all good men and true, without distinction of creed or caste, nation or opinion, only premising that all must honestly believe in T.G.A.O.T.U., and carefully eschew all anarchical and all revolutionary tendencies, we gain a further gratifying mark of the importance and meaning and character of Freemasonry proper. And then, if further still we find that basing all its didactic lore on the Divine morality of God's Inspired Word, English Freemasonry, without entering into any of these divisions which divide, these separations which sever us, those controversies which too often serve but to debase the intellect, arouse the passions, and part us from our fellow-creatures here, proclaims unfailingly and unflatteringly the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man, and all those moral duties and all those social claims by which we are bound so closely and happily together here, and without which the world in which we live would soon become a realm of savages, a chaos of endless conflicts, hateful violences, and over-mastering passions, we may fairly hail with grateful acclaim both the tenets and the mission of Freemasonry. For thus Freemasonry is set before us in a most admirable light, a philanthropic and beneficent Order of the highest value and deepest value to us all alike, and for this reason. It seeks clearly to unite all men in a common religious work of disinterested humanity, and this is the cause why it has seemed, and still seems to many minds, some, too, of the most cultured and thoughtful of our race, to be worthy of our fullest sympathy, approbation and support. Happily its nature and principles are still unchanged as years follow upon years, and though as in all other earthly things as we know, development is the result of growth, and accretion is the consequence of progress, yet the landmarks of English Freemasonry are still happily unaltered and unaffected by changing times and revolving years. And long, sir, may they continue to be upheld by us in their pristine reality and authority, in that on them and from them so much depends and so much flows for the peace, the happiness, the civilization, the welfare of mankind. Of course, in saying all this I have, however, only but glanced very imperfectly, as time only permitted, at the true nature and principles of Freemasonry; but I venture to think, in even my most imperfect outline, that I have sketched out enough to commend Masonic principles to those who have not thought carefully over them, or know little about them, while to those who know Freemasonry well, I love it truly, all that I have humbly advanced will appear, but may be, a feeble commentary at the best, on its rightful claims to their allegiance, admiration, gratitude, and respect. And thus having, as I said before, only just glanced at its nature and principles, what may I not further put forward in respect of the excellencies of Freemasonry? Were I to treat upon them all according to my view, I should weary your courteous attention, sir, and the patience of my very friendly hearers. I can then just but touch upon one or two. 1. Is not Freemasonry excellent, in that it proves a happy centre of unity, or rallying point for those of us who do not care to give up to sectionalism what is meant for mankind, for us, I say, who have sympathy with all our fellow creatures, though we differ from them, and they differ from us, on many leading points?

It is the great charm of Freemasonry that it ignores the struggles and contentions of the world without. Outside our lodge rooms we take up, sir, almost necessarily, with this or that "shibboleth;" we belong to this or that section of thought and action; we are eager partisans of this or that view of men and things in general and particular. We are divided from each other by religious scruples or political considerations. But within the lodge all is peace, all is harmony, all is unity, all is goodwill. We know nothing there of the outer, noisy world, its camps and its coteries, its strife and its separations, its passions and its parties. We are Freemasons; we are brethren; we are friends; linked together as members of one great world-wide confraternity, whose reality is pleasantest companionship, whose outcome is brotherly love. And if, sir, the actual experience of our outer and inner lodge life to-day does not always correspond with this happier ideal. If the pettier emotions and rivalries of earth sometimes creep in to mar the more gracious self of real and living Freemasonry, such is, after all, but what we may fairly attribute to the fact that we are ever, at the best, poor children of the dust, encompassed by manifold imperfections and permeated by all but incurable frailties. 2. And then again how excellent is Freemasonry in the friendships it forms, the attachments it evokes. Am I saying too much, when I assert to-day, that some of our own truest friendships have been formed in Masonic lodges, that some of us are indebted to Freemasonry for pleasant associates and happy hours, and though such things are to some of us now but shadows of the past, and may perhaps never return to us, they still fill us with abiding and grateful memories of much that has been of intense gratification and good to us in our earthly wayfaring. I do not now wish to exaggerate anything, but speaking from my own humble experience of over forty years, I feel strongly that I am warranted in saying, that Freemasonry constitutes firm friendships, not only among those who might otherwise have remained at a perpetual and impenetrable distance, but also amongst those who are thrown together month by month, year by year, in our lodges, a friendship which passing time does not weaken, a friendship which nothing can shake, nothing can shatter, nothing can dissolve here, sir, but—the grave! And once more. 3. Is not Freemasonry excellent in the charity it inculcates and practises? Most remarkable, sir, are its profession and performance in this respect. When first we are admitted into a lodge we are told of charity, which, like its sister mercy, blesseth him who gives as well as him who receives, and we are told to practice it when we have an opportunity towards every poor and distressed brother who makes a proper claim upon us. Our charity, we observe, is not to be indiscriminate or lavish, but proper and reasonable. And do we not, too, as English Freemasons, carry out fully our principles in this respect? Does not English Freemasonry nobly perform its duty in this respect? Beginning in our private lodges, continued in our Provincial and District Grand Lodges, and Provincial and District Institutions, coming up to our Lodge of Benevolence, and culminating in our great metropolitan Masonic Charities, there is, as far as I can see it or measure it, aught one fair, goodly system of faithful and laborious charity running through English Freemasonry,—the foundation and keystone of our whole Masonic system. Other valuable societies there are, good and useful, by the score, which give largely and sufficiently in return for specific or continued payments. But Freemasonry, ignoring all ideas of a benefit society, grants on the religious grounds of elevating and unadulterated charity, "Agape" alone, befitting help to serious and proper claims of need, of poverty, of old age, and of distress. And those of us who have watched the growth of English Freemasonry lately, great and rapid as that growth has been, and have also observed how our great Charities have progressed, too, "pari passu," must rejoice, and will rejoice, to see that, as a tree is known by its fruits, so English Freemasonry even now strikes the popular mind with admiration by its yearly manifestation that the vital and ennobling principle of earnest, if well-regulated charity, dominates its members and hallows its lodge assemblies. It always has appeared to me, sir, that on such interesting occasions as these, no more fitting display of Masonic principles and practice can be made than the open recognition of some one of our great Masonic Charities as the crowning act of this pleasant and goodly ceremonial, which has such personal and pressing interest for the founders of this new lodge, and for us who are privileged to be present as visitors and friends. Let us hope, then, that this great work of most commendable charity which these latter years in God's good providence have cheered and fostered in such wonderful degree in our English Masonry, may still go on and prosper among us, and that 1882 may witness, as in our Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, so in our Girls' and Boys' School Anniversaries, that Masonic hands and hearts go together, and that we all realize more and more that amid the many excellencies of that Freemasonry so valued by us all, none are more gracious, none more real, none more blessed than the golden work of unpretending and unwearied, but yet munificent charity. I might still proceed in commendation of Freemasonry, but I will stop here to-day, thanking you all for your patience and consideration. One word more as to the new lodge you, sir, are now about to consecrate. We all of us, I think, rejoice to take part in these interesting ceremonies, and, I believe, we shall all equally hope and wish that the result of this new lodge's work may justify its foundation, and that its after progress may square with its auspicious commencement. Our confidence is increased in regard to future utility and good when we know that at its head, as the first W.M., is one, who, by his own kindly character and warm heart, his long Masonic services, his own sterling good qualities, has attracted to him the regard, confidence, and affection of his brethren. Sure we are, sir, that under his genial rule this Clerkenwell Lodge will maintain a high character for Masonic work and efficiency among its sister lodges, and that Masonic charity will ever find in him an able advocate and a steadfast friend. May all of good attend this new lodge in its onward career, and may it prove a source of unfeigned harmony and happiness to all its members, and may it ever fitly demonstrate to the neighbourhood and to the brotherhood the true meaning and principles, the prevailing excellencies of Freemasonry. So mote it be!

The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with and completed, and Bro. Edgar Bowyer was afterwards presented by Bro. Terry, and installed by Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke. Bro. Terry was appointed to act as I.P.M., and the following brethren were invested as officers: Bros. T. Hastings Miller, P.M., S.W.; J. J. Goode, J.W.; G. A. Potter, Treas.; James Terry, P.M., Sec.; Colonel Radcliffe, S.D.; Major R. Rolfe, J.D.; J. Tuck, I.G.; and Walkley, P.M., Tyler.

On the motion of the W.M., seconded by the J.W., a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, for consecrating the lodge, of which honorary membership was conferred on him.

Colonel SHADWELL H. CLERKE having thanked the brethren for their kind and fraternal recognition of his services, expressed the pleasure he had

had in performing the ceremonies, and hoped that at some future time he might come to the lodge and witness its progress.

A vote of thanks and the honorary membership of the lodge was also carried to Bros. Capt. Phillips, Woodford, Giddy, and Levander, for which Bro. Capt. PHILLIPS, on behalf of those brethren, returned thanks.

Bro. TERRY afterwards read a telegram from Dr. Wilson Iles, and letters from Bros. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Sir John Monckton, and Sir Albert Woods (Garter), expressing the regret of those brethren at being unable, through other engagements, to be present at the meeting.

One gentleman was proposed for initiation, and the Rev. J. H. Rose, vicar of Clerkenwell, and Bro. W. J. Charles, 1928, were proposed as joining members.

Bro. GEORGE LAMBERT, G.S.B., said he had had much pleasure in attending the consecration of the lodge, inasmuch as he was closely connected with the trade of Clerkenwell—the business of goldsmith and jewellers; in fact, he might say he held their purse-strings in some instances, and was a subscriber to the trade charities. On account of his connection with these trades, he should be glad to become an active member of the lodge.

The W.M. then proposed, and Bro. TERRY seconded, Bro. George Lambert as a joining member, after which the lodge was closed in form.

After the banquet which followed, the toasts were proposed.

Bro. R. W. H. GIDDY, D.G.M., Griqualand, responding for "The Earl of Carnarvon &c.," said he hoped earlier in the evening that the response to this toast would have fallen to hands better able than his to deal with it. However a worthy brother on his left (the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford), suggested that had he (Bro. Giddy) nothing more to say he might possibly make some reference to the approaching visit of the late chief of the Zulus, Cetewayo, to this country, as he came from the neighbourhood of which he (Bro. Giddy) was G.M. This joke, grim as it appeared, came from the Past Grand Chaplain. He could only say that when Cetewayo came here, if he visited Clerkenwell Lodge, and should wish to become a member, he should be glad to bring him. It afforded the present and Past Grand Officers much pleasure to attend this lodge, and it was a great gratification to them to find, by the way in which their health had been received, the high estimation in which they were held.

Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART, P.G.D., congratulated the brethren on having obtained a warrant for this lodge, as well as on the choice they had made of a Master to preside over them for the first year. He did not in all his experience know a more worthy man or Mason in this country than Bro. Edgar Bowyer. It was an excellent thing for a lodge to have one so genial and so much loved to preside over a lodge.

Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G.S., after regretting that his voice had been heard so much that evening, said that there were, however, circumstances and occasions when it was necessary that brethren should go on talking, and he believed this was one such occasion. It was a very hackneyed expression to call a toast the toast of the evening, the toast of "The W.M. of the Lodge and Prosperity to the Lodge" was most appropriately to be called the toast of the evening. Having that evening filled the office of a Masonic midwife, he was happy to say that the baby was a remarkably fine one, and he was very proud of it. There was no doubt at all that the petitioners for the warrant acted very wisely in their day and generation in selecting such a good, popular, and highly esteemed brother as Bro. Edgar Bowyer for the first W.M., and he had little hesitation in saying that Bro. Bowyer's name being inserted as the proposed first W.M. of the lodge had something to do with the granting of the warrant. The brethren would all agree that the lodge had been started under very favourable circumstances. They had had a very charming meeting and a very pleasant set of brethren in the lodge and at the banquet table, and the proceedings had gone on without a hitch. The lodge was well started and floated. There was a good class of brethren for the officers, and they were going to act on well-defined rules. The future, therefore, of the lodge was well assured. If the brethren would come again in another twelve months they would find his prophecy was correct, and that the lodge had been very successful, and was one of the best lodges in England.

The W.M. in responding, said, that whatever he could do to promote the success of the lodge should not be wanting, and he knew he had about him brethren who would cordially assist him in his task.

The W.M. in giving "The Health of the Consecrating Officers," said, the brethren had all listened with pleasure to the very able performance of the impressive ceremonies by Col. Shadwell Clerke, and had witnessed the skill and ability with which he was seconded by the other Consecrating Officers, Bros. Capt. Phillips, Giddy, Woodford, and Levander. He trusted that the brethren in drinking the toast, would wish those officers many years of health and happiness, and the opportunity of consecrating many other lodges.

Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE could not help thinking he must be looked upon as a sort of Masonic Jack-in-the-box, from the frequency with which he rose; he was no sooner down than he was up again. It was very sad for him, but it was much more sad for the brethren; but on this occasion he could not help saying a few words to thank the brethren for the very flattering and kind way in which his services that evening had been appreciated. As he had said in the lodge he felt deeply grateful for the kind reception given to him, and which he was happy to say he received in every Masonic body he entered. He could only repeat that it had been a very great and sincere pleasure to him, finding so many personal friends ready to come and put their shoulders to the wheel in bringing this new lodge into existence; but as he had already spoken so much, he would ask Bro. Woodford, who had delighted them with such an able address during the ceremony, to finish the return of thanks on behalf of the Consecrating Officers.

Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. WOODFORD, P.G.C., said he thought that after the address he had had the privilege of delivering in lodge, which the brethren had received with their customary courtesy, he might have been spared trespassing upon them again. Though the address was not a very long one, yet upon the whole he thought the brethren might have heard enough of his voice during the ceremony of consecration. But as his chief had asked him to say a few words on behalf of the Consecrating Officers, he felt he should be deserting him if he hesitated one moment responding to the call made. He was thinking during the ceremony,—he did, not know whether it struck any other brother,—what a very forcible answer that beautiful ceremony was to those who professed to think Masonry to be an irreligious body, or a useless society. He was thinking when the ceremony was going on that he had never seen a ceremony, even in a place of worship, performed with greater solemnity, greater dignity, or greater effect; and those who saw it for the first time must have been equally struck with himself with the intense effectiveness, simplicity, and beauty of the Masonic ritual. It flashed across his mind in rather a remarkable way. A reverend brother of his, (the Rev. J. H. Rose), who, he was happy to say, was to be balloted for next meeting as a

joining member, mentioned to him as a matter of fact that he had never seen a consecration ceremony before, and that he was greatly impressed with it. Another old friend of his, a distinguished officer in the navy, also told him he had never seen a Masonic consecration before, and he was equally impressed with the effectiveness of it; and he (Bro. Woodford) then said: "Now, this is an answer to those who tell me that Masonry has nothing valuable in it; that it is neither a religious nor a lay association." When the ceremony so struck a reverend friend on one hand, and a gallant friend on the other (Capt. Bedford Pimm), he ventured to say this was the best answer to those who attacked Masons and Freemasonry—that in every ceremonial they were not ashamed to invoke the Great Architect of the Universe, or to meet together with an open Bible in our lodges, and to throw around the ceremonies the reverence which they had received from their forefathers, and which he wished they would hand down to distant generations. If he was not unwilling to take up the brethren's time, or weary their patience, he might have dilated upon the excellence of Masonry; but, as an old Mason, having been initiated in 1842, in Gibraltar, he had had some experience of what the value of Freemasonry was. It was a society like no other society in the world; it joined together men of different religious and political views in one harmonious body, and that good old Craft of theirs which was detracted by some, ridiculed by others, and depreciated by others, had still unquestionable claims of utility and good, and, he ventured to add, to the respect and affection of mankind.

Bro. GEORGE LAMBERT, G.S.B., in replying to the toast of "The Visitors," said he congratulated the brethren on giving the lodge the name of Clerkenwell, for if anything good ever came out of London it sprang from Clerkenwell. The greatest statesman, the noblest of men, George Monk, Duke of Albemarle, who lived in Albemarle-street, Clerkenwell, the founder of monarchy in this country, came from Clerkenwell, in that smoky little street which was called by his name. All was good that came from Clerkenwell. Clerkenwell represented the great artisans of the City, and the great work which was carried on by artisans, to which he could well testify. He was delighted to think that Clerkenwell had now a lodge of its own, to which it could bring its artisans, its friends, its workers and toilers in fine metals and fine arts. All the best work in the exhibitions of 1851 and 1867 came from Clerkenwell. Where would they have been their watches if they had not had the lever, and that great invention was commemorated by a street being named Lever-street? All their beneficial charities came out of Clerkenwell. The great Charterhouse was the residence of the Duke of Norfolk and the home of Elizabeth. Clerkenwell stood well in the city of London, and never would be effaced while its peculiar industry was in the hands of the artisan.

Bro. LOCOCK, Dep. Prov. G.M., Lincolnshire, also replied. He felt that Lincolnshire had been extremely honoured by his being invited, and he wished his chief, the Prov. G.M., had been present. Lincolnshire, though large in size as a county, was a small Masonic province; but within the last few years it had increased, and they had their Lincolnshire history. But only a little while ago it seemed to him—though he was afraid to say he remembered the time—he saw Dr. Oliver in lodge, who was one of the leading Masons of the world, and they were justly proud of him. He was also very proud to say that in Lincolnshire they raised a memorial in remembrance of Dr. Oliver, which was coupled with one of the principal charities connected with the Craft, the Boys' School, and he only hoped it would be the last of the sort that they should raise.

Bro. F. S. KNYVETT, P.M. 58, in replying, said if any of the visitors had not seen a Masonic consecration before they must have been very much impressed with what they had seen that evening. He himself had seen it on more than one occasion, and he could add that the oftener he had seen it the greater was the impression it had made on him. The beauty of the ceremonies and the grandeur of the ritual were, indeed, an answer to all those who tried to slander that great Institution. He congratulated the W.M. and members of the lodge on the prosperity of the lodge, in that it had obtained a warrant and had had such a successful consecration.

Bro. HOWARD VYSE said he had been a Mason over twenty years, but he was one of the brethren who had never before seen the consecration of a lodge. Echoing the sentiments of the Grand Chaplain, the ceremonies were of that imposing nature that they made one feel privileged to take part in them; one felt beyond the outer world, and a religious feeling stole over him the like of which he never experienced elsewhere.

The Rev. J. H. ROSE, after referring to the ceremonies, said the brethren must feel that whilst there were a great many creeds, the professors of which were very much better than their creeds, there were very few Freemasons as good as their creed; but he hoped such shortcomings would be allowed for. That was part of the creed of Freemasons—that they should drop a tear of sympathy over the failings of a brother, and if it was not for that he should be very sorry he had joined Freemasonry, because its principles were so high and noble, and would ever be of such high standing, that he should be afraid of falling short of what would be expected of him. But if there was a high standard they could not reach, at least they might try. He heartily rejoiced Clerkenwell had another lodge. It had a good many good things, and he was glad it had taken a liking to Freemasonry. It was by no means the first lodge it had had; the recommending lodge, No. 228, had its rise in Clerkenwell, and there were also the Crusaders and Urban Lodges. Through circumstances they were driven out of the parish; but he mentioned this to show that this was not the first time Clerkenwell had taken a liking to Freemasonry, and that the Craft had been made to do a vast amount of good in its midst. He rejoiced that another lodge had been started among them, and he rejoiced greatly in the officers they had for the lodge. He had known the W.M., as a Freemason, a few months, but for many, many years as a good man. He had also known all the other officers as thorough good men and true Masons. He hoped the lodge would go on and prosper, and do a vast amount of good for the parish; and in supporting it he knew he was doing the best he could for the parish, and discharging the duties he was called to as vicar.

Capt. BEDFORD PIM also replied.

Bros. BINCKES and TERRY replied to the toast of "The Masonic Charities."

Bro. HICKMAN, W.M. 228, responded for "The Recommending Lodge."

Bro. T. HASTINGS MILLER, S.W., and the other officers within the lodge, replied to the toast of "The Officers;" and the Tyler brought the proceedings to a close with the toast specially assigned to him.

Freemasonry is stirring herself in Austria. There is activity in several of the lodges.

## OPENING OF A NEW MASONIC HALL AT ANTRIM.

Easter Monday of 1882 will be long remembered in the history of this pleasantly-situated little town, and it will ever be a red-letter day in the annals of Freemasonry in this locality. Freemasonry has ever been an active agency for good in this district, and few localities could boast of brethren more devoted to the Craft, and in carrying out the noble principles of the Order the brethren of lodge 28 have ever been indefatigable. So energetic have they been in promoting its principles that their numbers have so increased that their old quarters became inconvenient, and they resolved to build a new hall. They were fortunate to secure a very neat plot of ground in Church-street, which was granted to them at a nominal rent by the popular lord of the soil, Lord Massereene; and his lordship in addition, with his usual kindness, gave the handsome subscription of £100 towards the building fund.

The foundation-stone of the new hall was laid in August last, in the presence of a very large assemblage. The building was pushed steadily on, until at length, a few days ago, it was completed, and the opening and consecrating ceremony was fixed to take place on Easter Monday by the Provincial Grand Lodge. The hall is a very handsome structure, and is well adapted for the purposes for which it has been erected. It is designed in the Gothic style of architecture and built of black stone, with cement and freestone dressing. The principal entrance is in the centre of the gable facing the roadway, a large Gothic door being opened in the spandril, and over this are Masonic arms, bearing the motto, "Audi, vidi, taci." The building is flanked on each side by heavy buttresses and piers containing iron gateways leading to the ground at the sides and rear of the hall. A central circular window, filled with stained glass and of Masonic device, is placed above the doorway. The front gable is finished by a coping heavily moulded, over which rise wrought-iron finials. The interior is as neat as the exterior. In the second story is the large lodge-room, 32 feet long by 18 feet wide, and off this are ante-rooms; and on the ground floor are cloak-rooms, caretakers' apartments, and other rooms. The lodge-room is very tastefully decorated, and has all the accessories for working in the "blue" and the higher orders. The hall is creditable to all concerned, and the brethren of Lodge 28 are to be congratulated on having obtained structure so well adapted for their purposes.

The Provincial Grand Lodge could not have fixed on a more fitting occasion, as it enabled large numbers of the Masonic fraternity to be present at the interesting ceremony. From an early hour Antrim streets were crowded, and the early trains from Belfast, Ballymena, and elsewhere brought large contingents, and seldom has there been seen in the North such a large assemblage of the brethren of the mystic tie. No little gratification was expressed on all sides that Sir Charles Lanyon, the D.P.G.M., who has the cause of Masonry so much at heart, had so far recovered from his recent illness as to be able to take part in the ceremony.

At two o'clock Provincial Grand Lodge was opened, and a procession having been formed, it proceeded to the hall, and the officers took their respective places in the lodge, and the impressive ceremony was performed.

The PROV. GRAND CHAPLAIN having pronounced the benediction, the lodge was covered, and the proceedings in the hall terminated. Owing to want of space to accommodate the large concourse of brethren who were present, and who were unable to witness the consecration ceremony in detail, Sir Charles Lanyon announced that he would deliver his address in the Protestant Hall, it being the most commodious building available. The brethren then repaired to that building, and, having assembled there,

SIR CHARLES LANYON, the P.G.M., said that he had to make an announcement which would be very gratifying and pleasing to all the brethren. A meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge had been called at his suggestion for the purpose of presenting to her Majesty an address expressive of the abhorrence of the Provincial Lodge at the atrocious attempt made on her Majesty's life, and also to express their gratitude to Providence that the attempt had proved ineffectual. The address, which he had suggested, had been proposed in his absence by Bro. T. S. Dixon, who presided on the occasion, and adopted unanimously. The address was forwarded to the Marquis of Donegall, P.G.M., who caused it to be forwarded to the proper quarter, and he had received the following reply:—

22, Grosvenor Square, W., April 5, 1882.

My Dear Sir Charles,—I enclose herewith the reply to the address to the Queen. It is very satisfactory, and I am delighted it was sent.—Yours truly and fraternally,  
SIR C. LANYON, D.P.G.M.

Mentone, April, 1882.

Dear Lord Donegall,—I am commanded by the Queen to request that you will convey to the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Antrim her Majesty's thanks for their kind and loyal address.—Believe me, yours very faithfully,  
The Marquis of Donegall, K.P.

HENRY F. PONSONBY.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then delivered an eloquent address, which was attentively listened to and frequently applauded. The proceedings terminated by the brethren singing the Masonic version of the National Anthem.

**MYSTICISM.**—A word commonly employed, rightly or wrongly, to represent, so to say, the teaching of the internal consciousness as regards things sacred and divine. The Germans, fond of definition, have divided (at least some of them have done so), this special form of psychological emotional dogma into mystik and mysticismus, while they have again separated mystik into allgemeines mystik and spezifisches mystik. According to some of them, allgemeines mystik, universal mysticalness, as Johnson has it, relates to the inner form and source of the religious life; spezifisches mystik is a one-sided subjectivity, which oversteps the limits of revealed religion; while to mysticismus they ascribe the "status" of the two hurtful extremes of pure subjective religion, which takes to superstition or hyper-fanaticism and hyper-asceticism, or to mystic theosophy. It is very difficult for the practical Anglo-Saxon mind to follow the reveries of the Teutonic philosophy, which sometimes seems lost in a haze of mists or incongruities. There has been another meaning attached to mysticism, which it can hardly bear, as that of Pantheism, Deism, Spinozism, for this reason—that mysticism, when simply given up to a good object, is the study, more or less, of the inner-ward emotions and sympathies which connect man with God, earth with heaven, time with eternity. But in Freemasonry, the mysticism of the hermetic theosophic grades cannot be praised.—*Kenning's Cyclopaedia of Freemasonry.*

## MASONIC HISTORY AND HISTORIANS.

BY MASONIC STUDENT.

## EARLY ARCHITECTS.

It would be interesting if it were possible to ascertain who the architects were to whom the word "architectos" is applied in the early use of the word, and whether they who used the word had then the same meaning and use of "architect" as we have now.

The Latin word architectos comes clearly from the Greek "architekton," which is again obtained either from arche and tekton, the chief artificer, or from "arche and tenko."

The word meant in classic use, a professor of the art of building, a contriver of a building, a builder, architect, engineer; and Cicero points out that the "architectos" differs altogether from the "faber," the latter one doing the manual work, the former directing by skilful counsel. Hence, too, we have the word "architectura," from which our word architecture is derived; and we meet with "architecta," a female architect, and the words of identical use and meaning, architecton, architector (it is said), and the substantive architectonice (from the Greek architektonike), the art or science of building, and the adjectives architectonicus, architectonious, and the verb architector, the participle architectatus, and some even mention architectatio and architectio, but these are doubtful words.

It then requires care and caution when we find the word "architectos" in the early chronicles, as it probably may sometimes have a less distinct and definite meaning. The names, unfortunately, of the architects after the fall of Rome are lost, who built and directed work "Romanum more," though many of the names of the Byzantine architects are preserved; and if it be true that the Byzantine development had a great effect on the early Italian and Gaulish builders, it seems a little strange, that after the Norman Conquest so entirely a different style of work prevailed, as far as we now can decide, in this country and France and Germany.

Little is, however, truly known, or accurately, of the Saxon or early Norman work, and many mistakes and misnomers accordingly occur and commonly prevail in this respect. A good deal turns upon these early architects in respect of the migration and work of the Building Guilds; as it must always be borne in mind that we have in our researches to-day to deal with three successive developments of "Romanum opus;" namely, first, by the Heathen Guilds; second, by the very early Christian Guilds; and, thirdly, by the fully Christian Guilds after the fall of the Roman empire.

Without pinning our faith too closely to Mr. Hope's somewhat florid argument in this respect, on the whole, I am inclined to think he gives us in general outline the true facts of the case, though he may amplify and colour with the reality of subsequent knowledge the position and practices of the earliest Guilds. Whence he derives his authority for his description of the Masonic Guilds in such very early times I know not, and never have been able to find, as certainly none of the early writers, that I am aware of, give any such particulars. We probably shall never fully realize the exact truth of the case until we light on some early rules of a Masonic Guild.

## A WORD TO THE WISE.

BY BRO. T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

I am indebted to Bro. J. S. Cumberland, P.M. of York, who is always on the *qui vive* to secure everything of Masonic interest, for the loan of a curious old work under the above title. It is, I suspect, a scarce book. At any rate I have seen it for the first time; and although its authoritative value may be as inconsiderable as its literary merit, yet its author makes certain statements, which, from the circumstance of the date of their publication, are worth picking out.

The full title of this work, which in size is little more than a pamphlet, is as follows:—

FREEMASONRY.  
A WORD TO THE WISE;  
being a  
Vindication of the Science  
as patronised by the  
Grand Lodge of England  
and the Devices  
of the  
Craft-y in the Fraternity,  
Disclosed  
under the following heads:  
Elect of Nine; of Perignan; of Fifteen;  
Noachites;  
Architects;            Excellentes;  
Grand Architects;    Super Excellentes;  
Scots Masters;        Super Intendants;  
                          Knights  
of the Sword and of the East;  
Rosycrucians;        Knight Templars;  
                          &c., &c.  
LONDON:  
Printed for W. Thiselton, George-street,  
Tottenham Court Road.  
5796.

First comes an "exordium," in which the writer gives a very brief sketch of the history of Masonry, and attacks the system of the Christian Degrees. He says that the Grand Lodge never recognised anything beyond the Three Degrees, except Royal Arch Masonry, and this they did by inserting the dates of the meetings of Grand Chapter in the Grand Lodge Calendars from 1777 to 1792. He quotes Anderson to prove that no other Degrees were in existence in 1723, and says that Grand Lodge "is in possession of every authentic iota relative to Freemasonry."

Then comes the most remarkable portion of the book, wherein its author accuses the Masons at York of being the originators of the High Grades, and makes some other statements, of note in view of the date of publication (1796). He says—"This point being established, the next inquiry will be into the line of conduct pursued by the old lodge at York City: upon examination it will appear that having declared for independency, they have attempted superiority by grafting on the good old stock sprigs of folly and falsehood: in other words, their successors at least pretend to the knowledge of seven degrees, and without the initiation of their disciples into the highest, they are considered as aliens, and are not permitted to partake of

the repast prepared only for the well informed in the Sanctum Sanctorum. Not content with the boundary prescribed by their predecessors, they have actually granted Constitutions as a grand lodge, and have at this time several lodges in the metropolis, and as a further insult to the Grand Lodge of England, a Deputy Grand Lodge of York Masons is held in London."

If there is any truth at all in these statements, they afford fresh ground for investigation. According to our present information the old lodge at York (Grand Lodge of all England) ceased to exist about 1792, yet here we have the assertion that four years later it had "several lodges" working under its charters in London as well as a "Deputy Grand Lodge of York Masons." What lodges were these, and what has become of their charters? He does not mean the Grand Lodge of the Ancients, because a little further on he says—"a Grand Lodge of another description, under the appellation of Ancient Masons, is likewise held in London . . . but they have attempted no subterfuge." Was the "Grand Lodge South of the Trent" in existence as late as 1796, and is that the body referred to?

Next comes a series of attacks upon the various High Grade Degrees. The writer refers in terms of great contempt to men who make a trade of Masonry, and who, he alleges, "purchased ideal MSS. at the decease of one of the Principal impostors," and adds—"the iniquity of this part of the business consists not merely in the introduction of candidates but in contributing to the existence of York Masons."

The system of the Knights Templars he declares to be a "glaring imposition," but he appears to have had a tender place for "the Harodims," on the ground that the brother promoting the Order had great abilities, and did not do it for "pre-eminence," but because "that method of delivering information is superior and more likely to be retained in the memory."

His title of "Rosycrucians" is evidently intended to refer to the Rose Croix, or present eighteenth Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Rite. In his attack on the Templars, he says he has great respect for those working the Degree, but it has no connection with Masonry. He gives a short history of the old Order, and concludes: "It is evident the Order was abolished, and if it had subsisted to the present day, that not the most remote connection between it and Freemasonry can be drawn. Royal Arch Masonry is coeval with the creation itself; Craft Masonry from the days of Solomon; but the Knight Templars of the present age have no antiquity to boast of; even the name is not to be met with either in sacred or profane history till the time of the Crusades. That a Society has a few years subsisted in the metropolis under this appellation is a fact well known, but to gain admittance therein it was not a necessary qualification for a person to be a Free or a Royal Arch Mason, for many have been accepted without these distinctions. That the York Masons have this as a Masonic Degree is equally certain, but it is one of their impositions which disgraces them as Masons, and it is with concern observed, from a MS. addition to the statutes of the Knight Templars, printed for the first time in 1791, that in the list of chapters, one at York is acknowledged, under the title 'Redemption,' in conjunction with one in London, as the 'Chapter of Observance,' and a third at Bath, as the 'Chapter of Antiquity,' all which are stated as being assembled from time immemorial."

He then quotes the title-page of the first Book of Constitutions of the Order of the Temple, a copy of which I am fortunate enough to possess, and mercilessly ridicules the several titles.

Occasionally the writer becomes somewhat involved and indistinct, and towards the end of his essay he refers to certain individuals as "foreigners," who, he says, were the "authors or transcribers of the MS. rituals of these Orders," and then suddenly changes into the singular number, and says—"for many years it is well known that he chiefly existed by the profit of his writings, paintings, and engravings on Masonry," and was also "the author of a Freemasonry for the Ladies." This appears to me to point to the probability of the delinquent "foreigner" being Lambert de Lintot, who was mixed up with the Lodge of Perfect Observance, under the Grand Lodge South of the Trent, and the publisher of a number of Masonic engravings.

I do not know that much historical dependence can be placed upon an author who declares his faith in Royal Arch Masonry being coeval with the creation, and Craft Masonry dating from Solomon, but the man seems to have possessed a certain amount of good sense, as is testified by his peroration in which he speaks of the unsatisfactory nature of continual bare repetition of Lodge ceremonies, as calculated to weary and drive away the better class of members, and declares that a reference to the minute books of various lodges in the earlier dates shows that they were not content with proceeding in the usual form, but lectures were occasionally given. The "Stewards' Lodge, in particular, on public nights, entertained their visitors with a diversity of knowledge that they had been unaccustomed to receive in a Masons' lodge. Natural philosophy in general, dissertations on the laws and properties of nature, the doctrine of fluids, &c., were commented on and explained." With the exception of "Fluids," I fear most of our present day lodges are not disposed to offer their visitors any programme beyond the never-ending, still-beginning, monotony of the Three Degrees.

P.G.M. Wilford, in his oration at the laying of a foundation-stone at Yorktown, U.S.A., said: "Freemasonry is in no sense a secret society. It is a confidential society. The times and places of our meetings, our purposes and our objects, our roll of membership, our code of morals, are all publicly known and avowed. Our membership embraces men of every grade of reputable society, every sect of religion, every shade of political opinion, and it is the privilege of every member of one lodge in good standing with his own lodge to attend any of the meetings of sister lodges. Our code of morals is known and understood to be the same which is proclaimed from every Christian pulpit and Hebrew synagogue wherever the people are assembled for the worship of the living God. Every Mason is enjoined to be a peaceable man, and never to allow himself to be involved in conspiracies against the public peace and the welfare of the nation."

The following is the ruling of P.G.M. J. F. Izlar, G.L. South Carolina: "After a candidate has taken the Master's degree he can apply to any lodge in the jurisdiction for membership. The mere fact of having taken the Master's degree in a certain lodge does not make him a member of that lodge. The only advantage he has in joining the lodge in which he was raised is that he can become a member simply by signing the constitution and bye-laws, whereas, if he desires to become a member of another lodge, he must apply regularly for affiliation, and stand the ballot." Our Constitution, under Private Lodges, reads: "Clause 14.—Every candidate initiated in a lodge becomes a member thereof from the date of his initiation, and is liable for regular lodge dues." We think our system the best.—*Canadian Craftsman.*

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ledge the receipt of the following sums for the aged Brother on behalf of whom an appeal was made in the *Freemason* of the 25th ult., and to assure the donors that he is extremely grateful:—Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.G.D., £1; Bro. F. R. W. Hedges, Sec. R.M.I.G., 10s.; Bro. Walter Spencer, P.M., &c., £1; Bank of England Lodge, £1; Bro. Robert Clay Sudlow, 10s.; Bro. Geo. Bolton, P.M., &c. 5s.; Bro. G. F., 2s. 6d.

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## To Correspondents.

S.B.—An advertisement in the *Freemason* might possibly bring the desired information, but it is very doubtful, unless your husband continued a subscribing member to his lodge. In this case notices of meetings, &c., would, no doubt, be found among his papers.

The long letter from Patterson will appear in our next.

## BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Court Circular," "Voice of Masonry," "The Hull Packet," "La Acacia," "Daily Express," "Royal Cornwall Gazette," "The Citizen," "The Broad Arrow," "Corner Stone," "West London Advertiser," "Die Bauhütte," "Staffordshire Advertiser," "Keystone," "Allen's Indian Mail," "Canadian Craftsman," and "La El Taller."



SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 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.]

### EARLY HISTORY OF MASONIC TEMPLARISM.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Bro. Carson has made his reply to your leaderette and his remarkable theory, and I propose now to take that reply clause by clause.

1. I cannot see that Bro. Carson has in any way substantiated his allegation that Anderson exceeded his powers, or caused any dissatisfaction by the 1723 edition of the Constitutions. Dissatisfaction there seems to have been that

any publication of the Gild Legends should take place at all, but I can trace no evidence of any disapproval of the 1723 Constitutions; on the contrary, as we know, in 1738, they are republished by the same brother, with great and grave additions, with the full approval and distinct order of Grand Lodge. The real point in dispute appears to me to be the struggle for supremacy of the Speculatives and Operatives; and if Bro. Gould be correct, as he probably may be, that Anthony Sayer was of the "trade of Masonry,"—a fact I have never felt quite sure of, we have a very reasonable explanation of movements and agitation Bro. Carson alludes to.

2. As regards Robert's publication being at the instigation of the dissatisfied brethren, I do not see what good it could do them in any sense. If their dissatisfaction was as Bro. Hughan thinks, Bro. Carson says, of a cosmopolitan tendency being opposed to the ancient operative privileges and customs, this publication of the later (?) Harleian MS., in which the adoption of Speculative Masons is fully recognized, would be fatal to their very pretensions. If the dissatisfaction arose from the contemplated publication of Anderson's "digested edition," nothing could be gained from the publication of a modernized edition of the Harleian MS. There is no trace in the "preface" of the 1722 work of the slightest heat or anger, and the complete silence which Anderson and the Grand Lodge records maintain concerning it, is proof to my mind, that it was so to say, an accidental publication, perhaps to meet objections, or gratify curiosity concerning the society of Freemasons which was then beginning to attract public attention. But Bro. Carson has built upon this theory of dissatisfaction, as far as I can see, purely imaginary, the perpetuation or foundation of the Templar System on the part of brethren dissatisfied with the rejection of the old Christian and Trinitarian formula by Anderson. Of this, there is not, I repeat, the slightest reliable trace, nor can such an assertion, however great Bro. Carson's authority may be respected, be credited as trustworthy history. There is no MS. Gild Legend later than I am aware of than 1689. If any such are transcribed later, they are but transcriptive of far earlier MSS., and therefore the Gild Legends may be said to run from 1415, on Mr. Bond's authority to 1689-1690. That they are all Christian and Trinitarian no one denies, or can deny; and this very fact constitutes one proof both of their genuineness and authenticity.

3. And no doubt the theistic constitutions of Anderson's, in 1723, are a change from the Gild Legends; and wherever Anderson drew his authorities from we are not told, though he seems to have seen documents we have not. But because he did so, and because the position he took up in 1723 was reiterated and confirmed in 1813, it does not in any way follow, that Templary was in existence in 1723 or 1730; on the contrary, as we know for nearly certain, its date in this country, despite all allegations to the contrary, cannot be earlier than 1780. Whether it came to us from France or not matters little; whether it be the outcome of the Rit de Bouillon, the Chapitre de Clermont, or the Strict Observance, matters still less. Its appearance in England is late eighteenth century. It may have been mixed up with the old Rose Croix of Herodotus; it may be the remains of an old Templar "Secreta Receptio;" but in no sense can we in any way make it, do what we will, coeval or contemporary with the Freemasonry of 1723. I do not deny that an Hermetic Grade existed in 1723 of some sort, and I thought for a moment Bro. Carson was falling back on that, but there is not the slightest trace of Templar Freemasonry.

4. As regards the allegory of the "Pilgrim's Progress" being imported into the Templar ritual, though Bro. Carson's illustration is very ingenious, it is, I fear, a little far-fetched. If we can believe the evidence of the serving brother at the trial of the Templars in Paris, preserved in one of the numerous works thereabout, the travels of the pilgrim, the journeying, the voyages were even then known and used in the "Secreta Receptio."

5. I thus fear that, as before, Bro. Carson's historic facts are reduced to the limits of an agreeable, but purely imaginative theory; and, as Masonic students seek only after accuracy and truth, we cannot accept, even from so eminent a writer, such hypothetical statements as true and satisfactory history.

I am, yours very fraternally,

THE WRITER OF THE LEADERETTE.

### APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you kindly inform me through the medium of your valuable journal whether it is in your recollection or knowledge that a newly made Worshipful Master should, on his being installed, in appointing his officers totally ignore and pass over, without any explanation or notice being previously given, the Junior Warden for no other reason than that he was compelled through domestic and private troubles to absent himself from the lodge on one or two occasions, the said troubles at the time of appointing the officers being happily ended.

In asking this question I will also ask you to presume that there would be at the time of the temporary absence (through the causes named) of the Junior Warden, several Past Masters fully capable, and of course necessarily so, of undertaking the duty for the time being, and therefore not putting the lodge to any inconvenience.

I enclose my card and trusting you will excuse trouble, beg to subscribe myself as,  
Yours faithfully and fraternally,  
Essex, 13th April, 1882. A MASTER MASON.

### "NOTES AND QUERIES."—A SUGGESTION.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As one of those constantly referring to the "Notes and Queries" appearing each week in your columns, I would venture the suggestion that each communication be, in future, numbered consecutively.

It seems hardly necessary to point out the facility with which reference may be made to any note if such a system be properly carried out.

Yours fraternally,

W. HARRY RYLANDS.

[We will attend to the suggestion of our esteemed correspondent in future numbers of the *Freemason*.—Ed. F.M.]

### A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you kindly inform me if there is any difference in rank to a Master serving twelve months as Master of a lodge, and one serving eight months? the one serving eight months being duly elected at the proper time, but before the time for installation fell ill, and was not able to be installed for four months after. If there is any difference in rank, will you kindly inform me what it is?

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

MARK FRAMPTON.

[The difference is that the twelve months is a legal P.M., and the eight months is not a P.M. at all, as he must serve an honest twelve months from installation to installation.—Ed. F.M.]



### THE BENGAL FREEMASON'S ALMANACK AND DIARY, for 1882.

This useful *cade mecum* for Freemasons in Hindostan, has reached its fourteenth year of publication, and is issued under the patronage of the D.G.M. of Bengal, its editor being Bro. Broson Coomart Dutt, P.M. No. 234, D.G.D. of Ceremonies, Bengal; its printers, T. Black and Co., 53, Bentinck-street, Calcutta. We have looked over it with much pleasure, as it is admirably arranged and printed, and contains a mass of information valuable for Freemasons both in India and elsewhere. All who are interested in the statistics of Freemasonry should obtain a copy of it.

### HISTOIRE DU TRIBUNAL REVOLUTIONNAIRE.

By H. WALLON. Vol. VI. Hachette et Cie, 79, Boulevard St. Germain, Paris.

We open this sixth and last volume of this most sad yet interesting work with a feeling of relief and gratification. At last the goal is reached, the weary catalogue of crime, and blood, and shame is filled up; this "Danse Funebre" grotesque in its folly, fearful in its horror, is concluded. The Revolutionary Tribunal is at an end; for this volume tells us of the execution of Carrier and his associates, one of whom apostrophized him, on the way to the scaffold, in terms of frenzied reproach, the fitting punishment of Fouquier Tinville, and the judges (including Hermann), and the jury of the Revolutionary Tribunal. Between the death of Carrier, and the process of Fouquier Tinville, who suffered in May, 1795, all those related to the Tribunal had been acquitted but one person; and after Fouquier's death, the convention ordered the dissolution of the Tribunal, disassociated itself from its murders, ordered the restoration of the effects belonging to the condemned. What the exact number of the persons who perished in the massacres of Paris, Nantes, Lyons, and up and down the country really was will never probably be known; but Mr. Wallon tells us emphatically that of 2559 condemnations before the 9th Thermidor not two really were legal, that is to say, based on any French law. "Awful fact." Latterly the Convention and the people seem to have become sickened at the realities of these cruel murders; and the statements of eye-witnesses and associates even, as regards Carrier's atrocious brutalities to women and children in La Vendee, seemed to have made even that ultra-republican body thrill with horror and indignation. Mr. Wallon points out how all who had a hand in the creation of the Revolutionary Tribunal perished by it,—Robespierre, Danton, Couthon, Dumas, Hermann, St. Just, Collinhal, Fouquier Tinville, Carrier, Pinard, Grandmaison, &c.; and how that in this very fact may be found the Nemesis of history and the vindication of thousands of august and innocent victims. Feeble consolation, we fear, this is at the best. No doubt it is true, as he says that all illegality punishes itself, but this seems, after all, feeble compensation for justice outraged and deliberate assassination. The French, ever prone to joke amid the most serious affairs, celebrated the "cloture" of the Revolutionary Tribunal and the fall of "Sainte Guillotine" with the following witty lines:

"Admirez de Sanson l'intelligence extreme,  
Par le conteau fatal il a tout fait perir,  
Dans cet affreux etat que vâtil devenir;  
Il se guillotine lui même."

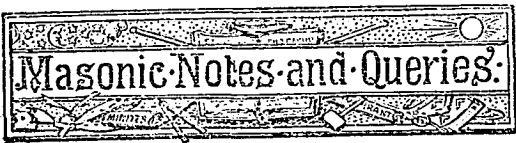
It need hardly be remarked that Sanson was the executioner, who executed Louis XVI. and Marie Antoinette, the angelic Princess Elizabeth, and countless heroes and heroines of both sexes. We trust that Mr. Wallon's remarkable book will do much good in France, and arouse a still greater and wider loathing, yes loathing, of the illegal and atrocious iniquities perpetrated in the "Reign of Terror."

### MASONRY IN WIGAN.

By Bro. J. BROWN, Secretary.

R. Platt, Standishgate, Wigan.  
This "History of Masonry in Wigan" is practically the history of the Lodge of Antiquity, No. 173, and a most

interesting work; indeed, we have seldom perused any more striking in itself, more lucidly compiled, or more effectively illustrated. It is not, indeed, that the records go very far back, their earliest date being 1786, but several points crop out which are deserving of much notice; and the book is a most presentable book in itself, and a credit to its editor and to Masonry in Wigan. 1. Much that is interesting appears about the Royal Arch. It seems that this Lodge of Antiquity was "an Antient Lodge," and worked the Four Degrees without a separate warrant for the Royal Arch, though afterwards, long after the Union, a "Chapter of Harmony" was warranted. The banner of the chapter is marked by the three crowns, as if there was still some mystic connection with the three kings. In the original lodge summons it is also designated "Antient Royal Arch Lodge, Wigan." 2. In the last century travelling certificates were clearly given, at any rate in Lancashire. Bro. Brown gives an account of one. 3. It seems that there are still two spurious lodges in Lancashire—our old 31, in Liverpool, and 486, Wigan. The one at Wigan still meets, with all the attributes of a benefit society. Are there any more similar spurious lodges in England? We do not know that there is much more to note in this interesting record of lodge life in Wigan from 1786, but we think it well to call attention to the compiler's statement at p. 45, as it is important. "The members were not confined to any particular class. Men of all ranks and conditions of life will be found meeting in one common brotherhood; gentlemen, doctors, lawyers, clergymen, yeomen, manufacturers, bolters, farriers, stone-masons, soldiers, cordwainers, botanists, fustian-cutters." By those of us who value lodge histories for what they do tell us, and for what even they do not declare to us, this book will be appreciated as it deserves.



PHILADELPHIA CONSTITUTIONS.

Bro. Hyde Clarke, at p. 307, No. 1889 of the "Freemasons' Magazine," in his notes on Masonic Bibliography, which deserve perusal, mentions an edition of the Constitutions termed "Constitution of Freemasons," published at Philadelphia, 1734, a reprint of Anderson, 1723. Can Bro. Hughan, or any Pennsylvanian brother, tell me anything about it? Or is Philadelphia like Philadelphia in some French works?

THE USE OF THE WORD FREEMASON.

The following entries are from "A Dictionarie in Spanish and English, first published into the English tongue by Ric. Perciualle Gent. Now enlarged and amplified, &c., &c., by John Minshew, Professor of Languages in London." "Imprinted at London, by Edm. Bollifant, 1599."

- "A free mason, *v* [ide] Pedrero.
- "A Mason, *vide* Albañi, or Albañil, Cimentador.
- "A free Mason, *vide* Cantéro de Escóda.
- "A Masons trade, *vide* Cantéria.
- "Pedrero, *m*, a free-mason that worketh in stone.
- "Albañi, or Albañite, *m*, a mazon, tiler, or bricklayer.
- "Albañileria, or Albañeria, the mazon's craft. Tiling.
- "Cimentador, *m*, a mason, one that laith foundations.
- "Cantéra, *f*, a quartie of stones digged for building.
- "Cantéria, a quartie of stones; a masons trade.
- "Cantéro, *m*, he that diggeth stones. Also he that heweth stones. Also the corner of anything.
- "Cantéro de Escóda, *m*, a free mason.
- "Escóda, *f*, a masons toole to square stones with.
- "Escódar, or dólár piedras, to square or plane stones, to cut stones." W. H. R.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF STAFFORDSHIRE.

The annual gathering of the members of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Tuesday at Rugeley, in conjunction with the consecration of a lodge in that town, to be known as St. Augustine's Lodge. Upwards of 200 brethren assembled, and the day being exceedingly fine their appearance in the streets, as they walked to and from the parish church attired in full Masonic clothing, induced a large number of spectators to witness the procession.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in the Assembly Room of the Town Hall shortly after noon, the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Major George Singleton Tudor, who was accompanied by his officers, being saluted Masonically in a style becoming his high official position, on taking his seat in the chair of K.S.

The first business was the reading of the minutes of the late Provincial Grand Lodges held at Stafford, Kidsgrave, and Fenton by the P.G. Secretary, Bro. J. Cartwright P.P.S.G.W., the whole of which were confirmed. The next business was the confirmation of the P.G. Treasurer's account, from which it appeared that the total receipts for the year amounted to £377 6s. 8d., and the expenditure to £305 17s. 2d., leaving a balance of £71 9s. 6d. to be carried to the credit of Provincial Grand Lodge.

Before appointing the officers of Provincial Grand Lodge for the ensuing year, the R.W. Prov. GRAND MASTER referred to the increasing difficulty attendant on such appointments, because of the increased number of lodges and the consequent larger number of brethren who were anxious to obtain honours conferring on them the privilege of wearing the purple. He had frequently noticed the absence of Provincial Officers from their gatherings after they had passed through their official year, and he thought it might arise from the supposition that having received some minor appointment they imagined that they would not get anything higher, and that as the honour of wearing the purple had been accomplished there was no necessity for further effort. This might or might not be the reason for their absence; he thought it was, and as he had previously intimated, he should, as a rule, give to Provincial Officers who had held inferior offices those of a higher position. He had conferred with some of the oldest officers of the province upon the subject, and whilst some were unfavourable to such a plan there were others who looked on it with favour. He should act in accordance with his own views on this subject, and he had offered to Bro. George Spilsbury, who some years ago had held the office of P.J. G.W., that of P.G.S.W.

The Prov. G.S.W. having received from the R.W.P.G. Master the jewel designating his office, subsequently took the S.W.'s chair.

The other appointments were then proceeded with, the brethren being severally conducted to the R.W.P.G. Master by Bro. T. E. Fowke, P.G.D.C. The appointments were:

- Bro. Alfred L. Broad ... Prov. G.J.W.
- " W. Cartwright ... Prov. G. Sec.
- " R. M. Grier ... Prov. G. Chap.
- " John Fowler ... Prov. G.S.D.
- " Charles Bunting ... Prov. G.J.D.
- " Henry Langman ... Prov. G. Reg.
- " W. J. Boys ... Prov. G.S. of W.
- " T. E. Fowke ... Prov. G.D.C.
- " C. Walsh Graham ... Prov. G.A.D.C.
- " T. H. Rabone ... Prov. G. Std. B.
- " E. Piddock ... Prov. G. Swd. B.
- " J. W. H. Mackenzie ... Prov. G. Purst.

Bros. Boys and Rabone were unable to be present, and Bro. Mackenzie was detained at home through indisposition. The P.G. Treasurer, Bro. Bodenham, was unanimously re-elected by the brethren present, and so also was the P.G. Tyler, Bro. Baggaley, who has discharged the duties of that office for a period of nearly forty years.

Amongst those present were the following brethren who had entered their names in the Provincial Grand Tyler's book: Bros. Major G. S. Tudor, R.W.P.G.M. of Staffordshire; Col. F. Gough, W.D.P.G.M.; F. James, 539, P.D.P.G.M.; W. J. Gothard, P.G.S.W.; the Rev. J. H. Iles, P.G. Chap.; T. Wood, P.G. Reg.; J. Bodenham, P.G. Treas.; W. Cartwright, P.G. Sec.; C. Rome, 347, P.G.S. of W.; T. E. Fowke, 726, P.G.D.C.; J. Pepper, P.G.A.D.C.; G. Buttery, 1039; E. Marshall, 1039; H. Newton, 726; J. Robinson, 1039; J. Barkley, 594; and G. Brown, 1039, P.G. Stewards; T. Taylor, 418, P.P.S.G.W.; W. Bayliss, 539, P.P.S.G.W.; C. Trigg, 1039, P.P.S.G.W.; F. Derry, 482, P.P.G.W.; W. H. Marsden, 253, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. Derbyshire; A. B. Hextall, 1085, P.M., P.S.G.W. Derbyshire; W. Heathcote, 1085, P.P.S.G.D. Derbyshire; G. Spilsbury, 726, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; M. Barker, 1792, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; T. B. Mundy, 1039, P.M., P.P.G. Chap.; W. Randall, 482, P.P.G. Chap.; J. G. Ainsworth, 460, P.M., P.G.S.D.; W. G. Stubbs, 696, P.P.J.G.D.; A. J. Pince, 546, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; B. G. Call, 539, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; T. Turner, 546, 460, P.P.G.R., M.E.Z. 546; J. Jacobs, 482, P.M., P.P.G.R.; W. G. Whittall, 482, P.M., P.P.G.R.; R. Tooth, 637, P.P.G.R.; H. Woodhouse, 726, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; J. M. Humphries, 539, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. B. Piercy, 418, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; T. J. Barnett, 526, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; J. P. Hall, 456, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Ralph Dain, 98, P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. S. Crapper, 418, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. Storer, 726, P.P.G.S.B.; F. Arkin-stall, 662, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Vernon, 456, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; T. Unwin, 637, P.M., P.P.G.P.; J. C. McLean, 1039, P.P.G.P.; and R. Bindley, 1060, P.M., P.P.G.P., P.P.G.E.R.A.

Immediately after the appointment of Provincial Grand Officers, the consecration of St. Augustine's Lodge was proceeded with by the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, who called on the Prov. Grand Secretary to read the petition and warrant, which was dated October 25, 1881, and which directs that the lodge shall be known as St. Augustine's Lodge, to be held on the second Thursday in every month, at the Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley, and to be numbered 1941 on the Grand Roll of England. The usual formula was gone through by the Consecrating Officer, the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, assisted by his Wardens, who afterwards dedicated the lodge to the purposes of Freemasonry, and to the cultivation of every moral and social virtue. At the close of this ceremony, the Prov. Grand Lodge was adjourned for the purpose of affording the brethren an opportunity of attending Divine service at St. Augustine's Church, where a very excellent, practical, and forcible sermon was preached by the Prov. Grand Chaplain, Bro. R. M. Grier. A collection was made at the church, of which, on the re-assembling of the Prov. Grand Lodge, £5 was voted to the funds of the district hospital, and the remainder to the funds of the Prov. Grand Lodge, it having been stated that the schools connected with the church (to which object a portion of the collection is usually voted) did not need any such amount. After the consideration of several notices of motion, and decisions in connection therewith, the Prov. Grand Lodge was closed.

At the request of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. F. James, P.P.D.G.M., then proceeded with the ceremony of installing the W.M. designate of the new lodge, Bro. the Rev. T. B. Mundy, W.M. and P.P.G. Chap., during which ceremony the whole of the brethren who had not passed the chair withdrew. On the completion of the ceremonial, the W.M. of the new lodge appointed his officers as follows, and invested each with his distinguishing collar of office: Bros. James Clarke, M.D., S.W. 1039, S.W.; George Buttery, 1039, P.G.S., J.W.; the Rev. R. M. Grier, P.G.C., Chap.; Thomas James, Treas.; Edwin Marshall, 1039, P.G.S., Sec.; Edward Johns, 1039, S.D.; J. B. Burns, J.D.; Geo. Brown, 1039, P.G.S., I.G.; H. Newton, 726, P.G.S., and Thos. Greensmith, Stewards; and John Barkley, P.G.S., Tyler.

The new lodge was subsequently closed. The banquet, of which upwards of one hundred brethren partook, was served in the Assembly Room at the Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, under the presidency of the R.W. the P.G. Master, who was, however, obliged to leave, in company with the W. Bro. Col. Foster Gough, D.P.G.M. of the Province, and several other officers and brethren, before the repast, which was very good, although indifferently served, was finished.

The duties of chairman were subsequently effectively discharged by Bro. Frank James, P.P.D.G.M.

After having proposed "The Health of Her Majesty the Queen," referred to her as the mother of the Grand Master of England, and the toast having been most loyally received and drunk, the W. PRESIDENT proposed "The Health of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master of England," observing that he need not remind them of the advantages the Craft possessed in having his Royal Highness as their Grand Master. Freemasonry had made great strides since his Royal Highness had presided over the Craft, and he was sure that it would be pleasurable to him to know that the principles of Masonry were spreading amongst them in the province.

The Worshipful PRESIDENT next proposed the toast of "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro

Grand Master; the Right Hon. Earl Lathom, R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past." They were brethren of whom they might well be proud. They would recollect that some few years ago the Grand Orient of France determined on having an alteration of the ritual of Freemasonry. A Committee of Grand Lodge was appointed, and he had the pleasure of being present on that occasion, when Lord Carnarvon presided, who, in speaking upon the suggested alteration of omitting the name of God from the ritual, contended that whatever might be thought of infidelity in the outside world it should have no favour in a Freemasons' lodge, and the result was that no alteration took place in their ritual.

The Rev. Archdeacon ISLES, P.P.G. Chaplain, gave "The Health of the R.W. the Grand Master of the Province," observing that he did it with much pleasure and much feeling. He had stood side by side with him in the Volunteer movement, in which he had worked most heartily; but whatever he took up was done with his whole soul, and that was his history in Freemasonry. The toast was drunk with great heartiness.

"The Health of the W.D.P. Grand Master, Bro. Col. Foster Gough, and the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, Present and Past," was proposed by Bro. BUTTERY, and in the absence of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, was briefly acknowledged by Bro. SPILSBURY, P.G.S.W.

The PRESIDENT next gave "The Health of Bro. the Rev. T. B. Mundy, W.M. of St. Augustine's Lodge," remarking that the installation which had taken place that day was a good augury for the prosperity of the lodge. The only word of advice which he would give was, not to be disheartened if the number of members did not come up to those of other lodges in the province, but to select true and upright men only whom they would not object to shake by the hand as brethren, and who would reflect honour on the lodge which had that day been consecrated. He understood that four initiations were to take place on their first meeting, and he felt quite sure that Bro. Munday would have the same pleasure in doing his utmost for the well-being of the lodge as he had done in the St. John's Lodge at Lichfield.

Bro. MUNDY briefly acknowledged the toast. He observed that it was a very difficult thing to speak about self, as there were a great number of things the speaker knew which were unknown to anyone besides himself. He should, however, do his utmost for the prosperity of the lodge; and if he had learnt things which others knew not, he should be happy to help them. He believed that a great number of lodges had done great injury to themselves by introducing individuals who never ought to have been Freemasons: he hoped that such would not be the case with them, but that everyone would do all he could to promote the prosperity of the lodge. He was glad that they should have the advice of the Rev. gentleman who had that day been appointed Provincial Grand Chaplain, and he hoped that every member would so act that the lodge would not only be a credit to the town of Rugeley but a credit also to Freemasonry.

The Rev. R. M. GRIER, the newly-appointed P.G. Chaplain, in proposing "The Health of the Installing Master, the Worshipful Bro. Frank James, P.D.P.G.M.," remarked that it was under circumstances of considerable difficulty—difficulty only because he did not propose or drink toasts—that he had to bring before them the name of Bro. James. He thanked him, however, very heartily for his presence amongst them that day. Everyone who had been present at the installation of their W.M. must have been pleased with the manner in which the Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master had gone through the ceremony. When it was intended to have a lodge in Rugeley, it was also the wish of every member that Bro. James should be the Installing Master, and they had not been disappointed. (In giving the toast, the Rev. brother humorously expressed a hope that they would not drink it.)

Bro. JAMES acknowledged the toast and referred to several incidents connected with his thirty years of Masonic life in the province. This was followed by the toast of "The Masonic Charities," proposed by Bro. J. Bodenham, P.G. Treasurer, who referred to the advisability of giving every vote to the brother representing the province when they wished to succeed in obtaining the admission into the schools of any particular candidate. A few other toasts followed, and subsequently the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close. Bro. Bickley, Fellows, Myers, and Campion favoured the company during the evening with several songs.

DORIC AND FRIARS LODGES OF INSTRUCTION MASONIC BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

We have frequently had the pleasure of calling the attention of our readers to the gratifying results which have attended the efforts of the Masonic Benevolent Associations, to augment the incomes of the three Royal Masonic Institutions. As the increase in the membership of the Craft has brought a large and growing demand upon the resources of these excellent institutions, it is with great pleasure we hail the advent of any new sources of support to enable them to continue, and it is to be hoped, extend the great benefits which the aged and helpless of our members require at the hands of the Craft.

Under the sanction of the Doric (933), and Friars (1349), Mother Lodges, such an association is now being formed, and as the brethren who are promoting it are anxious to do as much good on behalf of the Charities as possible, the Hon. Sec. will be glad to receive the names of any brethren who may desire to assist in this laudable undertaking. Bro. Musto, P.M. 1349, and Hon. Sec. of the Doric Lodge of Instruction, which meets at the Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, every Friday, will be pleased to receive the names of brethren wishing to join.

FIGARO SAYS:—"The Patentees of these Pens are the Guardian Angels of the Noble Army of Martyrs who live by the Pen." Just out—"The 'BIG WAVERLEY' and the 'BIG J' PEN." "They come as a boon and a blessing to men, The Pickwick, the Owl, and the Waverley Pen." Sample Box, with all the kinds, by post, 1s. 1d. Patentees—MACNIVEN and CAMERON, 25 to 33, BLAIR STREET, Edinburgh. (Estd. 1770.) Beware of the party offering imitations.



### Craft Masonry.

**VITRUVIAN LODGE (No. 87).**—The members of this lodge met on Wednesday evening, the 12th inst., at the White Hart Hotel, Lambeth. Bros. W. M. Robinson, W. M.; Jannaway, S. W.; Knight, J. W.; Bale, S. D.; Davis, J. D.; T. Minstrell, I. G.; Birch, D. C.; Watson, W. S.; J. Skirving, P. M.; Timothy, P. M.; Nott, P. M.; Whiting, P. M.; Jolly, P. M.; Hull, P. M.; Huntley, Lambourne, and a large number of other brethren, were present.

The Secretary, Bro. W. Stuart, P. M., read the minutes of the previous lodge, and they were confirmed, and he also read the bye-laws of the lodge as revised by the Audit Committee. Exception was taken to the proposal of the Committee to raise the subscription of the country members.

Bro. Whiting argued that as those brethren did not attend the banquets, they had no right to be taxed with any portion of the cost.

Bro. Minstrell said the question of banquets was not before the Committee when they made the alteration, which was suggested simply in a spirit of fairness to the other members of the lodge whose subscriptions were raised some time back. Prior to this country members paid about half the fee paid by the ordinary members, and they were called upon for no more than this proportion now.

These bye-laws, on the motion of Bro. Minstrell, seconded by Bro. Huntley, were passed *nem con.* The adoption of the revised bye-laws for the guidance of the Benevolent Fund was then moved, when a very important discussion took place upon the constitution of the Benevolent Committee. It was recommended by the Audit Committee that the fund should be governed, as hitherto, by a Committee, to consist of the Worshipful Master, Wardens, Secretary, Treasurer, and five brethren of the lodge.

Bro. Jolly urged that the Past Masters should be ex-officio members of the Committee. They were the very backbone of the lodge, and knew more about the working of the lodge and the members than the lay brethren.

Bro. Skirving said that without the Past Masters they oft-times would not have been able to form a Committee. He agreed with Bro. Jolly that to exclude them would be as bad as passing a vote of censure upon them.

The Secretary suggested that he should be instructed to take the opinion of Grand Lodge as to whether Past Masters were, as a matter of right, ex-officio members of the Benevolent Committee.

Bro. Minstrell said that, of course, if Grand Lodge replied in the affirmative there would be an end of the matter. The Audit Committee, over the first part of whose proceedings he had the honour to preside, were not actuated by any feelings of hostility to the Past Masters. Quite the reverse was the case. They did not propose to alter the bye-law, and thought it would be better to leave the constitution of the Benevolent Committee as formerly. It was, however, only right to them to state that what they suggested, was with the view of meeting the Past Masters fairly, that the Committee should be composed partly of Past Masters and partly of Master Masons. This compromise was refused by the Past Masters. It was thought by the Committee, who felt very strongly upon the matter, that if the claim of the Past Masters to be ex-officio members of the Committee was conceded, it would be useless to go through the farce of electing five brethren of the lodge, as the fund would be practically in the hands of the Past Masters, and to all intents and purposes out of the control of the lodge.

Bro. Whiting argued strongly in favour of the Past Masters being included. Not more than two or three Past Masters made a point of attending the meetings of the Committee when asked to do so, and these had acted as a drag upon the other members in restraining their zeal in dispensing the funds.

Bro. Huntley did not agree with that statement; but the question was not how many did attend, but the number who might come. It was the knowledge of members mentioned by one or two of the Past Masters of which he complained. Each petition for relief should state the whole facts of the case, and should contain all the information necessary, supplemented as this would be by the enquiries the Committee were bound to make, to enable the Benevolent Committee to exercise their judgment; and besides this, it was most important to bear in mind each case should be dealt with upon its merits, and its merits only.

Bro. Whiting replied that the man who had been twenty years a Mason and had served all the offices was entitled to more consideration than the man who had only been a member of the lodge eighteen months.

The debate was continued, and ultimately, on the motion of Bro. Timothy, it was adjourned, the Secretary being asked to obtain the opinion of Grand Lodge as to whether as a matter of right Past Masters were ex-officio members of the Benevolent Committee.

Bros. Horsnell, Whiteman, and Thackeray were passed, and the lodge having been closed in due form, the brethren retired for refreshment.

**TRANQUILLITY LODGE (No. 185).**—At a meeting of this lodge, held at the Guildhall Coffee House, Gresham-street, on Monday, the 17th inst., Bro. T. W. C. Bush, W. M., presiding, and all the officers promptly at their posts, Bro. De Leeuw was passed to the Second, and Bro. Schlesinger and Lehman were raised to the Third Degree, with the Master's well-known ability. Bro. Constable, P. M. and Treas., being about to depart on a business trip to the Cape, a vote of farewell, to be recorded on the minutes of the lodge, was proposed by Bro. Phil. Levy, Sec., seconded by Bro. Fred Croaker, I. P. M., and unanimously carried.

The lodge being closed, and after an ample repast, the customary toasts were given and responded to in brief but cordial terms; the names of the W. M. and Treasurer being especially well received; the latter brother embracing the opportunity to say farewell to the brethren, which he did in eloquent and feeling words, the brethren expressing their sentiments in prolonged cheering, ending in a chorus of "He is a jolly good fellow." Songs were given by several

brethren, who displayed more than average amateur talent. Bro. T. D. Barnett, P. M., presided at the piano-forte.

The visitors were Bros. Daniel, P. M. 65; Dr. Danford Thomas, 239; Pullen, J. D. 742; and Hatfield, 1320. The Past Masters present were Bros. F. Croaker, R. Z. Bloomfield, J. D. Barnett, John Ross, W. D. Bayley, and E. Gottheil.

**DALHOUSIE LODGE (No. 860).**—On Thursday, the 13th inst., a meeting of this lodge was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street. Bro. William John Smith presided, and there were present Bros. R. Burleton, S. W.; F. Barker, J. V.; F. H. Pavett, S. D.; Littell, P. M., Hon. Sec.; Christian, J. D.; Saunders, I. G.; Past Masters Dalwood and Bates; Wall, P. P. G. S. B., W. M. 1512; Barfield, P. S. G. D.; Manners, W. M. 1589; Marner, W. M. 597; Minstrell, J. W. 1928, I. G. 87; Hunt, P. M. 772; Mendick, P. M. 27; Follett, P. M. 45; Hogg, P. M. 92; Taylor, P. M. 144; Honeyball, S. W. 1481; Walker, J. W. 1481; Making, I. G. 1278; Braund, 72; Bott, 45; Dotterell, 1424; Elliott, 1567; Jeuron, 1827; Hart, 1481; Byron, 1481; Haines, P. M. 1499; Todd, 27; Eavens, 144; Hare, 1744; Fisher, 1744; Bale, Seymour Smith, Cornu, Ellis, Bond, Goodson, and others.

The minutes of the previous lodge were confirmed, and Bro. Jenkins was raised. Bro. Edward Ames being balloted for, was approved and initiated. It was resolved to adopt the Auditors' report.

Bro. R. Burleton, the Worshipful Master elect, was then installed as Worshipful Master by his predecessor in office, Bro. William John Smith, who performed the ceremony, and that in a most efficient and creditable manner. Bro. F. Barker was appointed S. W., and Bro. F. H. Pavett, J. V. Bro. L. F. Littell, for the sixth time, was invested with the collar of Secretary; and Bro. W. H. Wallington, who had been re-elected Treasurer, was unable to attend. Bro. Christian was appointed S. D.; and Bros. Saunders, J. D.; Seymour Smith, Organist; Corneu, I. G.; Bond, D. C.; Ellis, W. S.; and Godson, P. M., A. W. S.

The hearty congratulations of the visitors were given to the newly-installed Master, and it was stated that Bro. Littell, P. M., the Hon. Sec., was about to be appointed to an office in Grand Lodge as Assistant Grand Pursuivant.

Bro. Dalwood, P. M., on behalf of the lodge, stated the great pleasure and satisfaction they felt at the great honour about to be conferred upon their Secretary. None could more thoroughly deserve the distinction; few had so much of their esteem and respect, and no one would be found to envy him in his appointment. That was a kind of red letter day in their career. It was the first time in their history that one of their members had been selected as an officer of Grand Lodge, and their pride would be pardoned when they claimed some share in the honour that had been done their worthy brother. He moved a vote of congratulation to Bro. Littell, and also proposed that the same should be recorded in their minutes of that day's proceedings. (Cheers.)

Bro. Bates, P. M., said he heartily concurred in all that had been stated, and seconded the motion, which was carried with acclamation.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquetting-hall, where a repast of an unusually excellent character was served, under the personal direction of Bro. F. H. Clewov. The loyal and Craft toasts were proposed and drunk with enthusiasm, and these were followed by congratulatory and complimentary toasts. The I. P. M., Bro. W. J. Smith, was presented with a magnificent jewel, voted by the lodge. The enjoyment of the evening was considerably heightened by several violin solos, played by Miss Perkins, who was loudly cheered for the great abilities she displayed.

**ROYAL ALBERT LODGE (No. 907).**—This lodge held its installation meeting, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Monday last. The lodge was opened by the W. M., Bro. G. T. Barr, who was supported by the majority of his officers and Past Masters of the lodge—Bros. T. Hastings Miller, Thomas Griffiths, S. H. P. Moore, W. Jennings, and others.

For an installation meeting the work on the agenda was very heavy, there being one raising and four candidates to be initiated. The usual routine business of confirming minutes of former meeting, &c., having been first completed, Bro. Francis Bourne was raised to the Sublime Degree of M. M., the ceremony being very ably performed by the W. M. As above stated, there were four candidates for initiation; they were all personal friends of Bro. T. H. Miller, P. M., by whom they were proposed, and Bro. Barr kindly conceded to Bro. Miller the privilege of performing the ceremony of initiation for them. This Bro. Miller did with his customary skill, taking two at a time up to a certain well-known point, and then taking the whole four through the remainder of the ceremony. The candidates thus initiated were Messrs. George Porter, John Edwin Porter, Reinhard Castendeich Sewell, and Charles Bates. At the conclusion of this portion of the work, Bro. Miller thanked the W. M. for the kindness he had shown in allowing him to initiate these personal friends. Bro. Barr having resumed the chair, Bro. W. Wordley, J. W., was presented to him by Bro. F. A. White, P. M., D. C., as the Worshipful Master elect, to receive at the hands of Bro. Barr the benefit of installation. The W. Master then addressed the lodge, and afterwards the candidate for the chair. There was a large attendance of brethren, a Board of no less than twenty-two Installed Masters being formed, in the presence of whom Bro. Barr formally installed Bro. Wordley into the chair of K. S. The officers for the year appointed and invested were as follows: Bros. T. G. Barr, I. P. M.; Gordon, S. W.; Lowther, J. W.; J. A. Farnfield, P. M., Treas.; W. H. Farnfield, P. M., Sec.; Wallace, S. D.; Coleman, J. D.; Priestly, I. G.; White, P. M., D. C. and W. S.; F. Cozens, Organist; and G. Harrison, Tyler. When these various appointments had been completed, the Installing Master concluded the ceremony by delivering the customary orations to the W. M., the Wardens, and brethren. The report of the Audit Committee was then read and adopted; and it was proposed by Bro. Dennis, P. M., seconded by the Treasurer, and carried unanimously, that a vote of thanks to the Installing Master be recorded on the lodge minutes for the able and impressive manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation. A fund having been raised by the lodge to present a gratuity of one guinea each to the crew of the thirteen men who man the Masonic lifeboat, Albert Edward, stationed at Clacton-on-

Sea, and the same having been presented to them by Bros. Coleman and Dennis, P. M.'s, a letter of thanks from the coxswain was read, in which it was stated that the boat had saved sixty-four lives, and had been instrumental in saving two ships. The Secretary was directed, by a motion to that effect, to enter this letter on the minutes of the lodge. Some further business of minor importance was also transacted, and the lodge was then closed in due form.

Among the visitors to the lodge were Bros. William Parry, 1107; J. B. Tallin, 1728; G. J. Judge, 1178; J. L. Reed, 1228; Edwin Isaacs, 1826; H. Smith Syer, 13; T. Hert, P. M. 180; Leonard Potter, P. M. 1716; A. J. Manning, P. M. 1437; J. H. Wildash, 1662; E. G. Johnson, D. C. 1804; John Mason, P. P. S. G. D. Middx.; J. Slade Brown, P. M. 1056; and E. C. Massey, 1297.

After the lodge the brethren to the number of about sixty dined together at the adjoining building, after which a selection of vocal music was performed by the following professional brethren, viz., Bros. Ashton, A. James, H. Taylor, F. H. Cozens, and Chaplin Henry; these arrangements being under the direction of Bro. F. H. Cozens, the Organist to the lodge.

The W. M. in proposing the toasts, "The Queen and the Craft," "The M. W. the Grand Master," "The Prov. G. M., the Dep. G. M., and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present," did so in fewest possible words, with a view to economizing the time at his disposal. It is unnecessary to add that all of these toasts were received with the customary loyalty of Freemasons.

The I. P. M., Bro. Barr, proposed "The Health of the W. M.," an earnest Mason, who by his devotion to the interests of their lodge well deserved the confidence which the brethren had placed in him by electing him, their ruler for the ensuing year.

Bro. Wordley, in reply, said that it gave him great pleasure to acknowledge the honour the brethren had done him by electing him to the position he now held; and it would be his constant endeavour during his year of office so to perform his duties as to give them satisfaction and to merit their esteem.

The Chairman then proposed "The Health of the Initiates," in doing which he said that it gave him great pleasure to congratulate them upon having made their entry into Freemasonry. He was very much pleased with the manner in which they had conducted themselves during the ceremony, and he believed they would prove a credit to the Craft.

Each of the four initiates having said a few words in acknowledgment of the compliment,

Bro. W. H. Farnfield, P. M. and Sec., said he was commissioned by the W. M. to propose the next toast, "The Health of the Visitors." The Royal Albert Lodge was always glad to see visitors, and he was pleased to observe that they had as many as thirty-three on this occasion. As their time was limited he could not expect every visitor to reply, and should therefore couple with the toast only the names of Bros. Anderson, Syers, Potts and Johnson. The brethren named having briefly replied, the Chairman proposed "The Health of the Installing Master," in doing which he referred to his great ability as a Mason and to the highly prosperous year of office he has enjoyed; and in presenting him with a P. M. jewel he said that no brother who had passed the chair had more richly deserved such a recognition of his services.

Bro. Barr having made his acknowledgments, the Treasurer proposed "Success to the Masonic Charities," coupling therewith the name of Bro. Mason, who made a suitable reply.

Toasts were also proposed to "The Health of the P. M.'s and the Officers of the Lodge," and the Tyler's toast terminated the proceedings.

**DUKE OF EDINBURGH LODGE (No. 1259).**—A regular meeting of the above lodge was held at Bro. W. Davies, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial-road, Limehouse. Bro. W. Hancock, W. M., opened the lodge, and had the support of the following officers and brethren: Bros. T. W. Gilling, S. W.; E. H. Rolfe, J. W.; W. Charlton, S. D.; W. M. Esmond, J. D.; C. Wakefield, I. G.; G. T. H. Seddon, P. M., Org.; J. Very, Tyler; E. Jex, P. M., Treasurer; W. Bradbrook, P. M., Secretary; G. Buchan, P. M.; R. Atkins, P. M.; S. Y. Beale, W. J. Trappett, L. Ettling, L. Gust, R. Dixon, W. Harden, J. S. Robbie, W. Pettit, J. Wear, and others. Visitors: Bros. G. P. Coltar, S. W. 1622; and G. H. Stevens, S. D. 1623 (*Freemason*).

Lodge having been duly opened, the minutes were submitted and duly confirmed. The candidate for initiation not being in attendance, the other business upon the agenda paper was then proceeded with. Bro. L. Ettling being tested as to his proficiency and entrusted, and subsequently was raised to the Sublime Degree of M. M. Bro. Gamprecht was next tested as a candidate for passing, and was duly passed to the F. C. Degree in an able manner. Other lodge business was disposed of, and the brethren afterwards partook of a well-served supper.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and heartily received; and the able services of Bro. Seddons were called into requisition as accompanist to a number of capital songs, which helped to pass a very enjoyable evening.

**ST. JOHN OF WAPPING LODGE (No. 1306).**—The anniversary festival of this flourishing lodge was celebrated with considerable éclat on the 12th inst., at Bro. Kingston's, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, E. C. A judiciously arranged emergency meeting, held on the 15th inst., had disposed of all but the installation ceremonial, and Bro. Magrath is to be congratulated upon having finished up his work in so masterly a style. Lodge was opened at four o'clock promptly, when there were present Bros. Magrath, W. M.; T. Wooding, S. W., W. M. elect; J. Horsley J. W.; A. G. Clements, Sec.; T. J. Tyer, S. D.; J. Couture, J. D.; J. G. Twinn, D. C.; G. T. Holdom, I. G.; J. Loftus, and J. Sommers, Stewards; W. V. H. Sherwin, Organist; Past Masters C. Veal, W. Beck (Treasurer); T. W. Dawson, W. H. Hayward, W. Oxley, G. Wise, W. M. Credde, S. M. Pipe, J. M. Stevens, T. Phillips, J. Carrociero, T. J. Taring, T. Morris, C. Raynor, H. T. Hardy, J. T. Barnes, F. Crawley, E. Oppenheim, J. L. Green, and others.

The following visitors also signed the attendance book: Bros. C. Stephenson, 813; T. Clark, S. D. 1178; H. K. Clishby, 1623; P. H. Clisby, 1623; D. Keyse, J. D. 1314; R. T. Sturtevant, W. M. 1278; J. Stroud, W. S. 1227; C. J. Edwards, P. M. 1457; J. T. K. Job, W. M. 1076; J. T. O'Callaghan, 1208; D. Moss, S. D. 1275; J.



D'Ardenne, 765; G. H. Clark, 1227; W. Malthouse, C.C., W.M. 1623; G. H. Stephens, S.D. 1623 (*Freemason*); and others.

The minutes of the emergency meeting (at which Bro. S. M. Pipe was raised to the Sublime Degree, and Bros. E. Oppenheim and J. L. Green were admitted into the Order), also minutes of the last regular meeting, were submitted and were unanimously confirmed. Bro. Thomas Wooding, W.M. elect, was then presented by Bro. Dawson, P.M., who acted throughout as D.C., to Bro. Veal, P.M., who had kindly undertaken the duties of Installing Master, for the benefit of installation. A Board of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. Wooding was inducted into the chair of K.S., and invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. Horsley, S.W.; T. J. Tyer, J.W.; W. Beck, P.M., Treas. (re-appointed); A. G. Clements, Sec. (re-appointed); T. Couture, S.D.; G. T. Holdom, J.D.; J. G. Twinn, I.G.; J. Sommers, D.C.; C. Kayner, W.S.; J. Loftus and H. T. Hardy, Stewards; the W.M. addressing each recipient of a collar in appropriate terms upon the duties the lodge would require of them. The brethren having signified their approval of the several appointments, Bro. Veal brought his arduous labours to an end by a capital rendering of the three ancient charges, to which the utmost attention was given by the strong array of brethren present. The report of the Audit Committee (Bros. Hardy, Stevens, and Crawley) was next presented, and unanimously received. This showed the financial position of the lodge to be not only satisfactory, but far in advance of anything of the kind for many years past; and Bro. Wooding may fairly be congratulated at inheriting so pleasant a state of affairs from Bro. Magrath, to whom the lodge is mainly indebted for so happy a result.

Bro. Wooding then proceeded to perform what he said was a most pleasing duty, and that was to present on behalf of the lodge Bro. Magrath, Immediate Past Master, with a jewel, in recognition of the able manner in which that brother had carried out the duties of W.M. of the lodge during the past year. Bro. Wooding felt sure he was expressing not only his own wish but the wishes of every member of the lodge, when he hoped that T.G.A.O. T.U. would spare Bro. Magrath many years, and that the jewel would be handed down in Bro. Magrath's family as a token of the respect in which he was held by the members of the St. John of Wapping Lodge. (Cheers.)

Bro. Magrath contented himself with briefly thanking the brethren for their kind gift, and would avail himself of a later opportunity of thanking them.

A vote of thanks in recognition of the eminent services of Bro. Veal, P.M., was cordially carried, and that brother also reserved his remarks till later in the evening.

The W.M. next received the "Heartiest good wishes" from the goodly array of visitors, and the lodge was closed.

Subsequently the brethren sat down to a banquet prepared by Bro. Kingston in so able a manner as to give entire satisfaction to all partakers thereof, and reflect great credit upon the establishment.

During the ceremony Bro. Dawson, P.M., acted as D.C., and two visitors. Bros. R. Sturtevant, W.M. 1278, and J. T. K. Job, W.M. 1076, acted as Junior and Senior Warden respectively.

**EARL OF ZETLAND LODGE (No. 1364).**

The members of the above lodge met on the 15th inst., at the Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney. In the absence of Bro. Cockett, W.M., the lodge was opened by Bro. Ernest Wright, P.M., who was supported by Bros. B. Humphry, S.W.; J. Fitzgerald, J.W.; R. A. Wright, P.M., Treas.; E. J. Anning, P.M., Sec.; W. Green, S.D.; J. S. Hegerty, J.D.; H. J. Lowe, P.M., D.C.; Dr. J. F. Haskins, Org.; G. J. Pope, I.G.; H. Lowe and H. Cooper, Stwds.; J. H. Maples, P.M.; D. J. Bridegroom, E. H. Beckett, G. F. Crook, F. Greene, H. S. Whitford, B. Clarke, and others. Visitors: Bros. H. Forss, 917; H. Bramham, W.M. 1805; F. Finch, P.M. 1365; G. H. Stephens, S.D. 1623 (*Freemason*).

Lodge was opened in due form, Bro. P.M. Lowe, D.C., superintending the working in his usual efficient manner, and the minutes of the previous meeting were submitted by Bro. Anning and confirmed. The candidate for the Second Degree not being in attendance, the brethren considered the re-amended bye-laws, which had been confirmed at the last regular meeting, and these having been read were further confirmed. This completed the business of the lodge, and it was closed, the incidental music, as arranged by Bro. Dr. Haskins, Org., being effectively rendered.

The brethren subsequently adjourned to Bro. C. Clifford's hostelry, the Pembury Tavern, who had arranged to cater for the creature comforts of the brethren. Here a capital repast was well served, affording a strong argument in favour of the new plan to make to the Earl of Zetland Lodge a banqueting one. Bro. E. Wright, P.M., ably presided at the festive board, and was supported by Bro. G. Rean, P.M., as I.P.M.

Grace having been said, Bro. Wright gave "The Health of the Queen," a toast, he said, always well received by English gentlemen, and especially Freemasons, who were glad to know that Her Majesty had arrived in safety in her own realm. With the toast of the Queen he would couple "The Craft."

"H.R.H. the Prince of Wales" was then honoured; and to reduce the toasts within limits the W.M. coupled the names of the "Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and all the Grand Officers Present and Past."

Bro. Rean, P.M., gave "The W.M., *pro tem.*," Bro. Ernest Wright, who had so ably conducted the lodge business, and was then presiding at the social board. Bro. Rean said he did not know a toast which could be better in his hands than that of Bro. Wright, who was a real working Past Master of 1364, and about the best the Earl of Zetland Lodge had ever had.

The toast was received with enthusiasm.

Bro. Wright returned his sincere thanks to Bro. Rean for the kind manner in which he had proposed his health, and also to the brethren for its hearty and cordial reception. He was not sure he deserved the flattering remarks of Bro. Rean. He felt it was only his duty to be of service to the lodge, and as a Past Master he had done his best in the past and hoped to do so for many years to come. (Cheers.)

"The Past Masters" were next toasted, and responded to by Bro. G. Rean, who expressed his pleasure at the way in which the toast had been received, and he was sure all the Past Masters felt the same gratification in doing anything calculated to promote the Earl of Zetland Lodge.

The next toast Bro. Wright said was one the brethren

were at all times glad to receive, namely, "The Visitors." In fact, no lodge was more pleased to receive visitors than the Earl of Zetland, which always endeavoured to entertain them to their satisfaction.

Bros. Bramham, W.M. 1805; Finch, P.M. 1365; H. Forss, 917; and G. H. Stephens having suitably replied, "The Officers" was next given in deservedly complimentary terms, Bro. Wright dwelling upon the punctuality as well as of the capital working of those brethren.

Bro. J. Fitzgerald, J.W., responded, and, in a humorous manner, alluded to the changes made in the lodge bye-laws, especially that which admitted the feature of the Fourth Degree after labour. He looked upon it as an advantageous change, and calculated to consolidate the members of the lodge.

"The Founders of the Lodge" was next given, Bros. R. A. Wright, P.M., Treas., and G. Rean, P.M., being mentioned in connection with the toast, and also Bro. E. J. Anning, Sec.

After replies from the two brethren first named, Bro. E. Wright gave the Tyler's toast.

The whole of the proceedings were pleasantly interspersed with many capital songs, Bro. Dr. J. F. Haskins adding greatly to the harmony by his efficient accompaniment at the piano, and the following brethren taking part: Bros. Fitzgerald, Bridegroom, Humphry, Greene, Wright, Beckett, Forss, Stephens, and others, and thereby making a capital finish to the session.

**WOLSEY LODGE (No. 1656).**

An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 15th inst., at Hampton Wick. Among those present were Bros. John Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middx. (Hon. Member), acting W.M.; T. W. Ockenden, P.M. 1512, Sec., acting S.W.; Featherstone, J.W.; Forge, P.M. 1793; S. D. Bushell, acting I.G. Bro. H. Glover, 975, was a visitor. Bro. Bond was passed, and Bros. Dacre, Sapworth and Grant raised, both ceremonies being exceedingly well performed by W. Bro. J. Hammond. The traditional history in the Third Degree was capitally rendered by Bro. Featherstone, J.W. Previously to the lodge being closed a vote of thanks was given to W. Bro. J. Hammond, for his kindness in attending to carry out the duties of the chair. Letters of apology for non attendance were read from Bros. Hurst, W.M.; De Crespigny, P.M.; W. Hammond, P.M.; T. C. Walls, S.W.; and Nuthall, Treasurer. There was no banquet.

**MIZPAH LODGE (No. 1671).**

The installation banquet meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday the 15th inst., at the Albion, Aldersgate-street. An emergency meeting of the lodge was first held, but no business was transacted, as the candidates were unable to attend. The lodge was therefore closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet-room. There was a large attendance of the brethren, Bros. R. A. Morgan, W.M.; E. F. L. Carl Schmidt, I.P.M.; J. Bergmann, P.M.; Metcalf, P.M.; H. H. Wells, S.W.; H. Warden, S.W.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap., Chaplain; J. J. Avery, P.M. 70, P.P.G. Treas. Devon, Treas.; Geo. Lewis, S.D.; C. W. Meiter, J.D.; P. Feick, D.C.; C. G. Hayman, W.S.; C. H. Dancocks, Org.; H. G. Buss, Asst. G. Sec.; and many other members of the lodge. Among the visitors were Bros. D. P. Cama, 255, P.M. 1159; G. A. Brock, I.P.M. 765, S.W. 1572; C. J. Sturge, 1572; Percy Crampton, 1572; Alfred Brookman, 1, W.M. 1657; C. F. Rogers, 1572; John Cox, P.M. 168; S. Marler, 1261; F. H. Wilcocks, 1572; H. Sturgeon, 1613; W. W. Rust, 28; John Larkin, 3; Thos. Short, 1728; W. T. Westmore, 1728; C. C. Churchill, 1769; E. C. Massey, 1297; J. W. Case, 1312; Tyson Crawford, 1708; and J. Llewellyn Jones, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M. 657, 1460, 1670.

Upon the cloth being removed, the W.M. said that in proposing "The Health of the Queen" he had the gratification to notice Her Majesty's safe return to her country, in a state of good health. This was the first opportunity that the Mizpah Lodge had had of expressing its feelings of thankfulness that the G.A.O.T.U. had preserved Her Majesty in the recent dastardly attempt upon her life. This toast was in this, as in all assemblies, a popular one, but he believed, that on this occasion it would be received, if possible, with even more than usual enthusiasm.

In proposing "The Health of the M.W.G.M.," the Chairman said that this was a very easy toast to propose, as it was always well received. The industry with which the Prince of Wales attended to his multifarious duties should not be overlooked by anyone. He was daily attending to some work of charity or utility to the human race at large. He (the Chairman) noticed particularly the great interest which the Prince of Wales was taking in the establishment of a new College of Music, and he thought that it would be a graceful and proper act on the part of the Craft, and an act which would be a token of their appreciation of their Grand Master, if the Freemasons of England joined in founding a musical scholarship, in connection with that work of the Prince of Wales. He felt confident that if such a proposal were seriously made all the brethren would readily contribute to a fund for the purpose.

The next toast to which the Chairman had to direct attention was that of "The M.W. Pro G.M., the R.W.D.G.M., and the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and in proposing it the W.M. said that beyond knowing that they were efficient Grand Officers, and earnest, representative Masons, he did not know much about them individually. There were two, however, that he did know something about, namely, Bro. Buss, the assistant Grand Secretary, and Bro. Simpson, a Past Grand Chaplain, both of whom were members of the Mizpah Lodge. As to Bro. Buss, the brethren present all knew him, and the admirable manner in which he performed his important duties. Bro. Simpson would be called upon to respond to a toast later in the evening, and he should therefore ask Bro. Buss to respond for the Grand Officers.

Bro. Buss, in acknowledging the compliment, said that the G.M. showed a keen discrimination in the selection of his Grand Officers, and chose the brethren to fill those offices with a view to the generally well-being of the Craft. Before the close of the present month the list of new Grand Officers would be before the brethren, and he (Bro. Buss) trusted that the new men would command as much confidence as the Present and the Past Grand Officers had secured.

Bro. Carl Schmidt, I.P.M., said that when he rose up with that emblem of tremendous power in his hand, the brethren would understand that he was about to propose

the health of the W.M. The toast he knew would be popular; otherwise the brethren would not have placed the subject of it in the chair, and he knew that it was their feeling as well as his own that no worthier brother had ever been Master of the Mizpah Lodge. Those who had had the privilege of being present on the previous Saturday, and saw the way in which the W.M. invested his officers, and heard how he exhorted them and charged them, must have been impressed with his rare excellence. This was not an idle compliment but was the simple truth; and he was sure that the brethren would feel with him that no worthier brother than their present Master had ever filled the chair of K.S. He (Bro. Schmidt) ought to have reminded them before that their present Master was the first initiate of the Mizpah Lodge (cheers). Very few brethren had the good fortune to have such rapid advancement as to be exalted to such a position after about five years' working. On his initiation his behaviour was such as to command their perfect regard and esteem, and he made a speech on the occasion which showed what metal he was made of.

In reply, Bro. Morgan said that he did not know how to commence to thank the I.P.M. for the kind words he had used, nor the brethren for the manner in which they had received the toast. From the time of his initiation he had taken a great interest in the Mizpah Lodge, and if he was able to perform the duties of Master as well as those duties had been performed by Bro. Schmidt, he would be very well satisfied, and it would be his endeavour to perform his duty as regards all the brethren. It was only right that he should take this, his first opportunity, to thank the brethren for the manner in which they had supported him when he went up as Steward, showing that they were a lodge not only in name but in substance. In conclusion, he trusted that during his term of office, the brethren would have no cause to regret having placed him in the chair.

The Chairman next proposed "The Health of the Past Masters of the lodge" coupling with it the name of Bro. Bergmann. On the list there was a toast to the Installing Officer, which preceded that to the Past Masters, but Bro. Reed, who performed the ceremony last week, was now on the continent, and unable to be with them in person. That he was with them in spirit was shown by the fact that he had just sent the W.M. a telegram expressing his hearty good wishes.

In coupling with the Past Masters' toast the name of Bro. Bergmann, the Chairman acknowledged the kindness with which that brother had given up his right to act as Installing Master to Bro. Reed, who having initiated him (Bro. Morgan), not unnaturally desired to have the privilege of installing him also. Before concluding, he (the Chairman) had a pleasant duty to perform. It was to present to Bro. Schmidt a Past Master's jewel, and in doing so he hoped that Bro. Schmidt would be spared for many years to do his duty to the Mizpah Lodge, and to the Craft in general.

Bro. Bergman returned thanks on behalf of himself and the rest of the Past Masters; they had done their best in the past and intended to do the same in the future. He regretted Bro. Reed's absence, but thought it probable that he was at that moment drinking a glass to the health of the W.M. and other friends of the Mizpah Lodge. As to having given way to Bro. Reed, with regard to the installation, there was nothing difficult about that, as it was natural that Bro. Reed should wish to install his child. Not being a hypocrite, however, he would own that he should have been proud to install the W.M. himself, though he was quite sure that he could not have done it in a better manner than it was done by Bro. Reed.

Bros. Schmidt and Metcalf also responded.

The Chairman next proposed "The Health of the Visitors," which he was pleased to say he considered the toast of the evening. He thought it right that members of lodges should visit in this way, otherwise they would fall into the habit of thinking there was no lodge so good as their own. He called upon Bros. Jones, P.P.G.D., Brookman of the Grand Mark Lodge, and Rust, of No. 28, to respond. This having been done, the W.M. proposed "Success to the Masonic Charities." This he considered a very important toast to all the brethren, whether they belonged to the Mizpah or any other lodge. The Masonic Charities were institutions of which every Mason, he believed, was proud; he considered that they would bear comparison with any charities in the empire. He believed that during the last year as much as £40,000 had been collected for the three Institutions by the lodges throughout the country; and he thought that last Saturday was a proud day in the annals of the Girls' School, when twenty-seven candidates had been admitted into that institution without any election at all. (Hear, hear.) Referring to the last festival of the Benevolent Institution, when a sum of £12,500 was collected, he had had the pleasure to take up the sum of £188 from the Mizpah Lodge, and had had the happiness of finding that that sum placed the Mizpah at the head of the lodges in the list of contributions. (Cheers.) Without any desire to boast, he would say that they were proud to do their duty as a lodge, and he hoped that the brethren would continue their substantial support to every Steward that went up. With this toast he would couple the name of their Chaplain, Bro. Simpson, P.G. Chaplain.

Bro. Simpson considered that there were many present who, from their active exertions and the liberal support they would afford to these charities, were more fitted to answer for this toast than he was; but there was a certain fitness, as the lodge had done him the honour to appoint him its Chaplain because love to God and charity and love to the brethren ought to go together. Bro. Simpson made a very able speech, in which he referred to certain alterations in the mode of admitting candidates, which he considered would be an improvement upon the present practice; but we are unable, from want of space, to give a detailed report of his remarks.

From the same cause we must content ourselves with briefly recording that the Master proposed "The Health of the Officers," all of whom received warm commendations from him. He added that he was glad to be able to say that the I.G., Bro. Moore, who was absent through illness, had telegraphed to say that he was better, and to desire his hearty good wishes to all present.

Each officer present responded separately, the Treasurer, Bro. Avery, taking the opportunity to thank the brethren for the token of their regard he received last Saturday (as recorded in our last number), and the Tyler's toast terminated a very pleasant evening, to which Bros. Bergmann, Meiter and others, contributed not a little by their excellent instrumental and vocal music. It is very rare indeed to find a lodge so rich in the musical talent of its members.

**LANGTON LODGE (No. 1673).**—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Wednesday last, at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel, Bro. Rosenthal, W.M., presiding, supported by the following brethren: Joseph D. Langton, S.W.; C. E. Barnett, J.W.; Joseph Langton, Treas.; R. Clay Sudlow, Sec.; T. A. Archer, S.D.; E. G. Marner, J.D.; Theodore Drew, Org.; T. Westrope, Steward; G. W. Rowe, Tyler; T. A. Reid, I.P.M.; J. Boyes, George Godwin, Owen Spearing, H. Garland, R. Davies, T. C. Royle, George W. Plant, Gilbert Bartholomew, and E. W. Haines.

The undermentioned brethren were present as visitors: Bros. Chas. Ackland, W.M. 205; G. E. Stockman, 725; Geo. Buckland, P.M. 1319; John Maclean, S.W. 1319; A. W. Duret, W.M. 1708; A. Pocock, Sec. 263; Thos. Burnside, 1928; J. Truman Tanqueray, 1768; Thos. T. Taylor, 33; S. W. Shaw, S.D. 709; J. W. Baldwin, 1692; T. H. Casson, P.M. 1706, P.P.G.O.; M. Wolfsky, P.M. 201; Henri Buc, S.D. 1820; G. Smith, 1319; W. McDowgate, I.G. 90; Wallis Mackay, 1319; A. T. Pearce, J.W. 1572; Z. H. Perkins, 1572; John Wood, S.W. 180, W.M. 1470; E. Terry, P.M. 1319; and W. Lake, P.M. 131, P.P.G. Reg. Cornwall (*Freemason*).

After the reading of the minutes, &c., Bro. George Buckland took the W.M.'s chair, and proceeded to instal the S.W., Bro. J. D. Langton, in the chair of King Solomon. The event was rendered more interesting from the fact that Bro. J. D. Langton is the son of Bro. J. Langton, the founder and first Master of the lodge, and although young in Masonry and in years he had gone through with much credit the various offices, and now occupied the proud position of W.M. of a lodge bearing his own name and founded by his father, who had now the privilege of addressing his son, probably for the first time as "Master." Bro. G. Buckland's elocutionary abilities are so well known that it is needless to say the ceremony was rendered in a perfectly faultless manner, and the addresses to the Wardens were also most impressively given.

The newly-installed W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. A. Rosenthal, I.P.M.; C. E. Barnett, S.W.; J. A. Archer, J.W.; Joseph Langton, Treas.; R. Clay Sudlow, Sec.; E. G. Marner, S.D.; T. T. Fillan, J.D.; M. Meyer, I.G.; Theo. Drew, Org.; J. Westrope, Steward; and G. W. Rowe, Tyler.

After "Heartly good wishes" had been offered by the numerous visitors present, the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, the W.M. presiding. The toast of "The Queen" having been duly honored, the W.M. proposed that of "The Most Worshipful Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," who, he said, faithfully performed all the duties pertaining to his high office; and as an evidence that he had the welfare of Masonry at heart, he reminded the brethren of a remark made by His Royal Highness at the Mansion House banquet, to the effect that he did all he could for Freemasonry at present, but should he ever be called to a higher position he hoped to do still more.

The next toast was that of "The Pro Grand Master and the Grand Officers," which was proposed in suitable terms and well received.

The I.P.M., Bro. Rosenthal, then rose, and said that he had the pleasure once more to assume the gavel for the purpose of proposing the toast of the evening—that of "The Worshipful Master." Bro. J. D. Langton's Masonic baptism, and he had assisted at his (Bro. Langton's) Masonic baptism. On his first appointment to office it was seen that he made an efficient officer, and he had since then, by energy and perseverance, worked himself up to the proud position he now occupied. Only those who worked with him could understand the ability and love of Freemasonry possessed by the W.M. He was very proud to see the son filling the position which had been so worthily occupied by the father.

Bro. J. D. Langton, in reply, thanked the I.P.M. for his kind expressions, and said that no honour could be conferred on him that would give greater pleasure than the knowledge that at the end of his year of office he had fulfilled all his duties to their satisfaction. It had been his pleasurable duty to have filled all the offices of the lodge to his present position.

The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Visitors," remarking that the Langton Lodge was always glad to see a goodly number of visitors; not only quantity but quality were present that evening. Some had, he was sorry to say, been obliged to leave. Bro. Buckland's absence he especially regretted, but they had many remaining, and he would call on Bros. Lake, Casson, Duret, and Wood to reply.

These brethren having severally responded, each expressing the great pleasure the proceedings had afforded them, the W.M. then gave the toast of "The Immediate Past Master, Bro. Rosenthal." To all the members of the lodge it was well known that the I.P.M. had discharged his duties with great ability. Bro. Rosenthal also added to their enjoyment by bringing his wife to charm them with her singing. He was afraid that however hard he (the W.M.) might work in the lodge, it would be long before he would be able to do that. There was another pleasant duty he had to perform, that of placing on his breast the Past Master's jewel voted by the lodge. Bro. Rosenthal had promised to render all the assistance in his power during the year, for which he thanked him.

Bro. Rosenthal, in reply, thanked the W.M. most sincerely, and the brethren for their hearty reception of the toast. "The jewel he should value highly, as, in the words of the ritual, it was the hope of reward that sweetens labour. He considered it was a great honour for the founder of the lodge to see his son filling the chair. It might happen that he himself might see his son installed as Master of the Langton Lodge—an event which would afford him much pleasure should it ever occur. He was anxious that the Langton Lodge should continue to prosper, and that its members should not lightly view their responsibilities to it and the Craft.

The W.M. next gave the toast of "The Past Masters and Treasurer." Bro. Read had always performed the ceremonies in the most masterly manner, and he trusted he would continue his valuable services to the lodge. As for the Treasurer, he could scarcely say much about him; but he took care of their funds, and he hoped he would always have a good balance, to enable them to offer that hospitality to visitors that they all desired.

Bro. J. Langton, in reply, said he rather stuck at the term "Worshipful Master." It was rather awkward so to address a son, but he was very proud of it, nevertheless, and they would readily believe it. He had been introduced by himself into the lodge, and, young as he was, he could say that he deserved the position he had attained. As

Treasurer, he had to thank them for placing the funds in his hands, and there was every prospect of their being more prosperous even than in the past.

Bro. Read also replied, and said that he believed those who remained in the lodge were truly desirous of benefiting it. They had never had any discord, and had always been good friends and brethren.

The W.M. then proposed "The Officers of the Lodge." He said Bro. Barnett, the S.W., was initiated at the same time as himself, and had followed him up step by step to his present position. Bro. Sudlow, their Secretary, seemed never to tire in doing the best he could to perform his duties, and those who attended the lodge of instruction were aware of his great proficiency there. Then Bro. Drew he had to thank particularly for his valuable assistance in the musical department.

The Senior and Junior Wardens both returned thanks; and the Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

We cannot omit to mention that the pleasure of those present was greatly enhanced by the singing of Mrs. Rosenthal, Mrs. Burnside, and Miss St. Quinten, who rendered most charmingly several songs and duets; Messrs. Reakes and Knight also assisted. Bro. Drew was the accompanist.

**MOZART LODGE (No. 1929).**—The second regular meeting of this lodge was held at Harewood House, High-street, Croydon, on the 5th inst. The W.M. Master, Bro. E. M. Lott, P.P.J.W. Jersey, P.P.G.O. Surrey, P.M. 245 and 1765, assisted by the following officers: Bros. Moss, S.W.; Phillips, J.W.; Tremere, Sec.; King, S.D.; Ainsly, J.D.; Thomas, I.G.; Lardner, Treas., acting I.P.M., opened the lodge in due custom.

The minutes of the first regular and two emergency lodge meetings were read and confirmed, and which disclosed a very happy state of affairs, and proved the lodge in rapid progress. Bro. Brown was passed by Bro. H. J. Lardner, W.M. 1745, by request of the W.M., the ceremony being ably rendered. The ballot was then taken for the following gentlemen: the Hon. A. N. Hood, Messrs. S. P. Brooks-bank, C. H. W. Grundtvig, and C. Y. Holdgate, which proved unanimous, and those gentlemen being present, were regularly initiated into the mysteries of the Craft, the ceremony being impressively performed by the W.M., the S.W., Bro. E. Moss, afterwards delivering the charge, the admirable rendering of which was received by all present with marked approbation, the initiates paying the greatest attention to the admonition. The brethren for raising not being present, the W.M. gave notice of motion for the desirability of the regular lodge meetings to be held on the first Saturday, instead of the second Saturday, as at present, but no alteration of the months of meeting.

The W.M. also proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to their esteemed Bro. Portman for the handsome banner he had presented them with prior to leaving England. The same was confirmed.

The indefatigable Secretary, Bro. Tremere, also communicated that the bye-laws that were thought best for the government of the lodge had received the sanction of the P.G. Master, the same being in accordance with the Constitutions of the Order, were now ready for circulation among the brethren. He had neither spared time or trouble for their production, and was glad to acknowledge the ready assistance he had obtained for their construction by all the brethren.

The W.M. having received the congratulations of the visitors, and business being ended, the lodge was closed in solemn form, and the W.M. afterwards presided at a sumptuous repast, ably prepared by the worthy host, Bro. Rhodes.

The cloth having been removed, the W.M. called on the brethren to honour the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," making special reference to the providential escape of their Royal Patron from the hands of the would-be assassin; and after enlarging on the great benefits the Craft had sustained by her gracious gift of our present Grand Master, and his illustrious brothers, and further commenting on her spotless character as Queen-Mother, trusted that loyalty and devotion would never be found wanting amongst her peoples, more particularly Freemasons. He, therefore, demanded of the brethren a bumping toast, and the same was heartily responded to.

The other loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured.

The acting I.P.M. then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and in doing so detailed the great usefulness their Bro. Lott had been to them in everything that was Masonic, social, and good. He was so well known to them, and had their highest appreciation, it was undesirable to say more in his presence. He, therefore, gave them "The W.M."

The toast was received with acclamation. The W.M. next gave "The Initiates," and, in doing so, expressed the highest opinion of those gentlemen. The attention they had paid to the ceremony of their initiation, and the charge, filled him with strong hopes for their Masonic future. He called on them to honour the initiates.

The toast having been responded to, he next gave "The Visitors," offering them the best welcome to the Mozart Lodge. Several of the visitors returned thanks for the kind reception accorded them.

Next followed that of "The Officers," coupling the same with the names of his Wardens, who made suitable acknowledgment.

The next toast, as the W.M. observed, he had made special reserve for, it was "The Secretary," and he was desirous of tendering him his best thanks for the ready and able assistance he had rendered to him and the lodge. All communications to him had received prompt and ready attention; the affairs of the lodge had been faithfully recorded in the minutes. He seemed ever at his post, and he thought the brethren would agree with him that he was the right man in the right place. The toast was fully demonstrated to.

Bro. Tremere, replying, expressed his best thanks for the continued good will towards him, and would continue to discharge the duties of his office to the best of his ability.

The W.M. next gave, as he said, an unusual toast, that was "Their absent Brethren," making special reference to Bro. Portman, and the handsome gift he had made the lodge, and begged that Bro. Thomas would convey to him their best thanks for the banner, and the deep interest the members felt towards him.

Bro. Thomas replied for the absentees, and promised to communicate to Bro. Portman the vote of thanks, and their fraternal regards for him.

The visitors were: Bros. W. H. Paddle, W.M. 1851; F. Willings, 1155; F. H. Field, 558; F. Cambridge, 1706; D. E. Hoare, 1765; R. M. Brook Cooch, 1420; H. J. Dutton, 1706; D. E. Davies, 1139. Members not already mentioned: Bros. F. E. Compton, W.M. 1615; H. E. Frances, P.C.D.C.; J. Rhodes, P.G.O.; and J. H. Leipold.

The banner referred to represents Mozart, full bust size, in the centre, surmounted with the motto "Let harmony prevail," and is supported on the right with the armorial bearings of the W.M., on the left by the arms of the province of Surrey; its base represents a shield supporting the square and compasses, with inscription: "Presented by M. V. Portman," the whole being the artistic work of Bro. H. E. Frances, P.G.D. (Surrey).

Songs and glees were freely and ably rendered during the banquet by Bros. Moss, Dutton, and Tremere, Bro. Leipold giving selections on the piano. The Tyler's toast finished an enjoyable evening, and the brethren returned to town.

**MANCHESTER.**—Caledonian Lodge (No. 204).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Wednesday, the 12th inst. Present: Bros. W. Bagnall, W.M.; T. Shorrocks, S.W.; H. Paulden, J.W.; J. Roberts, P.M.; Treas.; C. Duckworth, Sec.; T. Sawyer, S.D.; J. Cliff, J.D.; S. Lawton, I.G.; T. Fairrie, I.P.M.; R. A. Eldershaw, P.M.; J. C. Hind, P.M.; G. T. Mulloch, P.M.; W. Aldred, P.M. 350, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and after the confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting the recital of the traditional history, and the description of the third tracing board were postponed, in consequence of the absence of a newly-raised brother.

The W.M. then rose to remind the brethren that at the last meeting of the lodge it had been unanimously resolved that a Past Master's jewel, or some other suitable testimonial, be presented to Bro. Thos. Fairrie, I.P.M., as a token of the appreciation by the members of the lodge of the praiseworthy manner in which he had performed the duties of the W.M. during the past year. It may be fitting here to observe that in the Caledonian Lodge a spirit of thoughtfulness for the ladies seems to be an ever present motive. Twice a year they are invited to soiree or picnic, and for many years past the I.P.M.'s, instead of selecting a Past Master's jewel for themselves, have chosen what would please their wives as well. This year the testimonial consisted of a beautiful silver tea and coffee service, bearing suitable inscription, setting forth the circumstances under which it was given to Bro. Fairrie.

In making the presentation, the W.M. said he rose to perform what was to him a most pleasing duty. It was no mere matter of form, if it had been there were other members of the lodge who might probably have been asked to do the ceremony. Knowing the unanimous feeling of the brethren as he did, he assumed to speak, not for himself alone, nor by virtue of the office he had the honour to hold, but on behalf of every member of the lodge who had been able, during the past year especially, to learn the true value of Bro. Fairrie's character and influence. He remarked that sometimes and in other places testimonial carried with them no value but intrinsic ones. In this case it was not a case of £ s. d., and he was persuaded that Bro. Fairrie would so regard it. It was rather like one of those welcome gifts from those we love, which told not the length of their purse but the depth of their affection; or might he say it was like one of those tokens which are sometimes offered by those who have been benefited to those whom they regard as benefactors? He assured Bro. Fairrie that the testimonial was well earned. He had been a member of that lodge twenty-two years, and had seen W.M.'s of various kinds—some very brilliant, some very plodding; all very useful; but he had never seen one who more completely preserved the harmonious feeling of the members, which he was glad to know was a prominent feature of the Caledonian Lodge. Whatever else happened to the lodge, he hoped that characteristic would still be maintained. Personally, he should strive to imitate so good an example. Looking back over the past year, one thing was apparent. The actuating motive in Bro. Fairrie had been a constant and earnest endeavour to do his duty to the best of his ability. Doubtless, he would have been better pleased if there had been more work for him to do; so would they all; but success was not to be measured by numbers. If proof were wanted of Bro. Fairrie's success during the past year, it was to be found in the high esteem in which he was held by all the brethren, and in the strong affection (he used that word advisedly) of every one of the officers whose pleasure it had been to serve under him. For himself, he could not forbear again expressing the pleasure it gave him to be the instrument of making the presentation. Bro. Fairrie and he had worked together in that lodge for many years; and he prayed that the G.A.O.T.U. might spare him and his dear partner for very many years in health, happiness, and prosperity; and that when occasions brought those articles into use at their domestic social board, they might be agreeably reminded of the kindly feelings which animated the members of the lodge, who now, through him, asked Bro. Fairrie to accept this testimonial as a small evidence of their high approbation of his sterling worth.

The brethren endorsed the sentiments expressed by the W.M., by their heartiest acclamations.

Bro. Thos. Fairrie, I.P.M., in accepting the testimonial said it was impossible for him to find suitable words wherewith to express the feelings which then well nigh overcame him. What had he done to deserve so rich a present as that? But further what had he done to merit, what he regarded still more, the exceeding kindness of feeling which had been so gracefully expressed by the W.M.? It will be sixteen years next month since he was first initiated in the Caledonian. From that day to this not a single member of 204 had given him an unkind word, nor, so far as he knew, held an unkind thought toward him. For himself he could not tax his memory with ever having given offence to a single brother. If at any time, by any mischance he had done so, he assured the brethren that it had not been done wilfully, and he hoped to be forgiven. He had been impressed by that remark of the W.M.'s respecting the unbroken harmony of feeling, and kindly thought for each other, which for so many years had characterised the members of the Caledonian. He was glad to know that during his year of office that feature of the lodge had been maintained untarnished, and was now as bright and attractive as ever. He hoped it would so continue for many future years. Looking backward now,

he remembered with what fear and trembling he consented to accept the office of W.M. He then saw before him such a long roll of P.M.'s, who had each been an honour to the lodge, that his heart well nigh failed him, and he almost despaired of being able to get through his year of office even with credit. However he resolved to do his best. He had done it. How well or how ill they knew. In his judgment he neither deserved the handsome testimonial they had given him nor the kindly feelings which had been expressed by the W.M. He had only done his duty, and no man merited what had been given to him that night, by the simple performance of his duty. He would take that opportunity of acknowledging how easy his task had been rendered by the attentiveness of his officers and their willingness at all times almost to anticipate his wishes. With such officers the duty of the W.M. became an easy one and a pleasure. He accepted the testimonial in the spirit in which it had been offered to him, but he assured the brethren that it was not needed to convince him of their love. Hitherto he had received nothing but kindness at their hands, and he regarded this as the crowning mark of their favour. So long as he or his wife should live it would be regarded by both of them with unmixed pleasure, and when the time of their earthly pilgrimage was past, it should be handed down to those whom he hoped would regard it with satisfaction.

Bro. W. H. Drinkwater, writing from County Clare, Ireland, said he was initiated in the Caledonian in the year 1863. He was now permanently resident in Ireland, and was anxious to join a lodge there. In the labour of removing, his certificate had, unfortunately, been destroyed, and he requested the lodge to apply on his behalf to Grand Lodge for a duplicate certificate. After reference to the lodge books of the period, the Secretary was instructed to make the application.

The W.M. gave notice of his intention next lodge meeting to propose "That a picnic of the lodge and its friends be held in the month of June or July," and the lodge was then closed in peace and harmony.

At the social board a most enjoyable evening was spent, and "The Health of the I.P.M." was drunk with musical honours.

**GLOUCESTER.—Zetland Lodge (No. 1005).**—In accordance with the promise of the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master of Gloucestershire, the Right Honourable Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., made at his installation last year, to visit every lodge under his jurisdiction, the turn of the Zetland Lodge (No. 1005), which meets at the New Inn Hotel, in this city, came on Wednesday last. The aid of the upholsterer was called into requisition to decorate the lodge-room, the floor of which was covered with scarlet cloth, and the windows were draped with the same colour; mirrors also were freely used. Three new oak chairs, beautifully carved, for the Master and Wardens, had been provided at a cost of a little under £25. A brother presented a handsome canopy and curtains for the Master's chair; two other brethren provided Deacons' chairs; another brother, to commemorate the occasion, gave five guineas to the Masonic Boys' School; and at the banquet table a brother generously paid over to the Worshipful Master-elect the sum of £10 towards a new harmonium; indeed, all the brethren seemed so elated at the visit of their chief that generosity was the order of the hour. The lodge opened early in the afternoon, and the first business was the election of a Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, and Bro. Henry Jeffs, P.M., by a unanimous vote, was again chosen. The Prov. Grand Master, and his Deputy, Bro. J. Brook Smith, M.A., LL.B., were announced as being in the vicinity of the lodge-room, and the Director of Ceremonies summoned all the Provincial Grand Lodge officers, as distinguished from members of the blue lodges, to arrange themselves in order of procession in the long corridor, and the P.G.M. was conducted to the dais with the usual salutations. Two candidates were received into the order, the P.G.M. and his deputy, much to the gratification of the brethren, taking part in the work of initiation. The choral service was most efficiently rendered by the organist and the brethren generally. Over one hundred brethren were present in lodge; and upwards of seventy sat down to banquet. As the decoration committee and the stewards so well performed their duties their names deserve honourable mention, viz., Bros. G. Tomes, F. G. Roberts, W. J. Litton, E. T. Chipp, H. Frith, W. C. Ferris, and W. T. Byett. Some of the brethren came from a considerable distance, as far as from the Province of Sussex, Weston-super-Mare, and Wiltshire; and Stow-on-the-Wold and other parts of the Province furnished their quota. Amongst the company were Baron de Ferrieres, M.P., Sir Brook Kay, Bart., Rev. C. R. Davy, Rev. Dr. Lynes, Rev. R. P. Smith, W. Nicks, R. Vassar Smith, James Bruton, Thomas Delaheld, the W.M. of the Lodge, J. B. Winterbotham, John Walker, M.A., W. L. Bain, George Norman, R. W. White, W. R. Porcher, A. Wettre, A. M. Sydney-Turner, W. C. Heane, F. Sevier, W. E. Perrett, James Murrell, W. H. Gwynnett, E. T. Inskip, John Bryan, J. H. Frowde, Middlemore Brook de Ferrand, Middlemore Withard, W. S. Frith, &c. At the banquet Bros. J. S. Gee, T. L. Telling, W. J. Litton, A. C. Champney, and Capt. Frowde did good service by their vocal efforts supplemental of the toasts. Great regret was expressed at the absence of Bro. Col. Basevi, from indisposition; but the Masonic Charities found an able exponent in Bro. E. T. Inskip, who made a stirring appeal, which will doubtless bear fruit.

**LIVERPOOL.—Temple Lodge (No. 1094).**—The members of this lodge, which most deservedly holds a very high place amongst the Masonic fraternity in the Province of West Lancashire, met for installation purposes on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, where, notwithstanding the strong rival outside attraction in another place, there was a very numerous attendance of brethren.

The chair was taken by Bro. H. B. Jones, W.M., supported by Bros. Dr. J. Kellert Smith, P.M., P.P.G.R.; Richard Washington, P.M., P.G.S.D.; Richard R. Martin, P.M.; R. H. D. Johnson, P.M.; John Alexander, S.W., W.M. elect; R. Yelland, P.M. Treas.; Evan J. Callow, S.D.; Thomas Carr, J.D.; Robert Bethel, I.G.; and others. Among the visitors were Bros. P. B. Gee, P.M. 1264; John Atkinson, W.M. 1609; Thomas Salter, P.M. 241, P.G.J.D.; R. Foote, W.M. 1505; J. Ellis, P.M. 667; and others.

After the transaction of some routine business, Bro. John Alexander was presented for installation by Bro. R. Martin, P.M., and the ceremony was most admirably performed by Bro. Richard Washington, P.M., P.G.S.D. After the customary honours, the following officers were appointed and invested for the ensuing year: Bros. H. B. Jones, I.P.M.; H. Horspool, S.W.; E. J. Callow, J.W.; Thomas Carr, S.D.; R. Bethel, J.D.; A. C. Yelland, P.M. Treas. (re-elected for fourth time); T. Marsh, Sec. (re-elected); R. Washington, P.M., M.C.; E. W. Boulding, I.G.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O., Org.; F. E. Boustead, S.S.; R. Ellinger, J.S.; Hardacre, A.S.; and P. Ball was re-elected Tyler. A handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to the I.P.M. on behalf of the lodge before the proceedings closed. The brethren afterwards dined together.

**SWINDON.—Gooch Lodge (No. 1295).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday evening, the 14th inst., at the Queen's Royal Hotel and Refreshment Rooms. Present: Bros. J. Powell, W.M.; G. R. Shemilt, S.W.; T. Leader, J.W.; H. J. Birch, P.M., P.P.G.S.D. Wilts, Treas.; J. Goudge, P.M., Sec.; C. J. Phillips, S.D.; E. Jones, J.D.; J. B. Baker, I.G.; J. Jackson, Tyler; and T. Turner, P.M.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last lodge were read and confirmed, and as there was no other business, the W.M. worked the ceremony of the First Degree. Bro. Birch, P.M., gave the lecture on the tracing board of the Second Degree. The lodge was then closed. It is worth observing that the brethren who were, by the very wet evening and other causes, prevented from attending lost a real Masonic treat, as the lecture, given by Bro. Birch in his well-known style, was worthy of a full lodge.

**ALDERSHOT.—Aldershot Camp Lodge (No. 1331).**—This flourishing lodge met on the 12th inst., the W.M., Bro. Lewis, presiding. There was a good muster of the brethren, and a numerous array of visitors from other lodges. The musical arrangements were very ably conducted by the Organist, Bro. Adnett.

After the confirmation of the minutes of the last regular meeting, Bros. Dain and Dalton were passed to the Degree of F.C. in a manner which reflected the highest credit upon the W.M. A petition was then submitted by Bro. Captain Douglas, P.M. and P.P.G.S.B., bearing the signatures of sundry influential and well known Masons residing in the camp at Aldershot, who, for reasons which were deemed perfectly satisfactory by all the brethren present, were desirous of forming a new lodge, which would meet a want that had been long felt at that station, and, after careful consideration, it was signed and recommended by the officers of the lodge.

Bro. Captain Croisdale, P.M. and P.G.S.B., by permission of the W.M., then expressed to the visitors the pleasure it always afforded the members of the lodge to extend towards them the right hand of fellowship, and in the name of the lodge he cordially invited them to come as often as they could make it convenient to do so. In the course of his remarks he said he considered every brother should strive to advance in Masonic knowledge, and he had no doubt the interchange of visits by the members of the various lodges in the province was productive of good, inasmuch as it would tend to secure uniformity and, perhaps, more efficiency in working the various Masonic ceremonies, and would often lead to the formation of fraternal friendships, which would undoubtedly have a tendency to develop and extend the noble principles upon which our Order is founded.

After "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors, the lodge was closed in love and harmony.

**LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).**—An emergency meeting of the members of this lodge was held on Friday afternoon, the 14th inst., at the Masonic Hall, under the direction of Bro. John Atkinson, W.M., who was officially assisted by Bros. Savage, J.W. (acting S.W.); W. W. Sandbrook, I.P.M. (acting J.W.); J. M. Boyd, Sec.; H. P. Squire, S.D.; J. L. Shrapnell, J.D.; J. J. Monk, Asst. Org.; O. W. Sanderson, I.G.; Dr. Whittle, H. Round, and C. Buchanan, Stewards; and W. H. Ball, Tyler.

The members present included Bros. H. Cooke, W. Hildyard, J. Rawsthorne, J. Boardman, P. Lowndes, W. Parker, S. H. Jones, E. Graham, J. H. Greenwood, H. Williams, J. F. Rudersdorff, A. Gough, H. Volkins, H. Brooklynn, A. J. Rawlins, E. A. Carrodus, J. Vanden Berg, E. Glover, J. Chambers, and others.

Amongst the visitors were Bros. T. Salter, P.M. 241, P.G.J.D.; W. Brackenbury, P.G.A.D.C.; C. R. Copeman, 786; S. G. Sinclair, J.W. 32; E. T. Ingham, 1620; A. J. Shore, P.M. 816; T. Clark, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. McSachlan, 241; and others.

After the lodge had been opened, Mr. J. Henry Cruft and Mr. D. Anderson Wood were duly initiated into the privileges of the Order.

Upwards of fifty brethren sat down to banquet, and during the evening a presentation of a pleasing nature was made to Bro. W. Savage, J.W., as representing his infant daughter. A capital programme was given by Bros. J. H. Greenwood, H. Brooklynn, and T. Salter, and the instrumental contributions of Bros. E. Glover, A. Gough, J. H. Cruft, and J. F. Rudersdorff (members of the Carl Rosa Orchestra) were very greatly appreciated as a novelty of an artistic kind in Masonic circles.

**YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Easter Tuesday, the W.M., Bro. Geo. Simpson being in the chair, and amongst those present were: Bros. T. B. Whythead, P.M.; J. S. Cumberland, P.M.; Geo. Balmford, P.M.; and many other members as well as visitors from the York Lodge, No. 236, and from Dublin. The work consisted in the raising of Bro. Starkey to the Third Degree, which having been accomplished several matters of business were brought forward. The W.M. announced that the Eboracum Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine had voted £5 to the Lodge Building Fund. Bro. J. S. Cumberland, Prov. Charity Steward, made a statement as to the Girls' School Festival at which Lord Zetland, Prov. Grand Master, would be the Charity Steward of the province. His Lordship had contributed a hundred guineas, and the Province another hundred. Bro. Woodall, of Scarbro, had given twenty guineas, and there had been several other contributions, and he hoped the list would amount to about four hundred guineas. Bro. Whythead, on

behalf of Bro. Ware, presented a bound series of the *Freemason's Chronicle* for 1881, for which Bro. Ware received a vote of thanks. The W.M. then proposed a candidate for Freemasonry, and Bro. Whythead proposed Bro. F. Slinger, of the Hotspur Lodge, Newcastle, as a joining member. The lodge was then closed amid "Hearty Good Wishes" and a very pleasant and harmonious evening was spent, enlivened by the singing of Bros. Mennell, Cumberland, and others.

## INSTRUCTION.

**SINCERITY LODGE (No. 174).**—The annual festival of the above lodge took place on Monday, the 17th inst., at the Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.C., where the lodge has recently established itself. There was a capital number of the brethren, as the members of the City Masonic Benevolent Association, in connection with the lodge of instruction, took part in the proceedings. Bro. T. Newton, P.M. 174, ably presided, and was supported in the Vice Chair by Bro. J. S. Fraser, S.W. 174. Among those present were: Bros. G. Jones, I.P.M. 174; C. H. Webb, P.M. 174, Preceptor; C. J. Perceval, P.M. 174; D. Hodges, P.M. 1382, W.M. 1816; W. Brooks, P.M.; G. W. Verry, P.M. 554; Sackett, P.M. 1343; L. C. Haslip, W.M. 813; H. J. Cant, D.C. 174, Hon. Sec.; T. Jones, S.W. 1607; J. Hughes, S.W. 1816; Dellow, I.G. 174; W. Fraser, J.D. 174; Capt. T. F. Harvey, S.D. 174; Whiting, Mustart, 174; Magee, Bibra, James Dunstan, G. H. Stephens (*Freemason*); and others.

The supper having been disposed of, Bro. Newton said he had great pleasure in proposing a toast which was sure to be heartily received amongst English gentlemen, and especially by Craftsmen, and with "The Health of Her Gracious Majesty" he would couple that of "The Prince of Wales and the Craft in general." The W.M. gave "Success and prosperity to the Sincerity Lodge of Instruction," which he claimed had during its existence done a large amount of good to Freemasonry. He had been in past years a frequent attendant, and now did so whenever he was required. But there were now such a large number of good and youthful members that the older members felt they ought to allow them room to go on.

Bro. Newton next paid a high tribute to Bro. C. H. Webb, P.M., the esteemed Preceptor of the lodge, to whose exertions and assiduity in imparting Masonic instruction the success of the lodge was mainly due, for brethren who attended always went away satisfied with the teaching they received. The W.M. next congratulated the lodge upon having obtained such a roof under which to hold their meetings, being not only suitable, but roomy and central. He called upon Bro. Preceptor to respond to the toast.

Bro. Webb returned his sincere thanks for the really kind way in which the toast had been given and received, and said he hardly need say he would always endeavour to deserve it by giving his best efforts to promote the prosperity of the lodge. When he first joined the lodge they had a very eminent Preceptor in the late Bro. Austin, and at the end of that brother's career he had to act as deputy Preceptor. Since then he had acted as their Preceptor, and they had done a large amount of good, not only in imparting Masonic knowledge but in fostering the three excellent Institutions by the Masonic Associations; the first of which in connection with the lodge at the end of four years had contributed no less an amount than £500 to the Institutions. Bro. Webb then dwelt upon several points of interest to lodges of instruction, showing the necessity for brethren to keep to the working, and that unless they did so, and obtained their knowledge from a regular attendance at a lodge of instruction, they must at some time inevitably fail. Bro. Webb concluded an instructive speech by expressing great regret at the unavoidable absence of Bro. F. Brown, W.M. 174. There was as much credit due to that brother as to any, for the zeal and assiduity displayed towards the resuscitation of the lodge, for without the assistance of Bro. Brown, P.M., its existence would have been very languid and almost of a hopeless description.

The W.M. said he had omitted to mention the name of one brother, who was one of the most hard-working Masons amongst them, and one that reminded him somewhat (if he might be allowed the expression) of the industrious mole who worked unseen; and of Bro. Cant, the Hon. Sec., he could say he had stuck to the lodge of instruction through good and evil times, and had never pushed himself to the front for praise, but had steadily worked on; and often, when from short attendance the lodge could not be formed, had regularly attended, and so fanned it into a blaze, whereas it might otherwise have died out. The W.M. asked the brethren to give Bro. Cant Masonic honours.

This was cheerfully accorded, and Bro. Cant briefly responded. He was glad to do anything to support the lodge, and appealed to the brethren to come and support him every Monday punctually at seven o'clock.

The W.M. gave "The City Masonic Benevolent Association," which met under the kind care of the Sincerity Lodge of Instruction. He would not go into figures, but would mention that this was the second institution which the Sincerity Lodge of Instruction had fostered in support of the Masonic Charities. The first had worked out in four years, and had contributed over £500. The present one was about half worked out, and would, no doubt, by the co-operation of its members in paying up arrears, realise nearly a similarly handsome figure. It seemed a wonder how so small a sum as 4s. per month could produce such capital results; and it only exemplified the adage, that "Where there's a will, there's a way," and they might rest assured where there was the inclination the way would surely be found. Bro. G. W. Verry, P.M., the hard-working Treasurer, and Bro. Fraser, the Secretary, were called upon to respond.

Bro. Verry, in the course of his remarks, said he had not been absent more than three times in the last two years, although, as the W.M. had stated, he was often travelling out of London. The present association he was pleased to say was successful, thirty-four ballots having been already drawn, and would doubtless at its winding up not be far behind its predecessor. They must remember, in comparing them, that when the first started these Masonic Associations were few and far between, whilst they were now to be found (and it was a good job too) all over London; so that if not larger than the first, this association need not be at all disheartened of its labours. Bro. Fraser also returned thanks.

"The Visitors" were next toasted, Bros. D. Hodges, W.M. 1816; Dunstan, 1763; and G. H. Stephens (*Freemason*); severally responding thereto.

Bro. P.M. Webb gave, in graceful terms, "The Health of the W.M.," eulogising Bro. Newton, not only for his known thoroughness of character but for the zeal with which he took up any charitable cause, and the perseverance he always displayed on behalf of any of the candidates the mother lodge was supporting.

Bro. Newton fully responded in a highly interesting speech, during which he made a strong appeal for votes on behalf of a distressed brother who was a candidate for the benefits of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

"The Mother Lodge" was next honoured, Bro. Newton saying how incumbent it was upon Masons to remember their mother lodges. He was twenty-one years ago made a member of the Sincerity Lodge, and had been absent from its meetings twice during that period, and then through illness. Just as we are indebted to our mother naturally so are we to our lodges Masonically. He felt he had been more fortunate than was usual in the lodge he had joined, and had met just the kind of brethren in it that he felt he could appreciate, and had formed many and he trusted lasting friendships. The toast was coupled with the name of the I.P.M., Bro. G. Jones, who having returned thanks regretted the absence of the W.M., Bro. Brown, and hoped he would be enabled to attend the next meeting of the lodge on Wednesday. The Tyler's toast was given from the chair and the proceedings terminated.

**UNITED PILGRIMS LODGE (No. 507).**—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E., on Friday evening, the 14th inst. Present: Bro. J. N. Bate, W.M.; Lucas, S.W.; H. M. Williams, J.W.; Plant Martin, S.D.; Baxter, J.D.; H. Goodwin, I.G.; James Stevens, P.M., Hon. Preceptor; J. S. Terry, P.M., Sec.; J. W. Watts, P.M.; A. T. Chambers, Sargeant, Wilmott, C. H. Phillips, J. J. James, J. D. Smith, and others. The lodge having been opened, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Watts acting as candidate. The lodge was passed to Second Degree, and the E.C. ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. Phillips as candidate. Prior to closing the lodge, it was announced that Bro. A. T. Chambers was about to leave England for the Cape of Good Hope, and that brother received the "Hearty good wishes" and "God speed" of all the brethren present.

**YAREBOROUGH LODGE (No. 554).**—This lodge met, as usual, at Bro. A. Walter's, the Green Dragon, Stepey, E., on the 18th inst. Bro. Evans was W.M., and had the support of the following brethren: Bro. G. H. Stephens, S.W.; W. Hawes, J.W.; J. Taylor, Deacon; J. Andrews, P.M., Preceptor; W. Cross, Hon. Sec.; Eitling, I.G.; and Seymour. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened up, and Bro. Eitling was interrogated and entrusted. Lodge was opened up, and the ceremony of raising was worked, Bro. Eitling being the candidate. Lodge was resumed in the First Degree, when Bro. G. H. Stephens, assisted Bro. Taylor to work the Fifth Section of the Lecture. Lodge was resumed in the Third Degree, and Bro. Andrews, P.M., assisted Bro. Taylor to work the Second Section of that Lecture. Lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and Bro. Stephens was elected W.M. for the first Tuesday in May. Bro. Eitling, 1259, was unanimously elected a member. The next meeting will be devoted to working the Fifteen Sections, particulars of which appear in another column.

**DALHOUSIE LODGE (No. 860).**—The last regular meeting of this lodge was held at Bro. Smyth's Sister's Tavern, Pownhall-road, Dalston, on the 18th inst. Bro. Chis'olm, W.M.; Edwards, S.W.; A. Clark, J.W.; Corble S.D.; T. Clark, J.D.; Gosling, I.G.; Brasted, P.M., acting Preceptor; F. Carr, Sec.; also Bros. Allen, Shorey, Jones, Darnell, Loring, Parfit, Forss, Smyth, and others.

Lodge was duly opened and the minutes read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Forss was interrogated and entrusted. Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of raising worked, Bro. Forss being the candidate. Bro. Carr gave the traditional history of the Degree, after which, the lodge being resumed to the First Degree, Bro. Forss worked the Third and Fourth Sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Loring, 171, and Shorey and Parfit, 1365, were elected members of the lodge, and after the election of W.M. for the ensuing week the brethren separated.

**DORIC LODGE (No. 933).**—The first regular meeting of the above lodge since the holidays was held at Bro. J. Clayton's, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, E., on Friday, the 14th inst. Present: Bros. W. Richardson, W.M.; Stewart, S.W.; M. Donald, J.W.; Coote, S.D.; Turbfield, I.G.; B. Cundick, P.M., Preceptor; W. Musto, P.M., Hon. Sec.; C. H. Webb, P.M.; Moss, Stephens, and others.

Lodge was duly opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Cundick was tested as to proficiency for the Second Degree, and was entrusted, the lodge advanced, and the passing worked in the capital manner for which this lodge is celebrated. The W.M. worked the First, Second, Third, and Fourth Sections of the Lecture, in which he received the assistance of the brethren. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree, and Bro. Coote, 1278, was unanimously elected a member of the lodge. Bro. Stewart, the S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing lodge meeting, and lodge was closed.

A meeting of the Doric and Friars Masonic Benevolent Association was then held, Bro. Cundick, P.M., President. The necessary business having been disposed of, it was resolved to adjourn the meeting until Friday, the 28th inst.

**EXCELSIOR LODGE (No. 1155).**—A most successful gathering of the members of the above popular lodge was held at Bro. Perkins', Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe, on Tuesday, the 4th inst. The evening was devoted to the working of the Fifteen Sections, by members of the Yareborough and Doric Lodges of Instruction; under the presidency of Bro. W. Musto, P.M. 1349. Bros. B. Cundick, P.M. 1421, S.W.; Jno. J. Berry, P.M. 554, J.W.; T. Barnes, P.M. 554, 933, I.P.M.; Wilton, S.D.; Wallis, J.D.; Duffield, 30, I.G.; J. G. Milbourn, P.M. 30 (Preceptor of the lodge); J. Lineker, I.W. 554; J. W. Walker, 1155, Hon. Sec.; Goodnow, W. S. Hoer, Strickland, Sanderson, Perkins,

Leigh, Young, H. Clark, J. Clark, Easterbrook, Kent and Fryer. Among the visitors we noticed Bros. H. Colter, P.M. 554; Harvey, 174; W. Harper, 554; D. Moss, S.D. 1275; Robson, 1445; McDonald, J.W. 1445; Stone, 1641; W. H. Myers, P.M. 820, 1445; Stewart, 1278; Mitchley, 458; and Baker, 913.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the advanced Degrees and resumed in the First. The Sections were then worked in a highly satisfactory manner by the following brethren: First Lecture: First Section, Bro. Stone, 1641; Second, Bro. W. H. Myers, P.M. 820, 1445; Third, Bro. T. J. Barnes, P.M. 554, 933; Fourth, Bro. D. Moss, S.D. 1275; Fifth, Bro. B. Cundick, P.M. 1421; Sixth, Bro. W. McDonald, J.W. 1445; Seventh, Bro. B. Stewart, 1278.

Second Lecture: First Section, Bro. J. G. Milbourn, P.M. 30; Second, Bro. Jno. J. Berry, P.M. 554; Third, Bro. T. J. Barnes, P.M. 554, 933; Fourth, Bro. B. Cundick, P.M. 1421; Fifth, Bro. D. Moss, S.D. 1275.

Third Lecture: First Section, Bro. W. Myers, P.M. 820, 1445; Second, Bro. D. McDonald, J.W. 1445; Third, Bro. Jno. J. Berry, P.M. 554.

When the Sections were concluded, Bro. Milbourn proposed a cordial vote of thanks together with the honorary membership of the lodge being given to Bro. Musto for the able manner in which he had presided during the working of the Fifteen Sections. Bro. Lineker proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the brethren who had so ably assisted the W.M. to work the Fifteen Sections, and also that Bro. Cundick and Berry (the Wardens), be honorary members of the lodge. Carried. The whole of the visiting brethren named above were duly elected members. After the above brethren had in appropriate speeches returned thanks for the honour conferred, the lodge was closed in due form. A memorable and highly instructive evening having been spent to the great satisfaction of all concerned.

**BURDETT COUTTS LODGE (No. 1278).**—The first meeting of the above lodge upon the altered night of meeting took place on Saturday, the 15th inst., at Bro. Huxley's, Lamb Tavern, Bethnal Green. Bro. Clark was W.M., and was supported by Bros. Brittain, S.W.; S. G. Bonner, J.W.; W. Richardson, S.D.; B. Stewart, J.D.; Sturtevant, jun., I.G.; W. Musto, P.M., Preceptor; A. Hand, Hon. Sec.; D. Moss, Loveday, and others.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous lodge meeting were read and confirmed, these containing the resolution of the brethren to meet upon each Saturday instead of Wednesday, evening. Lodge was opened up, and Bro. Loveday, as candidate, was interrogated, and upon the lodge being advanced, the ceremony of raising was well rendered. Bro. B. Stewart worked the First Section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Brittain duly elected W.M. for the ensuing year. The balance for the year was presented and adopted. The election of officers for the ensuing year was as follows: Bros. W. Musto, P.M. (re-elected); D'Ardrune, Treas.; and A. Hand, Hon. Sec.

Bro. D. Moss kindly offered to act as Preceptor to the lodge upon any occasion when Bro. Musto could not be present.

A special vote of thanks to thirteen officers for past services was unanimously passed, and also to Bro. Moss for kind offer to act as deputy Preceptor. It was further arranged that Bro. Moss work the Fifteen Sections on the first Saturday in May. Nothing further offering, lodge was closed, a capital amount of important business having been transacted.

**EARL OF ZETLAND LODGE (No. 1364).**—This lodge, which is held at the Royal Edward, Triangle, Mare-street, Hackney, E., following the example of the parent lodge, will hold its last meeting of the present session on Saturday evening, the 29th inst., upon which occasion the ceremony of installation will be worked. Some of the brethren having expressed a desire to have a social meeting before breaking up, it has been arranged to have a Smoking Concert on the same evening, after lodge is closed. The following brethren have already arranged to take part in the proceedings, which promise to be very successful: Bros. W. Bristo, H. Forss, Upjohn, Thomas, B. Humphry, G. J. Pope, R. A. Wright, D. J. Bridgemoor, G. H. Stephens, F. Greene, R. B. Greenwood, Gompertz, Dr. J. F. Haskins, George Buckland, Bull, and others. Conductor, Bro. Dr. Haskins.

**CORINTHIAN LODGE (No. 1382).**—A very successful meeting of this lodge was held on the 18th inst., at the George Hotel, Cubitt Town, E. Present: Bros. Linn, W.M.; G. Smith, S.W.; Willson, J.W.; J. Delves, P.M., Preceptor; Carnaby, P.M., Treas.; C. Searell, P.M., acting Sec.; Finch, P.M.; Millington, P.M.; S. G. Bonner, Dyer, Marsh, M. Lord, Raiker, Hill, Richelman, Stopleton, and others.

After due formalities, the ceremony of initiation was ably worked; after which Bro. Finch, P.M., worked the First, Second, and Third Sections of the Second Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed down, and a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Finch for visiting the lodge and affording the brethren such assistance. Lodge was closed and adjourned until the 25th inst., a highly enjoyable evening having been spent.

**TREDEGAR LODGE (No. 1625).**—The regular meeting of the above lodge were continued on Monday, the 17th inst., at Bro. Yates' Royal Hotel, Mile End-road. Bro. Clement was W.M., and had the support of the following brethren: Bros. Brittain, S.W.; Scheerboom, P.M., J.W.; Hammond, S.D.; Bull, J.D.; D. Moss, I.G.; T. J. Barnes, P.M. Treas.; T. Wooding, Preceptor; B. Stewart, Hon. Sec.; and others.

Lodge was duly opened and minutes submitted and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Barnes as candidate was questioned and entrusted. Lodge was advanced and the ceremony of raising was then worked. The ceremony of closing down was worked, and Bro. Hammond assisted the W.M. to work the First Section of the First Lecture. Bro. Brittain was elected W.M. for the first Monday in May, the meeting to be held on the 24th inst. being devoted to working the Fifteen Sections, particulars of which will be found in another column. Lodge was closed and adjourned until the 24th inst., at seven o'clock precisely.

**LANGTON LODGE (No. 1673).**—A meeting of of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 13th inst., at the Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-street, E.C. Bros. J. T. Tanqueray, in the chair; Vialls, S.W.; Money, J.W.; Stoddart, S.D.; Chubb, J.D.; Morris, I.G.; Duret, acting Preceptor; Shaw, acting Sec.; J. G. Langton, Bue, and others.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The lodge then opened up to the Third Degree and resumed in the Second, when Bro. J. G. Langton, acting as a candidate for the Third Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted with a test of merit leading from the Second to the Third Degree. The lodge was then resumed in the Third Degree and Bro. Langton was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. After a "call off" the lodge closed down to the First Degree, and Bro. Duret, assisted by the brethren, worked the Second Section of the First Lecture, the Second Section of the Second Lecture being worked by Bro. Money. The W.M. rose for the first time, and a letter from Bro. Bentley Haynes was read concerning the death of Bro. H. Vernon, Chichester, but postponed to the next meeting. Bro. Vialls was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, the W.M. rose for the second and third times and the lodge was closed.

### Royal Arch.

**JERUSALEM CHAPTER (No. 185).**—The installation meeting of this chapter was held on the 11th inst., at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street. 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.; Stewart, S.N.; Harfeld, P.Z., Treas.; Ellborn, P.S.; Davis, 1st. Asst.; Elsam, P.P.G.S. Surrey, P.Z.; Holbrook, P.Z.; and Wagner, P.Z. Among the visitors were Comp. Smallpiece, P.Z. Cyrus; Parker, Smout, and Rogers, Carnarvon.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Comps. Moss, Davis, and Stewart were impressively inducted into the chairs of Z., H., and J. by Comp. Smallpiece, in a manner that left nothing to be desired. The officers invested were Comps. Davage, S.E.; Ellborn, S.N.; Harfeld, Treas.; Davis, P.S.; Smith, 1st. Asst.; Parkinson, Janitor (by deputy). Previously to the lodge being closed, a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Comp. Smallpiece for the admirable way in which he had performed the duties of Installing Officer.

The banquet was well served. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts were given and duly responded to.

"The Health of the M.E.Z." was proposed by the I.P.Z., and this pledge having been heartily drunk, Comp. Moss briefly returned thanks. In the course of his speech he said that he should endeavour to follow in the footsteps of those Principals who had so worthily filled the chair before him. In conclusion, he said that he believed his year of office would in every respect be a most successful one.

"The Installing Officer" followed. Comp. Smallpiece, in reply, expressed the great gratification it had afforded him in being present that day to perform the ceremony of installation. The Jerusalem was a very old chapter, and held a deservedly high position in the Royal Arch Degree; and, therefore, it was both a pleasure and an honour to be allowed to visit it. In concluding his remarks, he said that should the necessity arise he should only be pleased to again officiate as Installing Officer.

The toast of "The Past Principals" was coupled with the name of Comp. Elsam, who made an exhaustive speech in response.

"The Health of the Visitors" was enthusiastically received, and drew in response some very flattering remarks from several of the visiting brethren.

"The Second and Third Principals" came next in order. In reply, Comps. Davis and Stewart respectively said that they hoped, by a steady attention to their duties, to merit the high honour that had that day been conferred upon them.

"The Treasurer and Scribe E." was most cordially proposed by the M.E.Z., in which he congratulated the chapter upon again securing the services and assistance of those two old and worthy members of the chapter. They had hitherto discharged their functions in a manner that left nothing to be desired, and he hoped that for many years to come they would continue to give the members of the Jerusalem the benefit of their matured advice.

Comps. Harfeld and Davage modestly acknowledged the compliment.

The toast of "The Officers," coupled with the names of Comps. Ellborn and Davis, terminated the proceedings, which were throughout most enjoyable.

**BEADON CHAPTER (No. 619).**—The quarterly convocation of this chapter was held on Thursday evening, the 13th inst., at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, Coleman-street, City, and the occasion was rendered important in consequence of it being the day appointed for the installation of the Principals, who were elected at the last convocation. Comp. H. Thompson, M.E.Z., presided; Comp. Sharratt, M.E.Z. elect, H.; and Comp. E. Coste, *pro tem.*, in the absence of Comp. Dodman, J.; and the other companions present were: Comps. W. H. Green, P.Z., S.E.; A. Avery, P.Z., Treas.; Wyer, I.P.Z.; W. Smeed, P.Z.; Dr. Pridmore, P.S.; and visitors: Comps. E. Francis, G.D.C. Surrey, and P.Z. 1604; and Taylor, 1624.

Previous to the opening of the chapter an audit meeting of the accounts of the last year was held, and it showed a good balance for the ensuing year. Some business having been disposed of, Comp. W. Smeed, P.Z., took the chair, when the installation of the elected Principals was proceeded with. Comp. W. H. Green, P.Z., presented Comp. F. Sharratt, P.Z. elect, to receive in the first place the solemn rite of installation, and when it was known that it was to be conferred by Comp. Smeed, no eulogy is required as to the manner in which it was performed, and it may simply be said that it was impressive and scrupulously correct. In going through the ceremony Comp. Smeed was materially supported in some of the formal parts by Comp. Francis. In consequence of the absence of Comp. Dodman, the H. elect, that ceremony was postponed to the next meeting. Comp. W. H. Green next presented Comp. Carrington, the J. elect, who was also installed by Comp. Smeed in the same able manner.

The officers appointed were Comps. A. Avery, Treasurer; W. H. Green, S.E.; Pridmore, P.S.; H. Bond, 1st A.S.; and Bavin, Janitor. Bro. James Gordon, P.M., of the Beadon Lodge, No. 619, a candidate, was balloted for and unanimously elected, but in consequence of a severe domestic calamity, his exaltation was necessarily deferred until the next convocation in July.

The M.E.Z. said that the first duty he had to perform was a most pleasing one, as it was to present their I.P.Z., Comp. H. Thompson, with a jewel which had been voted to him by the companions at the last convocation, as an acknowledgment of the services he had rendered to the chapter during his year of office. He was sure that the companions would agree with him when he said that during the time he had occupied the chair his conduct had been most genial, and at all times the companions had been treated with courtesy and kindness, and when he (the M.E.Z.) left the chair he hoped that he should leave it with the same kindness and good wishes as the companions then entertained towards Comp. Thompson. In placing upon his breast the jewel which had been unanimously voted to him, he hoped he might live long to wear it, and that it would be an unfading remembrance of the kindness the companions of the Beadon Chapter entertained towards him during the time he had occupied the position of M.E.Z. amongst them. He then placed on his breast a beautiful jewel, which bore the following inscription: "Presented to Comp. H. Thompson, P.Z., in recognition of his valuable services as M.E.Z. of the Beadon Chapter during 1881."

Comp. Thompson, in acknowledging the high compliment which the M.E.Z. had been pleased to pay him, said he felt at that moment so embarrassed in his feelings of gratitude that he could hardly give expression to what he felt for the great kindness that they had always shown to him and for the splendid jewel with which they had presented him that evening. He had had other jewels presented to him during his Masonic career, then upwards of twenty-two years, all of which he estimated, but he could assure them that none of them should he wear with greater pride than that which he had received at the hands of the Beadon Chapter. He was greatly indebted to them for the uniform kindness he had always received from them, and their willingness at all times to treat any shortcomings on his part with the greatest indulgence. From the time he came amongst them he had always been treated with courtesy, and he might truly say that some of the happiest hours of his life had been spent in the Beadon Chapter. To one and all he wished health, happiness, and prosperity, and trusted that he might for many years be amongst them to enjoy a continuance of that good fellowship he had hitherto received.

The chapter was then closed in due form, and the companions adjourned to the large hall for refreshment, which was well served by Comps. Wood and Ronan.

On the withdrawal of the cloth, the M.E.Z. gave the usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts, which were all duly honoured.

Comp. H. Thompson, I.P.Z., said it devolved upon him for the first time to propose the next toast, which was "The Health of their esteemed M.E.Z., Comp. Sharratt," who had that night been installed in the exalted position he then occupied, and he felt sure, from what he had done in the other offices, that the companions could not have made a better choice than in selecting Comp. Sharratt to preside over them. He was kind, courteous, and painstaking, and he was sure that he would well maintain the dignity of the position in which they had placed him; and he (Comp. Thompson) hoped and trusted that he would have a prosperous year of office, and when the time arrived that he should have to yield up the chair to his successor, he would quit it with all the good wishes and kindly feelings that were at all times entertained towards him. This toast was most enthusiastically received.

The M.E.Z. said he felt that he was undeserving of all the kindly things Comp. Thompson had said of him, but he would do everything in his power to promote the prosperity of the chapter, and would strive to emulate those who had gone before him, although perhaps he might not succeed in doing so. He, however, thanked Comp. Thompson for the very kindly way in which he had spoken of him, and the companions for the cordial manner in which they had received the toast, and hoped at the end of the year to leave the chair with the same feelings and with credit to his successor.

The M.E.Z. then proposed "The P.Z.'s of the Chapter," and, in doing so, adverted to the vote of thanks which had been given to Comp. Smeed for the very beautiful manner in which he had performed the installation of Principals that evening; and said he hoped that he should have the assistance of the P.Z.'s in carrying out his duties in the ensuing year. He proposed the health of Comps. Smeed, Wyer, Thompson, and Green, and trusted that the chapter might long have the benefit of their services.

Comp. Smeed, in acknowledging the toast, said it was always a pleasure to him to come amongst the members of the Beadon Chapter, and was ready at all times to do anything that might be required to promote its interests. He was glad to have the opportunity of installing the Principals that evening, and should be happy to do so on any future occasion.

The next toast was that of "The Visitors," and for which Comp. H. E. Frances returned thanks, expressing the pleasure he felt in being present and in witnessing the very excellent manner in which Comp. Smeed had installed the Principals that night, and for the hospitality which had been extended towards him.

Comp. Taylor also briefly returned thanks.

The M.E.Z. next gave "Comps. Dodman and Carrington, the H. and J. of the Chapter," for which Comp. Carrington, in the absence of Comp. Dodman, returned thanks, expressing his sense of the highly impressive manner in which he had been installed by Comp. Smeed, and assuring them that he would do all in his power to deserve the confidence the companions had reposed in him by placing him in such an exalted position.

Some other toasts were given and songs sung; and the Janitor's toast brought a thoroughly harmonious meeting to a close.

**KENNINGTON CHAPTER (No. 1381).**—This young but flourishing chapter met on the 4th inst., at the Horns Tavern, Kennington-park, when there were present among others, Comps. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., M.E.Z.; Higgins, H.; Speedy, J.; George Everett, P.Z., Treasurer; Webb, S.N.; Appleton, 1st Assistant; Cooper, 2nd Assistant; and James Terry, P.Z., &c., &c.

(hon. member). The visitors were Comps. H. J. Lardner, H. West Smithfield; Maclean, J. Domatic; Major Campbell, P.S. Cyrus; and Davey, Treasurer, Lebanon.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the chair was taken by Comp. Terry, and he then in a masterly manner installed Comps. H. Higgins, as M.E.Z.; Speedy, as H., and Webb, as J. The officers invested were as follows: Comps. Everett, jun., S.E. (by deputy); G. Everett, P.Z., Treasurer; Köhler, S.N. (by deputy); Appleton, P.S.; Cooper and Ayling, Assistants; and Daly, Janitor. A vote of thanks having been passed with acclamation, was ordered to be entered on the minutes in recognition of the services of Comp. Terry, as Installing officer. Several communications having been read from absent members, Comp. Lardner was proposed by the I.P.Z., and seconded by the Treasurer, as a joining member.

The chapter having been closed, the members and their visitors adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the preliminary toasts were done full justice to.

"The M.E.Z." was given by the I.P.Z., and this toast having been duly honoured, the M.E.Z. replied in well chosen terms.

"The Health of the I.P.Z.," and presentation of a Past Principal's jewel followed.

Comp. Walls having acknowledged the dual compliment, the toast of "The Installing Officer" came next.

Comp. Terry, in the course of an excellent reply, expressed his gratification in witnessing the progress of the chapter. He had had the honour of consecrating it, and therefore its prosperity was naturally pleasing to him. In conclusion, he said that although his health had been very indifferent, and was still precarious, yet under the circumstances he felt he could not stay away from the installation meeting. He had hitherto inducted all the Principals of the Kennington Chapter into their respective chairs, and so long as his poor services were needed, he would continue to do so. (Hear, hear.)

"The Visitors" followed.

Comps. Campbell, Maclean, Lardner, and Davey having each said a few words in response, the toast of "The Second and Third Principals" came next in order.

Comps. Speedy and Webb having briefly acknowledged the compliment.

"The Health of the Treasurer and Scribe E." was cordially proposed by the M.E.Z.

The toast having been received with acclamation, Comp. G. Everett, upon behalf of himself and son, made a speech of some point.

"The Officers," coupled with the names of Comp. Appleton, Cooper, and Ayling, who responded, brought the proceedings to a termination.

**Mark Masonry.**

**WIGAN.**—Rose and Thistle Lodge (No. 158).

—The annual festival of St. John, in connection with the above lodge, was celebrated at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 12th inst., when Bro. J. D. Murray was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. Thos. Entwistle 31<sup>st</sup>, P.P.G.M.M. Lancashire, assisted by Bro. G. L. Campbell, P.P.G.M.O. and Org. The new officers were Bros. Wm. Dean, S.W. Thos. Milner, J.W.; Rev. Charles Hesketh Knowllys, Chaplain; A. H. Crossley, M.O.; W. Johnson, S.O.; B. B. Seddon, J.D.; H. T. Byron, Sec.; J. Marsden, Reg. of Marks; J. Browne, S.D.; W. M. Wylde, J.D.; W. Horrocks, I.G.; Jas. Wilson, S.S.; and W. Holt, J.S.

The after dinner proceedings were made specially enjoyable by the excellent performance of a selection of vocal and instrumental music by a party of brethren from the Latham Mark Lodge at Southport, under the able leadership of Bro. Roberts, W.M.

**COCKERMOUTH.**—Faithfull Lodge (No. 229).

—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 12th inst., Bro. W. H. Lewthwaite in the chair. There was not a large attendance of the brethren. The minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed; and there being nothing but general routine business, the lodge was closed in form and good harmony.

**Red Cross of Constantine.**

**YORK.**—Eboracum Conclave (No. 137).

—The installation meeting of this body was held on the evening of Holy Thursday, the throne being assumed by the M.P.S., Bro. C. G. Padel. The routine business consisted in the reception and installation of Bro. F. Slinger, of the Hotspur Lodge, No. 1626, Newcastle, which was performed by the M.P.S., Bro. T. B. Whythead, Int. Genl. Unattached, acting as H.P., and giving the Legend of the Order. A College of Viceroy's was then opened, and Bro. M. Millington was duly installed in the chair of V.E., after which a Senate of Sovereigns was opened, and Bro. G. Simpson was placed on the throne of C. The Senate and College were then successively closed, and the M.P.S. and V.E. proclaimed and saluted. The Auditor's report was read and showed a very satisfactory balance, and the sum of £5 was voted to the Eboracum Lodge Building Fund. At the close of the conclave Bro. Simpson was appointed and installed in the chair of the St. Peter's Sanctuary and Commandery of St. John.

Subsequently the brethren met to partake of light refreshment, and a quiet evening was spent in fraternal converse.

**Cryptic Masonry.**

**GRAND MASTERS' COUNCIL (No. 1).**

—An exceedingly successful meeting in connection with this distinguished council was held on the 31st ult., at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square. Among those in attendance were Comps. T. C. Walls, R.I.G.M., Deputy Master; T. Poore, P.C. of Works; D. M. Dewar, Recorder; A. Williams, C. of C.; R. L. Loveland, as C. of G.; Thos. Cubitt and G. Graveley, Marshals; C. H. Driver, Harding, Livingston, F. H. Clemow, Nicholls, and J. E. Anderson. The council was honoured with a visit from Comps. S. Rawson, T.J., Deputy Grand Master, and Major Dunbar, Grand Marshal.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken upon behalf of Bros.

Baron de Ferrieres, M.P., J. G. Horsey, H. F. Dale, W. G. Lemon, and A. F. Godson, and it proving to be unanimous in each case, they were duly admitted and received into the Degrees of M.E.M., R.M., S.M., and S.E.M., the four ceremonies being carried out by the D.M., ably assisted by Comp. Poore and the rest of the officers; the attendant lectures were also delivered.

Comp. Dewar having given a notice of motion touching upon the commutation of subscriptions, and numerous letters of apology for non-attendance having been read, the council was closed, after a long sitting, and the companions adjourned to a collation at the Albion Hotel, Theobald's-road. The usual toasts were subsequently given.

"The Health of the T.J.G.M., Comp. the Rev. R. Portal," was received with more than usual cordiality, in consequence of the precarious state of his health, which has necessitated his sojourn abroad for many months past.

"The Health of the D.M." was flatteringly proposed by Comp. Dewar.

Comp. Walls having replied, then gave "The Newly-admitted Companions."

This toast was responded to at length by Comp. Baron de Ferrieres and others. The former expressed himself as being highly delighted with the ceremonies, and said that he should look forward with pleasure to the next meeting.

"The Officers," coupled with the names of Comps. Dewar and Poore, who replied, brought the proceedings to a conclusion.

**Ireland.**

**THE MASONIC SCHOOL BAZAAR.**

A concert, in connection with the above bazaar, was held on Wednesday evening, the 12th inst., in the Exhibition Palace, Dublin. In obedience to a circulated request on the subject, the majority of the members of the Fraternity appeared in their insignia, and, as a large proportion of the patronisers of the concert wore evening dress the fine room had an aspect of brilliancy and varied colour that was extremely pleasing. The orchestra, too, with its one hundred and fifty occupants, was a scene of picturesque animation. Worthy of note is the fact that all the tenors and basses were Freemasons. The band, too, contained many members of the Craft—in fact, the majority of the instrumentalists wore emblems of the Order—and the ladies were relatives of the brethren. The first part of the concert opened with the overture to "Masaniello," which was most satisfactorily played, the band having for its leader the veteran, R. M. Leavy, and including many tried amateurs. Then came the chorus—"A Song of Peace," by Arthur Sullivan, in which the choir first sought the suffrage of the audience. But little room was found for adverse criticism. Bro. J. F. Jones, whose admirable powers as a baritone have long since been fully recognised, sang "Gallants of England" in brilliant style, and may be said to have healded the announcement that notwithstanding all drawbacks success was assured. A delightful contrast was Sir Robert Stewart's quaint and touching ballad "At dead of night," from "The Eve of St. John," which Mrs. Harte sang with exquisite taste to the composer's accompaniment. Bro. F. W. Elsner and Miss P. Elsner then played Beethoven's sonata for violoncello and pianoforte in E. major, op. 17. It was an unexceptionable rendering but it certainly did not arouse the enthusiasm amongst the audience. "Sir Harold the Hunter," a chorus by Bro. T. R. G. Joze, Mus. Doc., a light tuneful composition was then given. The glorious "Ave Maria" of Bach and Gounod, with piano, violoncello, and organ accompaniment, came next, and was sung by a lady amateur. Though apparently somewhat nervous the lady gave a scholarly interpretation of the number. A serenade by Bro. Dr. O'Donoghue, "Wake, love, wake" (with organ obligato) was sung by the composer, and heard for the first time. Without being a very elaborate work it bears the impress of musical genius, and was favourably received. Balfe's "The Sailor Sighs" followed, and was sung creditably by Miss Dora De Leslie and Bro. J. F. Jones. Most merrily the first part of the programme ended with the chorus "The Bells of St. Michael's Tower" (Sir R. P. Stewart), which was probably one of the items that best evidenced the capital tuning of the choir. Opening the second part, "The Wedding March" was played by the band. The next item was a solo (Mrs. Harte) and chorus from "The Enchantress." It was, indeed, well rendered. Miss Dora De Lisle obtained an *im-bis* for "The Lost Chord" (Sullivan), her rich voice and excellent taste eminently entitling her to warm praise. A dainty little song, "Through the Heather," by Joze, was also re-demanded, notwithstanding the modest anxiety of the composer to pass on to the next item. Mendelssohn's chorus, "Sing on with Cheerful Strain," having been sung with unexceptionable steadiness by the choir, Mrs. Harte gave "Savourneen Deelish," with delicious expression. For an encore she sang with refreshing richness "A Summer Shower," and was most fairly the recipient of hearty applause. Herr Elsner and Miss Pauline Elsner having played a "Salon-stucke," by Rubenstein, Watson's duet "Comrade to Arms," sung by Dr. O'Donoghue, and Mr. J. F. Jones, followed, and a thoroughly well wrought out programme closed with the cavatina and chorus from "Lucia." The National Anthem was sung at the finale. The warmest praise is due to Dr. Joze for his efforts in connection with the choir, whose singing practically left little or nothing to be desired. Bro. Gater, Mus. Bac., presided at the organ.

**Obituary.**

**BRO. PARSONS, No. 211.**

It is with regret we announce the death of Bro. Parsons, one of the Past Masters of St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211. Bro. Parsons was greatly loved and respected, not only in his own immediate circle, but by all with whom he came in contact, as well as by his brethren in Masonry. At the funeral, which took place at Barking, on Monday, there was a large gathering of relations and friends, all anxious to pay their last token of respect to his memory; amongst those present being Bros. Usher Back, W.M.; Charles Greenwood, P.G.S.B. England, P.M. and Treasurer; Laver, P.M.; and W. W. Morgan, Secretary, all of Lodge No. 211.



"Sinbad" is the title of the new burlesque, by Mr. Frank Green, produced on Easter Monday at the Royalty. Like many other burlesques it is impossible to connect the vestige of a connected plot. But the music, songs, and puns make up for the want. A strong company has been got together in the persons of Miss Fanny Leslie, Mr. Harry Nicholls, Mr. Fred Newham, of whom it is surprising London has not heard before, Miss Edith Vane, and Miss Haidee Kingsley. Mr. Newham, as *Ali Soper*, is an exact copy of that celebrity as depicted by *Judy*; his costume creates laughter, and the more he trips about the stage, the more he is applauded. His voice is, perhaps, a little too powerful for this house. Mr. Harry Nicholls, attired as *Sinbad's* mother, is a very droll character. His songs of the "Laundress" and other ditties well deserve the eulogies they get. Miss Fanny Leslie, *Sinbad*, is so well known that it may be taken for granted her part could not be played better by any one. Miss Haidee Kingsley, the *Lieutenant*, not only dances prettily, but sings well. We don't know whether she does it commonly or not, but one may almost imagine, if one did not see her, that it is Nellie Farren's voice on the stage, so exactly like is Miss Kingsley's style of speaking and singing. As she is one of Mr. Charles Wyndham's company, no doubt she is possessed of much talent, and will, in course of time make her way to the front. We have seen her to great advantage in one or two other pieces previously. Of course Jumbo, Bradlaugh, and Parnell are dragged into the songs, and, of course, keep the audience highly amused. The most amusing feature is the burlesque on several of the popular dramas now being played in London. To enter fully into the burlesque it is better to have seen the original. We have the "Lights o' London," the showman's scene and the suicide, "Taken from Life," "Mankind, the stealing of the will, and the aesthetic quadrille. Of the songs "So did I" is not the least of the many taking airs. A perfect bevy of young ladies in the most varied and elaborate costumes come upon the stage before the delighted spectators, and sing songs and dance dances. The new burlesque is likely to keep the Royalty open for a good time yet. "Not Registered" is the title of a new two act drama by Mr. Matthison, preceding "Sinbad." The author's idea evidently is to convey a good moral in a short play. Mr. Everill, as *Andrew Woolston*, the postmaster of Birchfield, has a dissolute nephew, *Philip*, who almost brings down the old man's grey hairs with sorrow to the grave by gambling, and to save him the old man is tempted to commit a fraud. But his pretty daughter *Carry* (Miss Evelyn) is not so scrupulous, and what her old father will not do she does. And here lies the weakness of the drama; for is one to be taught that there is no wrong in opening another person's letter and extracting money, though intending to replace it soon, and to do a kind action to save another, and that person a lover, from a felon's cell? It is well it is but a play. The gambler gets the money, and is so able to replace the sum he has taken from his employer's cash box, to escape from becoming a criminal; and by being, for once, fortunate on the turf, he is also able to return to his cousin *Carry* the money she has taken out of the letter, which is put back and the letter sealed down again before the owner calls for it. *Philip* also resolves never to gamble again. As we have said, it is well it is a play. In real life it would be hard to believe when a slice of luck does come to a young gambler that he then and there promises and keeps good resolutions. We should like to see the play altered, for it is not right to teach to do evil that good may come. Mr. Everill, as the old postmaster, is very good, few act old men as well. Mr. Bindloss, who is a member of the Church and Stage Guild, as *Philip*, does his part well; also Mr. Mansfield is very droll as *Woolstone, Esq.*, with an *e*, *Woolstone* in full, as he likes to be termed. Miss Evelyn is an animated and lively young actress, who pleases us more in each character she takes. Throughout the evening, specially in "Sinbad," the audience kept up a continual applause, almost enough at times to drown the stage. From the playbills we regret to find that Bro. H. J. Hitchins is no longer manager. We do not like like unnecessary changes. But we still find his able coadjutor, Mr. Anderson, presiding at the box-office, and we hope the management will retain the services of one so able and obliging. Visitors to the Royalty cannot do better than carry out the words of the last song—

I went to the Royalty. So did I.  
I sent all my friends. So did I.

It would be strange, indeed, if the revival of "Babel and Bijou" at the Alhambra was not received with marked approval. We learn at the first performance there were 5000 present. Rarely has anything more effective been put forward. Bro. Holland well deserved his frequent calls before the curtain. Mr. Frank Green has been called in to resuscitate the opera and has spiced it with sparkling puns, pleasant allusions to the current topics of the day, and introduced with Mons. Jacobi, strains from Rossini, Offenbach, Lecocq, Riviere and others. It is not now easy to discern the plot, but if one starts off regarding the alteration of scenes more in the light of opportunities given to scene painters and costumiers to exhibit their power of change, and considering the dialogue as introduced to give room for verbal puns, then one will feel satisfaction and gratification. Bro. Harry Paulton is droll almost than ever; of course he has a song entirely his own, alluding to Jumbo, Mr. Parnell, and Mr. Bradlaugh. No Alhambra piece would now be complete without a topical song. His lecture upon love, with *tableaux* to illustrate, is so very funny that it alone is worth going to hear and see. The ballets are, of course, on a gorgeous scale; the finest being the "Grand Ballet of the Seasons." But the last, the evolutions of the Amazonians, brings the greatest applause, and was repeated on the night of our visit. In it we have some hundreds of young ladies clad in shining armour, and who, we must say, march with great precision, and in wheeling almost equal a regiment of soldiers, so perfect are their movements. They wheel round like a wall. To some one great credit is due for

their training. Miss Constance Loseby, Mr. Henry Walsham (*Babil*), Mr. Monkhouse, Miss Jenny Beauclerc (*Bijou*), Miss Berend, and Mr. Hogarth are the principal characters, all of whom carry out their parts to the full satisfaction of the audience. The principal dancers are Mdlle. Pertoldi and Mdlle. Palladino, who for long have been the same at this theatre. Bro. Holland may well be congratulated on the success achieved.



Tuesday witnessed the commencement of the Royal Italian Opera season, the opera selected being, as we announced it would be, Meyerbeer's "Les Huguenots," but curtailed, as it usually is in this country. There was a full house, conspicuous among those present being H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.V.G.M. We gave the full cast of the performance last week, all the artistes being well known to the frequenters of the Covent Garden Theatre. As regards the character of the performance, it may be said to have given satisfaction by its general all-round excellence, there being no one bright particular star to absorb, to the exclusion of the other artistes, the rapt attention of the audience. Madame Fursch-Madier, as *Valentina*, sang with dramatic effect, and showed a highly poetical conception of the character; her duet with *Marcello* (Signor Gresse) securing a well-merited encore. Madame Valleria's *Marguerite di Valois* is sufficiently familiar not to call for any special note. Madame Trebelli, as the page, *Urbano*, expierced a most cordial reception, as well by her polished impersonation of the character as by her admirable singing. Signor de Reszke, as *St. Bris*, was in splendid voice, while his style was as finished as it could well be. Signors Cotogni (*Di Nevers*), Corsi (*Huguenot Soldier*), Gresse (*Marcello*), and Mierzwinski (*Raoul*), were all of them more rather than less successful in their efforts, so that, to judge from the opening night, the season just commenced bids fair to be a most successful one. The chorus, by whom the National Anthem was sung before the opera, was fully up to the standard, and the band, under the conductorship of Signor Bevignani, most efficient.

The second performance of this season took place on Thursday evening, when Donizetti's "Lucia di Lammermoor" was produced, Madame Sembrich making her appearance in the character of *Lucia*, with Signor Pandolfi as *Enrico*, Signor Silvestri as *Raimondo*, Signor Sabater as *Normanno*, and Signori Corri and Mierzwinski as *Arturo* and *Edgardo* respectively. Signor Bevignani again wielded the *baton* of conductor.

This (Saturday) evening Gounod's "Faust and Margherita" will be performed, with a new *Margherita* in the person of Madlle. Olga Berghi, who makes her *début* in England on the occasion, and a new *Mefistofele* in M. Bouhy, whose first appearance it will be on our boards. M. Dupont will conduct. Rossini's "Guglielmo Tell" is fixed for Monday next.

On Tuesday, 2nd May, a grand evening concert will take place at the Kensington Town Hall, under the patronage of H.R.H. the Princess Mary, Duchess of Teck, in aid of the People's Entertainment Society. Mr. Ernest Hensley will have charge of the entertainment.

On Friday week the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for War, accompanied by Mrs. and Miss Childers and his Private Secretary, Major the Hon. Neville Lytton, paid a visit of inspection to the Military School of Music, Kneller Hall, Twickenham. The party were received by Lieut.-Colonel Thompson, the Commandant, the band performing the usual complimentary march. Having inspected the pupils, and had the method of classification and training, and other details of the interior economy of the establishment explained to them, the distinguished party lunched with Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Thompson, the band playing a selection of operatic music the while.

The Royal Comedy Theatre, which has been closed during the present week, will be re-opened this (Saturday) evening, when the new opera, "Boccaccio," by Herr von Suppe, from whom Mr. Henderson has purchased the English right in the music, will be performed for the first time. It will be brought out under the direction of Mr. H. B. Farnie.

All the preliminary arrangements in connection with the "Festival of the Three Choirs," which will be held in the autumn at Hereford, have now been made. Among the principal vocalists engaged are Madame Albani and Miss Anne Williams, sopranos; Madame Patey and Miss Hilda Wilson, contraltos; Mr. E. Lloyd, tenor; and Bro. Santley and Mr. F. King, basses. Mr. Carrodus will conduct the band. The oratorios selected include Mendelssohn's "Elijah" and "St. Paul," Handel's "Messiah" and "Judas Maccabaeus," together with Beethoven's Symphony in B flat, Bach's "Magnificat," Goetz's "Psalm 137," Beethoven's "Mass in C," Moliere's "Abraham," and a new cantata by Dr. Garrett, called "The Shunamite." In addition, there will be two evening secular concerts and a chamber concert.

The Royal Victoria Coffee Hall Ballad Concert, on Thursday evening last, was one of the greatest successes of the season. Signor Romano, Mr. Terry, and Mr. Clement Hoey conducted, and the vocalists were Mesdames Edith Wynne and Osborne Williams, whose singing was highly appreciated by the vast audience assembled, and who were presented during the evening with magnificent bouquets.

"Francoise de Rimini," the new opera by M. Ambroise Thomas, has not met with a very hearty reception at the hands of the Parisian public. The prologue represents the first canto of Dante's "Divina Comedia," while the sad story of Francoise forms the subject of the opera, which is in four acts. The scenery and the

costumes were magnificent, and the ballet, in which Mdlle Rosita Mauri figured as premiere danseuse, was very effective, but the music did not seem to attract much applause. Among the leading artistes were Madlle Salla (*Francoise*), M. Sellier (*Paolo*), and M. Gailhard (*Gendo*).

Arrangements are being made for a Grand Musical Festival and Competition among the French "Orphéons," at the Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington, on the 20th and 21st June. Our readers will no doubt remember that a similar festival was held last year at Brighton, when some two thousand representatives of French, Belgian, and Swiss Societies took part in the proceedings. The following musical celebrities have already consented to act as jurors, namely, Sir Julius Benedict, Sir George Elvey, Herr Randegger, Sir Herbert Oakeley, Mr. H. Leslie, Mr. Brinley Richards, Mr. Albert Visetti, Mr. F. H. Cowen, Signor Tito Mattei, Mr. T. Wylde, Mr. E. H. Thorne, and the members of last year's Musical Committee. Several of the leading French choirs and fanfares are prepared to figure at the festival.



The Prince of Wales, M.V.G.M., has been pleased to extend his patronage to the proposed Museum and Art Gallery Extension Scheme of the Plymouth Institution, and with his accustomed liberality has directed a sum of £50 to be paid towards its promotion out of the revenues of the Duchy of Cornwall.

The prize medals annually offered by the Royal Geographical Society for competition among the pupils of our public schools have been awarded to the following: In physical geography, gold medal, Hubert L. Smith, Bristol Grammar School; silver medal, Albert R. Sharp, Dulwich College; political geography, gold medal Frank H. Becker, Dulwich College; silver medal, Sydney C. Farlow, Harrow. Certificates of honourable mention were also awarded to candidates from Marlborough, Dulwich (two), the London International College, and the Liverpool College.

The adjudicators in the industrial section of the recent Smoke Abatement Exhibition at South Kensington have awarded silver medals to the Wansh Patent Fuel Economiser Company, London, for their method of applying vertical grates to steam boiler furnaces, and to the Livet Boiler and Furnace Company, Finsbury-pavement, for Mr. Livet's method of setting boilers and for fire-bars; and Bronze medals to Messrs. Chubb for their cast iron semi-circular fire-bridge; Messrs. T. Ireland and Lownds, Leek, Staffordshire, for a cast iron tubular fire-bridge, fire-bars and grates; Messrs. J. Farrar and Co., Barnsley, for Barber's under-feeding step-grates; Mr. J. Collinge, Oldham, for Blacksege's external inclined grate; and to Messrs. W. A. Morton, and Co., Blackfriars-road, and the Great Britain Smoke-Consuming and Fuel-Saving Company (Limited), Mansion House-chambers, for their furnace-doors.

Germany is now mourning the loss, at the ripe age of seventy-six, of one of its most famous sculptors, Professor Frederick Drake, born at Pyrmont, and originally a mere ordinary carver. He was taken in hand, however, as a pupil by the well-known Rauch, also of Walbeck, and very soon attained eminence in his profession, as is evidenced by the many fine statues of his creation in different German towns. Among the first of these are his Justus Moeser at Osnabruck, Melancthon and the Elector John Frederick at Wittenberg; Frederick William III. in the Thiergarten, Berlin, and Von Bismarck and Von Moltke in the Rathhaus, in the same city, and the equestrian statue of the Emperor on the Rhine Bridge at Cologne. To this last the grand medal of the Paris Exhibition of 1867 was awarded as one of the finest productions of its kind by modern art.

Professor Humphry, M.D., F.R.S., the senior surgeon of Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, has been re-elected a member of the Court of Examiners of the Royal College of Surgeons for England for a period of five years.

Mr. Edward Penny, M.D., M.R.C.S., has been elected resident home Physician to the Seamen's Hospital Society (late Dreadnought), vice M. Le Cronier, resigned.

On Friday last, in the little churchyard attached to the old parish church of Birchington-on-Sea, Kent, were interred the remains of Mr. Dante Gabriel Rossetti, artist and poet. Among those present at the mournful ceremony were the deceased's mother, his sister, Miss Christine Rossetti, the poetess, his brother, and numerous friends. The coffin, as it lay in the grave, was entirely hidden from view by the flowers and wreaths which covered it.

It is in contemplation by the Balloon Society of Great Britain to establish a meteorological weather bureau, in conjunction with the *New York Herald*, and the Committee at Lloyd's have been invited to co-operate.

On Monday, at Peterborough, an Industrial Exhibition, which included a valuable loan collection from the South Kensington Museum, was opened by Earl Spencer, Lord President of the Council. A banquet, at which the Mayor of the city, Bro. J. Thompson, took the chair, preceded the ceremony, and among the guests present, in addition to the Earl and Countess of Spencer, were the Earl and Countess of Carysfort, Bro. the Bishop of Peterborough, Lord Burghley, M.P., and others.

Lieut.-Col. Britten presided on Monday evening at a meeting, held at the Society of Arts, of the London and Middlesex Archeological Society, when a highly interesting paper was read by Mr. H. B. Wheatley, F.S.A., on "The Adelphi and its Site." Mr. Wheatley took his audience back over 500 years, when Durham House, which covered the whole of the present Adelphi, was built, and described the Strand and its vicinity as it then was.



Bro. the Speaker, and the Hon. Lady Brand, returned to Speaker's Court, House of Commons, on Monday, from spending the Easter vacation at Denny Park, where they have been on a visit to Mr. Walter Campion, the Speaker's private secretary.

We shall hope next week to give a short Masonic biography of all the new Grand Officers.

The Prince of Wales and Princess of Wales will be the guests of Sir Titus Salt during their visit to Bradford to open the new Technical School.

Bro. Bates' shop, in the Broadway, Ludgate-hill, formed the subject of an engraving in the *Illustrated London News* of Saturday last, showing the old Roman wall now laid bare in excavating in Ludgate-hill.

Bro. the Earl of Rosebery has recently been presented with the freedom of the burgh of Dumfries, in recognition of his valuable services rendered to Scotland.

Bro. Lord Brabourne was amongst the company at a dinner given by the Empire Club to Admiral Sir William Hewett, K.C.B., V.C., previous to his departure to assume the command of the Indian Squadron. The Duke of Edinburgh was also a guest.

Bro. Sir Thos. and Lady Brassey have been spending the Easter Holidays at Gibraltar.

Mrs. Kendal, wife of Bro. W. H. Kendal, of the St. James's Theatre, forms the subject of an article in a contemporary this week.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, supported by Bro. Alderman Hanson, and Mr. Sheriff Ogg, has consented to take the chair, at the Albion, on the 5th proximo, at the dinner of the Metropolitan Free Hospital.

H.R.H. Prince of Wales has sent ten guineas to the fund of the Royal Army Coffee Tavern Association.

Bro. Lord Holmesdale, P.G.M. Kent, has been entertaining, at Linton Park, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Marlow, the Swedish and Spanish Ministers, Lord Cremorne and Sir James Airey.

The Prince of Wales during his visit to Yorkshire in June to open the new Schools at Bradford will be at a gathering of the Freemasons of the district.

Bro. the Duke of Manchester will preside at the festival of the West London Hospital, at Willis's Rooms, on the 17th of May. Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales is the Patron of the hospital.

Bros. Sir Wm. Charley, Major Duncan, and Alderman Fowler, M.P., were speakers at the annual meeting of the Church of England Young Men's Society, at Cannon-street Hotel, last Tuesday.

Bros. Aldermen Hadley, Sir Benjamin Phillips, Stone, P.G.J.W.; Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott, P.G.J.W.; Staples, F.S.A., 1; and Fowler, M.P., 1, were observed at the twelfth annual ball of the Metropolitan City Police Orphanage, at Cannon-street Hotel, on the 14th inst. The ball was patronised by Bro. the Lord Mayor, Sir Charles Whetham, Alderman and Sheriff Hanson, and Major Campbell, City Marshal.

Bro. the Earl of Dalhousie has spent Easter at his seat at Brechin.

Bro. James Cutbush, of Highgate, P.P.G.D. Herts, is announced as one of the Stewards for the festival of the Orphan Working School, Haverstock Hill, to be held on 9th May, at Willis's Rooms.

Bro. J. Judd, C.C., has been elected guardian of the parish of St. Andrew by the Warldrobe.

Bro. the Duke of Albany has been entertaining the young Duke of Portland at Bestwood Lodge, Nottingham.

Bro. the Duke of Marlborough has been at Cowes, and is having his yacht, the *Francesca*, fitted up to go on a cruise for some weeks.

Bro. the Earl of Rosslyn, P.G.M. Scotland, and his Countess, are staying at Euston Lodge, near Dunmow, Essex.

A new comic opera will shortly be produced at the Avenue Theatre. Mr. H. Paulton is the author, and the principal character will be sustained by Miss Florence St. John.

Bro. L. F. Littell, P.M. Dalhousie Lodge, No. 860, and Alliance Lodge, No. 1827, and Secretary of the Dalhousie Lodge, has had the honour conferred upon him of being selected by the Prince of Wales for the office of Grand Pursuivant. Both lodges will doubtless feel highly honoured at this mark of distinction to one of their brethren. Bro. Littell is in both lodges a great favourite, and has won the hearts of all the brethren by his kind and courteous manner.

Bro. the Hon. Rev. F. E. C. Byng, P.G. Chap., vicar of St. Peter's Crosley-gardens, and Chaplain to the Queen and the Speaker of the House of Commons, conducted the service on Good Friday at St. Peter's.

Bro. Alderman R. N. Fowler, M.P. presided yesterday at the Albion, at the annual dinner in aid of the funds of the Asylum for Idiots.

Bro. General Sir Garnet Wolseley, Adjutant-General of the Forces, has joined the Council of the Oxford Military College.

A great many rumours about the new Grand Officers are set at rest by a leaderette elsewhere, and which is, we believe correct, certainly in substance.

On Saturday last an official communication was received from the private secretary to the Prince of Wales, intimating that their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess would be pleased to attend and open the Abbey Park, at Leicester, on Whitsun Monday. The park has been laid out at a cost of £40,000 near the ruins of the Abbey.

Bro. Sir Erasmus Wilson, President of the Royal College of Surgeons, has been suffering from an attack of gastro-enteritis, but is now happily convalescent. The attack has been acute, and reduced our brother's strength very much.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Cumberland and Westmorland was to meet at Carlisle yesterday (the 21st). We shall hope to publish an account of this Provincial Grand Assembly in our next.

Bro. the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, has promised to preside on the 12th May, at the inaugural meeting of the Society for Preserving the Memorials of the Dead, at the Society of Art's Rooms, John-street, Adelphi. Bro. Henry Wright has been placed upon the Council of the society. Bro. the Earl of Northesk, and Bro. the Very Reverend the Dean of York, G. Chaplain have joined the society as Vice-presidents.

Bros. Montague Guest, M.P., P.G.M. Dorset; the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom; the Lord Mayor, G.J.W. designate; Sir Moses Montefiore, Bart.; the Earl of Rosslyn, P.G.M. Scotland; and Alderman Staples, F.S.A., are stewards for the festival dinner of the Royal Literary Fund, to be held at Freemasons' Hall, on 3rd May, when the Marquis of Salisbury, K.G., will preside. The chair has always been occupied by those high in the state or literary world.

It is with great regret we announce the death, at an advanced age, on Saturday night, of the Countess of Wemyss and March, who was married as far back as the year 1817 to the venerable Earl of Wemyss and March, who was born in 1796, and is consequently in his eighty-seventh year. It is also our sad duty to announce that his lordship's condition is so critical that all the family are assembled at his residence, Gosford House, Haddingtonshire. The Earl is a Past Grand Master Mason of Scotland, having presided over the Craft north of the Tweed in the year 1828-29, or considerably more than half a century ago, when he was known by the courtesy title of Lord Elcho.

A very varied and attractive programme is announced for the concert with which Bro. W. Ganz, P.G.O., will inaugurate his season at St. James's Hall this day (Saturday). A new violinist, Herr Ondrieck, will play Mendelssohn's Concerto, and Liszt's Symphony to Dante's "Divina Commedia" will be played for the first time in England; among the other numbers being a chorus for female voices from Gluck's "Iphigenia in Tauris."

We shall hope next week to give a short Masonic biography of all the new Grand Officers.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Tredgar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, E., on Monday, the 24th inst. Bro. D. Moss, S.D. 1275, will preside, and the brethren kindly promised to assist are Bros. T. J. Barnes, P.M. 554 and 933, as S.W.; W. H. Myers, P.M. 820 and 1445, as J.W.; and T. Wooding, W.M. 1306, as I.P.M. The working will be as follows: First Lecture.—First Section, Bro. Hammond, 1278; Second, Bro. Brittain, 1278; Third, Bro. Hubbard, 1625; Fourth, Bro. Wooding, W.M. 1306; Fifth, Bro. Stephens, S.D. 1623; Sixth, Bro. B. Cundick, P.M. 1421; and Seventh, Bro. T. J. Barnes, P.M. 554 and 933. Second Lecture.—First Section, Bro. W. J. Musto, 1349; Second, Bro. Eschwege, 1349; Third, Bro. Stewart, 1278; Fourth, Bro. Pringle, I.G. 781; and Fifth, Bro. W. H. Myers, P.M. 820 and 1445. Third Lecture.—First Section, Bro. Musto, P.M. 1349; Second, Bro. McDonald, J.W. 1445; and Third, Bro. Taylor, S.D. 554. Brethren are cordially invited, and lodge will be opened at seven o'clock prompt.

Comp. Charles Smith was, on Tuesday, installed as M.E.Z. of the Wanderers Chapter, No. 1604.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 554, at the Green Dragon Tavern, Stepney, on Tuesday, the 25th inst., at seven o'clock p.m. precisely. Bro. B. Cundick, P.M. 1421, will preside, and be supported by the following brethren: Bros. T. J. Barnes, P.M. 554 and 933, Preceptor, S.W.; J. J. Berry, P.M. 554, J.W.; and Musto, 1349, P.M., I.P.M.

Bro. Matthew R. Webb has been appointed Solicitor to the Ward of Aldersgate.

The number of patients under treatment at the National Hospital for Diseases of the Heart and Paralysis, Soho-square, for the week ending the 15th inst., was 958.

Bro. Alderman Henry Knight has so far recovered from his recent illness that he will be able to accept the office of Lord Mayor at Michaelmas, should the Livery elect him. Bro. Alderman Figgins, who stood in priority, is about to resign his gown, on account of his advanced age (seventy-one) and failing health.

Bro. H. B. Marshall, C.C., Bro. Polydore de Keyser, C.C., and Bro. Ex-Sheriff Waterlow will be candidates for the aldermanic gown for Farringdon Without.

Bro. the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress were present at a ball on Tuesday, at the Clothworkers Company's Hall.

Bro. U. Knell occupied the chair at a Court of Judges held at the Grapes Hotel, Jewin-st., on Monday last. A numerous company was present.

In Hayti Masonry is flourishing. Of the two lodges of Port-au-Prince, Mount Libau counts nearly four hundred Masons, and Cærus Unis about as many.

Bros. Sir Albert Woods, Garter King-at-Arms, Sir John and Lady Monckton, Alderman Staples, F.S.A., Lord Henniker, Admiral Sir John Hay, Alderman and Mrs. Knight, Alderman Fowler, M.P., Sir Thos. Charley, Peter de Lande Long, Alderman Hadley, Sheriff Hanson, F.S.A., the Comptroller and Mrs. Brand, Horace B. Marshall, Judd, C.C., and Pearce Morrison, were invited to the Easter Monday banquet at the Mansion House by Bro. the Lord Mayor.

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Bro. the Earl of Dalhousie has succeeded Lord Wrothesley as Lord-in-Waiting to the Queen.

Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., P.G.M. Herts., responded for the House of Commons at the Livery Dinner of the Needle-makers Company on Tuesday, at the Albion. Bro. the Lord Mayor replied for his own toast and the Corporation, and Bro. Alderman Sheriff Hanson for the Sheriffs. Bros. Sir John B. Monckton and Sir F. W. Truscott were guests on the occasion.

Bro. James Stevens, P.M. and P.Z., has kindly consented to deliver his Reading, explanatory of the entire ceremony of the First Degree, at the William Preston Lodge of Instruction, held at the Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., on Tuesday evening, May 9th, at 7 p.m.

The *Canadian Craftsman* says, "Bro. Kenning will accept our thanks for a copy of the 'Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar, Diary, and Pocket Book for 1882.' No Mason should be without it. It is the Masonic *Vade Mecum*. In it all the different Orders and Rites, Grand Lodges and Grand Chapters, with the addresses of their principal officers, are given. The price is only fifty-four cents, including postage. Address, George Kenning, the *Freemason*, London, England."

PAST PASSAGE OF AN ATLANTIC STEAMER.—The steamer *Alaska*, the latest addition to the *Guion* fleet, arrived at New York on Sunday, having accomplished the voyage from Liverpool in seven days four hours thirty-two minutes. On her previous voyage homewards the *Alaska* occupied seven days six hours forty-three minutes. These voyages are said to be the fastest on record.

There is on view at Mr. M'Lean's Gallery a very meritorious collection of portraits by native and foreign artists. Among the latter may be mentioned M. H. Schouten's "Heads of the Herd," a clever delineation of a group of oxen in captivity, with another ox that is free, looking on, and no doubt sympathising with them; and M. G. Friere's "Feeding Rabbits;" M. Pierre Bilet's "Oyster Fishers;" and P. Sadr's "The Fisherman's Family" and "Evening" are also to be greatly admired. Of native works, Mr. B. W. Leader's "Dartmoor;" Mr. Vicat Cole's "The Heart of Surrey;" Mr. C. E. Johnson's "In the Isle of Syke;" "A Dutch Village," by Mr. G. H. Boughton; Mr. James Hardy's "The Landing Place;" "Dogs and Game;" "Waiting for the Guns," and "A Stormy Evening," by Mr. C. Lanson, are to be greatly commended.

The Clapton Lodge of Instruction has been moved from the White Hart, Lower Clapton, to the Lord Stanley, Sandringham-road, Hackney, near the Hackney Downs Railway Station, G.E.R. The lodge meets at eight o'clock on Friday evenings. Bro. Chas. Diamond, 1327, Hon. Secretary.

An interesting reception of a Mahomedan into the mysteries of Masonry took place at Berlin, November 10th. The candidate was Orcis Marza, a relative of the Persian Shah. The initiation took place in the hall of the Grand County Lodge in Strasse, with a very numerous attendance. The W. Master asked the questions through an interpreter. He was fully advised of the meaning of the ceremonies and afterwards made a speech. The Persian Prince received the remaining Degrees a few days afterwards. A cousin of his was previously made a Mason.

Bro. Edwin Freshfield has published a lengthy letter on the subject of the City churches, and deprecating strongly the Bill introduced into the House of Lords by the Bishop of London.

The Westbourne Lodge of Instruction First Charitable Association has issued a balance sheet to the members, showing that the receipts have amounted to £215 6s. 5d. Amounts paid to the Masonic Institutions, £204 15s.; Expenses, £5 6s. 5d. At the final meeting, held on the 14th inst., it was resolved that the balance (£5 5s.) be paid into the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, on Bro. E. Arrowsmith's Steward's list.

In the course of a lecture at Exeter Hall on Tuesday last, Dr. Norman Kerr stated that probably there were 34,000,000 cases of disease every year in the United Kingdom, and of these a large proportion arose from indulgence in intoxicants. He described some seventy diseases as arising directly from alcohol, besides a large number indirectly, and some of these come from drinking only. Dr. Kerr estimated the annual mortality caused directly and indirectly from drinking at 120,000.

Bro. Henry Wright is a member of the Provisional Committee of the National Society for Preserving the Memorials of the Dead. He is also Hon. Secretary of the Middlesex Division of County and Diocesan Organisation of the same society.

Our readers will learn with profound regret of the death of the beloved wife of M.W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, which took place at the family residence, Toronto, a few days ago. The deceased lady was the daughter of the late Hon. Chancellor Blake, the sister of the Hon. Messrs. Edward and S. H. Blake. She took an active part in the various charitable movements of the city, and was generally beloved and respected. The Craft throughout the Dominion will join us heartily in extending the warmest sympathy to our M.W. brother in the hour of his great affliction.—*Canadian Craftsman*.

At the Chapter General of "Ye Antiente Fraternite of ye Kahere Almoners," held at the Chapter House, Cloth Fair, E.C., on Monday last, it was announced by the Grand Recorder that the late concert, held at the Memorial Hall, Farringdon-street, E.C., on the 22nd ult., under the patronage of Bro. the Lord Mayor and members of the City Corporation, had yielded a net profit of about £40 to the funds of the society.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS For the Week ending Saturday, April 29, 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.

SAURDAY, APRIL 22. Lodge 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court. ... LODGES OF INSTRUCTION. Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8.

MONDAY, APRIL 24. Lodge 4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, F.M.H. ... LODGES OF INSTRUCTION. Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.

TUESDAY, APRIL 25. Audit Com. Girls' School, at 4. Lodge 14, Tuscan, F.M.H. ... LODGES OF INSTRUCTION. Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26. GRAND FESTIVAL. Lodge 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.—Emergency—6.30. ... LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

THURSDAY, APRIL 27. Gen. Com. Girls' School, at 4. Lodge 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st. ... LODGES OF INSTRUCTION. Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.

FRIDAY, APRIL 28. Lodge 197, Jerusalem, F.M.H. ... LODGES OF INSTRUCTION. Stability, M.H., Masons' Avenue, at 6.

Lodge 1803, Cornhill, London Tav., Fenchurch-st. ... LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 29. Lodge 1706, Orpheus, F.M.H. ... LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE For the Week ending Saturday, April 29, 1882. MONDAY, APRIL 24. Lodge 148, Lights, M.R., Warrington.

TUESDAY, APRIL 25. Lodge 1609, Dramatic, M.H., Liverpool. ... LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26. Lodge 32, St. George's, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool. ... LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

THURSDAY, APRIL 27. Lodge 594, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool. ... LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN DUBLIN. For the Week ending Saturday, April 29, 1882. All meetings take place at the Masonic Hall, Molesworth-street, Dublin, except where otherwise stated.

SATURDAY, APRIL 22. Lodge 357, Dublin. MONDAY, APRIL 24. Lodge 153, Dublin. ... WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26. Lodge 125, Dublin.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

BIRTHS. ELSLIE.—On the 15th inst., at 1, Clifton-terrace, South-sea, the wife of Mr. F. B. Elmslie, Royal Artillery, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE. BARLING—BLAXLAND.—On the 18th inst., at St. Stephen's, East Twickenham, by the Rev. W. M. Johnston, John V. Barling, to Louisa G. Blaxland, of Ailsa Park Villa, Twickenham.

DEATHS. BEVAN.—On the 8th inst., at 4, Bryanston-square, Mr. Charles James Bevan, in the 70th year of his age.

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