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WE rejoice to hear that at the meeting of the Managing Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution it was unanimously resolved to increase the number of elected candidates in May next. There are now, as our readers are aware, fifty male candidates and twelve vacancies. It has been decided to put on eight extra actually elected, and three deferred, making in all twenty-three. There are seventy widow candidates, and only five vacancies; but it has been equally decided to elect seven more absolutely, and three conditionally, making fifteen instead of five to be elected. The cost of this great boon to the Craft will be £544 annually to the Institution, giving us a fresh reason why we should bestir ourselves to make the Anniversary Festival a success. For it may be well to remind ourselves that this proposed increase is based on the assumption that the results of the Festival will warrant this additional charge on the resources of the Institution.

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It seems to us very hard indeed on the Managing Committee of the Girls' School that any attempt should be made, to use a technical expression, to "force their hand" as regards the number to be admitted. It is impossible for outsiders to know so much of the management of the School as those entrusted with its government, and we deprecate sincerely this attempt from irresponsible personages to urge pressure on the Committee to carry out either a general system of attack, or certain unwise theories as regards the wants and accommodation of the School. We should greatly object to any such attempt as regards the resolutions of the Committee of the Boys' School and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and surely the House Committee of the Girls' must be assumed to be the best judges of what is the most advisable course to adopt in reference to the admission of the proper number of candidates. There must be sanitary difficulties and other important questions which are alone in the power of the House Committee to solve or decide. We therefore feel bound to express our regret that any such question should be so unseasonably raised, and call attention—special attention—to a very clear statement of the monthly Chairman of the House Committee of the Girls' School elsewhere.

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AT this period of our Masonic year many are the "canards" which fly about, many are the speculations and the hopes as regards Grand office. Indeed to hear some worthy brethren "discoorse" on the subject, you would be inclined to believe that there was some very "good thing" attached to the appointment. And if numerous are the speculations of the interested and the efforts of the aspiring, how difficult often does the "principle of selection" become for those who have to weigh in the balance contending claims, and nicely apportion the comparative merit of this or that brother's services. For often the most conflicting claims are made and the most antagonistic reasons are given for Grand Lodge honours. One brother has been so many years a Mason; another has done so much for the Charities; another has good social rank; another has aided to spread Freemasonry; another has a large circle of admiring friends; another has shown much zeal and energy in local Freemasonry. We do not say that these are not good reasons for advancement, even to the highest possible honours of our Craft; but there are, we venture to think, certain "canons" of such preferment, which it is well, to prevent disappointment, always to bear in mind, and which always regulate the decision of those whose lot it is to advise

the GRAND MASTER in respect of such claims and such promotions. One of these is length of Masonic service. There are many distinguished Masons who have been in harness 20, 30, 40 years, and they certainly "ceteris paribus" must have the pull over those who, though zealous and enlightened and energetic, are in regard to these, their elders in Masonry, but as newly-fledged Neophytes of our great Order. It is hopeless, we venture to think, except in very special cases, for any to expect or crave for Grand Lodge honours, after a few years comparatively of Masonic service. Were this the case, those who count Masonic efforts by decades of years would see themselves passed by by those whose Masonic zeal and merits are but of a few years' standing. This should not be; and all the appointments in Grand Lodge gave great satisfaction, because evincing the anxiety of His Royal Highness the GRAND MASTER, and the careful recommendations of his advisers, to recognize Masonic services, alike in the metropolis and the provinces. The totality of the services of the Grand Officers of last year's appointment was very great, and as we have no reason to believe that any change has taken place in respect to such a proper theory of Masonic promotion, we feel sure that again old and good Masons in metropolis and province will have the satisfaction of feeling and knowing that their long services are not forgotten, their zealous labours are never overlooked.

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WHILE we are on this subject we may add that we hear many guesses as to appointment and many suggestions as to claims. But as all such promotions are alone in the province of the GRAND MASTER, we recommend all aspirants to be patient, hopeful, and resigned. Patient they may even well be if again destined to be disappointed, hopeful of better luck some day, and resigned if once more in the "whirligig" of our Masonic system, they are still undecorated and unblessed. The mystic purple is yet before them, like as in one of the tales of the old Arabian Nights, and if only they will persevere, if they are neither daunted nor dispirited by rebuff or postponement, when they reach the top of the hill they will find that their assiduous efforts are fully rewarded, their long sustained aspirations are entirely fulfilled. "So mote it be."

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THE controversy in respect of Bro. MASON'S remarks on the Girls' School seems likely to widen. We are a little amused by the quasi tone of injured innocence and offended dignity assumed by our energetic brother in reference to the report of his speech as it appeared in our columns. Bro. MASON must be kind enough to bear in mind we can only depend on the accurateness of such reports, and if brethren will speak they are reported, and if they are reported their orations are printed for the information and edification of our many readers. It would seem as if some thought there was a sort of "censorship" over speeches on our part. If brethren complain of such reports they should either address themselves to the reporter, or send us copies of what they actually said. As a rule the reporters are perfectly accurate, and few speakers remember what they did say, or what they did not say. It surely was quite a gratuitous act on the part of the worthy collector to make the remarks he did about the SECRETARY and Committee of the Girls' School, but having done so he has no cause to complain of us, no reason to find fault with the admittance of a normal report. We have no reason to doubt but that the report of our reporter is substantially correct.

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THE report of the Girls' School, reviewed elsewhere, is most interesting, and sets before us a tale of well merited prosperity. We rejoice to think that it is alike so largely supported and so well managed, and we would just remind our readers that in order to keep the School in thorough efficiency and true working order a considerable sum is still annually required from the zealous exertions and liberal sympathies of the Craft. We shall later on call special attention to it.

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WE have often remarked on the subject before, and it is really and truly an idiosyncrasy and peculiar characteristic of Masonic writers and Masonic controversialists, especially just now, that they can hardly write upon any subject without becoming *personal* at once. The professions of Freemasonry enounce the unceasing reality of brotherly love and kindly feeling man to

man, and "frater to frater," and yet the moment a question is stirred, a subject is discussed, a point is raised, or a theory is started, we, yes, all alike for the most part, hasten to forget all our excellent maxims, and become, even often amongst Freemasons in a Masonic paper, more personal than the personal.

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ALL our readers will regret to learn of the death of Bro. WEBSTER, well known for his valuable services to the Charities and his repeated labours as a Scrutiner. Some of us will realize mournfully the fact that we shall not again hear his clear voice announcing the results of the Election. Bro. WEBSTER will certainly be a "missed man" in Metropolitan Masonry, and leaves behind him many kindly memories, as well as many mourning relatives, friends, and brethren.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of Management was held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday last, when Col. John Creaton, Grand Treasurer, presided. The following brethren were also present :

Bros. Edgar Bowyer, John Bulmer, Raynham W. Stewart, W. March, G. Bolton, Wm. Stevens, James Brett, Julius Quitmann, R. H. Giraud, C. Belton, Fredk. Adlard, W. H. Goodall, Thomas W. Bush, Charles John Perceval, C. H. Webb, Chas. Daniel, Thos. Cubitt, A. H. Tattershall, G. L. Moore, James Terry, Secretary ; and E. C. Massey (*Freemason*).

The minutes of the meeting of the 10th of February having been read and verified, Bro. TERRY reported the death of two annuitants and one candidate for election, viz., Robert Watts, who had received £30 ; Mrs. Sarah Russell, who had received £215 ; and Mrs. Marsh, candidate. Bro. Terry also reported that Bro. Speers, another candidate, having obtained remunerative employment since his petition had been approved, had requested that his name might be taken off the list.

This being the last meeting before the next festival, a vote of thanks was passed to the Board of Stewards for their services and to General Brownrigg for consenting to preside.

The Warden's report was submitted, referring amongst minor details to the entertainment given at the Institution by Bro. Mullen, of Bradford, who had been highly appreciated.

The SECRETARY announced that 42 volumes of *Punch* had been received from Col. Creaton, their Chairman, for the use of the inmates of the Institution, and a vote of thanks for the gift was moved by Bro. R. W. Stewart and carried.

Copies of the completed lists of candidates were laid on the table consisting of the names of 50 male and 71 female candidates. With reference to these lists the CHAIRMAN said that before coming into the room he considered these lists carefully with Bro. Terry. There were 71 female candidates and only five vacancies, and he thought they could very well put on seven more women and three deferred, which would raise the total of female candidates to 15, but it must be well understood that the increased number would not be maintained if the donations fell off.

Bro. GEORGE BOLTON thought a larger increase in the numbers was possible, as their funded property was now considerable, and as they had obtained an increased grant of £800 a year from Grand Lodge, he proposed that there should be 20 additional candidates, i.e., 10 men and 10 women.

Bro. BRETT having seconded the motion, Bro. RAYNHAM STEWART deprecated any larger increase than that proposed by the Chairman.

The amendment on been put to the vote was lost, and the original motion was then put and carried.

The CHAIRMAN said as regarded the men there were 50 candidates and only 12 vacancies ; and he now proposed to take eight more men and three deferred, and moved a resolution to that effect, which was carried.

The petitions of Bro. Thomas Jones, Mrs. Cooke, and Mrs. Cooley, which were deferred from last meeting for further information or attendance, were approved.

A proposal from the Strolling Players' Amateur Dramatic Club to give an entertainment on the 7th March for the benefit of the funds of the Institution was declined with thanks, as, in the first place, the day named was the date for next Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, and, in the next, it was expected that the Institution should be at the risk of the rent of the hall selected and for the payment of the band.

Bro. CHAS. JOHN PERCEVAL gave the following notice of motion :

That the following clause be inserted in and become one of the rules of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. After rule 25. "Every Vice-Patron upon completion of a further donation of 100 guineas to either fund, or partly to each fund, in one sum, or in sums of not less than ten guineas each, shall become a Patron of the Institution with twelve votes for every ten guineas subscribed."

There being no further business before the Committee a vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings.

HAND.—The hand plays an important part in our Masonic economy. It also had a symbolical meaning in many of the earlier oriental and later systems of religious or mysterious teaching ; and one popular expression of such has been the old representation of firmly clasped hands, significative of trust, union, friendship, firm and indissoluble. It has no particular Masonic symbolism. The "Handbuch" says, and says truly, that the "hand-clasping of Freemasons by the right hand is meant to be a proof of their agreement and inner friendship as Freemasons, just as the common hand-shaking of the world is a token of personal acquaintance and friendship.—*Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry*.

CONSECRATION OF THE STRAND LODGE, No. 1987.

On Wednesday afternoon Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sec., consecrated a new Metropolitan lodge, styled the Strand Lodge, No. 1987. The ceremony was performed at Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden, in the presence of a large number of brethren, among whom were

Bros. Gen. Laurie, G.M. Nova Scotia ; Major J. B. Hamilton, 1870, P.G.S.D., D.G. Supt. Bengal ; George Kenning, P.M. 192, 1657, P.G.D. Middx. ; J. H. Sillitoe, P.M. 645, P.P.G.D.C. East Lancashire ; W. S. Hunter, P.M. 1677 ; E. P. Albert, P.G.P. ; A. Hubbard, 813 ; Alfred L. Annett, P.M., P.Z. 180 ; A. Leon, 180 ; D. W. Hudson, P.M. 1540, P.G.D.C. Sussex ; H. Dickey, A.W.S. 1744 ; David Morrin, P.M. 191 ; Fred. H. Cozens, Org. 907 ; J. H. Batly, P.M. 22 ; H. W. Schartau, Org. 1549 ; E. Dalzell, J.D. 1549 ; A. P. Hobson, 14 ; Webster Denison, W.M. 1541 ; H. Sadler, G.T., P.M. 1950 ; T. D. Bellamy, 25 ; R. Watson, 1762 ; R. J. Martinneco, 1594 ; W. Ponton, 1744 ; F. H. Clemow, I.P.M. 1744 ; J. Maclean, W.M. 1319 ; J. Wood Ingram, W.M. 373 ; J. Maddick, 71 ; Thomas John Hyland, W.M. 1744 ; H. C. Bloxam, 1328 ; J. Terry, P.M. 228 ; Jas. Willing (King's Cross Lodge) ; A. N. Clemow, and H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928, (*Freemason*).

Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.D., Deputy Prov. Grand Master for Essex, acted as S.W. ; Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.D., as J.W. ; Bro. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G.C., as Chap. ; Bro. H. G. Buss, Asst. Grand Sec., as I.G. ; and Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as D.C. The musical portion of the ceremony was performed by Bros. H. Schartau, Edw. Dalzell, and A. Hubbard, under the direction of Bro. F. H. Cozens.

As soon as the lodge had been opened in the Three Degrees, Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE called the brethren's attention to the fact that they were honoured by the presence of the Grand Master of Nova Scotia, and he called on them to salute him as such.

This having been heartily done, Col. LAURIE thanked the brethren for the honour they had shown the Province of Nova Scotia through him.

Colonel SHADWELL H. CLERKE then addressed the brethren and said that in former days—in the last century—the neighbourhood of Covent Garden was one of the chosen homes of English Freemasonry. In those days there were several lodges meeting in that immediate neighbourhood, but time and circumstances had carried away those lodges ; some had died out, some had been transferred to other places, so that at the present moment there was no lodge in Covent Garden ; but some brethren whose business places or places of abode were not far from there had petitioned the Grand Master for a warrant to meet as a lodge at Ashley's Hotel, and although as the brethren knew it was a very difficult matter in the present day to obtain a warrant when there were 320 lodges in the metropolitan district, yet when his Royal Highness heard the arguments of the petitioners he was pleased to grant the warrant which was asked for. They were met that day to constitute the lodge, and it appeared that the Masons who were named to preside over it were well known and tried brethren in the Craft ; and the W.M. designate was one who had had great experience in the chair already, and he felt that in committing the warrant to the hands of these brethren they were doing a safe act. He then advised the brethren to be very careful as to whom they initiated ; not to run away with the idea of making a large lodge at once, but to enquire well into the character and antecedents of candidates, as one black sheep tainted the whole flock. By exercising such caution they would build up the Strand Lodge a lodge that would be an ornament to the Craft.

Bro. the Rev. J. S. BROWNRIFF, M.A., P.G.C., afterwards delivered the oration as follows :—The consecration of a new lodge cannot fail to awaken in the mind of every zealous Mason thoughts full of memory of the past—full of hope for the future. Within the compass of the few minutes to which I always restrict my orations, it is not possible for me to give you even a faint outline of the past history of our Order. It is a fact held by us, not merely in obedience to Masonic tradition, but because it is a matter of recorded history, that from time immemorial our Order has always had a strong hold upon good and true men. There is probably no human society which can appeal to the past and show a page of history less sullied by untrue and ignoble deeds. From the very earliest Masonic records preserved to us—the rude marks on some Eastern monolith—on to the records of early Christian times, when as we are told our Craft was a means of protection from the heathen ; on through the ages when architecture and art reached their highest, down to our present time, we find recorded traces of our Craft on stones, in pictures, in manuscripts, and in books, and everywhere those records are such as to associate our Order with all that is holy, and noble, and pure. My brethren, believe me Masonic history is worth studying. I am afraid that there are many of our Order doing good Masonic work, who have never seriously studied the history of the past. I admit it is a difficult study, difficult for several reasons, but chiefly because so much of the Masonic literature of the last generation, written with the best possible intention, was nevertheless, written by men who had not mastered the subject, and who consequently substituted their honest but mistaken speculations for the truth. I am glad that the race of Masonic students is reviving, and that all records of the past are now gradually coming under the ken of men who can and will present them to us in their true form. I am glad also that we are alive to the fact that we must have our Masonic museums, that we must preserve all visible representations of our past and present history. And here, my brethren, is a plain duty before us all. We must use the labours of those who can teach us, we must learn how to search for and how to recognise, when found anything which either in the manuscripts, books, the architecture, or the jewellery of the past bears upon the history of our Craft. I do not of course expect that every brother will have either the time or ability to become an expert in this matter, but I do think it is not asking too much if I endeavour to enlist that sympathy and co-operation which you may show by keeping your eyes open as you go through life, and watching for any records of the Masonic

past in order that you may bring them under the examination of our Masonic experts. I believe that for want of interest among the rank and file of the Craft many an old book has gone for waste paper, many an old jewel has been broken up, many an old piece of oak or china has gone to the dust heap which might have been rescued, and which would have been priceless records of the past. But we live not merely for the past. Our chief interest should be with the present. I have said that Masonic records associate the Craft with all that is good. Let us be careful that the future can say this of us as honestly as we can say it of the past. Every lodge should do something towards raising the Craft in the eyes of the world, it can only do this by watching carefully the conduct of its members both within and without the lodge, by jealously shutting its door in the face of all who are likely to bring disgrace upon the Order. In this last point we must have something more than a mere money qualification. No raising of the fees will keep out unworthy men. A mere money qualification will never be sufficient. Indeed, an experience of more than twenty years, during a considerable portion of which time I have been either Master or Secretary of a lodge, convinces me that some of our best members—some of those who contribute most regularly to our Charities—and who are the last to come upon our Charities for relief are the men who have great difficulty in scraping together the few pounds required for their initiation. I hope no undue raising of our fees will ever exclude such men, who are the backbone of the Craft. Yes, I am sure that the first thing most essential at the present moment is to watch the doors of our lodge; to let no one pass the Tyler's sword as a candidate who is not both in private and public life an honourable man. And then, further, must we not also remember each of us the character of the Craft is to a great extent in our hands as individuals. The present generation is watching us and asking the question—How are men the better for Freemasonry? It is not enough to point to our Charities. If Masonry is worth anything it ought to be exercising a daily influence for good on the world. If what we say in lodge is true, then we ought to be a real power in the universe. We might be this if we were more true to our professions. This is important, not merely for the present but also for the future. We are making the history of the future. Future generations will search as I have asked you to search for what is recorded of the Craft. Our work, the work you and I are doing, will be tested by that critic which is in the long run a fair one—I mean time. We shall therefore do well, especially on so important an occasion as the present, to stop and ask ourselves the solemn question—Am I contributing my quota towards preserving unsullied the fair page of history I have inherited from the past? Am I carrying on and bringing to perfection the work I have taken from the old builders, or am I by indolence and carelessness, perhaps even by something worse, bringing into disrepute the whole system? Pardon these words of exhortation, given perhaps too plainly, but not given through any lack of confidence that when the history of the time present is written the Strand Lodge will stand out as one of those which true to the old traditions did good and true work.

The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with and completed, and Col. Shadwell H. Clerke afterwards installed Bro. James Willing, jun., as W.M., and the following brethren were invested as officers: Bro. Edward Swanborough, P.M. 1319, S.W.; J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180 and 1541, J.W.; Wm. Stiles, P.M. 1507, &c., Sec.; John Douglass, P.M. 1507, S.D.; Supt. Wm. Harris, P.M., J.D.; W. T. Madge, D.C.; John T. Bristow, W.S.; and John Daly Tyler.

After the delivery of the addresses by Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke a vote of thanks was passed to him and the other Grand Officers for consecrating the lodge, and Bros. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Philbrick, Grey, the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, F. Richardson, and Buss were elected honorary members of the lodge.

Colonel SHADWELL H. CLERKE acknowledged the compliment.

A vote of thanks and the honorary membership of the lodge were also conferred on General Laurie, Grand Master of Nova Scotia.

General LAURIE in reply said it had been a gain to him to be present at this consecration, as having a large number of lodges to consecrate it was an advantage to him to see the admirable way in which the Grand Secretary of England performed the ceremony.

A committee was formed to draw up the bye-laws of the lodge, and some letters of apology for inability to attend were read from several brethren. Propositions for joining and initiation were given in and the lodge was then closed.

The brethren afterwards sat down to a sumptuous banquet. The toasts were afterwards proposed.

After the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W. the Grand Master," the W.M. proposed "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and referred to the services which the Grand Officers performed, alluding more particularly to the onerous duties which would now fall on them in revising the new Constitutions of the Order, after the suggestions that had been made by various brethren.

Bro. F. A. PHILBRICK in reply said the brethren had read in those sacred writings attributed to the Grand Master who had been mentioned in the ceremonies of the day, and whose name they revered as the founder of the Great Temple, that "a living dog is better than a dead lion." But what was a dead dog to do in the presence of a living lion? And he utterly failed to comprehend why the W.M. had made the slip except that it was because he was young and inexperienced, of calling on him (Bro. Philbrick) in the presence of so much more distinguished Grand Officers to return thanks for the toast. In the first place as they were all, from the youngest to the eldest member of the lodge, bound to obey the W.M.'s behests, however unreasonable they might consider them, whatever good reason they might

have to allege against them, however willing they might be—(laughter)—(the brethren did him an injustice, he was not punning)—they were constrained by that mystic power to set an example of obedience. He was glad to see there were those in the lodge who were members by the kindness of the brethren who could as Grand Officers rise to respond to the toast. He did not therefore feel that he was answering for strangers, and in the presence of the Grand Secretary, without at all trenching upon what would presently be his privilege and pleasure to announce, he might say that nothing delighted those who had the honour to hold or to have held Grand office more than to see the extension of the Craft on a sure basis—the multiplication of lodges, while they knew that that multiplication meant a real accession of strength to the Masonic body. Anxious as were the duties of office, not less were the responsibilities. The W.M. had referred to some of the duties that were now before the Grand Officers. Speaking as one he could assure the brethren that the revision of the Constitutions so far as it might come before them was simply a matter of how best they could consult the interests of the Craft, how best they could recognise in the written laws of Masonry the great position which the Craft had attained, and how best those laws might be made to express the wants and wishes of the brethren and to maintain the high standing that the Craft had achieved. If that be their view he trusted they would not lack the concurrence of every Mason in the Craft, and he knew that as far as anything had been proposed in the way of alteration of the laws, those who had proposed it had done it with a single eye to the interests of Masonry and with a perfectly open conviction if it could be shown that their proposition did not conduce to the best interests of the Craft they were not wedded to any preconceived idea, but were ready to do and to adopt all that could be suggested which could ultimately tend to the advancement of Masonry. He felt that so much was due to the brethren after what the W.M. had suggested. In conclusion he would simply say that while it had delighted the Grand Officers as such to be present that day and to witness the interesting ceremony of a lodge rising, beginning its career in Masonry, knowing as it did from the eloquent oration of the Grand Chaplain the duties that devolved upon it, and the responsibilities which attached to their position after the very pointed reminder of the Grand Secretary, that their true strength lay not in number but in the quality of their members. He was sure although there were numerous initiates and joining members proposed the brethren connected with the lodge were a guarantee and a pledge for the future success of the Strand Lodge, and that there would be no undue leaps and bounds, but a legitimate career of Masonic success achieved by a true adherence to the great principles of the Order.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER in proposing "The Grand Secretary and the rest of the Consecrating Officers," said the brethren who petitioned for the warrant of the Strand Lodge did not feel half so grateful to the Grand Secretary after they got the warrant as they did before. If the brethren had any difficulty—and if they had not—he would advise them to invent one, because it would be a pleasure to them to go and consult the Grand Secretary. If he (the W.M.) had had more time on his hands lately the Grand Secretary would have had less. The working that had been done that evening was highly appreciated by every brother in the lodge. Several of them had had many opportunities of witnessing the working; they had heard it done well before, but no one had ever seen it done better than on that evening. The Grand Secretary very kindly when asked to consecrate the lodge after the warrant was signed said he would do so the first day he had free, and he had fulfilled his promise. With regard to the working of the other Grand Officers the brethren were equally delighted.

Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G.S., in reply said he must protest against the fiendish advice of the W.M. that the brethren should invent grievances in order to get an interview with the Grand Secretary. There were but 24 hours in the day, until some new bill was brought into parliament, and he could not see the brethren all at once. However, it was a great pleasure to give an interview to the brethren and to settle grievances whether imaginary or real as far as he could. It was also a pleasure to assist in consecrating new lodges. A brother told him the other day that he was a Masonic midwife. If he was he had the gratification of knowing that all his babies were doing remarkably well and he hoped very soon that this one would be weaned and go to school. With respect to the other Grand Officers who had assisted him the Grand Chaplain's oration certainly delighted him very much; he had never heard an address more plain or simple, or that went straighter to the point. Bro. Frank Richardson had also greatly assisted him as he very frequently had, and that night he was as efficient as ever. He must also not forget Bro. R. Grey or the juvenile Bro. Buss. He quite agreed with the W.M. that he (Col. Shadwell Clerke), was fortunate in his selection of his colleagues to assist him that evening.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in giving the health of "The Visitors," said the lodge had done itself the honour of electing General Laurie as a member. General Laurie had under him in his province of Nova Scotia 100 lodges and 4000 or 5000 Masons, and he did all the work of the province without the aid of a Board of General Purposes. Electing him a member was no empty compliment, for if ever he should be resident in England they would all be pleased to see him in the lodge; and he might say the same with regard to Major Hamilton, Deputy Superintendent of Bengal.

General LAURIE, replying, said he felt the tremendous responsibility which devolved upon him in returning thanks for such a large number of visitors, but, supported by Bro. Hamilton he felt that that brother would shoulder a large amount of the responsibility. The song which was to follow this toast was "Three hundred years ago." Well, they did not want to have anything to do with three hundred years ago; they had more to do with the future. If he knew anything about 300 years ago his province would put him on the retired list,

To him a much more gloomy prospect came up. He had to face his Grand Lodge when he got away from the grand hospitality he had received from lodges in England during the last week or two. It he did not return in three months he should no longer be Grand Master of Nova Scotia. It was a peculiar pleasure to visit a lodge at its consecration. He presided over a jurisdiction that was taken from the Grand Lodge of England, from which 30 of the lodges held warrants. The Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia and the Grand Lodge of England parted most amicably, because the Grand Lodge of England thought the time had come when those lodges should start for themselves and carry out their own work. There was no regret on either side, but there was a strong feeling of affection for the mother Grand Lodge of England. The lodges that were chartered by the Grand Lodge of England brought their charters with them and made a special request that they might still retain their English charters and receive an endorsement from the Grand Master that they had become such and such a number on the roll of lodges of Nova Scotia. That showed their true Masonic feeling, and he trusted it would long continue. In conclusion he thanked the brethren for their hospitality and wished the lodge every success.

Major HAMILTON said a few days ago he had the honour of presenting to the Grand Secretary an introduction from a friend in Ireland, and Col. Shadwell H. Clerke immediately recognised him as an old friend who had served with him in the West Indies 22 years ago. Three years ago the Chaplain consecrated a lodge and installed him in the chair. He need not say with what pleasure he received an invitation to the Strand Lodge, and on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Bengal he returned thanks. Masonry in India was one of the most flourishing institutions. Grand Lodge of Bengal had a large number of lodges under its authority, and as an instance of the great spread of Masonry he might mention that two-and-a-half years ago when Col. Shadwell H. Clerke sent them a warrant for a lodge, of which he (Major Hamilton) was Master, it was numbered 1870. The Grand Lodge now numbered 1987, or an addition to the roll of Grand Lodges of England of 117 lodges in two years and a half. He would give an instance of the value of Masonry abroad. It might be in the memory of many of the brethren that two years ago there was a terrific accident in the neighbourhood of Nynee Tal, where his lodge worked. The lodge was to have had a meeting that evening, and, fortunately, the terrible earth slip that took place occurred a little before the hour of meeting. Had it occurred a little later all the brethren who would have attended that lodge would have been swept away. Four of the brethren of the lodge however were swept away, all leaving widows unprovided for. Within a week he had £300 placed in his hands for the relief of those widows. Some of those poor widows were left penniless, without so much as to pay for the food coming into their houses, and had it not been for the money placed in his hands they must have suffered great hardships.

Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE proposed "The W.M.," a very old and well-known member of the Order, who had been Master of four lodges and first Master of three of them.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER replied, and said that whatever shortcomings there might be in him would be amply atoned for in the officers under him.

Bros. E. SWANBOROUGH, J. R. STACEY, J. R. DOUGLAS, and W. HARRIS replied to the toast of "The Officers."

Bro. JAMES TERRY, replying for "The Charities," said that what the Benevolent Institution was doing was patent to all. The Girls' School had 240 girls, the Boys' School 220 boys; but the Benevolent Institution had 335 annuitants. The list of candidates for next election contained 121 names. There were but 12 vacancies; but the Committee that day anticipating what the success of the approaching festival would be took on 15 more. Therefore if there were brethren in the lodge who had not subscribed he would ask them to support the W.M.'s list, which now amounted to 100 guineas. This was unprecedented in the history of lodges—a lodge on the night of its consecration sending a Steward to one of the Charities with more than a 100 guineas on his list.

The toast of "The Press" was then given, and the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings, which were most enjoyable.

By the liberality of Bro. Willing, sen., every brother was presented with a handsome basket of flowers and fruit to take home.

CONSECRATION OF THE MOLESWORTH LODGE, No. 1954, AT WADEBRIDGE.

On Thursday, the 8th inst., Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Cornwall, performed the ceremony of consecrating the above lodge, which owes its existence mainly to the efforts of Bros. Hy. Jones, Rev. R. H. Treffry, and W. E. Fulford, who have now had the satisfaction of seeing as the result of their exertions the new lodge established. They have also had a slight reward for their labours in being appointed the first officers. Lee's Assembly Rooms have been fixed upon as the home of the lodge, and fitted up in a thoroughly satisfactory and comfortable manner. The furniture and regalia was supplied by Bro. George Kenning, of Little Britain, London. It is only due to Bro. R. J. E. Symons to acknowledge his cordial assistance to the present officers in obtaining the warrant and formation of the lodge.

The lodge having been opened in due form by the PROV. GRAND MASTER, he explained the reason of the gathering, and called on Bro. Anderton, P.M. 331, Prov. G. Sec., to read the warrant which had been received from H.R.H. the Grand Master authorising the formation of this lodge. This having been done, Bro. ANDERTON stated that the bye-laws had been forwarded and approved in the proper quarter.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER addressed the new lodge, insisting on the three grand principles. He said that any brother neglecting to conform thoroughly to those principles brought disgrace on the Order. A Mason's duty was first to consider the best means of reflecting honour on his lodge and province and not to strive too assiduously for office. Masons met on a perfect equality. The blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe having been invoked, corn, wine, and oil were poured on the lodge, appropriate music accompanying the ceremony. Bro. Rev. R. H. Treffry read the selection of scripture for the occasion. Bro. Anderton then presented the W.M. designate, Bro. Hy. Jones, who was addressed on the subject of his coming duties, and duly installed by W. Bro. W. Rowe, P.M. 330, P.P.G.D. of C., and appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Reginald H. Treffry, 977, S.W.; Wm. E. Fulford, J.W.; Samuel Pollard, 330, Treas.; Hy. Lancaster, 330, Sec.; S. Wesley Stephens, 330, S.D.; John Hawke, 330, J.D.; Chas. Higman, 330, I.G.; and Patrick Carrol, 330, Tyler.

The luncheon was subsequently held in the Savings' Bank room adjoining the institute, when about 50 partook of an excellent repast. Among those present were:

Bros. W. E. Michell, P.M. 1528, P.P.G.S.W.; C. Truscott, jun., 406, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; W. Rowe, 330, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; W. Mason, P.M. 496, P.G. Stwd.; Joseph Rawling, P.M. 1071, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Gay, P.M. 496, P.P.G.D.C.; F. J. Hext, jun., P.M. 330; Thos. H. Spier, S.D. 330; Henry Jacobs, Org. 380; W. E. Bristowe, I.G. 330; J. J. Vincent, P.M. 330; J. W. Higman, P.M. 496; T. B. Watson, Stwd. 330; W. Rooks, 131, P.G.P.; W. H. Angwin, 330; P. Carrol, 330, P.P.G. Tyler; Jas. Gifford, S.W. 105; A. Percy Davis, 977, P.G. Stwd.; H. Jones, W.M. 1954; R. H. Treffry, S.W. 1954; W. E. Fulford, J.W. 1954; S. Pollard, Treas. 1954; W. Stephens, S.D. 1954; J. Hawke, J.D. 1954; T. Hawken, P.M. 330, P.P.G.S.W.; W. H. Martyn, P.M. 1529; J. de C. Treffry, S.W. 977; W. H. Howard, I.P.M. 1529; W. H. Roberts, P.M. 1785; F. Bray, I.P.M. 1785; F. G. Harding, J.W. 1785; F. B. Williams, P.M. 977, P.P.G.S.B.; P. Blake, Stwd. 1785; T. Hicks, P.M. 1529; J. James, S.D. 1529; R. P. Edyvean, Sec. 330; R. S. Langford, Treas. 1785; J. Stribling, J.D. 1785; J. R. Butt, I.G. 1785; W. Martyn, D.C. 1785; J. Nicholls, 1785; J. Haynes, 330; F. J. Hext, P.M. 330, P.P.G.S.W.; and T. B. Richards (Callington), P.G.S.B.

MASONRY IN FAMILIES.

In our brief obituary a short time since of the Earl of Wemyss and March, Past Grand Master Mason of Scotland, it was pointed out that the deceased nobleman was the fourth of his family who since 1743 inclusive had held that distinguished position in the Scottish Craft. This is by no means a solitary instance in which Masonry appears to have found favour in the eyes of successive generations of the same family, and it will probably interest not a few of our readers if we enumerate a few of them.

As regards the Royal Family, their almost continuous association with the Craft since 1737 is so well known that we need say little more than that from that year onwards till now every generation has been represented in Masonry. Frederick, Prince of Wales, his sons, the Dukes of York, Cumberland, and Gloucester; their nephews, George, Prince of Wales, the Dukes of York, Clarence (afterwards William IV.), Kent, Cumberland, and Sussex, and Prince William of Gloucester, son of the above Duke of Gloucester; George V. of Hanover, son of Ernest, Duke of Cumberland, afterwards King of Hanover; the present Prince of Wales and the Dukes of Connaught and Albany, grandsons of the Duke of Kent; and their cousin, the present Duke of Cumberland. It is only during the 15 years that elapsed between 1751, when Frederick, Prince of Wales, died, and 1766, when his sons, the Dukes of York and Gloucester, were initiated, that Freemasonry since 1737 has been unable to boast a Royal Craftsman.

Of other families which have been again and again represented in successive generations in our Fraternity, a very conspicuous instance will be found in the "Dukes of Athole." John, third Duke, was Grand Master of the "Ancients," 1771-74, and from him they obtained their other designation of "Athole" Masons. John, fourth Duke, was Grand Master of the same body from 1775 to 1781, and again from 1791 to 1813; both these noblemen having been also Grand Masters of Scotland. George, sixth Duke, was Grand Master of Scotland 1843 to 1863; and John, the seventh and present Duke, is Provincial Grand Master of Perthshire West.

Equally conspicuous is the connection with Masonry of the Earls of Dalhousie, of whom George, eighth Earl, was Grand Master of Scotland 1767-68; George, ninth Earl, Grand Master of same 1804; Lord Ramsay, afterwards tenth Earl and first Marquis, Grand Master 1836-37; and Lord Panmure, afterwards eleventh Earl, Grand Master Scotland, 1870-73, and also Deputy Grand Master England, while the 12th and present Earl is also a brother. The Hon. W. R. Maule, of Panmure Ness, first Lord Panmure, was also Grand Master Scotland, 1808-9.

All three Earls of Zetland have been connected with the Craft, the first Earl as Pro Grand Master in the Grand Mastership of the Duke of Sussex, and the second Earl as Grand Master of England 1843-69, while the third and present Earl is Prov. Grand Master of North and East Lancashire. Another member of the family, Admiral Sir J. W. D. Dundas, G.C.B., was Grand Junior Warden in 1830.

The last two Earls of Shrewsbury and Talbot were Freemasons, the eighteenth Earl of Shrewsbury having been Grand Senior Warden in 1842, the nineteenth, who died 1877, Prov. Grand Master of Staffordshire, while the present Earl is also a brother.

Of the Lennox family (Duke of Richmond, Lennox and Gordon), Charles, Duke of Richmond, was Grand Master of England in 1724; the late Duke, who died in 1860, was Prov. Grand Master of Sussex. I believe the present Duke is a Craftsman, while his eldest son and heir, the Earl of March, M.P., was Grand Senior Warden in 1881. Lord George Lennox, died 1873, was Grand Senior Warden in 1831.

Of other instances may be mentioned George Duke of Manchester, Grand Master of England 1777-82, whose descendant, the present Duke, is Prov. G.M. Norths and Hunts, the next in the order of succession, Viscount Mandeville, being also a Mason. An ancestor of the present Earl Ferrers, Prov. G.M. Leicestershire and Rutland, was Grand Master of England in 1762-3. The first Earl of Donoughmore was Grand Master of Ireland in 1789, while the present Earl is a Past Grand Senior Warden of England. The second Duke of Leinster was twice Grand Master of Ireland, for the first time in 1771-72, when Marquis of Kildare, and the second time in 1778. The third Duke was Grand Master of Ireland 1813 to 1874, and the fourth and present Duke was initiated into Freemasonry in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, in 1839.

New Zealand.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF AUCKLAND.

At the quarterly communication of the District Grand Lodge held in the Masonic Hall, Princes-street, there was a good attendance of members and visitors, and the business was of more than ordinary interest, as the officers for the ensuing year were installed. Bro. G. S. Graham, V.W.D.G.M., who had arrived in Auckland on the previous day, presided, and had the pleasure of nominating his own officers, who were installed, Bros. Tonks and Waddel officiating as conducting Stewards. The D.D.G.M., Bro. Lodder, holding a permanent office, was not of course re-installed. The other officers were invested as follows:

Bro. W. P. Moat	...	...	Dist. G.S.W.
" Dr. Goldsbrough	...	...	Dist. G.J.W.
" Rev. C. M. Nelson	...	...	Dist. G. Chap.
" Rev. W. Tebbs	...	...	Dist. G. Reg.
" Dr. Dawson	...	...	Dist. P.B.G.P.
" H. G. Wade	...	...	Dist. G. Sec.
" T. Cole	...	...	Dist. G.S.D.
" W. Rattray	...	...	Dist. G.J.D.
" Mitchelson	...	...	Dist. G.D. of C.
" Waddel	...	...	Dist. G.S.B.
" C. Hesketh	...	...	Dist. G. Org.
" Fenton	...	...	Dist. G. Purs.
" Dargaville	...	...	Dist. G.A. Purs.

The elective offices of Treasurer and Tyler respectively were, on the votes of the members, selected as follows:— Bro. A. V. Macdonald, Treasurer, and Bro. Capt. Tong, Tyler. The thanks of the Grand Lodge were accorded to Bro. C. Porter, who has been Tyler of this D.G. Lodge since its foundation, for the services he had rendered. An election by ballot was then held for ten members for the Board of General Purposes, to act with the chief officers of the Grand Lodge. Bro. Dr. Dawson holds the position of President by the nomination of the District G.M. The elected members are Bros. P.Ms. Rattray, Hatswell, Fenton, Collins, Hesketh, Skinner, Waddel, Wright, Leers, and Carlaw. Representatives of the various lodges were then elected for the Committee of the Fund of Benevolence.

The D.G.M. gave a short address at the close of the business, indicating a proposal for a change in the date of the quarterly communication, and announcing that he would be able to attend more frequently in future. The proceedings terminated in the usual manner.

TIMARU.—St. John's Lodge (No. 1137).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on December 28th last. Lodge was duly opened by the W.M., Bro. A. J. Parsons, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The Treasurer's balance was declared and the ballot taken for a candidate for initiation, after which the Auditors' report and yearly balance sheet were laid before the members. The ceremony of installing the officers for the ensuing year was then conducted by Bro. W. M. Sims, P.M., assisted by Bro. Palliser, P.M., and Bro. Mahan, P.M. (a visiting brother), in a most impressive manner. Bro. A. J. Parsons, V.W.M., having been re-elected retained the chair. Bro. J. Shepherd, retiring S.W., gave place to the newly-installed S.W., Bro. H. W. Hammond, and in like manner did the retiring J.W., Bro. S. Shappere, to the newly-installed J.W., Bro. F. J. Wilson. Bro. W. Giesler, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer, but was absent through painful illness; Bro. W. Fry was re-elected Sec.; Bro. H. W. Hammond retired in favour of the newly-installed S.D., Bro. F. W. Cook; Bro. W. Bush in favour of the newly-installed J.D., Bro. B. E. Hibbard; and Bro. W. Dale in favour of the newly-installed I.G., Bro. W. A. Hobbs. Bro. R. Morgan was re-elected Tyler.

Bro. A. J. Parsons, W.M., then requested visiting Bro. Easton, of Conyers Lodge, Christchurch, to come forward to the dais and then announced that he had been requested by the W.M. of Conyers Lodge to present Bro. Easton with an illuminated testimonial as a token of esteem and respect earned by him while acting in the capacity of J.W., for that lodge, stating also how great a pleasure it gave him to present this testimonial to one who had proved himself capable of faithfully performing the duties not only of a M.M. but of an officer whose position in the lodge was one of responsibility and trust.

Bro. Easton replied in a most feeling manner to the effect that he had built up in his own mind an ideal as to what Masonry was and should be in its integrity, and he felt only too keenly that he had fallen very far short of perfection, but he had striven and would strive to do his duty by practising those virtues and living up to those principles which the teachings of our beautiful Masonic art strive to inculcate in the mind of every individual who has taken upon himself the obligations of a M.M.

Bro. W. M. Sims then rose and said: Worshipful and dear sir, the brethren and officers of this lodge have requested me to present you on their behalf with this Past Master's jewel as a small memento and recognition of the services you have rendered this lodge during the past year, and as a slight appreciation of the unselfish efforts and manner in which you have furthered the interests of the Craft. The past year has been one of the most eventful in the history of our lodge, and its present success is we feel assured due to your untiring exertions, and as our brethren of old received their wages without scruple and without diffidence, may you now also receive this mark of our esteem and affection, well knowing you have justly earned it. And when our Great Architect shall ordain it that you be called from labour in this sublunary abode to participate in the joys of the grand and celestial lodge above may your son bear with pride this honour which his father has so worthily worn, and may it serve to brighten his steps through life by the sweet desire to emulate your virtues and goodness.

Bro. A. J. Parsons, W.M., who was deeply affected asked the brethren to forgive him in not being able to give expression to his feelings in words. He thanked Bro. W. M. Sims, P.M., and all of them for their magnificent gift and said that although he could not compliment any one member for practising the virtue of charity in its integrity, still he must compliment them on the observance of one of the greatest Masonic qualifications, silence, for until Bro. Sims addressed him there he had not the most remote idea of the plot that had been laid against him. He thanked them in his heart for their kind and beautiful present, but feared that the little he had been able to do for the Craft in general and this lodge in particular had been much overestimated,

but the more he saw of Masonry the more he loved it for it proved of itself how great and indissoluble was the bond binding us together, and how much affection can and does exist in our glorious institution nurtured and brought forth by the power and precepts of Divine will. The W.M. then sat down after again thanking the brethren for the jewel which hung gracefully where it had been pinned by Bro. Sims, a massive square swinging upon a ribbon clasped by three bars of gold, the ribbon bearing in rich relief the W.M.'s monogram in gold.

The lodge was then closed in due form, and the floor of the hall soon groaned beneath the weight of the banquet table. The brethren having eaten and drank,

The Worshipful Master proposed the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," which was drunk with Masonic loyalty.

Then followed by the W.M. "Our G.M. the Prince of Wales."

A song was then given by a brother, and Bro. Palliser, P.M., proposed "Our Worshipful Master," to which Bro. Parsons, W.M., responded.

A brother then rendered a Masonic song appropriate to the W.M.'s toast, and Bro. Gibson proposed "Our Past Officers," coupled with the name of Bro. Bush, P.M., who acknowledged the compliment.

Bro. Kerr proposed "Our Past Masters," coupled with the name of Bro. W. M. Sims, P.M., to which Bro. Sims, responded.

Bro. White, J.W., proposed "The Newly-installed Officers," coupled with the name of Bro. Hammond, S.W., who replied.

Bro. J. Jones proposed "The Young Members," coupled with the name of Bro. R. H. Hogg, who after a song acknowledged the toast.

Bro. H. W. Hammond proposed "The Visitors," coupled with the name of Bros. Wallis, P.M., and Mahan, P.M., who responded.

Bro. Gibson proposed "The Press," coupled with the name of Bro. E. G. Kerr; and Bro. W. Fry, Sec., proposed "The Ladies," coupled with the name of Bro. Cook, S.D.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "All Poor and Distressed Masons on the face of the earth," which was drunk in the usual impressive manner.

After which "Auld lang syne" and "God save the Queen" terminated one of the most enjoyable evenings ever passed beneath the roof of St. John's Lodge.

China.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF HONG-KONG AND SOUTHERN CHINA.

INSTALLATION OF R.W. BRO. C. P. CHATER, AS DISTRICT GRAND MASTER.

HONG-KONG, JAN. 2.

Masonry prevails very much in China and especially so in Hong-Kong. No one at home as any idea how the lodges are worked. Well, it has been pronounced that there is no better working in the East than on our little island which boasts of some half dozen lodges, besides chapters, Mark, Knight Templars, Rose Croix, &c. It is the intention of the brethren to give a Masonic ball similar to that which took place some three years ago, and there is every hope of its being a great success.

On the 21st December the District Grand Lodge of Hong-Kong and South China held its annual meeting at the Masonic Hall, Zetland-street. There were a very large attendance of brethren to witness chiefly the installation of the R.W. the District G.M., Bro. C. P. Chater, which testifies to the great pleasure with which the Craft view the elevation of Bro. Chater to that exalted position to which he has been appointed.

Very Worshipful Bro. Dr. W. Stanley Adams most impressively performed the ceremony, which was heightened by the assistance of a strong choir under the able direction of a good musician in the form of Bro. T. G. Williamson, and W. Bro. Danby ably presiding on the magnificent organ which the Zetland Lodge, 525, possess. Previous to the installation the choir sang "O Lord most holy," and on the entrance of the District Grand Officers followed by the D.G.M., the hymn "Forward be our watchword" was sung. After the installation ceremony had been completed the anthem "Hail! Masonry divine!" (composed for the installation of the Marquis of Ripon as M.W.P.G.M. for West Yorkshire), was exceedingly well rendered.

The DISTRICT GRAND MASTER then thanked the Dep. D.G.M. for the very impressive ceremony he had performed, and expressed a hope that he (Bro. Chater) would have the pleasure of doing the same thing for the D.D.G.M. on some future day. The D.G.M. also thanked the lodges for the honour conferred upon him by unanimously nominating him as D.G.M. to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master, and at the same time expressed a hope that he would be enabled to do all he wished to further the interests of the Craft in general, but of his district in particular. He also thanked the visitors for their attendance that evening and the choir for the services rendered, and paid them a high compliment on their efficiency.

The following are the D.G. Officers for the year:

W. Bro. W. S. Adams	...	...	Dist. D.G.M.
" W. M. Deane	...	...	Dist. G.S.W.
" A. W. Bain (Amoy)	...	...	Dist. G.J.W.
Bro. Rev. R. W. Gilbert, R.N.	...	...	Dist. G. Chap.
W. Bro. W. K. Hughes	...	...	Dist. G. Treas.
" J. C. Hughes	...	...	Dist. G. Reg.
" E. C. Ray	...	...	Dist. Pres. Board
Bro. W. H. Ray	...	...	Dist. G. Sec.
W. Bro. F. W. Fry (Foochow)	...	...	Dist. G.S.D.
" C. L. Gorham	...	...	Dist. G.J.D.
" W. Danby	...	...	Dist. G.S. of W.
" C. O. Kopp (Amoy)	...	...	Dist. G.D.C.
" P. B. C. Ayres	...	...	Dist. G.A.D.C.
" Comben, R.A.	...	...	Dist. G. Swd. B.
Bro. J. S. Brewer	...	...	Dist. G. Org.
" Latham (Amoy)	...	...	Dist. G. Purs.
" S. R. Neate	...	...	Dist. G.A. Purs.
" F. W. Heuermann	...	...
" E. Georg	...	...
" G. Orley	...	...	Dist. G. Stwds.
" R. Lyall	...	...
" Johnson (Foochow)	...	...
" Lawson (Amoy)	...	...

The DISTRICT GRAND MASTER in the course of the evening referred to the loss the Craft had sustained during the year by the deaths of Bro. Rev. C. G. Booth, D.G. Chap.; W. Bros. H. Smith, P.M. Victoria Lodge, D.G. Treas.; and M. S. Tonnochy, P.M. Zetland Lodge, and a Past Officer of Grand Lodge. The D.G.M. spoke very feelingly and in affectionate terms of each of the deceased brethren, mentioning the traits in the character of each which had endeared them to the members of the Craft and had caused them to be held in general esteem by the community of the colony.

As a mark of respect to the departed brethren something unusual was performed by the choir singing "Solemn strikes the funeral chime."

The lodge was closed in due form with prayer and choral service.

The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting room and partook of a cold collation.

"The Health of the D.G.M." was proposed by Bro. W. S. ADAMS.

The DISTRICT GRAND MASTER responded in appropriate terms.

On the whole a very pleasant evening was spent.

I regret extremely in having to record a death in our midst of Bro. Malcolm Struan Tonnochy, W.M., Superintendent of Victoria Gaol, who died on the 14th ult. On the previous evening he had been dining with some friends and was apparently in good health and spirits. About eight o'clock the next morning he was found dead in bed. Bros. Drs. Young and Ayres were quickly summoned and it was decided that the immediate cause of death was fatty degeneration of the heart. Bro. Tonnochy, who was only 42 years of age, was beloved by all classes of the community and his sudden death has cast a gloom over us all. It was a matter of great regret to us Masons that the deceased's wishes on the subject being unknown, a Masonic funeral could not be given to our late brother who was a Past Master and a Past District Grand Officer. The early part of last year he went home on leave of absence and only returned to his duties in October last. During his 20 years' sojourn amongst us he has held the offices of sheriff, coroner, marshal of the Vice-Admiralty court, acting registrar general, police magistrate, assistant harbour master, acting colonial treasurer, acting colonial secretary, and during the absence on leave of the Governor of the Colony he was acting administrator on two different occasions. On the 15th ult. the funeral took place at the Protestant cemetery, when a very large concourse of people assembled to pay their last tribute of respect to a worthy brother and a worthy man.

THE LORD MAYOR AMONGST THE LORINERS.

Amongst many of the pleasant hours wiled away in the Mansion House we think we can say we never enjoyed an evening more than on a recent occasion when Bro. the Lord Mayor as master of the Loriners Company entertained the Court, a few of the livery, and other distinguished visitors in his official residence. It is not usual for the City Guilds to hold high revelry in the chief magistrate's house, but there is no rule without an exception. It is rarely that a Lord Mayor happens to be master of a company during his year of office. The Loriners is one of the poor companies without a hall, so the Lord Mayor amongst many other kindnesses he has shown during his short tenure of the office proposed that they should hold a dinner in the Mansion House. We suppose of the many city guilds the title of this one is the least understood by the outside public. The Bishop of Colchester in the course of a most elegant speech expressed his ignorance, which was soon put right by Bro. Sheriff Savory, who evidently had been to the British Museum or the Guildhall Library reading all he could find out about the Loriners. He informed the assembled company that in, we think, Henry III.'s day the guild gave annually to the Lord Mayor a bridle, which the Lord Mayor humbly said he should expect them to do again; for how could he be expected to stand up for their rights when they neglected their duty to him. In time gone by many of the City Companies gave the Lord and Lady Mayoress presents of the trades they represented. We believe only the Fruiterers Company now keep this up. Mr. Alderman Lawrence, who responded for "The Houses of Parliament," spoke with no uncertain sound as to his action should the guilds be assailed by Parliament. The Lord Mayor, who proposed "The Loriners Company root and branch, may it flourish for ever," referred to the great size of the company, in point of numbers the largest, and to its success being the work mainly of its past and present clerks. Bros. the Rev. J. H. Smith and Major Sewell, the chaplain and clerk respectively, were duly toasted with "three times three," and responded in the same happy strains that had been the order of the whole evening. Amongst the company were Major - General Dillon, Admiral Hoskins, Sir Thos. Bruce, R.N., Alderman Sir Thos. Owden, Bro. Sir Thos. Charley, O.C., Sir Jas. Douglass, Bro. Sir John Bennett, the Prime Warden of the Fishmongers, the Masters of the Spectacle Makers, Fruiterers, and Playing Card Makers Companies, Bro. J. E. Wallford, C.C., Bro. Lieut. Henry Wright, Bro. Thos. Beard, Bro. C. W. Thompson, Bro. Augustus Harris, Bro. J. Harvey, C.C., Bro. H. D. Taylor, and Mr. John Shaw (general manager of the South-Eastern Railway). The dinner, wines, and music were all of the very best class. The late hour until which the whole of the guests remained was a proof of the enjoyable evening they spent.

Obituary.

BRO. JOSEPH SHARPE.

The death is announced of Bro. Joseph Sharpe, aged 45, at his residence, Hazelwood Villa, Crosby, near Liverpool, on Saturday, the 3rd inst. He was senior partner in the firm of Messrs. Sharpe and Kellet, Liverpool, with which he had been connected for 20 years, their business as stationers being carried on in Oldhall-street. Deceased was an active member on the Liberal party in this city, and for a number of years he ably fulfilled the duties of honorary secretary of St. Paul's Ward Committee. He also took much interest in Freemasonry, being connected with the Everton Lodge, No. 823, and was one of the founders of the Bootle Lodge, No. 1473.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

FOR
AGED FREEMASONS AND WIDOWS OF
FREEMASONS, CROYDON.

Patron and President:
HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES,
K.G., &c., M.W.G.M.

THE ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL

Of this Institution will take place
On WEDNESDAY, 28th FEBRUARY, 1883,
AT
FREEMASONS' TAVERN, GREAT QUEEN-STREET,
LONDON,

Upon which occasion
GEN. J. STUDHOLME BROWNRIGG, C.B.,
P.G.W., R.W. PROV. G.M. FOR SURREY,
Has been pleased to signify his intention of Presiding.

Brethren are earnestly invited to accept the Office of Steward upon this occasion, and they will greatly oblige by forwarding their Names and Masonic Rank, as soon as convenient, to the Secretary, who will gladly give any information required.

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

*** At the Election in May next there will be 120 Candidates for Election, whilst at the present time there are only Twelve Vacancies.

TO THE GOVERNORS AND SUBSCRIBERS
OF THE

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION FOR AGED FREEMASONS AND WIDOWS OF FREEMASONS.

MAY ELECTION, 1883.

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

BRO. WILLIAM M. FORD,

In his 66th year, now (through the kindness of Messrs. BARCLAY & Co.,) residing at the "Blue Anchor," 3, Coleman Street, Bank, and previously at the "Harley Mow," Salisbury Court, Fleet Street (The Cogers' Discussion Hall,) who through misfortune in business is now entirely without means; he was initiated in the "Domestic" Lodge, No. 177, in February, 1857, and the "Domestic Chapter," in March, 1877.

The case is strongly recommended by the under mentioned Brethren, and who have kindly consented to receive proxies:

- Bro. Jas. Brett, P.M. 177, P.G.P.; 14, Sidney Road, Homerton.
- „ Edm. Coste, P.M., 6, 1314, P.P.G.D.C. Kent; P.Z. 619; Distillery, Bank Street, Gravesend.
- „ Thos. Culitt, P.G.P., P.S.G.D., Middlesex, P.M. 157 and P.Z. 1770 &c., Norfolk House, Marriott Road, Tollington Park.
- „ Geo. Everett, P.M. and P.Z. 177, 1581, and Treasurer 177 and 1608; 99, Clapham Road.
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- „ T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex; P.M. 1381, 1512, 1745, P.Z., K.T., &c., East Temple Chambers, Fleet Street, E.C.
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To Correspondents.

The following reports stand over till next week:—
Masonic Ball at Hawick.
Consecration of the Honor Oak Lodge, No. 1986.
St. Patrick's Lodge, No. 295.
Creton Lodge, No. 1791.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Broad Arrow," "Allen's Indian Mail," "The Freemason" (New Zealand), "The Keystone," "The New York Dispatch," "The Pianoforte Dealer's Guide," "Masonia," "The Doncaster Chronicle," "The Court Circular," "The Yarmouth Gazette," "The Hull Packet," "The New Zealand Herald," "The Orient," "United Service Gazette," "May's British and Irish Press Guide," "The Masonic Chronicle," "Property Taxation and its Remedy," "The Masonic Herald," "Triumphal," "Sun Almanack," "The Freemason" (Sydney), "Public Ledger Almanack," "Records of St. George's Lodge of Freemasons," "The Masonic Advocate."



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1883.

Original Correspondence.

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

THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As Chairman for the month of the House Committee of the Girls' School, permit me while thanking you for your kindly remarks regarding the School to give an exact statement of the number of Girls we are able to provide for. The main building contains 148 beds, the Alexandra Wing 56, and the junior school 35, making 239 in all. At the last Committee meeting the number of children reported on the books was 239. In the junior school there are actually 37 beds in the dormitories, but on account of the tender age of some of the children two beds are occupied by pupil teachers. The beds are placed as close to one another as our medical officer will permit, having due regard to sanitary considerations, but at the utmost I do not think more than five or six beds could be added by removing fireplaces and blocking up doors (imagine the consequences if a fire were to break out). I may say that I speak from my own knowledge, as I have myself counted the beds and have even gone so far as to take measurements.

With regard to the shoes, I am surprised so trivial a matter should have given rise to the absurd report you refer to; hitherto the children have had nothing but their heavy double-soled lace-up boots from morning until night, without even slippers. Some relief to this continuous wear of heavy boots has for a long time occupied the attention of some members of the Committee, and they have now decided on providing what is termed an Oxford shoe. The children will now have one pair of heavy boots and a thick-soled Oxford shoe instead of two pairs of boots. The cost of the shoe will be less than that of the boots, so the change will eventually be a saving to the Institution. I am in hope that by inducing the children to change their shoes habits of neatness and cleanliness will be engendered, to say nothing of the comfort and relief to the feet.—I am, sir, yours very fraternally,

J. H. MATTHEWS, Vice-Patron.

9, Mandeville-place, W., February 12th.

BRO. MASON'S RECENT SPEECH.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The question as recently raised by Bro. Mason, I venture for one to think most inopportune, is of so much importance in itself for various reasons, that I must ask a little space to express my humble opinion "thereabout." Bro. Mason seems to lay it down as an absolute necessity that the Secretaries of our great Charities should be present continually at the "social circle" in order to return thanks for the Charities, and appeal to the brethren for their support. At least we must suppose such is his view, otherwise it is impossible to understand why he should so ostentatiously have lugged in the absent and worthy Secretary of the Girls' School, and proceeded to dilate and comment on the management of that Institution, when all those who were present naturally expected an eloquent summary of the work of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and a befitting and urgent request to make its approaching festival a great success. All this would have been equally understandable and well received; but why the zealous Collector of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution should have expressed his opinion at all on the Girls' School when it was not asked or, I will venture to add, wanted by any of those present, is one of those abnormal episodes which no Mason and "no fellow can understand."

Probably the orator will say he was misreported, &c., but from a long experience now of the "gentlemen of the press," I always for one gratefully realize and recognize their anxiety to "help a lame dog over a stile," their cleverness in getting many a speaker out of a "hobble,"

their assiduity even in making sense out of what many a speaker says with such complacent if hazy egotism.

Now I venture in reply to Bro. Mason to propound another proposition, which is, that it is not at all requisite to do the work of the Charity that the Secretary of the Girls' School should, unless so desirous, attend similar gatherings. Rather I venture to contend, as Bro. Hedges has clearly shown, that the results of each year can as satisfactorily be manifested by careful office work, as by a system of itineration and personal appeal even at the banquetting table. Bro. Hedges was, as some of your readers will recollect, originally elected Secretary as a reward for work and merit, and the years which have passed away since have only served to convince his many friends in town and country, that their confidence expressed in him was not misplaced, neither will their reasonable expectations ever be disappointed by his careful labours for that excellent charity of which he is the zealous Secretary.

But in saying this I am not insensible, as no one can be, that there are two sides to this as to every other question, and that many may think very differently and prefer another system to that pursued by Bro. Hedges deliberately. All I claim for the Secretary of the Girls' School is, be it observed, liberty of opinion and freedom of action. The attack on Bro. Hedges and the Committee of the Girls' School comes from Bro. Mason, "not vice versa." I am one of those who fully recognize the great and remarkable efforts of Bros. Binckes and Terry on an entirely opposite plan, but I believe they would allow, as all must, that when persons do not agree on this or that, they can agree to differ honestly and considerably.

Some twenty years or thereabouts when the great provincial movement began, the state of things was very different to what it is now.

Then I am not exaggerating when I assert, that there was great doubt in London as to the advisability of enlarging the operations of the societies and appealing to the provinces, though then, to the honour of London, the Charities were mainly kept up by the London brethren, and the support from the provinces was alike limited and uncertain.

Bro. Binckes with great energy threw himself into the work of appealing to the provinces, and no one need be told, as we must all gratefully and admiringly acknowledge, what he did do, and how well he succeeded, what remarkable results he achieved, what difficulties he vanquished, and what a happy change he brought about.

Bro. Terry at a somewhat later period took the same line of action, and it is an oft told tale to repeat what a difference he has worked out in the interest for, and the income of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

But what was good and even necessary in 1861 may not be necessarily good or even necessary for 1883, unless indeed you assume as your axiom for such work, one unfailing law alike of need and effort. It is just because, I think for one, that the Craft have been, thanks to these good workers, "educated" up to the claims of our great Charities and the Masonic duty of their active support, that I support the view Bro. Hedges has put into action, that so many of the lodges and brethren now admit and practice the annual obligation of supporting one or all even of the Charities, that the machinery of the system and anxious labour of 20 years back have become to a certain extent superfluous, and certainly not a "sine qua non." Still, as I observed before, there should be perfect liberty of action as of opinion. If Bro. Mason prefers the system of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and its energetic and ubiquitous Secretary for instance, so be it, but surely Masonic charity and Masonic courtesy should induce him to allow to Bro. Hedges the same full liberty of theory and action he claims for himself. Or does our good brother assert "infallibility" for the opinions he holds and the views he propounds?

I for one thank Bro. Hedges openly in the *Freemason* for the course he has consistently pursued, and I know there are many brethren both in town and country who agree with me in this respect.—I am, sir and brother, fraternally yours,

ONE OF BRO. HEDGES'S OLD SUPPORTERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I would not have troubled you with any further correspondence from myself but for the manner in which Bro. Mason in his letter of last week has referred to the balance sheet just published. I enclose a copy a glance at which will show the incorrectness and incompleteness of his statement, which if uncorrected would be misleading. I may also briefly add that the Alexandra wing and Lyncombe House are now accommodating fully the number it was stated they should do.—I am, dear Sir and brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

5, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

February 14th.

[The balance sheet is referred to in another column.—Ed. F.M.]

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As Bro. Mason, P.P.G.S.D. Middx., and Vice-President, repeats in the last paragraph of his letter which appeared in the last number of the *Freemason*, that the Secretary of the Girls' School "does not consider it part of his duty to be at the various lodges either to plead for contributions or return thanks for favours received," allow me to say that we provincials—I see a great number of

our leading provincial Masons—consider it a feather in Bro. Hedge's cap that he does not frequent lodges and the heavy dinners that follow, but keeps his stomach and therefore his head clear for the morrow's work.

Years ago, when the sound of our great charities was hardly heard beyond the home counties, it was necessary one of the Secretaries should visit the provincial lodges, in order to explain what the charities were doing and ask for support; and no one did that so well as the worthy and able Secretary of the Boys' School; but now, when their cause is so ably supported by yourself, and the provinces have, most of them, a sound organised system to help, support, and benefit by the charities, the presence of the Secretaries is no longer necessary; we think they are better seen in their respective offices.

Wishing each charity may have a bumper this year, visiting Secretary or non-visiting Secretary,—I remain, dear sir and brother, yours very fraternally,

AN OLD PROVINCIAL MASON
AND A VICE-PATRON.

THE GRAND LODGE OF IRELAND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It is with surprise, regret, and pleasure I have read your interesting article in last week's *Freemason* under the above heading. The Grand Lodge of Ireland was founded on 3rd February, 1729, the day the foundation stone of the present Bank of Ireland (formerly Irish Houses of Parliament) was laid Masonically, and is the senior Grand Lodge of the world, not the "second in point of antiquity." The "second in point of antiquity" is the Grand Lodge of Scotland, which was founded on 3rd November, 1736. Both these Grand Lodges can prove from their records continuous and united working from these dates; also that they have always used and borne the same coats of arms from their foundation to the present day.

I am quite aware that as in England Freemasonry existed in both Ireland and Scotland for many long years prior to 1729 and 1736; but it was only on those dates the Grand Lodges were founded.

I am also aware that the Grand Lodge of England claims to be the premier Grand Lodge of the world, but to this title it is not entitled. There was a Grand Lodge in England founded in 1717; but this body was split into two Grand Lodges, styled Antients and Moderns, each granting warrants to hold lodges.

These two Grand Lodges worked in opposition until the happy union into the present Grand Lodge of England on 1st December, 1813, now going only 70 years ago.

Each of these Grand Lodges had their own coats of arms, as can be seen by the frontispiece of the "Ahiman Rezon" of 1764. Those of the Moderns being the same as the Grand Lodge of Ireland; those of the Antients being the arms of the Operative, or stone, Masons.

The arms of the present Grand Lodge of England are an amalgamation of these, those of the Antients being on the left and those of the Moderns on the right.

The history of these two English Grand Lodges and of their union on 1st December, 1813, will be found in the valuable and most interesting work on the subject, "The Masonic Register," by R.W. Bro. W. J. Hughan, who also gives as a beautiful frontispiece the present arms of the Grand Lodge of England.

The Grand Lodge of Ireland by its first Constitutions of 1730 was to meet "on the four great feasts," and Grand Stewards were to arrange the Festival.

The quarterly meetings were continued until 3rd November 1768, when the meetings were arranged to be held on the first Thursday of each month at seven o'clock, and the Grand Festival seems then to have ceased to be held. In 1838 the hour of meeting was changed from seven to eight o'clock, and since the 1st November, 1875, the meetings in August and September have been given up. This will show that the Grand Lodge of Ireland has worked continuously for 154 years, regularly meeting for nearly 128 years of that long period on the first Thursday of the month.

These monthly meetings have been found fault with for some years past as being one of the causes for the non-attendance of Provincial Grand Officers and brethren, and a movement is at present on foot to return to the good old style of 150 years ago of holding quarterly Grand Lodges.

The Irish "Ahiman Rezon" of 1803 gives a complete and perfect list of lodges then in existence in Ireland—being, as you state, over one thousand lodges, but the same "Ahiman Rezon" gives a very long and sad list of lodges struck off at that period for non-payment of arrears. Some years afterwards a long list followed, and hence the great reduction you allude to.

Between 1871 and 1881 the Grand Lodge of Ireland has issued 84 new warrants, being at the rate of eight per annum. During the same period 36 warrants have been returned, being only an average of little over three per annum. The accounts for 1882 (last year) will not be published until next month.

The only way in my opinion of reviving Irish Freemasonry is by the quarterly meetings and by official visitations to Provincial Grand Lodges such as the Antrim (Belfast), Munster (Cork), North Munster (Limerick), and Londonderry.

Of course no one could expect the M.W. his grace the Grand Master at his age to undertake such work, but I understand that he is not only an actual subscribing mem-

ber to the Strabane Lodge but frequently visits it, and has lately presented to it a site, rent free, for erecting a hall for its meetings; but surely the R.W. the D.G.M. and other Grand Officers could and should do so when the M.W. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the G.M. of England, and the R.W. H.R.H. the Duke of Albany do so; and the M.W. the Earl of Mar and Kellie, the G.M.M. of Scotland, has since his installation visited nearly half the lodges in Scotland.

Of course the paid officers of the Grand Lodge of Ireland should have all their expenses paid by Grand Lodge similarly to those in England and Scotland.

I cannot agree with you as to the advisability of having too frequent changes in Grand Officers, but must agree with you that our Grand Lodge of Scotland law is good law—that the periods should be three years instead of two. That the Grand Wardens should also change same as the Junior Grand Officers, that the Grand Secretary should be an active member of Grand Lodge, and in his place same as our late valued Bro. General Dunne, who was always present during his period of office.

It is unpleasant to have thus to speak of Irish Freemasonry, which possesses a building and a Grand Lodge in it second only to that in the Temple at Philadelphia, whose meetings as a deliberative assembly cannot be surpassed for decorum and dignity, and which is generally presided over by the R.W. the D.G.M., who has few equals in his knowledge of the rules of debate and government of such a large assembly, and only wanting that the Grand Wardens, Secretary, and Treasurer shall take the same interest in it that their predecessors always did.—Yours fraternally,

JAMES H. NEILSON.

32, Leeson-street Lower, Dublin,
13th February.

VOLUNTEERING AND FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Bro. Stevens has admitted that brethren who "don the uniform for purposes of parade or show in lodges which are not connected with the royal or auxiliary services is . . . though not prohibited, in exceedingly bad taste." He also mentions that he knows of instances where such mistakes have been made and also of remarks the reverse of complimentary to those who were guilty of so doing. From the tone of Bro. Stevens's former letters I did not expect this admission and am exceedingly pleased to see him so fully endorse my opinion. It is not *prohibited* in the Constitutions to wear uniform but I should certainly like to see some authoritative announcement against it at least in lodges not connected with the services, except as I said by soldiers. These brethren, wherever they went, would have to wear uniform, but *not* volunteers.

Unless some letters appear calling for further reply I do not intend to continue this correspondence. I think the subject has been pretty well ventilated and for my part thank you for so kindly allowing your columns to be the means of doing so.—Yours fraternally, DOUBTFUL.

RAILWAY FACILITIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

A long correspondence has taken place, extending over several months, between myself and the London and North Western, Midland, and Great Northern Railway Companies with reference to the conveyance of the members of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Leicestershire, Northamptonshire, and Derbyshire to and from the Mark lodges in the province at reduced rates.

The question has been considered at a meeting of the Railway Companies' Association (which includes all the important lines in the kingdom), the result being that facilities have been obtained which will I trust be for the good of Freemasonry in general and of this Provincial Grand Mark Lodge in particular.

I enclose some of the most important letters, the publication of which will show what the new arrangements are.—I am, dear sir and brother, yours fraternally,

CLEMENT E. STRETTON, P.M.

Prov. Grand Mark Secretary Leicestershire,
Northamptonshire, and Derbyshire.
Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, February 9th.

"Midland Railway.

"Office of Superintendent of the Line.

"Derby, October 23rd, 1882.

"Clement E. Stretton, Esq.,

"Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.

"Sir,—In reply to your favour of the 20th inst., I beg to inform you that it is not the practice of the railway companies to make any reduction in the ordinary fares for the conveyance of Freemasons to and from their meetings, and I am sorry I am unable to make any departure from this understanding.—I am, sir, yours obediently,

"E. M. NEEDHAM."

"Great Northern Railway.

"Office of Superintendent of the Line.

"London, King's Cross, N.,

"November 30th, 1882.

"Dear Sir,—I am much obliged for your letter of yesterday's date, and beg to return herewith the letters you were good enough to send me for perusal. The whole question will be fully discussed as soon as a meeting can be arranged between the various companies interested.—I am, dear sir, yours faithfully,

"FRANCIS P. COCKSHOTT.

"Clement E. Stretton, Esq.,

"Freemasons' Hall, Leicester."

"London and North-Western Railway.

"Office of Superintendent of the Line.

"Euston Station, London, N.W.,

"February 6th, 1883.

"Dear Sir,—In reply to your letter of 3rd inst., I beg to inform you that the Associated Railway Companies have agreed to convey the Freemasons under pleasure party arrangements—that is, a single fare and a quarter for the double journey when they are visiting other lodges than their own, and we shall have pleasure in making any arrangements for you on these terms.—Yours truly,

"G. P. NEELE.

"Clement E. Stretton, Esq.,

"Freemasons' Hall, Leicester."

"Midland Railway.

"Office of Superintendent of the Line,

"Derby, February 5th, 1883.

"Sir,—I am sorry my letter of the 2nd inst. was not understood to be quite so clear as I intended it should have been. What I intended to convey is exactly what you state you desire, viz., that parties of Freemasons of not less than six first or 10 third-class passengers visiting any of the lodges (for pleasure only) shall be conveyed under our ordinary pleasure party arrangements, and what applies to members of the Leicester Lodge or lodges will apply equally to the members of lodges in other towns desirous of visiting Leicester or any other town in the district under the same arrangements. Of course it will be necessary for the usual order to be obtained for the issue of tickets in each case, same as all other picnic or pleasure parties. The reservation as to the non-issue of the tickets applies to the issue of tickets to London only.—I am, sir, your obedient servant,

"E. M. NEEDHAM.

"Clement E. Stretton, Esq.,

"Freemasons' Hall, Leicester."

MASONIC BENEVOLENCE AND CHARITY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

For some time past a great deal has been spoken and written on the question of altering the Constitutions so as to more closely assimilate the payments by provincial and London brethren to the Fund of Benevolence, and also to supply this fund with more money to enable the board to be more liberal in their grants.

These are two very distinct questions. In regard to the latter, it might even yet be possible for some very liberal-minded brother to suggest that once a man is a Mason his future means of subsistence should be guaranteed to him, so that under no combination of adverse occurrences should he or his family or those dependent on him suffer want or even become reduced in circumstances; such a scheme would be a splendid one, and would most admirably suit a good many brethren I wot of at present, provided they were not personally called upon to contribute to its support by any compulsory measures; but I fear in such case their voluntary contributions would be so modestly sent in that their most intimate friend would not be able to know that they had liberally distinguished themselves; literally, their own left hand would not know what their right hand had done.

Meantime however the extent of the Board's grants must be in a great measure regulated by the amount of money placed at their disposal, and however large Bro. Clabon's heart of Masonic charity may be, he ought, I humbly venture to think, be satisfied that the provinces do not hold with him as to the necessity of providing more funds at present, for out of 41 Provincial Grand Lodges who had notice on the subject 25 voted against and only three in favour of it, whilst apparently 13 did not send any report in time for the meeting, although I understand several of them have since signified their desire to vote against his motion.

As to the first point, we poor provincials have no objection to the London brethren putting half their four shillings per year and as much more as they like into a local fund for purely local purposes, and to be administered solely by local brethren, provided they will grant us a fair proportion of provincial representation on the Board of Benevolence and equalise our respective expenses in attending thereon, and also at Grand Lodge; but if the London brethren will persist in using the great convenience of their immediate vicinity and the very trifling cost at which they can attend at Grand Lodge, to assemble in large numbers to outvote their provincial brethren, who have in all respects equal rights with themselves, but the great disadvantage of time, distance and cost to contend against, something very serious may be expected to occur and at a not very far distant date. I trust, however, that those brethren who are at present agitating for increased contributions on the one hand, and an assimilation of contributions on the other, will give heed to more temperate counsels in time to avoid occasion for a most serious contention.—Yours fraternally,

P.M. Lancashire.

A CASE OF SICKNESS AND DESTITUTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you please allow us to acknowledge the result of our appeal in your columns of Dec. 23rd, on behalf of Bro. James Shaw, Lodge 15S, Dundee; and also to return Bro. Shaw's and our own hearty thanks to you and the brethren who kindly contributed to the fund.

Cash received:—Collected in neighbourhood, £5 10s. 6d.; Bros. H., 2s. 6d.; T. (Leicester), 5s.; J. King, P.M. 362, £3; McCubbin, P.M. 94S, £1 12s. 6d.; Ditto as Almoner, 94S, £1; A. Allan, 15S (Dundee), £2 6s. 6d.; A. Allan (from Scotch Benevolent Fund), £7; voted by Lodge 591, Aylesbury, £3 3s.; Bros. C. R. Chandler, P.M. 1184, £2 8s. 6d.; W. J. Hughes, W.M. 1206

10s.; other amounts, per Bro. Whiskin, £1 1s. 6d.
Total £28.

Expenditure: Cash, as per instalments to Bro. Shaw, £10 19s. 3d.; Balance paid Bro. Shaw, £17 0s. 9d.
Total £28.

We beg to remain, dear sir and brother, yours fraternally,
G. A. JEFFERIES, P.S.W. 591,
St. Mary's Boys' School, Aylesbury, Bucks.
C. F. WHISKIN, Aylesbury.



THE REPORT OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS, 1882.

The report and balance-sheet of this now really great Institution are before us, and we alike greet it with pleasure and have read it with deep satisfaction. It tells a tale of good management, true work, and well-merited prosperity, and sets before us "facts" which we can all realize, and results which we can all appreciate. We sincerely congratulate the Managing Committee and Bro. Hedges on the successful evidence afforded by the last report of a faithful discharge and development of a responsible trust and most important duties. The whole "ordinary" expenditure of the Girls' School to December 31, 1882, is £8226 14s. 2d. This sum includes provisions, clothing, furniture, utensils, linen, coals, gas, water, general repairs, drugs, school books, rates, the garden and the grounds, salaries and wages, office expenses, &c. The "extraordinary" expenses, which amount to £3486 6s. 1d., include the swimming bath, ventilation, sanitary works, hydrants, repairs, painting, furniture for office, special sick expenses, university examinations, recreation of the girls, gratuities and outfits, almoners, pensions, &c. Thus the whole expenses of the Institution, "ordinary" and "extraordinary," amount to £11,713 12s. 2d. The balance-sheet shows apparently total receipts of £20,246 12s. 2d., but the actual receipts are £15,766 1s. 9d.

Balance of 1881	...	£1480	10	5
Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter	...	160	10	0
From Lodges and Brethren	...	13,927	8	4
Dividends	...	1260	0	0
Purchase	...	178	10	0
Musical Instruction	...	186	7	6
Interest on Deposit	...	44	14	2
Small Sums	...	8	11	9
Transferred from Deposit Account	...	3000	0	0
		£20,246	12	2

Per contra we have:

Ordinary Expenditure	...	£8226	14	2
Extraordinary Expenditure	...	3486	5	1
Purchase of Stock	...	3000	0	0
On Deposit	...	4000	0	0
Balance	...	1533	12	11
		£20,246	12	2

We are informed that considerable liabilities still exist for sanitary alterations, drainage, and improvements, and that the money placed at "deposit" is placed there to meet these claims. As we said before, we sincerely congratulate all concerned in the careful management and successful results of this excellent institution and almost unique educational establishment. There are now 239 girls receiving the inestimable benefits of a first-rate education.

THE WILTSHIRE MASONIC CALENDAR.

This little volume, edited by our esteemed friend and brother, W. Nott, is again before us in its very valuable information in regard to the Province of Wiltshire. It is an admirable little compilation. Bro. W. Nott is well known in connection with his zealous efforts as Secretary of the Charity Committee.



122] CHARLES SACKVILLE.

I have no wish to prolong a discussion which in the circumstances is likely to prove interminable, but there are one or two points in "Dryasdust's" last note which with your permission I will notice. In the first place, I see nothing strange in a foreigner, as Natter was, not accurately describing an English nobleman, that is of course on the supposition that the "Carolus Sackville" of his medal and the Charles Sackville, commonly called the Earl of Middlesex, are one and the same person. It is not many years since all English ladies and gentlemen, whether titled or untitled, were known in France as "miladis" and "milors" respectively, and even now there is a certain grotesque way of describing English folk with titles which is very laughable to their fellow countrymen. That Natter should have got hold of Lord Middlesex's true name is in favour of my theory, that the probabilities incline towards the identity of the two said persons rather than that there were two Charles Sackvilles, of whom one had the distinguishing title of Earl of Middlesex, at Florence, in or about the year 1733. As I remarked in my last communication, comparative nobodies were not in the habit of making the grand tour, and whoever Natter's "Carolus Sackville" may have been, it may be taken for granted that he was a person of distinction or a medal would not have been struck in his honour. The chances are that Freemasonry found its way into Italy through the medium of English travellers who had been initiated into its mysteries, and it must have made some progress by 1737 to have been thought worthy of excommunication by Gaston, the last of the Medicean Grand Dukes of Tuscany, who published an edict against it in that year. Nor do I attach much importance to the absence of any mention or trace "of this Florentine lodge in our English records." Not much care was bestowed on them or we should not find such an entry as "65, St. Rooks-

hill, near Chichester, Sussex, in the reign of Julius Caesar."—see List No. 12, appendix, Gould's "Four Old Lodges"—or that no mention was made of the "English lodge at Bordeaux" which had "met since 1732" till 1769—see "extract from list for 1769" in same appendix. As to "Dryasdust's" remarks, "But it is a very curious and striking fact, explain it as you will, that this "Magister Florentinus" of 1733 cared so little about the Order that he took no notice of it in England, even though his friend and patron, Frederick Prince of Wales joined it. It would have been the most reasonable and likely thing in the world if Lord Middlesex was really a Freemason to be present on such an occasion, especially as he formed part of the Prince's household." Allow me to say that, as far as my researches have gone, it was not till after his marriage with Grace Boyle, daughter and sole heiress of Viscount Shannon, that Lord Middlesex became a member of the Prince's household. He was married in the latter half of 1744. Horace Walpole writing to Mann on 9th November, 1744, says, "Nothing happens; nothing has since I wrote last but Lord Middlesex's wedding, which was over above a week before it was known." On 24th June, 1745, he tells his friend "Lady Middlesex is Mistress of the Robes" to the Princess of Wales, and on 23rd February, 1747, that Lord Middlesex "is going to be Master of the Horse to the Prince of Wales." But the Prince of Wales was initiated in 1737, and therefore unless Lord Middlesex held some office about the Prince's person, of which I am not advised, before he became Master of the Horse as above, his absence on the occasion of his royal friend and patron's initiation is not remarkable. We do not read of his Royal Highness taking any very active part in Freemasonry, and in speaking of his death in 1751, Preston says it occurred at a time when he might have been of service to the Fraternity. At all events on the principle of "like master, like man," a society whose proceedings did not greatly interest the Prince of Wales, would not be likely to receive much notice from his Master of the Horse, especially when his time was so occupied with operative speculations and politics. Lastly, let me point out to "Dryasdust," as I have done before, that I do not argue "that because the 'medal' is there it proves" my case, for I have already said that the case is one of "not proven" in the present state of our knowledge; but I repeat that while the facts are not conclusive of Lord Middlesex's identity with the "Carolus Sackville" of Natter's medal, they furnish "a curiously impressive chain of circumstantial evidence in favour of that proposition." However, does anyone know of a Charles Sackville not bearing the courtesy title of "Earl of Middlesex," or, indeed, any title, who visited Florence in or about the year 1733, and did something in connection with Masonry which was deemed worthy of being commemorated by this medal; or did Natter invent "Charles Sackville" and the lodge at Florence of which he was "Magister"? I do not see that it matters much in respect of the question at issue what Natter may have done at St. Petersburg or elsewhere close on thirty years after the date of the medal. G. B. A.

123] A CURIOUS JEWEL.

Although I read all you print about curious jewels and other relics of the past I rarely have the opportunity of inspecting any Masonic treasures. Calling on a friend last week I was shown a jewel which had been found on the seat of a railway carriage. It is similar to the regulation Royal Arch jewel except that instead of the triangles there is an altar standing on a pavement, and over the altar two columns and an arch, the latter being minus the keystone. The jewel bears the date 1820, and the name of maker "Abraham and Levy, Bath." Any brother who has lost the above jewel should communicate with me, and any explanation as to the meaning and use of the jewel will oblige, yours fraternally, HENRY LOVEGROVE.



Craft Masonry.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington-park, on the 6th inst. Among those present were Bros. Webb, W.M.; Cockburn, S.W.; W.M. elect; Appleton, J.W.; J. Speedy, I.P.M.; W. Mann, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Stranger, S.D.; Cooper, J.D.; Bates, I.G.; Cruise, D.C.; Meredyth, W.S.; Plowman, A.W.S.; Koch, P.M.; G. Everett, P.M.; Higgins, P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; Kohler, P.M.; Palmer, Stokes, Foale, Collett, Buxton, Barry, Reinhardt, Tyler, and others. The visitors were Bros. Francis, P.P.G.D. Surrey; Ayling, W.M. 975; Tuson, P.M. 871; Boswell, P.M. 1339; Rice, S.D. 177; Harvey, 177; Purvis, 749; Collingridge, 1677; Matz, 1839; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed Bro. Lear was duly raised to the Degree of a M.M. The ballot was then taken upon behalf of Mr. James Dennis and it proved to be unanimous, but through unavoidable circumstances he was prevented from attending. The ceremony of installation was then performed by Bro. Webb, assisted by Bros. Higgins, P.M.; Koch, P.M.; and Ayling, W.M. 985. The officers appointed and invested were Bros. Webb, I.P.M.; Appleton, S.W.; Stranger, J.W.; W. Mann, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Cooper, S.D.; Plowman, J.D.; Meredyth, I.G.; Collett, D.C.; Foale, W.S.; and La Feuillade, A.W.S. Previously to the lodge being closed the sum of five pounds was voted to the widow and family of a late brother.

The banquet was served in the large hall, which was tastefully decorated, and the whole proceedings were under the management of Bro. Buxton whose exertions gave unqualified satisfaction to all present. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts followed.

"The Health of the W.M." was warmly proposed by the I.P.M.

In the course of his reply the Worshipful Master expressed his gratitude to the brethren for having elected him to fill so high a position in the lodge. He was aware of the great responsibilities of the office, but he would endeavour

with the assistance of the Past Masters to discharge them to the best of his ability.

"The Installing Master" followed, accompanied by the presentation of a Past Master's jewel. Bro. Webb briefly responded.

"The Visitors" came next in order and was responded to by Bros. Francis and Ayling.

"The toast of 'The Past Masters' was then given and was acknowledged by Bros. Koch and G. Everett.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" having been proposed Bros. Mann and Stuart responded.

"The Health of the Officers" brought the proceedings to a conclusion.

During the evening the brethren were highly entertained by the vocal abilities of Miss Alice Sugden, Mr. Bailey, and Bro. Joseph Matz.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—

The fifth meeting of the season of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 10th inst., at the Carnon-street Hotel, and, no doubt on account of the very unfavourable weather, was but thinly attended. Bros. Kibble, W.M.; Keeble, S.W.; Baber, J.W.; N. B. Headon, Treas.; Blackie, Sec.; and all the assistant officers were present, besides several Past Masters and visitors. The lodge having been duly opened and the minutes confirmed, Bro. Ernest Milton Caslon was raised to the Degree of a M.M., the ceremony being most ably conducted by the W.M., after which Bro. Small was entrusted with the Second Degree, which was equally well performed. Bro. Hamer, P.M., in the absence of Bro. Postans who had given notice of motion, moved "That the sum of 25 guineas be voted from the Benevolent Fund of the lodge to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and placed on the W.M.'s list on his serving as Steward at the ensuing festival," which having been seconded was put and unanimously agreed to. The case of a brother applying for assistance at the last lodge, to whom a donation was made, was again brought before the lodge and it appearing that the inquiries not proving satisfactory it was resolved that no further assistance should be given.

After some communications had been received the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned for refreshment. At the conclusion of the repast and on the withdrawal of the cloth the Worshipful Master gave "The Queen," which was followed by the "National Anthem," well sung by Bro. Cozens, who accompanied himself on the pianoforte.

The Worshipful Master said that the next toast was that of "The Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons," whose services since his connection with the Craft were so well known and esteemed, and he had only to mention his name to evoke the heartiest applause. This toast was enthusiastically received.

The Worshipful Master said the next toast he had the honour of proposing he should do so without preface, as it was "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master; the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. Stevens, P.M., said in proposing the next toast he should also not indulge in any preface as it was a standing toast, for by an unwritten law of the lodge they were bound to show respect to any one who occupied the chair, and he assured they would never do so with greater sincerity than on the present occasion. Therefore he had great pleasure in calling their attention to what he might designate as the toast of the evening, inasmuch as they had not that night a newly-initiated brother amongst them. Their W. Master who was installed in October last was about to leave the chair, and he (Bro. Stevens) trusted that he would be the means of leaving some work for his successor, but he thought they might congratulate themselves on his efficient working of the lodge, and under his kindly rule the prestige of the lodge had been kept up during his year of office. He looked upon him with great pride as one of the first initiates in the lodge, and he might say that very few members had gone through the chair with the same efficiency as their present W. Master. He therefore asked them to accept this toast in as hearty, cordial, and enthusiastic a manner as it deserved, which was "The Health of the Worshipful Master."

The Worshipful Master in reply said he must make a few remarks on the too flattering manner in which Bro. Stevens had proposed his health, but he appreciated the very cordial shake of the hand he received from all the members, and it would be a matter of regret to him when the time should come for him to cease to occupy the chair, as his time for doing so was coming to an end. He had however the satisfaction of knowing that the brother who would follow him would do the work better than he had done or he had been able to do it. He thanked the brethren for that kindly expression of their feelings towards him, and having had his day he knew he should be worthily succeeded by the brother who would follow him in the chair.

The Worshipful Master said the next toast he had to propose was one always favourably received in that lodge as it was "The Health of the Visitors." It was a matter of great importance to a lodge that they should have visitors, and they had a good influence, for without their presence they might become a little bit careless in the way in which they rendered their ceremonies, but when they knew that the visitors were observing them they might perhaps be more cautious, and do their duty in a way which might have a salutary influence upon other lodges.

The visitors severally returned thanks.

The Worshipful Master said he had a special toast to propose which was "The Health of Bro. Caslon." He was about to leave them for a foreign land, and he (the W.M.) asked him as a favour that he would leave them some memento to give them a pleasing remembrance of him during his absence.

Bro. Caslon returned thanks and said he was under deep obligations to them for the manner which he had been received amongst them in The Great City Lodge, and he should never forget the many happy hours he had spent with them and it would be to him the greatest pleasure when he should be able to come amongst them once more.

Bro. Frost favoured the brethren with his performance of "Home sweet home" with variations on the pianoforte, and that beautiful air, was listened to with intense interest, evoking a heartfelt sympathy which that plaintive air is so well calculated to draw forth.

The Worshipful Master next gave "The Past Masters of the Lodge."

Bro. Stevens in responding to the toast alluded to the coming revision of the Book of Constitutions, and the

number of amendments which had been sent in to the Grand Lodge, and which would require the most careful attention not only by the oldest but by the youngest member of the lodge.

The other Past Masters also returned thanks.

The Worshipful Master gave next "The Health of their brothers Treasurer and Secretary" and said he regretted that it was a toast that always came so late in the evening but it was always most enthusiastically received. Their Treasurer was indeed a most wonderful man, for he paid bills with money he had not got, and he was such a wonderful man that they should never get such another. He also took great trouble in assisting him (the W.M.) in the details of his office, and he could not thank him sufficiently for what he had done. As for their brother Secretary he did a great deal more than what were his real duties, and he might say that as regarded their Treasurer and Secretary they had a pair of the most efficient officers any lodge ever possessed.

Bro. Bertram sang the splendid air "Alice" with great effect.

Bro. Headon, P.M. and Treasurer, said it was the most difficult part of a Treasurer's duty to return thanks for the toast which has been proposed, as it was very hard indeed to find anything new to say in returning them thanks for the very cordial manner in which his health was always received. He was pleased that they had that night voted 25 guineas to be placed on the list of the W.M., who would represent the lodge as Steward at the festival for the Girls' School. The lodge had given a sum sufficient to make them Vice-Presidents of the Benevolent Institution, 75 guineas to the Boys' School, and the sum they had voted that night would make them Vice-Presidents of the Girls' School, and it would only require a similar sum next year for the Boys' School to make them Vice-Presidents of all the Masonic Institutions. Next year when their W.M. became Steward for the Boys' School he would have the gratification of knowing that the lodge was Vice-President of all three Institutions, and when that was secured he thought they might stop and take breath and allow younger lodges to do what ought to be done, and that was to do their duty.

Bro. Blackie, Secretary, thanked the brethren for the very kind way in which they had received the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, and he assured them that it was a pleasure to him to attend to the duties of his office, which he discharged to the best of his ability. It appeared that he had given satisfaction to the W.M., and at the end of another year he hoped to give the same satisfaction as he had done in the past.

Some other toasts were given and the proceedings were brought to a close after a most successful and harmonious meeting.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 8th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury Railway Station, when there were present among others the following brethren: Bros. Daniel P. Holness, W.M.; Edward Blinkhorn, S.W.; H. Cox, J.W.; A. C. Halestrap, Sec.; J. Lake, S.D.; W. Shurmur, J.D.; J. H. Thompson, D. of C.; T. Hunt, I.G.; Rayfield Seamer, Org.; John L. Mather, P.M.; U. Knell, P.M.; H. C. Sanders, P.M.; Wm. Bausor, P.M.; Edgar Bowyer, P.M., W.M. 1964; and visitors: Bros. H. S. Wright, P.M. 536; W. J. Higgins, 1580; Alfred Elworthy, 1158; H. Dehane, I.P.M., W.M. 1543; A. Stewart, P.M. 1158; R. Percy, P.M. 228; H. Tyler, 1702; W. Seaman, P.M. 1314; Thos. Blinkhorn, J.D. 120; Geo. T. Chretien, 1328; J. Strugnell, W.M. 1745; H. H. Whale, 172; Alex. Mullord, P.M. 1288; Charles Towney, 201; J. G. Humphreys, W.M. 167; H. G. Holdsworth, 149; W. H. Making, S.D. 1278; W. Sharman, 1382; James Lister, 55; Edwin H. Steers; T. H. Mullord, 1288; J. Osborne, P.M. 1602; John Bullow, J.D. 1613; C. F. Hogard, P.M. 205; G. F. Edwards, 766; Edward Hatch, P.M. 357; S. Earl, J.D. 186; and H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928 (*Freemason*).

There was no work before the lodge besides the installation of the new Master, and this ceremony was beautifully performed by Bro. Daniel Pound Holness, W.M. The brethren appointed and invested by Bro. Edward Blinkhorn, the new W.M., were Bros. D. P. Holness, I.P.M.; H. Cox, S.W.; Joseph Lake, J.W.; Edgar Bowyer, Treas.; A. C. Halestrap, Sec.; W. Shurmur, S.D.; T. Hunt, J.D.; J. H. Thompson, I.G.; Petch, D. of C.; H. Hunt, Steward; and R. Seamer, Org.

Bro. Holness, I.P.M., afterwards delivered the charges, and a very valuable P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Holness.

The late Treasurer, Bro. Cooke having sent in his resignation, Bro. Mather proposed and Bro. Bowyer seconded that the honorary membership of the lodge should be conferred on Bro. Cooke in consideration of his past services to the lodge, and this having been unanimously carried, Bro. Mather proposed and Bro. Bowyer seconded the presentation of a testimonial to Bro. Cooke, consisting of a vellum framed and glazed conveying the expression of the lodge's appreciation of his services. Another brother having proposed a piece of plate it was resolved to appoint a committee for determining the form the testimonial should take, the lodge agreeing to defray the expenses.

The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to banquet. This was tastefully laid by the proprietor of the Cock in the billiard room, a handsome square room capable of accommodating a large number of brethren, the billiard tables having been removed specially for the occasion—the first time this room had been set apart for the purpose. The banquet and wines were of the finest description, and the attendance everything that could be desired. After the banquet the usual list of toasts was proceeded with, the W.M. proposing "The Queen," "The Grand Master," "The Pro and Deputy Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers."

Bro. Holness, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M." said very few words were required of him to recommend the toast to the brethren's notice because the qualifications of Bro. Blinkhorn for the office, and his abilities and good nature were so well known. The W.M. was just the right man in the right place. The lodge had been favoured in years gone by with very good men as Masters, but the prestige of the lodge in Bro. Blinkhorn's hands was quite safe, for he would follow in the steps of those Masters, and if possible he would exceed them. Bro. Blinkhorn was almost one of the first initiates in the lodge. He was quite sure Bro. Blinkhorn would fill the office of Master as worthily as any of those who had gone before him.

The W.M. replying said in entering upon his year of office he felt great anxiety as to whether he should carry out his duties, because he knew that in the brethren who had preceded him there were those who were well qualified to do so. But the brethren might depend upon it that what he could do he should do to keep up the prestige of the lodge, and that he should always endeavour to discharge his duties. He felt that in placing him in that position the brethren had every confidence in him. Coming into such a position must be a novel thing to any brother however well he might have served the other offices of the lodge, because there were responsibilities attaching to the position which there were not in the others. He should endeavour to give the brethren satisfaction, and he hoped that when he left the chair he should take with him the brethren's esteem. There was one thing he should have pride in doing during his year of office—going up as Steward for one of the Institutions. It was a privilege the Master of the lodge had generally availed himself of. One brother—Bro. Thompson—was taking the Stewardship of the Boys' School in June, and it was not the first time that that name had been heard in connection with the Charities. That brother when he went round the table would no doubt get a good list, with possibly a prospect of more to come from those brethren who were not present. The brethren of the lodge had always sent up as good a list as any that had been sent up by the younger lodges.

In giving the toast of "The Visitors" the Worshipful Master said the list the Islington Lodge had that night was one that any lodge might be proud of and he was pleased to be surrounded by them, more especially as there were among them so many of his own personal friends.

Bro. W. Seaman, P.M. 1314, said in reply that this was not the first time that he had visited the Islington Lodge on its installation evening. Bro. Blinkhorn and Bro. Holness he had had the pleasure of meeting before in another place under the preceptorship of Bro. J. L. Mather. It was a very great pleasure to see them both occupying their present proud positions, and also to see the enthusiastic receptions they both met with.

Bro. C. F. Hogard, P.M. 205, also replied, and said the office of W.M. was a most important one, and knowing how well Bro. Blinkhorn filled the other offices in the lodge, he had no doubt the duties of Master would be performed by him equally well.

Bro. Dehane, W.M. 1543, in the course of his reply said the way in which the ceremonies of installation and investiture were performed that evening reflected the highest credit on the Islington lodge, and he could not omit to notice also the generous hospitality the lodge had displayed to the visitors.

In proposing "The Health of the Installing Master," the W.M. said the way in which the ceremony of installation had been performed was no more than they could expect after the superior style in which the Mastership of the lodge had been filled during the past year by Bro. Holness, whom for ability and courtesy he held up as a pattern to all the brethren of the lodge.

Bro. Holness in reply said nothing was more gratifying to a Master than the duty of installing his successor. If he had performed the ceremony to the brethren's satisfaction it was a great gratification to him. It was a duty which as a rule only fell to a man once in his lifetime, and he was amply repaid for his trouble in the satisfaction of the lodge. Whatever excellence he had attained in the working of Freemasonry was really due to the efforts of Bro. J. L. Mather. When he first saw the Masonic ceremonies worked he was afraid he would not be able to learn them, but Bro. Mather seemed to think he would have in him an apt pupil, and induced him to attend a lodge of instruction, and he took a great deal of pains to teach him both there and privately.

"The Past Masters" was the next toast, and Bro. Mather replying said he was at all times ready to render any assistance in Freemasonry, but the I.P.M. and the W.M. had exaggerated the value of the services he had rendered. He had to thank the brethren for the way in which they had always received him. He hoped the lodge would flourish and that he might have the privilege and honour to stand in that proud position many years to return thanks to the brethren for their kindness.

To the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary" Bro. Halestrap replied. Bro. Bowyer had been obliged to leave for another entertainment.

In giving the toast of "The Charities," the W.M. said he hoped the Charities would always be supported in the Islington Lodge. He was afraid the large number who had been introduced into Freemasonry of late years would cause great and heavy calls on the resources of the Order, and he pointed out that from 1471, which was the number of the Islington Lodge, the number of lodges had now increased to nearly 2000. He would not like to see all the money spent now, but invested to meet the demands for years to come. The institution that most deserved their efforts he thought was the Boys' School and he was glad Bro. Thompson was going to represent this lodge at the next festival of the institution.

Bro. Thompson in reply hoped he should take up a magnificent list. Every member of the lodge who was present had put his name down for a sum according to his ability, and the list now amounted to £51 19s. As a young Mason he did not think he could do a better thing than take the first opportunity of representing this lodge at the annual festival of the Boys' School. A great deal could no doubt be said on behalf of the Benevolent and the Girls' Institutions, but they had to think that the boys of the country formed the nucleus from which the future manhood of this country would be supplied, which was the greatest manhood of the world. If it was not they should try to make it so. He did not know whether it was the custom of Masons to visit these Institutions, but he went himself a few weeks ago for the first time to the Boys' School when Bro. Michael Mullen gave an entertainment there, and no one could help being struck with the sturdy, honest, healthy appearance of the boys, and he could not help thinking that the money was well spent and that the result was commensurate with the amount. He believed there was a scheme on foot for establishing a preparatory school, which he presumed meant that boys would be taken in at three or four years old. He did not think that any time, money, or care could be thrown away on the Boys' Institution, and no institution was more worthy of the Craft. There was no reason why the boys should not be taken in at three or four, and no stone should be left unturned to bring about this result.

The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

HENLEY LODGE (No. 1472).—The usual monthly meeting of the above flourishing little lodge took place at Bro. West's house, the Three Crowns, North Woolwich, on Tuesday, the 6th inst., Bro. J. A. Elder, W.M., in the chair, supported by the following officers and others: Bros. W. J. Burgess, I.P.M.; E. West, P.M. and P.P.; G. P. Herts; W. Vance, P.M.; V. J. Holloway, S.W.; C. T. Lewis, J.W.; J. Ives, P.M., Secretary; A. J. Manning, P.M., and P.G.J.D. Essex, Treas.; A. Ives, S.D.; C. Jolly, J.D. (*Freemason*); C. H. Canning, J. Savage, C. Helford, R. Hucknell, J. Paul, C. J. Carter, J. Brightmore, W. Wellard, S. Woodland, A. Knight, C. J. Jones, C. Humphreys, T. Crabtree, 274; H. Connolly, 1507; W. G. Lock, 13; F. Osborne, 1287; and R. Ross, 1744.

The minutes of the last meeting having been duly confirmed, Bro. Millard was raised; the W.M. gave the traditional history in rare form. The election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing twelve months was then proceeded with, and Bro. V. J. Holloway, S.W., was elected unanimously to the first of those positions, Bro. Manning, P.M., re-elected to the second, and Bro. Page, P.M., to the third. Bros. J. Savage and Jones were then elected as Auditors, and the lodge was closed.

A comfortable little supper was then partaken of, and the brethren around the social board passed a few hours in harmony.

ALDERSGATE LODGE (No. 1657).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Castle and Falcon Hotel, Aldersgate-street, on Monday last. There were present Bro. Alfred Brookman, W.M., supported by the following officers and members of the lodge: Bros. George Kenning, P.M. 192, P.G.D. Middx., I.P.M.; Sam. Benton, M.D., S.W.; Sam. White, J.W.; Rev. Richd. Lee, M.A., Chap.; John D. Allcroft, P.M., Treas.; Rev. Dr. P. H. E. Brette, P.M., P.G. Chap. Middx., Sec.; E. J. Jolliffe, S.D.; E. Anderton, D.C.; T. Benskin, A.D.C.; W. H. Froom and Geo. Vickery, Stwds.; A. J. Altman, P.M.; A. B. Hudson, T. G. Vickery, Fred. Crookford, E. F. B. Fuller, J. Renals, M. R. Webb, H. T. Matthews, Dr. Alder-Smith, John Larkin, G. Rawlinson, P. Saillard. Honorary members: Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; and P. M. Holden.

The following brethren were present as visitors: Bros. J. Squire, P.M. 3; Rev. Henry Lansdell, D.D., W.M. 4; H. M. Gordon, P.M. 1293, P.G.D. Middx.; W. C. Johnson, 92; Lieut-Col. Sedley, 552; Dr. C. Hogg, P.M. 92; H. Montague Bates, W.M. 91; C. Rochemann, P.M. 515, Malta; P. Benton, 1000; W. Kirkland, 1949; G. Tidcombe, P.M. 1549, P.G.D.C. Middx.; J. Dickson, 1572; Percy Crampton, I.G. 1572; J. G. Chillingworth, W.M. 192; J. Holah, J.D. No. 1; J. E. O. Daly, 283 (I.C.); J. E. Walford, P.M. 177, 1489; G. Manners, W.M. 1589; Alderman J. Staples, No. 1; Robert Raynham-Weed, 1706; E. Harding, 183; Nelson Reed, P.M. 1572, 1601, 1671; P. D. Eyre, 1106; S. W. Hopwood, P.M. 2; John Williams, 1150; A. C. Hunter, W.M. 1494; Jas. Beure, G. T. Mather (Unity); Edgar Bowyer, W.M. 1904, P.G.S.W. Herts; Geo. Smith jun., W.M. 1839; T. J. Thomas, 28; H. J. Strong, P.M. 452, P.G.W. Surrey; F. G. Faithfull, 1820; Walter J. Green, 1549; Robt. De Lacy, 1700; W. Winn (Harmony); J. Hodges, 1706; G. T. Carter, P.M. 382; C. W. Thompson, P.M. 969.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. George Rawlinson as a joining member, who was duly elected. The report of the Finance Committee was then received and adopted. Bros. E. T. B. Fuller and T. G. Vickery were passed to the Second Degree. A candidate for initiation was also on the agenda but was prevented from attending owing to an accident.

A proposition was carried to place £10 10s. on the list of the newly-installed Master, who will represent the lodge at the forthcoming festival of the Girls' School. Two gentlemen were proposed for initiation at the next meeting of the lodge. It was proposed by Bro. George Kenning, P.M., and seconded by Bro. J. D. Allcroft, P.M., Treas., that an additional bye-law be added to those already in force, to the effect that the number of members be limited to 30; this was carried unanimously.

Bro. Samuel Benton, M.D., was then installed in the chair by the Grand Secretary, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, in his usual able and impressive manner.

The newly installed Master appointed and invested his officers as follow: Bros. Alfred Brookman, I.P.M.; Samuel White, S.W.; E. Y. Jolliffe, J.W.; Rev. R. Lee, M.A., Chap.; John Derby Allcroft, P.M., Treas.; Rev. Dr. P. H. E. Brette, P.M., Sec.; Edward Anderton, S.D.; W. H. Froom, J.D.; Geo. Vickery, I.G.; Joseph Renals, D.C., Stwd.; A. B. Hudson; M. R. Webb; Frederick Crookford, W.S.

A banquet afterwards took place at which the W.M. presided, supported by the Grand Secretary and other distinguished visitors.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured, that of "The Visitors" being responded to by Bros. Edgar Bowyer, Alderman Staples, J. G. Faithfull, and Henry Lansdell, D.D.

An excellent programme of music was carried out under the direction of Bro. Robert Raynham, assisted by Master A. Probert, Master Sidney Smith, Bros. J. L. Hodges, G. T. Carter, R. De Lacey, Winn, and G. F. Smith.

SAINT LEONARD LODGE (No. 1766).—The usual monthly meeting of the Saint Leonard Lodge was held at the Town Hall, Shoreditch, on the 8th inst., under the presidency of Bro. J. A. Jones, W.M. There were also present Bros. L. Stean, P.M.; C. F. Barham, P.M.; E. Benjamin, P.M.; A. A. Clement, S.W.; J. Funston, J.W.; Rev. H. G. Henderson, Chap.; E. Walker, S.D.; F. Mathews, J.D.; R. Drysdale, I.G.; H. J. Thrower, D.C.; G. C. Young, Org.; L. Harris, Sec.; J. Very, Tyler, and a good attendance of brethren.

The lodge was opened according to ancient form, and the business comprised the passing of Bros. Rose, Henman, jun., and Colls to the F.C. Degree. Mr. Thomas Weatherly was unanimously elected and initiated into the mysteries of the Order. Bro. W. Shurmur, No. 1471, and Bro. James Tames, No. 723, were unanimously elected joining members. Bro. E. T. Clark was appointed Assistant Secretary. The whole of the ceremonies were ably worked by the W.M. and his officers. On the motion of Bro. Barham, seconded by Bro. Stean, a vote of con-

dolence was passed to the widow of the late Bro. Charles Davis, whose decease is deeply regretted by the members of the lodge.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren retired to refreshment.

HASTINGS.—Derwent Lodge (No. 40).—The brethren of this old lodge met on the 12th inst., at the Castle Hotel. Bro. J. Pierce, W.M., presided, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. E. W. Hennah, I.P.M.; W. H. Russell, S.W.; Plowman, J.W.; G. F. Wood, Sec.; T. H. Hallett, S.D.; Cross-thwaite, J.D.; T. Hallett, Org.; T. Markwick, I.G.; W. Leslie, Tyler; Thomas Trollope, M.D., P.P.G.S.W., P.M. 40 and 1820; Charles Duke, P.P.G.J.D., P.M. 40, W.M. 1184; C. M. Norris, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Rev. E. F. Cave-Browne-Cave, M.A., P.M., P.P.G. Chap.; F. Rossiter, P.M.; J. Dorman, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; J. Hurst, P.M. 338, P.P.G.D. Herefordshire; George Gaze, E. Bradnam, F. Duke, J. Bray, G. Roddis, H. Gloyns, A. Gush, C. Hallett, H. Knowles, W. Allen, T. H. Case, J. Foord, Wm. Galter, 1160; Henry Kimm, 1184 (*Freemason*), and others.

The death of the late lamented Bro. George Wellerd, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C., and for 34 years Treasurer, had cast a gloom over the lodge, which was draped in mourning, the officers and brethren appearing in evening dress, craped on arm and apron.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Allen and Case presenting themselves as candidates for raising, were examined according to ancient customs, and gave abundant proof of the further progress they had made in the science, receiving their due reward from the W.M. Bro. Pierce worked the Degree in a most impressive manner, and was ably assisted by his officers and Past Masters, so that the candidates were enabled to follow and appreciate all the beauties of this splendid ceremony. Bro. Thomas Trollope, P.P.G.S.W. (in the absence of Bro. T. H. Cole, P.M.), brought forward his motion "That the sum of ten guineas be voted from the lodge funds and placed upon the list of Bro. Charles Dilke, P.P.G.J.D., representing the Derwent as Steward at the forthcoming festival on the 28th inst. of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution." Bro. T. Trollope in a concise and well directed speech impressed all the brethren to give what they could, however small, so as to enlarge the Steward's list, and particularly referred to Bro. Hayter, who had been suffering for several years from severe illness and domestic afflictions. It was also proposed by Bro. Trollope and that notice be given, that a sum of ten guineas be voted from the Edward's Charity Fund for the same object.

Seconded by Bro. the Rev. E. F. Cave-Browne-Cave, P.P.G. Chap., who then according to notice that he had previously given, eloquently addressed the brethren on the grief the lodge was suffering in the demise of their late respected Bro. Wellerd, and proposed that a vote of condolence be forwarded to the widow and family. Several communications having been read the lodge was duly closed.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Integrity (No. 163).—The installation of Bro. Joseph Senior took place and the St. John's Festival celebrated at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Wednesday, the 31st ult. We have on a previous occasion referred to the continued prosperity of this lodge, its admirable working, and true Masonic hospitality, and we have now great pleasure in recording its charitable acts. During the past year the lodge has given £42 to the "Boys' Preparatory School Building Fund," and also subscribed the annual amount of £2 2s. to the three London Institutions respectively, also £5 to the East Lancashire Systematic Educational Benevolent Institution and 10 guineas to the Manchester and Salford Boys' and Girls' Refuges. The lodge disposes annually of a total of 427 votes for the Masonic Institutions, all but 16 being in perpetuity, and for which the sum of £1149 10s. has been given, and this amount is exclusive of various donations that have been given to the Manchester Infirmary, the National Lifeboat Institution, Hospital Sunday Fund, Commercial Travellers' Schools, &c., and it is therefore obvious that this, figuratively speaking, grand lodge has acted nobly towards the cause of charity and set a praiseworthy example for others in the province to follow.

Amongst the brethren present were Bros. J. M. Sinclair, W.M.; Joseph Senior, S.W.; J. Siddeley, J.W.; J. E. Williams, P.M., Treas.; John Studd, Sec.; Benj. Williams, S.D.; W. D. Waddell, J.D.; J. W. P. Salmon, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; Wm. Livesey, I.G.; Joseph Wildgoose, P.G.J.D.; W. Robinson, P.M.; H. H. Warburton, P.M.; Henry Walley, P.M.; A. Nield, P.M.; G. F. East, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; R. Nield, P.M.; J. Kidson Taylor, E. Wood, Walter Stott, J. B. Sumner, Thos. Nowell, W. T. Dunn, R. L. McMillan, W. G. Watson, W. D. Holbrook, Matthew Owen, J. H. Beckett, Geo. Lowenthal, G. H. Deakin, Max Isaacs, D. D. Macpherson, J. P. Bedson, Arthur Scott, W. M. Lee, J. Clemney, A. Williams, and A. L. Dunnevin. Visitors: Bros. Clement R. N. Beswicke-Royds, G. Deacon Eng., P.P.G.S.W.; John Chadwick, Prov. G. Sec.; E. Simpson, P.M. 1357, P.P.G.D. Cheshire; Alfred Turner, P.M., Treas. 1055; J. B. Stansfield, 1134; J. E. Lees, P.G. Treas.; G. A. Yates, W.M. 993; Frank A. Huet, P.M. 1009; J. Laidlaw, W.M. 1375; Wm. Wildgoose, 941; D. Clarke, 625; Robt. Hunter, P.M. 1088; Wm. Gray, 999 and 1385; F. Congden, 999; B. S. Marshall, 999 and 1633; J. John West, P.M. 1055; D. M. Kapagori, P.M. 1189; J. Godbert, 1009; Geo. Smedley, P.M. 633; T. H. Glendinning, P.M. 1055; Wm. Pearson, 657; Frank Wibberley, S.W. 935; William Nicholl, P.M. 317; and R. R. Liscenden, S.D. 317 (*Freemason*).

The lodge was then opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. After the usual preliminaries the installation ceremony was proceeded with, Bro. Joseph Wildgoose, P.M., P.G.J.D., officiating as installing Master, with his well known ability.

The W.M. elect, Bro. Joseph Senior, was with all due rite and ceremony installed W.M. for the ensuing year, and duly proclaimed and saluted as such, after which he appointed his officers who were invested by Bro. George F. East as follows: Bros. Wm. Siddeley, S.W.; Benjamin Williams, J.W.; J. E. Williams, P.M., Treas.; J. Kidson Taylor, Sec.; W. D. Waddell, S.D.; W. Livesey, J.D.; John Studd, I.G.; J. P. Bedson, Org.; J. W. P. Salmon, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Dir. of Cers.; D. D. Macpherson, J. B. Sumner, G. B. Kershaw, Philip Caspar, A. H. Scott, W. M. Lee, Stewards, and J. Sly, Tyler.

Bro. G. F. East, P.M., delivered the three addresses in a masterly manner and concluded the ceremony with prayer.

On the motion of the W.M., seconded by Bro. J. M. Sinclair, Bro. J. W. P. Salmon, P.M., was again appointed as Charity representative of the lodge. It was also resolved that a soiree in connection with the lodge be held on the 2nd of March.

After hearty good wishes had been expressed by the numerous visitors the lodge was closed in peace and harmony. We had almost omitted to state that the Board of Installed Masters numbered 37.

The brethren, numbering 88, afterwards celebrated the Festival of St. John at a banquet which was admirably served under the able superintendence of Bro. Phillips, who generalised the staff of waiters with precision and skill. When the banquet was finished the toast list was proceeded with.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the M.W.G.M., Bro. Albert Edward Prince of Wales, H.R.H. the Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family," supplementing each toast with a few appropriate remarks.

Bro. Wm. Siddeley, S.W., proposed "The Health of the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master," after which Bro. J. M. Sinclair, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the Earl of Lathom" and in the course of his remarks alluded to the illness of the noble Earl, and trusted he might soon be permitted to resume those active Masonic duties for which he was renowned.

In proposing "The Health of the R.W.P.G.M., Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie," the W.M. said they were all so well acquainted with the satisfactory manner in which Col. Starkie fulfilled the duties of his high office that to comment at any length upon them would be like painting the lily, he would therefore content himself by calling upon the brethren to drink his health. The invitation was warmly responded to by the brethren.

After which the Worshipful Master proposed "The Healths of the V.W. Deputy P.G.M., Bro. George Mellor, and the rest of the Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers," which was also cordially responded to.

In reply to the toast Bro. J. E. Lees, P.G. Treas., said he felt great pleasure in being present with them that day, and witnessing the installation ceremony which had been so ably performed by Bros. Wildgoose and East, who were however always proficient in any ceremony they had to perform. Bro. Lees concluded by expressing his sincere thanks for the invitation he had received.

Bro. John Chadwick, P.G. Sec., also replying to the toast, said he could say nothing but in commendation of the working he had witnessed, or of the efforts which the lodge had made from time to time in the cause of charity, and there was consequently nothing but commendation due. Bro. Chadwick concluding said that whenever he spoke abroad of a pattern for good working and an example for charity, he always mentioned the Integrity Lodge, and he wished it in all sincerity every success.

Bro. George F. East in proposing "The Health of the W.M." said he experienced very great pleasure in so doing because he felt no W.M. ever more worthily occupied that position than Bro. Senior, who had by his genial disposition and kindly manner endeared himself to all who knew him, either in or out of the lodge, and in so zealously fulfilling his Masonic duties had done all a brother could do. Bro. East continuing said the brethren had all heard how nicely their W.M. had sang the beautiful song a short time ago, and many of them like himself were aware how ably Bro. Senior had contributed to the harmony of the lodge ever since he became a member of it. Bro. East went on to say that he felt sure the Past Masters of the lodge would do all in their power to support and assist Bro. Senior in his position, and that the officers would unite together with the same object, and he felt convinced their W.M. would be second to none who had preceded him, and none would have done their duty more satisfactorily. The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm, after which Bro. J. W. P. Salmon sang "Here's to his health in a song."

Bro. Senior in reply said he rose to thank the brethren very heartily indeed for the warm manner in which they had responded to the toast of his health. He was thoroughly sensitive of the important duties attached to the office of W.M., but he assured them he had the interest of 163 at heart, and with the assistance of the P.M.'s and the officers he would do his utmost to make himself worthy of his position, and cultivate that good feeling which he believed existed amongst them all, thereby illustrating that beautiful passage of the ritual which says "My hand given to Master Mason shall be a sure pledge of brotherhood." Bro. Senior in conclusion, said he trusted they would all try to live up to Masonry, and he hoped that at the expiration of his year of office it might be said of him that he had been a better man than any of his predecessors.

Bro. Joseph Wildgoose, P.M., P.G.J.D., in proposing "The Healths of the Visiting Brethren" said he could assure them they were heartily welcome and that the members of the lodge were at all times pleased to see visitors.

Bros. Richd. Timperley, P.G.S.D.; Edward Simpson, P.P.G.D. Cheshire; and D. M. Kapagore, P.M. 1189, Bombay, responded.

In proposing "The Health of the I.P.M. (Bro. J. M. Sinclair), and the P.Ms. of the lodge," the Worshipful Master said, in reference to the I.P.M., no brother had worked more diligently for the lodge than Bro. Sinclair, whose working during his year of office left nothing to be desired and pleased all who witnessed it. The W.M. continuing, said it had been all along Bro. Sinclair's ambition to have the right men in the lodge whom none would be ashamed of meeting outside. With regard to the P.Ms. they were all good and tried men, and the appearance of ten P.Ms. round the table that evening testified to the great interest they had taken in the lodge. In conclusion, Bro. Senior called upon the brethren to cordially respond to the toast.

Bro. J. M. Sinclair in reply said although his reign was over it was a great satisfaction for him to know that before his sun had gone down a substantial sum had been given to charity of nearly £90, and although he had now become one of the upper house he did not intend to remain inactive, but should in conjunction with the other Past Masters render the W.M. all the assistance he could. On behalf of the Past Masters he begged to thank the brethren for drinking their healths.

"The Masonic Charities" were ably commented upon by Bro. J. W. P. Salmon, P.P.G.D.C., who reminded the brethren that strenuous efforts must be made between the

present time and next June, when the Boys' Festival would take place, towards subscribing a large sum to that Grand Institution, and informed the brethren that the success which had hitherto attended the election of a boy from the Province of East Lancashire would in future be greatly impeded unless a large sum was raised, which would require the individual efforts of every brother.

Bro. Joseph Wildgoose responded to the toast.

Other toasts were proposed and responded to, and one of the largest and most successful meetings we ever attended was brought to a close.

During the evening some excellent songs and recitations were given by Bros. J. E. and B. Williams, J. Senior, J. D. Smith, and J. H. Greenwood.

DERBY.—Hartington Lodge (No. 1085).—A very distinguished gathering took place at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 7th inst, the occasion being the anniversary of the above lodge and the installation of its W.M. for the ensuing year. The lodge was opened by Bro. Manton, the retiring Master, when Bro. W. Butterfield, S.W., was presented by Bro. Moore, P.P.G.R., and Bro. Russell, P.G.J.D., for the benefit of installation, which ceremony was performed by Bro. Manton, assisted by Bros. Moore and Russell, in a most efficient and impressive manner.

The newly installed master invested his officers as follows: Bros. Hart, S.W.; Popplewell, J.W.; Russell, P.M., Treasurer; Wallis, P.M., Sec.; Carr, S.D.; Richardson, J.D.; Belfield, W.M. 802, D. of C.; Dodd, Org.; J. H. Clarke, I.G.; Wright and Stone, Stewards; and Bro. W. Stone, Tyler. The W.M. afterwards presented to Bro. Manton on behalf of the lodge a beautiful Past Master's jewel in recognition of his able services to the lodge as W.M. during the past year.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room where a repast was provided in excellent style by Bro. Popplewell, J.W. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. The toast of the evening, "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by the S.W. in a very able speech, and received by the brethren with great enthusiasm. Bro. Butterfield is known to a very large Masonic circle. As Preceptor of the lodge of instruction he is highly esteemed for his correct working, and he is, no doubt, destined to hold a prominent position in the Craft.

Next perhaps in importance was the toast of "The Officers of the Lodge." The W.M. was complimented on the selection of his officers and it was confidently anticipated that the chair of the lodge would not lack a suitable occupant for some time to come. The great number of visitors from the other lodges in the town and neighbourhood and also from a distance was highly complimentary to Bro. Butterfield, and also evinced the good fellowship that exists between the Hartington and sister lodges.

Our space is too limited to give the names of all those present, and it is a difficult matter to make a selection from such a large assembly of Masons of high rank. However we give a few names: Bros. Cox, Marsden, Naylor, and Smith, P.P.S.G.Ws.; Orrall, Prov. G. Chap.; Moore and Ward, P.P.G.Rs.; Whittaker, P.G.R.; Frazer, P.P.G.S.D.; Russell, P.G.J.D.; Taylor, P.P.G.D. of C.; Wallis, P.G.D. of C.; Cooper, P.P.G.P.; and a large number of other past and present officers of Provincial Grand Lodge; Radway, P.M. 41, P.P.G.S.W. Somerset; Wharton, Curtis, Turner, Payne, Arnold, Marlowe, and a number of other visiting brethren from a distance, as well as the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, officers, and brethren from the other lodges in the town.

MANCHESTER.—Strangways Lodge (No. 1219).—The annual meeting for the installation of the W.M. elect took place on Wednesday evening, the 7th inst., at the Empire Hotel, Moreton-street, Strangways. The following brethren were present: Bros. C. Schofield, W.M.; H. Metcalf, S.W.; C. Hargreaves, J.W.; W. W. Dawson, I.P.M.; J. Andrew, P.M.; W. T. Schofield, P.M.; R. Leech, P.M.; W. Brandon, P.M.; Appleby, Sec.; Rogers, P.M., Treas.; Willis, S.D.; Kelly, J.D.; Russell, I.G.; T. D. Lewin, W. Peel, S. T. Renshaw, E. Johnson, F. Lever, G. Plant, W. Walls, H. R. Slatter, R. Aniscow, T. W. Whittle, R. Acomb, E. Everleigh, W. Williams, A. H. Batty, E. Smithard, E. Holbrook, and R. Hughes. Visitors: Bros. R. J. Stanford, S.W. 1077; J. Walkden, W.M. 1534; R. Barlow, S.W. 1147; W. Johnson, Sec. 1335; E. Seddon, 178; J. Davies, P.M. 1147; J. W. Abbott, P.M. 1030 and 1459; T. W. Roberts, W.M. 227; J. Bury, P.M. 325; W. Perkins, 1398; N. Dumville, P.M. 152 and 322; F. A. Huet, P.M. 696 and 1009, P.P.G.P. Staffordshire; R. Caldwell, P.M.; J. Openshaw, 1077; T. Lever, 1077; and J. Burgess, P.M. 1161.

The lodge was opened in due form and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed the balance sheet, which presented a very satisfactory result of the year's working, was commented upon by the Auditors and adopted.

The installation ceremony was then commenced, Bro. W. W. Dawson, P.M., being the Installing Master, assisted by Bros. W. T. Schofield, P.M.; Wm. Brandon, P.M.; and Chas. J. Schofield, W.M. The W.M. elect, Bro. Henry Metcalf, after being presented to the Installing Master was with due rite and ceremony inducted into the chair of K.S., and proclaimed and saluted in the customary manner. The W.M. then appointed his officers for the year, and they were severally invested and addressed by Bros. W. T. Schofield, P.M.; Wm. Brandon, P.M.; and Robt. Caldwell, as follows: Bros. Chas. Hargreaves, S.W.; Wm. Appleby, J.W.; W. T. Schofield, P.M., Treas.; W. W. Dawson, P.M., Sec.; T. D. Lewin, S.D.; S. T. Renshaw, J.D.; H. R. Slatter, I.G.; Wm. Brandon, D.C. and Org.; Lever, Williams, and Eveleigh, Stewards.

The address to the W.M. was given by Bro. Chas. J. Schofield, I.P.M.; to the Wardens by Bro. Brandon, P.M.; and the one to the brethren by Bro. W. T. Schofield, P.M. "Hearty good wishes" having been given by the visiting brethren the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

The brethren and visitors then celebrated the Festival of St. John by partaking of a banquet provided for the occasion, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to; also the usual toasts to "The W.M.," "The I.P.M.," "The Masonic Charities," &c., all of which met with a hearty and cordial reception. At intervals during the evening a glee party, consisting of

Bros. Dumville, Miller, and Lewtas, enlivened the proceedings by rendering in a very efficient manner a number of glees and songs, all of which were thoroughly enjoyed.

LEIGH.—Marquis of Lorne Lodge (No. 1354).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 7th inst. The lodge was opened by Bro. Wm. Chas. Freeman, W.M., assisted by Bros. J. Kerfoot, S.W.; J. Charlton, J.W.; and other officers. Two candidates were passed to the Second Degree, the first by the W.M. and the second by Bro. Jas. Jackson, P.M., P.G.A.D.C. The working tools were explained by the W.M. A candidate for initiation was proposed, and after the charity box had received substantial support the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. Some excellent songs and recitations were given during the evening, and a pleasant gathering was brought to a close with the Tyler's toast.

SEAFORTH.—Skelmersdale Lodge (No. 1380).—The members of this excellently conducted lodge (which enjoys the special honour of having had Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master of England, Prov. Grand Master West Lancashire, as its first Worshipful Master), assembled in strong force at Seafeld House, near Liverpool, on Monday, the 5th inst., when the annual celebration of the Festival of St. John took place with great éclat. There was a numerous and influential gathering of the Masonic rulers on this occasion, showing the popularity which the lodge enjoys in its new headquarters. The proceedings were inaugurated by Bro. F. W. Barnes, the retiring W.M., who was supported by a full complement of his officers and members, the attendance including Bros. R. H. Exton, P.M.; John Cobham, P.M.; Rev. T. W. Richardson, P.M.; F. Smitton, S.W. (W.M. elect); R. A. Davies, J.W.; E. Ford, P.M.; Treas.; H. A. Tobias, P.P.G.S. of W.; Sec.; H. E. Betts, S.D.; G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C.; M.C.; G. Ratcliffe, I.G.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The members present were Bros. P. J. Fegan, P. Blackburn, H. Quick, J. Almond, W. S. Limerick, and J. G. Deacon. Amongst the visitors were Bros. J. P. Platt, P.P.G.M. Cheshire; J. T. Callow, P.P.G., Treas.; John Houlding, P.P.G. Reg.; R. Martin, P.M. 1182; Hon. Sec. of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution; J. P. Bryan, P.G.O.; J. J. Luce, P.M. 437; T. A. Ryder, P.M. 1359; W. Wilkinson, S.W. 1086; J. Orr Marples, I.G. 1609; S. Schonstadt, P.M. 1502; R. White, Sec. 241; J. Latta, I.P.M. 241; W. Savage, W.M. 1609; H. Davies, P.M. 605; M. Pearson, S.D. 1086; J. T. Jackson, 1051; J. B. Mackenzie, P.M. 1609, Treas.; P. W. Juncken, J.W. 786; T. J. Coonan, 241; W. Van Hodgenhuyze, 1325; G. B. Taylor, J.W. 202; R. E. Bence, 673; A. M. Fabert, P.M. 216; and W. H. Morrison, 409.

After the minutes had been read and confirmed the chair of Installing Master was taken by Bro. the Rev. T. W. Richardson, P.M., who proceeded to place Bro. Frederic Smitton in the Worshipful Master's position, the presentation for the benefit of installation being made by Bro. G. Broadbridge, P.M., M.C., and Bro. E. Ford, P.M., Treas. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Richardson with remarkable effectiveness, and in a manner which elicited the hearty approbation of the assembled brethren. Bro. Smitton invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. F. W. Barnes, I.P.M.; R. A. Davies, S.W.; Dr. W. S. Limrick, J.W.; E. Ford, P.M., Treas. (re-elected); H. A. Tobias, P.P.G.S. of W.; Sec. (re-appointed); H. E. Betts, M.C.; G. Ratcliffe, S.D.; H. M. Quick, J.D.; G. H. Taylor, I.G.; J. Almond, Org.; W. H. Ball (re-elected), Tyler.

At the conclusion of the installation ceremony the newly-chaired Master initiated four candidates in an exceedingly impressive manner, receiving valuable assistance from his principal and junior officers.

The whole of the members and visitors subsequently banqueted in the large room of Seafeld House, the catering under Bro. Nau giving general satisfaction. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and cordially responded to during the evening, and an excellent musical programme was furnished by Bros. Bryan, Lewis, Nicholls, and Hobart.

BARNSELEY.—Friendly Lodge (No. 1513).—The annual installation of the W.M. of this lodge took place in the lodge room at the King's Head Hotel, on Thursday, the 1st inst. Bro. W. J. Lowrance, assisted by his officers and a goodly number of brethren and visitors, opened the lodge, amongst the latter being brethren from Nos. 242, 296, 904, 910, 302, and 1462. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the W.M. vacated the chair, which was taken by Bro. Harrison, P.M. (in the absence through sudden indisposition of Bro. Ensor Drury, P.P.G.W. West Yorks), and Bro. Braithwaite, P.M., presented to him the W.M. elect, Bro. Wm. Ridgard Massie, for the benefit of installation. After the usual preliminaries Bro. Massie was with all due rite and ceremony and in a most impressive manner inducted into the chair of K.S., after which the newly-installed Master appointed his officers for the ensuing year and they were invested as follows: Bros. W. J. Lowrance, I.P.M.; J. N. Millar, S.W.; J. Wood, J.W.; Rev. W. W. Kirby, Chap.; Hutchinson, Treas.; E. J. Massie, Sec.; J. Seward, S.D.; B. Smith, J.D.; J. Shergold, I.G.; and T. Rogers, Tyler. The addresses to the W.M. and Wardens having been delivered the ceremony was declared to be finished. "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the visiting brethren the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting room to celebrate the Festival of St. John by a dinner, which was admirably served and gave great satisfaction to all. When the banquet was over the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a very pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent.

PLUMSTEAD.—United Military Lodge (No. 1536).—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge took place on Friday, the 9th inst., at the Lord Raglan, Burrege-road, Bro. T. Holleyman, W.M., in the chair, supported by the following officers and others: Bros. W. Welding, I.P.M.; G. Spinks, P.M.; W. Weston, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. Kent; C. Coupland, P.M., P.P.G. J.W. Kent; A. Penfold, P.M.; The Rev. — Reilly, Chap.; G. Kennedy, S.W.; A. G. Saunders, J.W.; A. E. Fisher, Sec.; W. Moulds, S.D.; J. Rowley, J.D.; J. Purnell, I.G.; — Preece, Org.; H. Mason, W.M. 915;

E. West, P.M. 1076, P.P.G.P. Herts; J. Butler, 1789; Taylor, 913; H. King, S.D. 615; Frost, 913; J. Wood, 381; H. Wiggery, 1449; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*).

The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, Sergt. G. F. C. Bond, R.A., was after ballot and approval initiated, the W.M. giving the E.A. charge most eloquently, and then Bros. Mitchell and Hutchings were raised, both degrees being admirably worked by the W.M. and his officers. A cordial invitation was given to the lodge to co-operate with the Pattison Lodge, No. 913, in entertaining the Provincial Grand Lodge in July next, and it was resolved to discuss the acceptance or otherwise of it at the next meeting. Five guineas were then voted to Bro. Mason's list for the Boys' School and the like amount to Bro. West's list for the Girls' School, those brethren standing Stewards respectively for the above named forthcoming charity festivals.

The lodge was then closed, and after partaking of supper the loving cup went round and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk in bumpers.

In responding to the toast of "Bro. Eastes, D.G.M. Kent, and the rest of the Grand Officers," Bro. Coupland referred with pleasure to the excellent state of the lodge, its capital working, and the harmony that existed in it, all of which he attributed in no ordinary measure to their having such excellent Past Masters to guide and direct them. That fact was well known and appreciated by their Grand Master and Bro. Eastes, and the outcome of it would be that Bro. Shaw would get the purple in July next. They would see the great difficulty there was in selecting Grand Officers when he told them that there were some 49 lodges in the province all having worthy candidates for provincial honours; but they had such confidence in the judgment of their principal Grand Officers that their selections always gave satisfaction. With reference to the proposed Grand Lodge meeting at Plumstead in July next, they felt that such had been the close and friendly union that existed between the United Military and Pattison Lodges that it was only right that the former should be asked to co-operate in entertaining Grand Lodge. Whatever decision that lodge might come to on the matter he felt that they would help the Pattison Lodge to the best of their power, and he trusted the good feeling that now bound them together would long continue.

Bro. Weston sincerely hoped the Grand Lodge would come to Plumstead this year, as it would afford the military brethren stationed at Woolwich an opportunity of seeing for themselves the great interest Lord Holmesdale and Bro. Eastes took in Masonry.

Bro. Welding then proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and in so doing said the admirable manner in which Bro. Holleyman had worked the ceremonies that evening ought to make them proud of him. He was increasing in confidence, and therefore before the end of his year of office they would have every occasion to say that no better Master had ever presided over them.

Bro. Holleyman was very pleased to see so very pleasant and successful a meeting. It showed him that they were working together with that love and harmony which should at all times characterise Freemasonry; but above all, he was pleased that they were in a position to aid the cause of charity by granting sums to the lists of the two brethren who were going up as Stewards at the forthcoming festival. They had also given something to a distressed brother, and he was sincerely thankful to see the lodge in a position to do as they had done that night.

In giving the toast of "The Visitors" the Worshipful Master spoke earnestly and with much feeling of the kindness of the Pattison Lodge in asking them to co-operate with them in entertaining the Provincial Grand Lodge in July next. That would be a question for them to discuss at their next meeting, but whether they agreed to do so or not the kindness and courtesy evinced in the offer would not soon or readily be forgotten. It showed that they were not only sister lodges in action, but in heart.

Bro. Mason in reply said he had a great many failings, and one was that he could not make a speech, but he would return his hearty thanks for the kind manner in which the proposition made by the Pattison Lodge over which he had the honour to preside had been received by them that night, and also for the Master's special invite to him to attend that meeting. It was pretty well-known that the Pattison Lodge prided itself upon its excellent working, but a great deal of that had been taken out of him that night when he saw how splendidly the work was done there. The work done by the Deacons was exceptionally good, while the W.M. had impressed him more than ordinarily by his eloquent rendering of the Third Degree. Then with respect to the proposed entertainment of Grand Lodge it was a great undertaking for the Pattison Lodge. Now if the United Military lodge could see its way to join the Pattison Lodge it would be a very great help. And then there was the difficulty of getting a place suitable to entertain the visitors. He trusted however that that difficulty would be overcome. He again thanked the W.M. and brethren for his reception, and concluded by assuring them that although this was his first visit to the United Military Lodge it should not be his last.

The other toasts were "The Initiate," "The Past Masters," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast.

INSTRUCTION.

PERCY LODGE (No. 198).—This lodge held its regular meeting on Saturday last at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington. Present: Bros. Galer, W.M.; Venning, S.W.; C. Weeden, J.W. Percy, Preceptor; A. W. Fenner, Sec.; C. Lorkin, Treas.; A. M. Marks, S.D.; Archer, J.D.; Humphreys, I.G.; Houghton, Wolf, Rhodes, and Snook.

Lodge having been opened in regular form, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Wolf having proved his efficiency, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Wolf being the candidate. Bro. Percy worked the First Section of the Lecture assisted by the brethren. Lodge was called off and on, and resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. gave the Lecture on the Tracing Board in a very able manner. Lodge resumed to the Second and opened in the Third, and closed down to the First Degree. Bro. Venning was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, after which lodge was closed in due form and prayer and adjourned.

The inclement weather which prevailed on Saturday last accounts for the small number of members present.

UNITED PILGRIMS LODGE (No. 507).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Friday evening, the 9th inst. There were present Bros. C. H. Wiltshire, as W.M.; H. H. Wiltshire, S.W.; J. N. Bate, J.W.; F. Thurston, S.D.; Henry, J.D.; Fullwood, I.G.; Richard Poore, Sec.; James Stevens, P.M., Preceptor; H. Smith, P.M.; and others.

The lodge having been opened and the minutes of last meeting read, Bro. Dick proved his proficiency, and the ceremony of passing was ably rehearsed by the W.M. The lodge being closed to the First Degree Bro. Fullwood rehearsed the ceremony of initiation. Bro. H. H. Wiltshire was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and having appointed his officers the lodge was closed and the meeting adjourned.

WANDERERS LODGE (No. 1601).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at the Black Horse Tavern, York-street, Buckingham-gate. Present: Bros. Coughlan, W.M.; Davison, S.W.; W. Brindley, J.W.; F. J. Wray, P.M., Preceptor; T. W. Harris, Treas.; G. Musson, Sec.; J. Grist, S.D.; R. Montague, J.D.; Jamieson, I.G.; A. Hayes, W. Thatcher, Steven, J. Gibson, W. Smith, H. White, Saunders, Onyon, J. H. Smith, and Adamson.

The lodge opened in due form at 7.30 prompt. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. H. White answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened up and Bro. White duly passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. Steven having answered the questions leading to the Third Degree was entrusted, and the lodge being opened up was duly raised to the Sublime Degree. Bro. Davison was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting. There being no further business lodge was closed in due and in perfect harmony.

Royal Arch.

STOCKPORT.—Stone of Friendship Ezel Chapter (No. 287).—This chapter held its ninetieth anniversary and installation meeting on Wednesday, the 31st ult., at the Dog and Partridge Hotel. There were present Comps. Chas. Booth, P.G. Std. Br., Z.; W. H. Vaughan, P.P.G.P.S., H.; R. C. Blakehurst, J.; H. H. Smith, S.E.; F. T. Tapp, S.N.; Thos. Brooks, P.Z., P.P.G. Asst. Soj., Treas.; John Turner, P.Z.; W. Dean, P.Z., Janitor; and W. Thorneley. Visitors: Comps. J. H. Sillitoe, P.Z. 645, 1387, P.P.G. 1st Asst. Soj. East Lanc.; J. P. Bardsley, P.Z. 322, P.P.G. 1st Asst. Soj.; Herbert Finch, H. 322, P.G.D.C.; Robt. Davies, Z. 1387; John Dewhurst, J. 1387; H. Isherwood, Z. 322; and John Scott, P.Z. 322.

The chapter being opened the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which Comp. J. H. Sillitoe installed the following as Principals: Comps. W. H. Vaughan, Z.; R. C. Blakehurst, H.; and John Turner, P.Z., J. Comp. Sillitoe also invested the following officers: Comps. Thos. Brooks, S.E.; W. H. Smith, P.S.; F. T. Tapp, Asst. Soj.; Thos. Thorneley, Treas.; and W. Dean, Janitor. (Comp. Dean was exalted in this chapter in 1844, and presided over it as Z. in 1850 and subsequent years, and has maintained an unbroken connection since his exaltation.)

A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Comp. Sillitoe for his valuable services, and the chapter was closed in solemn form, when the companions adjourned to a substantial supper, which was ably presided over by the newly-installed M.E.Z., and the evening was spent in a truly social and Masonic manner to the great enjoyment of all present.

ST. AUSTELL.—Mount Edgcumbe Chapter (No. 496).—This chapter held its annual meeting at the Masonic Rooms, on the 1st inst. After the exaltation of a brother of 1785, to the Degree, Comps. W. Mason, J. O. Job, and A. Luke, the Principals elect, were duly installed as M.E.Z., H., and J. respectively by E. Comp. Charles Truscott, jun., P.Z., Prov. Grand Principal J., in the unavoidable absence of the M.E.Z., Comp. Sir Charles Brune Graves-Sawle, Bart., assisted by E. Comps. Wm. Rowe, P.Z., Prov. G.S.B., 330, and Thomas H. Lukes, P.Z., 496. The following officers were invested for the ensuing year: E. Comp. Charles Truscott, P.Z., Treas.; Comps. John Brewer, S.E.; F. B. Williams, S.N.; John W. Higman, P.S.; W. J. Tredinnick, First Assistant S.; R. Parson, Second Asst. S.; and William Real, Janitor. The Treasurer's report, showing the funds to be in a satisfactory state, having been read and adopted, the chapter voted subscriptions to the Royal Masonic Institutions for Girls and Boys, and to the Cornwall M.A. and Benevolent Funds.

LIVERPOOL.—De Grey and Ripon Chapter (No. 1356).—The installation meeting of this popular chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, 22, Hope-street, on Wednesday, the 7th inst. There were present Comps. Robt. Martin, jun., M.E.Z.; B. B. Marsen, P.P.G.A.S., P.Z.; Lindo Courtenay, P.Z.; A. D. Hesketh, H.; C. Arden, J.; J. Keet, S.E.; John Williams, S.N.; T. O. Dutton, P.S.; W. W. Sandbrook, A.S.; P. B. Larsen, Janitor; Jno. Rea, J. Pittaway, J. Sharpnell, Jos. Finchery, John Potter, A. Barclay, John Lees, Jno. Ashley, Thos. Wright, Jos. H. Tyson, E. Paull, P. Buck, Thos. Trevitt, Edward George, and T. Pierce. Visitors: Comps. H. S. Alpess, G.S.B. and P.G.S.E.; J. T. Callow, P.Z. 673, P.G.T.; John Pemberton, P.Z. 1094, P.P.G.S.B.; H. Williams, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B.; W. Brackenbury, P.Z. 673, P.G.A.S.; H. Jackson, P.Z. 673; W. Mellor, J. 758; W. Savage, 241; R. Benis, 673; Dr. R. H. D. Johnson, P.Z. 1094; and J. C. Robinson, 249.

After the chapter had been opened Comp. Pemberton proceeded to install in a very able manner Comps. A. D. Hesketh, M.E.Z.; C. Arden, H.; and W. W. Sandbrook, J. The following officers were invested: Bros. Thos. O. Dutton, S.E.; Thos. Wright, S.N.; E. Paull, P. Soj.; J. Keet, 1st Asst. Soj.; E. George, 2nd Asst. Soj.; A. Woolrich (for the eighth time), Treas.; P. B. Larsen, Janitor.

Comp. L. Courtenay, P.Z., in the name of the companions presented Comp. Robt. Martin, jun., P.Z., with a massive gold P.Z.'s jewel as a token of esteem.

The chapter was then closed and the companions adjourned to a very excellent banquet.

After the usual toasts Comp. Paull proposed "The Health of the Three Chiefs" in an eulogistic speech. Comps. Hesketh, Arden, and Sandbrook responded. "The Health of the P.Z.," "The Installing Officer," and "The Visitors" were then proposed and duly honoured, and the companions separated, after spending a most enjoyable evening. Some very good harmony was contributed by Comps. Potter, Ashley, and Kirkland.

Mark Masonry.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.—Industry Lodge (No. 292).—The first regular monthly meeting since the installation was held at the Industry Masonic Hall, Jackson-street, on Tuesday, the 6th inst., when the W.M., Bro. David Sinclair, was supported and assisted by the following brethren, viz.: Bros. John Wood, I.P.M.; M. Corbitt, S.W.; J. G. Smith, J.W.; C. B. Ford, M.O.; W. F. Carmon, Reg. of Marks, as S.O.; John Page, J.O.; J. T. Harrison, Sec.; Alfred Simpson, S.D.; Robt. Whitfield, J.D.; W. Brown, I.G.; Thos. Thompson, S.S.; W. Smith, Chaplain; Joshua Curry, Tyler; W. Garbutt, W. F. Raeburn, and others.

Bro. Shaptoe Robson, 481, being in attendance, was advanced as a M.M.M. by the W.M., assisted in the latter portion of the ceremony by Bro. Wood, I.P.M.

After other business was transacted the lodge was closed at nine p.m., when the brethren adjourned to the refreshment room.

ST. AUSTELL.—St. Austell Lodge (No. 275).—This lodge held their annual meeting and festival on the 16th ult., when three brethren were advanced to the degree, after which the W.M. elect, Bro. W. Guy, P.G. J.W., was impressively installed by the retiring W.M., Bro. W. Mason, P.M. 78, P.P.J.G.W., in the presence of the V.V. Dep. Prov. G.M. of Cornwall, Bro. Sir Charles B. Graves-Sawle, Bart., and W. Bro. Chas. Truscott, P.M. 78 and 275, P.P.G.J.W. The W.M. appointed and invested the following as his officers: Bros. Mason, I.P.M.; A. Luke, S.W.; T. H. Lukes, J.W.; J. W. Higman, M.O.; R. Parson, S.O.; J. de C. Treffry, J.O.; W. J. Tredinnick, Reg. Marks; A. Luke, Treas.; J. Brewer, Sec.; F. B. Williams, S.D.; J. A. Blamey, J.D.; A. S. Clunes, I.G.; B. Houseley, D.C.; J. Clunes, Org.; W. J. Watts, and Tuckey, Stwds.; and W. Real, Tyler. A banquet was afterwards held at the White Hart Hotel.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

The Supreme Council, 33°, held their quarterly meeting on Tuesday last, at 33, Golden-square, and in the forenoon conferred the dignity of the 33° on Ill. Bros. Hanson le Strange, Inspector-General of the East Central District, and Montague J. Guest, M.P., Inspector-General of the Southern District.

The following brethren were present at the meeting, which was of course open to members of the 33° only: Ill. Bros. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Captain N. G. Phillips, Major-General Henry Clerk, J. M. P. Montagu, Hugh D. Sandeman, General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., Colonel Alex. W. Adair, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, the Right Hon. the Earl of Limerick, C. Fendelow, Colonel E. Hutton Gregory, C.M.G., Colonel H. S. Somerville-Burney, and Captain C. N. R. Beswicke-Royds.

MOUNT CALVARY (D).—This distinguished chapter held a convocation on the 9th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Golden-square. Among those present were Ill. Bros. Coffin, M.D., &c., as M.W.S., in the absence of Ill. Bros. Curlier; C. Driver, P.M.W.S., acting Prelate; Bros. T. C. Walls, 1st Gen.; F. Driver, 2nd Gen.; Paas, P.M.W.S., Treas.; D. M. Dewar, P.M.W.S., Reg.; Tayleur, G.M.; Gardner, R. Lott, Org.; H. J. Lardner, E. Mather, Anderson, T. Poore, J. Murray, Pears, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Dr. Gibbs and Kennedy were duly perfected by the acting M.W.S., ably assisted by the officers.

Previously to the chapter being closed the sum of five guineas was voted from the alms box towards the list of Bro. D. M. Dewar as a Steward at the ensuing festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

The brethren then adjourned to the Café Royal, Regent-street, where a most excellent banquet was partaken of. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual toasts were proposed and heartily received. During the proceedings, Ill. Bro. Lott exercised his musical talents to the great enjoyment of the brethren. The proceedings closed at an early hour.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

BIRTHS.

DIMBLE.—On the 11th inst., at 26, Linton-street, Islington, London, the wife of Mr. J. T. Dimble, late of Falmouth, of twins (daughters).

MASTER.—On the 12th inst., at Willow-lane House, Norwich, the wife of G. R. Master, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

DYER—ADKIN.—On the 13th inst., at St. Paul's Church, Greenwich, William John, son of J. Dyer, of Blackheath, to Margaret, daughter of J. Adkin, of Brandon House, Lewisham.

DEATHS.

DILLON.—On the 26th ult., at Altoona, U.S.A., Anthony Margrave Dillon, aged 37.

HOGG.—On the 4th inst., at Harder-road, Peckham, Alexander Hogg, Esq., aged 86.

SHARPE.—On the 3rd inst., at his residence, Hazelwood Villa, Crosby, near Liverpool, Bro. Joseph Sharpe, aged 45.



Bro. Byron has written a new piece for Mr. J. S. Clarke.

"The Ruling Passion" is again to be played at the Standard on the withdrawal of the pantomime.

Mr. Gilbert Farquhar seems to have made a decided hit on the day of his debut. We understand he has already had several offers from managers.

The genial manager of the Avenue, Mr. Morton, will take his first benefit at that theatre on Wednesday. "Olivette" will be the piece, but several artistes from other theatres have promised to assist.

The Criterion was closed voluntarily by the proprietors, but if it had not been the Lord Chamberlain might have withdrawn the license until alterations of exits had been made. These will we believe shortly be finished and the house reopened.

Mr. Kyrle Bellow took a benefit at the Gaiety on Thursday, his farewell of London for this year. On the occasion "Romeo and Juliet" and "The School for Scandal" were produced, Mr. Bellow playing Romeo and Miss Eweretta Lawrence Juliet.

Messrs. Holt and Wilmot have taken Astley's on a lease, and are to open with fabulously cheap prices, from three shillings to three pence. On Easter Monday a new and original sensational drama will be produced. The same firm offer £500 for a drama for their theatre in Islington—the Philharmonic.

Miss Fanny Hughes, wife of Bro. Edward Swanborough, took a farewell of the stage at a benefit at the Vaudeville the other day. Many of the leading artists placed their services at her disposal. A large company assembled on the occasion to say farewell.

Miss Emily Duncan has secured the services of Miss Fanny Leslie for the opening of her theatre in September. Miss Leslie will leave at Christmas to fulfil her engagement with the Messrs. Gatti at the Adelphi, where a pantomime will be brought out. Miss Leslie will probably return to Miss Duncan after Easter next year.

On March 10th Mr. Buchanan's new play will be produced. In the cast will be Bro. Chas. Warner, Mr. Beerbohm Tree, Miss Amy Roselle, Miss Clara Jecks, Mrs. Billington, Mr. J. H. Barnes, and Miss Eweretta Lawrence. The few structural alterations required by the Metropolitan Board of Works to be effected at the Adelphi, are being carried out without the closing of the theatre.

We regret to say that the Globe will be closed in a few days owing to the complete breakdown in health of Mrs. Bernard-Beere, the lessee and principal actress. This talented lady has been ordered to the south of France by her medical advisers. For some time past she has been playing when she should not. It is hoped that a few months' rest will set her up and that she may return. Mr. Buchanan's new drama will now be brought out at the Adelphi.

Bro. Augustus Harris has promised to admit a few hundred children at a time belonging to the extremely poor class to see "Sindbad," now that the Christmas audiences are thinning. Still it is necessary to book good seats some time in advance. A "masher's quadrille" is the latest novelty introduced. Bro. Harris gave an entertainment to 4000 poor children from the Foundling Hospital, the Shoeblack Brigade, and kindred institutions, on a recent occasion.

The new series of the *Theatre*, edited as of old by Mr. Clement Scott, but now published by Mr. David Boyne, is a vast improvement on the foregoing series. The publication now contains two large photographs taken especially for the paper. When we say that its cost is only a shilling a month it will be seen that besides the valuable letter-press, subscribers to it become possessors of two cabinet photographs for which the ordinary charge is two shillings each. It is only by a large sale this can be effected. It affords to those who care to collect likenesses of dramatic actors and authors an opportunity of possessing all the chiefs. At present Mr. Wilson Barrett, Mrs. Bernard-Beere, Miss Marion Terry, and Mr. F. C. Burnand, editor of *Punch* and author of "The Colonel," &c., have been given. A short biography accompanies each portrait. We learn from the January number that Mrs. Bernard-Beere is a lady of aristocratic family, and is the widow of Sir Edward Dering's eldest son. Mr. Bernard writes his autobiography, and a most interesting one it is. Fortune seems to have smiled on him from his boyhood at Eton, through his college days at Trinity, Cambridge, down to the present time. In the current number an account of a debate at the Women's Debating Society at University College on Bro. Henry Irving will be read with keen interest. Although the opener of the debate carried her motion "That Henry Irving has by his dramatic genius well earned his place as foremost among living English actors," yet there were a few ladies bold enough to take up the negative side. As a book of reference in time to come of new plays produced the *Theatre* will be found invaluable, as each new work is duly criticised and the whole cast given. We are glad to learn that the proprietor and publisher have cause for satisfaction in recently giving to the public more for their money. The January number was the most successful ever yet published.



Photography has now reached such a state of perfection that it may fairly be classed under the head of science and art. We recently paid a visit to the studios of Messrs. W. and D. Downey, of 57 and 61, Ebury Street, Eaton Square, S.W., of which Bro. W. E. Downey (Mizpah Lodge), is a partner, and we were then and there initiated into many of the mysteries and privileges of this craft. The demand for portraits of celebrities seems to increase year by year, and is a business quite apart from the taking of photographs of private persons for distributing amongst friends. For instance, we learned that of Mrs. Langtry the firm of W. and D. Downey published and sold no less than 40,000 photos last year. Mrs. Cornwallis West, another popular favourite, adorns the album of 10,000 people, whilst our beloved Princess of Wales has caused the sale of 200,000 prints from various negatives taken some little time ago by this eminent firm. Two French actresses, Sarah Bernhardt and Mme. Samary, each have been struck off 30,000 times; the latter is almost wholly for sale in Paris and other French towns, as she is not known in England yet. Of our English actresses by far the greatest demand is for likenesses of Miss Connie Gilchrist, Miss Kate Vaughan, and Miss Violet Cameron. Many thousand photos of each of these ladies have gone from Bro. Downey's establishment. We saw the negatives of new sittings from which the cabinets have just been published, and no doubt a new stimulus will be given to their sale by their appearing in the dresses of new burlesques and operas. Miss Connie Gilchrist as Marian in "Robin Hood" will doubtless be purchased again by those who already have her carte in her other and varied characters, and in the latest she has lost none of her attractiveness, but rather the reverse, whilst Miss Vaughan's will make it their business to compare the new photos with the old. The young Princes Albert Victor and George of Wales have also given sittings for their portraits previous to their leaving London for Lausanne. They are taken in the neat uniform of a midshipman of her Majesty's Navy. Having been absent from home for so long one had almost lost the impression of their faces, and now one finds them much altered. They are no longer boys, but handsome young men. The eldest, who has a fine open countenance, is 19 years of age, and Prince George, a much merrier looking lad, a year younger. The Duchess of Albany is photographed in her wedding dress and veil, and doubtless will be of special interest to our lady readers. Her clever husband, Prince Leopold, P.G.M. of Oxfordshire, Mrs. Wheeler, the Danish Ambassador, Mrs. Leopold de Rothschild, Hon. Mrs. Roche, Mrs. Maddick, and Mrs. Hungerford are amongst some of the most striking pictures to be seen at Ebury-street. A little child and kitten make a pretty subject for a fancy portrait. Lady Chesham and her sister the Countess Grosvenor, with their sister-in-law the Marchioness of Ormonde, we may mention as being conspicuous amongst the thousand and one other beauties and celebrities. Bro. Downey has also an establishment at 9, Eldon-square, Newcastle-on-Tyne, whilst the printing operations are executed at Barnet at specially constructed premises, where the best use can be made of the clearer atmosphere, as London fogs cause a complete suspension of such industries. It is interesting to watch the different processes from the negative to the final photograph on paper, fastened on its card, rolled and glazed. Photographs it appears are mounted on their cards with starch, first having been put in water to make them soft and pliable. We suppose we are not letting out too much when we say that no photograph is ever sent out exactly as it was taken. Each negative goes through the hands of a "retoucher," who carefully proceeds with an exceedingly fine-pointed lead pencil and keen-edged knife to touch up the negative. The ladies' waists are of course taken in and made even more wasp-like than they really are, whilst defects on the face are thoroughly eradicated, and it is certain, seeing these beautiful published specimens have so educated our tastes, that unless this was done we should all of us find fault if photos of ourselves were sent home strictly as they were taken. In this process it is scarcely necessary to add that the likeness is carefully preserved. All good photographers suffer sadly from pirates, who buy a single copy of some person of note and then print from it cartes which they can sell for a mere trifle, of course not of the same quality as the original. We noticed at a sea side place last autumn a man dispose of a whole barrowful of these pirated copies in the course of half-an-hour. We are glad to see that Bro. Downey is endeavouring to organise a Photographers' Defence Association, whereby by the payment of an annual subscription the society will undertake to prosecute swindlers at little or no cost to the injured party. We may add that every crowned head in Europe and most of our noble families have honoured Messrs. Downey with sittings for their portraits.

It is certain the Queen's Physician, Dr. Fairbank, has written strongly recommending LENTILLA, or TONIC DAILY FOOD. It cures Indigestion, Heartburn, Constipation, Liver and Stomach Complaints, &c., besides having such wondrous nourishing properties. Makes Soups, Porridge, Custards, Puddings, Biscuits, &c. Tins, 1lb. 1s. 6d.; 2lb., 10d. Barrels, 28lb., 30s.; 14lb., 16s. Of all Chemists.—Proprietor, H. J. Deacon, Beckenham, Kent.—[ADVT.]

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—A cure for Abscesses, Piles, Fistula, and Sores of every description.—The very satisfactory results arising from the use of this invaluable Ointment, when the patients have been suffering from any of the above disorders, have induced the medical profession to introduce it into the hospitals and their private practice, and in many instances where the sufferer was considered incurable Holloway's Ointment, in conjunction with his Pills, have relieved the most desperate cases. They are also unequalled for the cure of scrofula, scurvy, and all diseases of the skin, and the cures they effect are not merely partial and temporary, for by their purifying powers they bring about a marvellous and complete change in the whole system, enabling it with renovated powers to resist the approach of all future attacks of similar diseases.—[ADVT.]



Her Majesty, accompanied by Princess Beatrice, has returned to Windsor Castle from Osborne.

The Duke of Albany has consented to become the patron of the Northern Union of Schools of Cookery.

Prince Napoleon, accompanied by his son, arrived at Farnborough on Tuesday on a visit to the Empress Eugénie.

Bro. the Earl of Granville presided over the first meeting of the Danubian Conference last week.

Bro. Sir John Whittaker Ellis, G.J.W., has been appointed chairman of the Alliance Bank.

Bros. Lord Richard Grosvenor, and G. J. Goschen, M.P., are amongst the directors of the Alliance Life and Fire Assurance Company.

Bro. the Earl of Suffield is laid up with an attack of chicken pox.

Bro. Lord Carnarvon, Pro G.M., and the Countess of Carnarvon, have gone to Italy for a few weeks.

Bro. Lord Breadalbane, Comptroller of her Majesty's household, has arrived at Harcourt House, Cavendish-square, from Teymouth Castle, for the season.

The Grand Master of Ireland and the Duchess of Abercorn have arrived at Hampden House, Grosvenor-square, from Baron's Court, for the opening of Parliament.

Bro. the Earl of Dalhousie has left Shelburne's Hotel, Dublin, where he has been staying as one of the Royal Commissioners on Industrial Schools.

Bro. Viscount Holmesdale has taken 11, Hereford-gardens, for the London season.

R.W. Bro. Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Bart., M.P., with Lady and Miss Wynn, have arrived at St. James's-square, from Winnistay. Sir Watkin, we are glad to say, has nearly recovered from his recent illness.

Bro. the Right Hon. G. J. Goschen, M.P., will preside, on June 13th, at the dinner of the Sailors' Orphan Girls' School Home.

Bro. the Hon. and Rev. F. E. Byng, M.A., P.G. Chap., Vicar of St. Peters, Crawley-gardens, Chaplain in Ordinary to the Queen, will preach at St. Lawrence, Jewry, on the evening of the 4th prox.

The P.G.M. of Essex (Lord Brooke, M.P.) did not give a party at Easton Lodge to meet the Duke of Albany when he installed Lord Brooke, on account of the death of the Earl of Wemyss, whose daughter, the Countess of Warwick, is mother of Lord Brooke.

Bro. C. Hutton Gregory, C.M.G., 33°, and Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, were amongst the company at the recent dinner of the Turner's Company, when Bro. the Lord Mayor attended.

Bro. Lord Wolseley has promised to preside at the Cabdrivers' Benevolent Society's dinner in the spring. He has also lately become President of both the North and South London Rifle Clubs. He is also a patron of the new Vine Club.

Bro. the Lord Mayor presided at, and Bros. Alderman and Sheriff de Keyser and Sheriff Savory attended the annual dinner of the Dramatic Benevolent Fund at Willis's Rooms on Ash Wednesday, when £250 was collected. Bro. Edward Terry was amongst the professionals who dined.

The will of the late Bro. Anthony Trollope has been proved by the widow and son of the value of £25,000.

Bro. Alderman Whitehead has given up two directorates owing to want of time to fulfil them properly now he is a member of the Corporation.

Bro. Alderman Sir Francis Truscott, P.G.J.W., P.M. No. 1, was presented with the portrait of Lady Truscott at his private residence, Park Crescent, by a number of his friends in remembrance of his year of office as Lord Mayor. Bro. Sir Francis has already had his own portrait by Halls presented to him.

Bro. Sir Henry Keppel, G.C.B., Admiral of the Fleet, presided at the dinner of the Royal Naval Club of 1765, at Willis's Rooms. Col. Hume was the guest of the evening.

Bro. Lieut. Wright, S.D. 1827, has been placed on the board of management of the City of London Board School, and on Tuesday inspected the boys', girls', and infants' schools.

R.W. Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, P.G.M. Cornwall, as Lord Lieut. of Cornwall, has recommended the building of a transept to Truro Cathedral as a memorial to the Archbishop designate of Canterbury, the first Cornish bishop since the Reformation. The noble earl says unless it is done now it will probably be left for another generation to build.

Bro. W. H. Pannell, C.C., 1820, has been appointed chairman for the third time of the Fish Supply Committee, also chairman of the Central Markets Sub-Committee, and chairman of the Streets Committee of the Commissioners of Sewers. We are confident no member of the Corporation is more able to discharge these duties. Bro. Pannell has been also chosen trustee in the matter of Shalles and Budds, auctioneers.

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Bro. the P.G.M. of Northumberland and the Countess Percy have come to town from Alnwick Castle.

Bro. the Earl of Bandon, G. Sec. Ireland, and P.G.M. Munster, has been appointed president of the Exhibition of Arts, Products, Manufactures, and Machinery to be opened at Cork in July.

Bro. the Bishop of Peterborough has been obliged to go to the south of France to recruit his health and will not return before Easter.

The *Graphic* of Saturday last gave some excellent sketches of the installation ceremony of Lord Brooke as P.G.M. of Essex by H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, P.G.M. Oxon.

Bro. Capt. Bowes A. Price, A.R.I.B.A., has resigned his commission in the Artist's Corps owing to ill-health.

T.R.H. the Duke and Duchess of Connaught are about visiting Mentone for the benefit of the duchess's health; the duke will return in time for the Easter Volunteer Review.

Bro. Benjamin Samuelson, M.P., is entertaining Mr. Fawcett, Postmaster-General, at Lupton, Lord Churston's place, which Bro. Samuelson rents.

Bro. the Very Rev. the Dean of York, P.G.C., will preach on Sunday morning next, at the Chapel Royal, Whitehall. The chapel is open to the public.

Sir Coutts-Lindsay entertained Bro. Edmund Yates, Bro. Dr. Arthur Sullivan, Bro. G. A. Sala, and Bro. Henry Irving at dinner on Sunday night at the Grosvenor Gallery.

Richard Wagner, the eminent composer, died at Venice on Tuesday at the age of 70.

Lady Monckton, wife of our distinguished brother the President of the Board of General Purposes, has been taking part in dramatic performances at Cheltenham in aid of the Gloucestershire society for the prevention of cruelty to animals.

Bro. Lieut. Davis will on Tuesday be installed W.M. of the Burlington Lodge at the Albion Tavern.

Bro. the Earl of Rosslyn, and Bro. Lord Brooke, the newly-installed P.G.M. of Essex, and Lady Brooke, attended the meet of the Cottesmore hounds at Orvston Wood.

Bro. Richard Barlow was installed W.M. of the St. David's Lodge, No. 1147, Manchester, on Thursday, the 8th inst. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

Our esteemed brother, the Rev. W. Tebbs, Incumbent of St. Matthews, Auckland, has been appointed District G.R. by R.W. Bro. G. S. Graham, District G.M. Auckland.

The christening of the son of the Duke and Duchess of Connaught will take place this (Friday) afternoon in the private chapel at Windsor Castle. The Bishop of London is expected to officiate at the ceremonial, which will be attended by the Queen, Princess Beatrice, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, the Duke of Albany, and other members of the Royal Family.

The paragraph in our last referring to the Brixton Lodge of Installation was not quite accurate, the real reason for having no banquet being that the alterations at Brixton Hall not having been completed, and the W.M. objecting to the members going some distance to the banquet, it was decided that the members should disperse after the meeting. The W.M., Bro. H. B. Marshall, then invited the members to the festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution on the 28th inst.

Field Marshal His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge, K.G., &c., &c., has kindly consented to preside at the 68th anniversary festival of the Royal Caledonian Asylum, Holloway, N. (where 150 Scottish orphans of soldiers, sailors, marines, &c., &c., are maintained and educated), to be held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, W.C., on Monday, April 23rd.

It has been decided that the "Memorial Fund to the officers who fell in Afghanistan and South Africa" shall take the form of a mural tablet, sculptured in white marble, and placed in the Central Hall of the Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley. The subject of the tablet, which will represent medical officers and men of the Army Hospital Corps attending wounded on the field, has been designed and will be executed by Count Gleichen.

At the meeting of the Executive Committee of the International Fisheries Exhibition, held on Monday last, it was stated that the Governments of Russia, Spain, and France have intimated their intention to participate officially in the Exhibition, and have appointed Commissioners, and in the case of Russia and Spain have applied for a large quantity of space. In order to meet this sudden addition to their Exhibition the Committee have decided upon the erection of three more large buildings, providing an area of about 22,000 square feet, in addition to the buildings already erected, or proposed to be erected, and described in their recent report.

Messrs. W. and D. Downey have this week published two excellent photos of Krao, the "Missing Link." As this person, for so we must call her, is all the rage just now, no doubt many who go to see her at the Aquarium will want to have her portrait as a memento. We are told she is an attractive and affectionate child, and by the carte-de-visite she seems particularly so with Mr. Farini who brought her to this country. She is taken in his arms clinging to his neck. She is covered with long hair, and is in no way repulsive to look at or speak to. Probably this freak of nature will be well visited this season, and probably Messrs. Downey's will have a demand for their interesting publication.

HOW TO SECURE GOOD HEALTH.—MARTIN'S CURATIVE MAGNETISM.—Health secured, Health restored, and Health promoted by the use of this Natural Agent, now so extensively used. See Press opinions, testimonials, and fullest particulars in 48 page pamphlet, which is sent gratis to all by John Hugh Martin, Inventor and Maker of the Improved Appliances, 272, Regent-circus, London, W.—[ADVT.]

Bro. the Bishop of Peterborough has given £100 to the Peterborough Cathedral Restoration Fund.

The directors of the Bank of England met on Thursday last, and reduced the rate of discount to 3½ per cent.

We regret to announce the death, quite suddenly, at Norwood, of Bro. Charles Alfred Coleman, of the South-west Park Lodge and Organist of the Sidcup Lodge. Bro. Coleman was 49 years of age.

We have been requested to correct a slight error in Bro. Sillitoe's speech at Colne as to only one chapter being entitled to a centenary charter, the Chapter of Charity, Bristol, having had a warrant granted in November last and presented to them at the Provincial Grand Chapter meeting on the 1st inst.

The Walpole Lodge of Mark Masters at Norwich is about to be resuscitated. A meeting will be held at 23, St. Giles-street, Norwich, on Monday next. The M.W. Grand Master, Lord Henniker, has promised to attend. Bro. Donald M. Dewar, Asst. Grand Secretary, will act as W.M.

It is with much regret that we announce the death, at the age of 59, of Bro. Carr Culmer Gibbs, of the Pembroke Hotel, Bournemouth. Bro. Gibbs was much esteemed at Bournemouth, and twice served the office of W.M. of Kent Lodge, No. 15. He was also a member of the United Mariners Lodge, No. 39, and Lodge of Hengist, No. 195.

We are requested to remind the brethren in the neighbourhood of Dunmow, Essex, that Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., will deliver his lecture explanatory of the ritual and ceremonies of the First Degree in the Rosslyn Lodge, No. 1545, at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Dunmow, on Tuesday evening next. Lodge will be opened at six p.m., by Bro. H. E. Dehane, the W.M., and it is expected that the lodges at Colchester and Chelmsford will be, with others in the locality, well represented.

A correspondent writes asking us to caution the public in general and the Craft in particular, against the insidious solicitations of a brother (?) of the name of Chadwick, who has been victimising in a most heartless manner sundry brethren in the Hampshire district. Any help given him is practically useless—it is so much thrown away. He has been in the theatrical profession, and his wife is travelling with him, and both being of a humorous temperament, are likely to impose upon and take advantage of the younger of our brethren.

Bro. G. K. Johnson, C.C., P.G.S., has been appointed chairman of the Finance Committee of the Guildhall School of Music.

An Exhibition of trophies, relics, and articles of interest in connection with the Egyptian and other recent campaigns was opened by the Duke of Cambridge at Humphrey's Hall, Albert-gate, on Wednesday. The receipts from the exhibition will be devoted to the Egyptian War Fund. Amongst the visitors were Bro. Lord and Lady Wolseley, the Duke and Duchess of Teck, Sir H. and Lady Rawlinson, Lord Northbrook, the Marquis of Clanricarde, Bro. the Marquis of Tweeddale, Col. Milne Holme, M.P., Col. the Hon. W. Colville, and Count Herbert Bismark. During the afternoon the band of the 1st Life Guards played a selection of music, and during the evening the band of the 4th Dragoon Guards was in attendance.

The Sportsman's Exhibition just closed at the Agricultural Hall has been extremely interesting to lovers of sport in all its phases. Guns, rifles, bicycles, tricycles, and saddles being amongst the numerous exhibits. Amongst the new patent fowling pieces is one which is sighted so that the left eye is used as well as the right, and can be fired very quickly. Also there is a four-barrelled repeating gun, which is quite light to carry. Messrs. Aves and Moss exhibit a patent for hansom cab wheels, though suitable for carriages and tricycles as well. Its novelty is that friction is reduced to a minimum, and that the spring is round the tyre. Bro. Viscount Sherbrooke and several well-known persons in private and business life have examined this novelty with a view to adopting it. A company will be formed to work the patent.

The closing meeting of the committee entrusted with the arrangements in connection with the recent Masonic hall at the Town Hall, Liverpool, on the 11th ult., was held at the Temple in Hope-street, on Friday evening, the 9th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Councillor E. Grindley. There was a numerous attendance of members. Bro. T. Whitehead, W.M. 241, the honorary secretary, read a financial statement, which showed that the balance he had to hand over to the funds of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution amounted to £119 6s. 9d., an announcement which was received with great gratification by the brethren. On the motion of Bro. G. Broadbridge, seconded by Bro. Dr. Bailey, a cordial vote of thanks was given to Bro. Councillor Grindley for the exceedingly valuable services he had rendered as chairman of the Ball Committee in securing the success of the pleasant social assembly. The honorary secretary's indefatigable labours also secured a similar well-merited compliment, and thanks to the vice-chairman (Bro. H. A. Tobias), the honorary treasurer (Bro. W. H. Smith), the members of the committee, and the stewards, brought the proceedings to a close.

"Sapo Carbonis Detergens" is a physician's name for a remedy prescribed for the past quarter-century for every variety of skin disease. The public have also adopted the same as a preventive of smallpox, scarlet fever, and measles. Purchasers should see that the Latin Brand is on every tablet, and WRIGHT'S COAL TAR SOAP on each wrapper, without which none are genuine.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Saturday, February 24, 1883.

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17.

- Lodge 715, Panmure, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
 " 1641, Crichton, S.M.H., Camberwell.
 " 1732, King's Cross, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 Chap. 19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hot.
 Mark 205, Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow.
 " 251, Tenterden, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8.
 Star, Five Bells, New Cross-rd., S.E., at 7.
 Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
 Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tav., Bethnal Green Railway Stn., S.
 Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
 Alexandra Palace, Station Ho., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19.

- Lodge 1, Grand Masters, F.M.H.
 " 8, British, F.M.H.
 " 21, Emulation, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 185, Tranquillity, Guildhall Tav.
 " 720, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.
 " 862, Repose, F.M.H.
 " 901, City of London, Guildhall Tav.
 " 907, Royal Albert, F.M.H.
 " 1506, White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
 " 1537, St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly.
 " 1910, Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hl.
 Chap. 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.
 Mark 173, Temple, Green Dragon Tav., Stepney.
 K. T. Precept. 128, Oxford and Cambridge University, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20.

- Board of Gen. Pur., at 4.
 Lodge 30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tav., Gresham st.
 " 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot.
 " 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 162, Cadogan, F.M.H.
 " 194, St. Paul's, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 435, Salisbury, F.M.H.
 " 1339, Stockwell, S.M.H., Camberwell.
 " 1695, New Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters-rd., N.
 Chap. 11, Enoch, F.M.H.
 " 26, Castle of Harmony, 8, Air-st., W.
 " 186, Industry, F.M.H.
 " 255, Iris, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey.
 " 1348, Ebury, 58, Grosvenor-rd., S.W.
 Mark, 238, Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 Rose Croix Chap. 45, Oxford and Cambridge University, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
 South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.
 Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues.
 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
 St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
 Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
 Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.
 Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8.
 Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.
 Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., at 7.30.
 Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.
 Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
 Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
 Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.
 Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
 Royal Arthur, Duke of Cambridge, 216, Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8.
 Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.
 Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.
 Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe, at 8.
 West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30.
 Islington, Crown and Cushion, 73, London Wall, at 7.
 Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington, 7.30.
 Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey, at 8.
 Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 8.
 Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8.
 Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-rd., at 8.
 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
 St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, Finchley-rd., at 8.
 Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Docks, at 7.
 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
 Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
 Eleanor, Angel Hot., Edmonton.
 Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-st., Borough, at 8.
 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.
 Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., East Brixton, at 8.
 Metropolitan Chap, Jamaica Coffee Ho., St. Michael's Alley
 Earl of Carnarvon Chap., Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21.

- Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.
 Gen. Com. Grand Lodge, at 6.
 Lodge 140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich.
 " 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 190, Oak, F.M.H.
 " 969, Maybury, Inns of Court Hot.
 " 1044, Wandsworth, Lecture Hall, New Wandsworth.
 " 1150, Buckingham and Chandos, F.M.H.
 " 1382, Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town.
 " 1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hot.
 " 1624, Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly.
 " 1673, Langton, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
 " 1677, Crusaders, Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct.
 " 1681, Lonsborough, 8, Air-st., W.
 " 1803, Cornhill, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.
 Chap. 1598, Ley Spring, Red Lion Hot., Leytonstone.
 Rose Croix Chap. 44, Bard of Avon, 33, Golden-sq.
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
 Prince Leopold, Grand Avenue M.H., 88, Gracechurch-st., at 7.
 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.
 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
 Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Newington Causeway, 8.
 United Strength, Hope Tav., 179, Stanhope-st., Regent's Park, at 8.
 Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
 La Tolerance, Morland Hot., Dean-st., W., at 8.
 Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.
 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8.30.
 Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park, at 8.
 Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.
 Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
 Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
 Temperance in the East, G. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.
 Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., E.C.
 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
 Creation, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting hill, 8.
 Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.
 Wanderers, Black Horse, York-st., S.W., at 7.30.
 Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow-st., Regent-st., at 8.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22.

- Gen. Com. Girls' School, at 4.
 Lodge 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tav.
 " 34, Mount Moriah, F.M.H.
 " 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav.
 " 66, Grenadiers, F.M.H.
 " 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 858, South Middlesex, Beaufort Hot., North End, Fulham.
 " 861, Finsbury, London Tav., Fenchurch-st., E.C.
 " 871, Royal Oak, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
 " 1421, Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
 " 1563, City of Westminster, 8, Air-st., Regent-st., W.
 " 1816, Victoria Park, Queen's Hot., Victoria Park.
 " 1877, St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton.
 " 1974, St. Mary Abbots, Town Hall, Kensington.
 Chap. 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 157, Bedford, F.M.H.
 " 657, Canonbury, M.H., Masons'-avenue, E.C.
 " 766, William Preston, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 1623, West Smithfield, Anderton's Hot.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
 Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, Bishopsgate-st., at 7.30.
 Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
 Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.C., at 8.
 The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue, 6.30.
 Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
 Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.
 Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at 8.
 High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham, at 8.
 Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 Southern Star, The Pheasant, Stangate S.W., at 8.
 Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
 Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
 Leopold, Old White Hart, Borough High-st., at 8.
 King Harold, Britannia Hot., Waltham New Town, at 7.
 Burgoyne, Cock Tav., St. Martin's-crt., Ludgate-hill, 6.30.
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
 Vitruvian, White Hart, Belvedere-rd., Lambeth, at 8.
 Covent Garden, Constitution Hot., Bedford-st., Covent Garden, at 7.45.
 Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
 Stockwell, Cock Tav., Kennington-rd., at 7.30.
 Victoria Park, Yorkshire Grey, High-st., Stratford, at 8.
 Guelph, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton.
 Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-st., at 6. (Emulation Working.)
 St. Michael's, Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement, at 8.
 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
 Upton, Swan Tav., Bethnal Green-rd., at 8.
 Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7.
 North London Chap., Canonbury Tav., at 8.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23.

- Lodge 197, Jerusalem, F.M.H.
 " 599, Fitz-Roy, Hd.-qtrs. Hon. Artillery Company, City-rd., E.C.
 " 1601, Ravensbourne, B. of Wks. Office, Catford, S.E.
 Chap. 749, Belgrave, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 Mark 223, West Smithfield, Cathedral Hot., St. Paul's Churchyard.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Stability, M.H., Masons' Avenue, at 6.
 Robert Burns, North Pole, 387 Oxford-st, W., at 8.
 All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
 Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.
 Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H., at 7.
 Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford, at 8.
 Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
 St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
 Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.
 United Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.
 St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.
 Duke of Edinburgh, Bricklayers' Arms, Nurrow-st., Limehouse, at 7.
 Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
 St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.
 Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill, at 7.30.
 Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N., Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith, at 8.

Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich, at 8.
 William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st. Manchester-sq.
 Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.
 Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich
 St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.
 Ubique, Guardsman Coffee Tav., Buckingham Palace-road, at 7.30.
 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24.

- Lodge 1584, Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
 " 1706, Orpheus, F.M.H.
 Chap. 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE,

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19.

- Lodge 89, Unanimity, Astley Arms, Dukinfield.
 " 613, Unity, M.H., Southport.
 " 703, Clifton, Royal Hot., Blackpool.
 " 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1730, Urnston, Lord Nelson Hot., Urnston.
 " 1814, Worsley, Court House, Worsley.
 Chap. 32, Jerusalem, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
 " 1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.
 Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20.

- Lodge 667, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 830, Endeavour, Queen's Arms, Dukinfield.
 " 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's.
 " 979, Four Cardinal Virtues, Ryal Hot., Crewe.
 " 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.
 " 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hot., Barrow.
 " 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton-le-Fylde.
 " 1276, Warren, Queen's Arms Hot., Liscard.
 " 1570, Prince Arthur, M.H., Liverpool.
 Red Cross Conclave 77, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
 Merchant's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
 Cholmondeley L. of I., Commercial Hot., Frodsham.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21.

- Lodge 86, Loyalty, Crown Hot., Prescott.
 " 178, Antiquity, M.H., Wigan.
 " 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield.
 " 533, Eaton, M.H., Congleton.
 " 537, Zetland, M.R., Birkenhead.
 " 580, Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.
 " 758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.
 " 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 950, Hesketh, Royal Hot., Fleetwood.
 " 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool.
 " 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
 " 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
 Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
 Toxteth L. of I., M.R., North Hill-st., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22.

- Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle-le-Woods.
 " 1313, Fermor, M.H., Southport.
 " 1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.
 Chap. 216, Sacred Delta, M.H., Liverpool.
 Antient Union L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
 Stanley L. of I., 214, Great Homer-street, Liverpool.
 Mariners' L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23.

- Lodge 1061, Triumph, Market Hot., Lytham.
 Chap. 680, Sefton, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.

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