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OUR venerable Bro. Sir MOSES MONTEFIORE entered his hundredth year on Wednesday last, and was greeted by telegrams and letters from members of all persuasions in all parts of the world. The Royal Family, ever foremost in words and acts of kindness, had forwarded a message of kindly remembrance to him, and during the day congratulations literally poured in from all "quarters of the habitable globe." Surely there is something moving and touching in this fact, and we are supplied, are we not? with a very opportune if much needed lesson of Universal Toleration. Sir MOSES MONTEFIORE is a member of our Order, as we said before; the "Moira" is his mother lodge, and probably no address among the many he received was more appreciated by himself than the one which was forwarded to him by that distinguished body, and of which he spoke with so much gratification. It is stated in the *Times* of Wednesday that so interested is our old and excellent brother still in our "Royal art," that no later than Wednesday, having reached one hundred years, "he tried and proved a couple of visitors who were of the universal Brotherhood." Thus our good and venerable brother, as the crown of his many years, and in remembrance of his many virtues, receives, so to say, the sympathy and congratulation of Humanity.

Is it absolutely necessary to incur all the serious expense which the elaborate scheme recently propounded will inevitably entail on Grand Lodge for the rebuilding of Freemasons' Hall? Is it either conducive to the comfort or essential to the interests of Grand Lodge and its members to do anything more at present than reconstruct the Hall, making it hold as many brethren as it conveniently can? We have said before that if we are to have a scheme of reconstruction, let it be a scheme of entire reconstruction, and not a partial patching up, or possible temporary adaptation. But such a plan will involve an outlay far larger than we have it either in contemplation or means to sanction, and we must, as it seems to us, accept the more feasible and less expensive alternative of simple reconstruction. One of the greatest objections to the "idea" as now before Grand Lodge is, that it seeks to compass too much and too little, paradox as it may seem to say so, at the same time. It will no doubt greatly enhance the value of the "take" of our worthy lessees; but will it equally benefit Grand Lodge? We doubt the latter reality very much. On the whole, therefore, as the least hurtful strain on the Grand Lodge funds, we are much inclined to think, that we had better make up our minds to give up at once all ambitious schemes, and confine our attention to a careful restoration of Freemasons' Hall on the old ground plan, adopting all the modern systems of acoustics and ventilation. It is true that the enlarged accommodation will not be great; but is not that accommodation really after all sufficient? It is more than doubtful whether in any building except one in the theatral form, if we seat 1500 brethren, we can hear the speeches easily and comfortably. We know of no similar instance at home or abroad. In all similar large halls the strain on the voice is impossible to keep up, and would be especially so in a body like the Grand Lodge. We understand that great objections are entertained both in the provinces and metropolis to the financial arrangements, especially the proposal to purchase the lease of Bacon's Hotel. It is quite clear that we shall not come to an unanimous vote on the subject, and we would urge upon our authorities the urgent propriety of reconsidering the whole scheme. When we meet in December we shall be in somewhat a difficult position. A report is before us, but, so far as we can judge, not acceptable in its present form. Would it not be better and safer policy to move to refer the whole subject back to the Building Committee, with instructions to present a second report, based simply on the idea of reconstructing the old hall properly, and if you like improving the kitchen arrangements? Such a course would seem to be the most simple and practical one for us to adopt, more likely than any other to meet with the general approval of Grand Lodge. We venture to add our opinion, that for many reasons it is inadvisable for us as a Grand

Lodge to launch out into large building expenses just now. Events are stronger than men, and whether we like it or not, we may ere long be compelled to reconsider the whole question of the location of Freemasons' Hall. It appears to us to be our surest and safest policy therefore simply to reconstruct Freemasons' Hall, and to leave to the future the things of the future.

WE are much indebted to Bros. RIACH and HAWKINS for their careful comparison of the old Book of Constitutions with the Revised one, and to Bro. HAWKINS for his clear account of its actual history. We agree ourselves entirely with the conclusions of a very able paper on the "Status of Past Masters" which appeared in our last issue, and we feel convinced, as the very candid letter of one of our correspondents also in our last shews, that the more the subject is discussed the more it will be seen how great is the inadvisability and the hurtful tendency of the change proposed. It is all very well to indulge in high flown language and sentimental statements as to the universal rights of Past Masters, but we have rather to deal with, and most carefully to consider, what is for the real peace and advantage of our lodges, and the true progress of English Freemasonry. So many are the anomalies and inconveniences which the change will produce, that we ourselves have the fullest confidence that Grand Lodge will never now confirm it, as alike in province and metropolis its serious consequences are measured out and realized. We invite our readers' attention to the proceedings of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex, and the very able remarks of our esteemed brother, the DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER for that province.

As regards the new proposal also to make lodges responsible for any claims on joining members, we cannot think that on reconsideration Grand Lodge will confirm it. It is, to our view, grandmotherly legislation. If lodges do not make the proper enquiries as to joining members, let them by all means be pulled up and made to obey the Book of Constitutions. But such formal enactments are pretty certain to be unworkable, and are therefore useless and harmful, because they will never be enforced.

THE results of the polling at our recent School Elections present some remarkable figures which when carefully analyzed deserve the serious attention of all who take part in our half-yearly elections for our great Metropolitan Educational Establishments. In the Girls' School Election for instance there were 32,877 fresh votes issued and 2133 brought forward. Of this number 31,532 votes were actually polled, leaving 3378 unpolled, notwithstanding all the circulars of the "mendicant," and all the appeals of the anxious; a very remarkable fact, is it not? The eight successful candidates polled 18,572 votes; the 22 unsuccessful candidates recording 12,960 votes; the highest votes polled for the first successful candidate were 3101, and the lowest 1682. Thus it will be noted, that the prognostications of prophets and the calculations of experts were alike signally falsified in the Girls' School Election, inasmuch as it had been generally stated as certain, and was apparently as generally believed in as undoubted, that the voting would be abnormally high, and that no figures under 2400 were positively safe, and hence it was that some did not poll their full strength, and others were greatly disappointed. We have a warning in this reality against a blind adherence to the assumed certainty of figures. They sometimes signally fail us and perplex us. In the Boys' voting the figures necessarily ranged higher, and are very noteworthy. As we said before 47,769 votes were issued, and 29,540 were brought forward,—in all, 76,309, and of these 72,429 were polled, leaving 3880 unpolled votes, a very striking margin surely, remembering the "high pressure" we are all now under for votes. The 20 successful candidates put together the very large number of 52,987 votes. Of these 22,411 votes were brought forward, and 30,576 actually polled on Monday week. We believe that this polling is unprecedented. The average of the twenty successive and successful candidates being over 2600 votes.

WHEN we hear that 3378 Girls' votes were unpolled at the half-yearly election, and 3880 Boys' votes also, we are inclined to ask "what becomes of them all?" To what category do they belong—votes and voters alike? We fear that a good many voters will not even take the trouble to sign their names, and that a great number of votes are lost annually through their apathy and inattention. Voting papers are sent in habitually after the poll is closed, and many an election is lost either by the carelessness or forgetfulness of its friends.

THE recent proceedings at Huddersfield have been most gratifying to all concerned. Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of ALBANY and his amiable wife received due homage and courtesies from our excellent West Yorkshire bre-

thren. Bro. Sir H. EDWARDS, the distinguished Prov. Grand Master, and Bro. T. W. TEW, G.D. and Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the members of Grand Lodge presented a most appropriate address, and received a most excellent reply. All the arrangements at the Town Hall seem to have been excellent, for which the Craft was greatly indebted to Bro. JOSEPH BATLEY, the Town Clerk of Huddersfield, a very old and zealous Freemason, and P.P.G.R. for West Yorkshire. The Masonic body in Huddersfield is a very influential one, and contains among its members some of the leading inhabitants and some of the most respected citizens of that good town.

WE are not among those who ever undervalue the need and value of our "Lodges of Instruction." On the contrary, this peculiar English institution is, in our humble opinion, the secret of much true Masonic work amongst us, a source of Masonic sympathy, and constitutes one of the main reasons why our English working is so sound and so uniform on the whole. That there are varieties of working, customs, and usage, Bro. JAMES STEVENS will tell us; but it is a very remarkable fact, explain it as you will, that there is, in truth, little *essential* difference of working in our lodges. We are glad therefore to note the activity of these lodges, and feel we owe a debt of gratitude to them and to many able Preceptors for seeking so carefully to maintain in vital accuracy and full efficiency our Masonic lore and our cherished ritual.

THE striking progress of the Clerkenwell Lodge must be a source of great satisfaction to its friends and founders. Under the administrative ability of Bros. EDGAR BOWYER, JAMES TERRY, the new WORSHIPFUL MASTER, and other "good brethren and true," it has done sound work in Freemasonry, liberally aided the Charities, and been conspicuous for a genial hospitality. At its foundation hopes were expressed and good wishes offered for its Masonic career, and these have all been verified and illustrated by its steady advance, and its praiseworthy activity. The Clerkenwell Lodge has our "hearty good wishes."

THE GRAND TREASURERSHIP.

On Tuesday last a numerously attended meeting took place at the Holborn Restaurant, at which more than a hundred metropolitan and provincial lodges were represented, a number of Grand Officers being also present, thus evincing the great interest that is taken in the annual election of Grand Treasurer. A resolution was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously to the effect that Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, C.C., D.L., is a fit and worthy brother to succeed Bro. John Derby Allcroft as Grand Treasurer for 1884, the brethren present pledging themselves to use the whole of their influence to ensure his election.

To the majority of London Freemasons Bro. Marshall is well known for the unflagging interest he is ever taking in the cause of Freemasonry; but, for the information of our country brethren, it may be as well to state that he is Junior Warden and Past Treasurer of the Royal Hanover Lodge, No. 1777; Worshipful Master and one of the Founders of the Brixton Lodge, No. 1949; Senior Warden of the Farringdon Lodge, No. 1745; and a companion of the Aldersgate Chapter, No. 1657; that he is a distinguished member of the Court of Common Council of the City of London; a Commissioner of the Court of Lieutenancy; a Vice-Patron of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, for all of which he has on many occasions held the office of Steward, and was this year unanimously elected Treasurer to the Board of Stewards at the Boys' and Girls' Festivals.

In addition to our worthy brother's exertions on behalf of Freemasonry he has unsparingly devoted both labour and funds to Charities of a more general character, among which we may mention the Alexandra Orphanage, the Orphan Working School, the Asylum for Fatherless Children, the Children's Home, the Home for Little Boys, the London Orphan Asylum, and the National Orphan Home. Did our space permit we could add considerably to the foregoing, but we feel certain that sufficient has already been written to prove that Bro. Marshall is well worthy of the office for which he has been proposed, and this being the case we will conclude this short notice by expressing a hope that our brother's life may be indefinitely prolonged to the great advantage of suffering humanity.

THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

Though there are always likely to be many divergent opinions among brethren on such vexed questions as the origin of Freemasonry, the antiquity of the Third Degree, and the relative values of the systems which lie outside the pale of pure Craft Masonry, there can be no two opinions upon one point, namely, that the great body of Anglo-Saxon Freemasons, and especially that section of it which has chosen the Heir Apparent to the British Crown as its ruler, is scrupulously observant of the great watchwords of the Order—loyalty and charity. The brethren are very far from arrogating to themselves the exclusive possession among their fellow-subjects of the Queen or their kindred in other countries of these noble qualities; but there is no exaggeration in saying that no more loyal body of men exists than the Freemasons of the British Empire, while none has better exhibited, as well in practice as by precept, that charity which has rightly been described as the greatest of all the virtues. It may be, of course, as was once suggested by our Pro Grand Master, that there are countries in which Masonry is looked upon both by its own followers and the outside

world as being something else than a plain system of morality. It is not every Masonic organisation which can claim with justice to be absolutely non-political and unsectarian in matters affecting religion. We fear there is at least a certain amount of truth in the allegation that continental Freemasonry has not been always free from bias in matters political and religious. But no such allegations have ever been advanced, at least by impartial critics, against our English Masonic system. At times people have shown themselves incredulous as to our possessing any real secrets, secrets that are worth the trouble of keeping; at times they have smiled at, and even derided, our simplicity in wearing aprons and regalia, while at times our frequent observance of what is known among the elect as "the Fourth Degree," has brought with it a certain amount of condemnation. But the British public, albeit it is occasionally given to carping criticism, is always in the long run both just and generous. They have long known that men of every shade of politics and of different religious faiths meet together in our lodge rooms for no other purposes than the practice of our rites and the cultivation of social and fraternal intercourse. They know the princes and nobles of the land are either among our chief rulers or simple members of the Order; but, above all things, they ungrudgingly recognise that, even if we do occasionally indulge in "the feast of reason and the flow of soul," we are likewise unselfish enough to make annual provision for our poorer brethren, their widows, and their orphan children. It may be considered boastful on our part if we point to the existence of our several charitable institutions as evidence of the value of our English Freemasonry as a mere organisation of good fellows. But even this modest expression of self-complacency is excusable, if not justifiable. The tree is judged by its fruit; and the fruit which is produced from our English Masonic tree is very pleasant to look upon. Let it be our business to describe, in a series of short articles, the latest, though not the least valuable, of its specimens.

The establishment of a Charity Fund dates almost as far back as the establishment, in 1717, of the Grand Lodge of England. To the Earl of Dalkeith, Grand Master in 1723, belongs the honour of having originated the idea. In 1724, during the Grand Mastership of his successor, Charles, Duke of Richmond, a Committee of Charity was instituted, and but a few years elapsed ere the necessary measures were taken for raising and administering the fund at the disposal of the said Committee, among the earlier recipients of it being Bro. Anthony Sayer, the premier Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England. This fund is now administered by the Lodge of Benevolence, which meets monthly, and relieves all worthy applicants, according to the nature of their several circumstances. Its income, which consists of specially allotted fees and a capitation payment from every registered member of the Craft holding under the United Grand Lodge of England—save and except those belonging to foreign and colonial lodges—amounts to between £9000 and £10,000; but latterly there have been years in which even this large income has been exceeded by the disbursements to poor and distressed brethren and their widows.

Had nothing else been done towards alleviating the distress of our poorer brethren and their families than the establishment of this Fund of Benevolence, we English brethren would still be justified in considering the institution of Freemasonry as being worthy of the world's respect. But though the oldest, the Fund of Benevolence is not the only one of our English Charitable organisations. In 1788, mainly through the instrumentality of Bro. the Chevalier Ruspini, a member of the Royal Household, and under the patronage of her Royal Highness the Duchess of Cumberland, wife of our then Grand Master, the Duke of Cumberland, was instituted what is now known as the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Ten years later, its sister Institution, the Boys' School, was founded, and here again the initiative was taken by private members of the Society, the earlier efforts being made by brethren of what is familiarly known as an "ancient" lodge, while the "moderns" likewise had their School for Boys. When the two sects, so to speak, into which English Masonry was then divided, joined hands together and became one body, the two schools were likewise amalgamated. Both these Institutions are supported almost entirely by the voluntary contributions of our lodges and brethren, and what these amount to annually is too well known to need repetition here. Lastly, we come to the subject of these papers, the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the foundation of which is due partly to the enterprise of individual brethren, and in part to the liberality of Grand Lodge. To private enterprise belongs the honour of having taken the initiative in providing for the wants of the aged Mason by establishing the Asylum at Croydon, and for many years the promoters went on pursuing their honourable labours, not only uncountenanced by the members of the Craft, but in the teeth of very serious opposition from many of our then influential Masons. When, at length Grand Lodge instituted the Male Benevolent Fund, the two organisations, though in pursuit of the same laudable object, were kept separate and distinct, nor was it till some years subsequently that the Asylum for Aged Masons and the Benevolent Funds as established by the United Grand Lodge of England, with supplementary grants from the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter, were amalgamated into one Institution. But, as in the case of the Schools, the main support of this Charity is derived from the voluntary contributions of the brethren; and as in their case, the good work which was commenced on a modest scale has now assumed magnificent proportions, so that hundreds of old and indigent brethren and widows of brethren have had reason to bless the memory of the founders of the Asylum at Croydon, and the generosity of our Grand Lodge in establishing the Male and Female Annuity Funds.

Most of our readers are aware that Bro. R. J. Crucefix it was to whom must legitimately be assigned the honour of having established a permanent home for those brethren whom misfortune had overtaken and who, from

having enjoyed a position of comparative affluence or comfort, had fallen into a state of indigence; but, according to the "Freemasons' Quarterly Review" for 1835, Bro. the Rev. Gilbert Gilbert, of the Harmony Lodge, No. 255, Richmond, first suggested the idea of erecting an Asylum for Aged Masons about March, 1831. The proposal at the time did not meet with that degree of favour which it merited, and four years elapsed ere it was again taken up by Neptune Lodge, No. 22, and then the effort was well received. In a subsequent number of the same Review, we find the idea was publicly mooted on the occasion of the Girls' School Festival for the same year by Bro. Ramsbottom, M.P., who had filled the office of G.S.W. in 1820, and who is reported to have made it the subject of lament that, "whilst provision to some extent was made for the sons and daughters of decayed Freemasons, none of a similar nature yet existed for the direct assistance of such Freemasons themselves;" and we are told that so strong were Bro. Ramsbottom's feelings on the subject "that he promised his personal support," and expressed himself as looking forward with confidence "to the time when all the objects of Masonic protection would be associated under one roof." It is added that the remarks of this distinguished brother, a P.G.S.W. and the then Prov. Grand Master for Berkshire, "were received in a spirit of warm cordiality" by those present, which was "well calculated to give every assurance of success to such an institution if properly founded." Such was the effect which these remarks, the advocacy of Bro. Crucefix, and the loyal support of the Neptune and other lodges produced that, only a few pages further on, the editor announced in the following words that a subscription list in aid of the proposed Asylum would be opened in the said "Review": "With feelings of unmixed satisfaction and joyful pride, we now open a regular account to the credit of this noble tribute to Masonic justice—an account which, however humble in its commencement, will, we confidently predict, hereafter vie with all the existing Charities of the Order—in the patronage by which it will be supported." And, again, we read elsewhere: "But shall we trust ourselves to speak of the ASYLUM FOR THE AGED AND DECAYED FREEMASON; we can hardly calm our feelings in announcing that this splendid offering to Freemasonry is no longer doubtful. Lodges have been appealed to and nobly have they acted. Brethren, unsolicited, have rallied round the 'Poor Old Mason's Cause'; his sufferings have been made known; the standard of his hopes has at length been unfurled, and if, till now, many have 'unaided, unremembered, died,' joy, joy to the hope which pronounces that

"The stone is laid—the temple is begun—
Help—and its walls will glitter in the sun."

We doubt if even Bro. Crucefix, were it possible for him to revisit this mundane sphere, would recognise in the present Benevolent Institution the outcome of his zealous and persistent labours. Yet his enthusiasm has been justified and his confident prediction as to the future of the Asylum, whose birth he was thus at the pains of announcing, has been amply realised.

(To be continued).

RECORDS OF EXTINCT LODGES.

BY BRO. T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

ROYAL LODGE, CHESTER.

Cheshire, like Lancashire, appears to have been a very old centre of Speculative Masonry. Colonel Mainwaring, a Cheshire gentleman, was made a Mason at Warrington, on the border between the two counties, in 1646, at the same time as Ashmole himself, and the early lodge lists give the names of many lodges as having existed at various periods during the last century at Chester and throughout that county. At present in Chester there are two prosperous Craft lodges, the Cestrian, No. 425, founded in 1833, and the Independence, No. 721, founded in 1857. It is much to be regretted that old and famous lodges were permitted to expire, and although others equally good, and perhaps even more prosperous, have arisen from their ashes, nothing can compensate for the loss caused by the snapping of the thread of lineal descent and historic connection. Chester is not alone, however, by any means in having to lament such events. I had the pleasure of being present a week or two ago at an important meeting of the Cestrian Lodge, held for the first time upon new premises lately completed and fitted up for Masonic purposes in Queen-street. Most comfortable quarters they are, consisting of a spacious lodge room and ante-rooms, banqueting hall, kitchens, and lavatories. The only drawback to the lodge room is that it is scarcely as lofty as could be desired, and it would have been better left with an open timbered roof than underdrawn. The furniture of the lodge is very handsome, and when the details of the decorations have been completed the Cestrian Lodge will be in possession of a very elegant suite of rooms. At present the sister lodge meets in another part of the town, but it is hoped that arrangements may eventually be made for all the Masonic bodies to meet in the Cestrian Hall, which will be by far the best plan for many reasons. The present W. Master of the Cestrian is Bro. Chas. W. Duncan, a very earnest Mason, most anxious for the welfare of his lodge and Masonry in his city, and both he and his officers may be very fairly complimented upon the manner in which their lodge is worked.

During my brief visit Bro. J. C. Robinson, a P.M. of the lodge and a most intelligent Mason, put into my hands an ancient minute book of an extinct Chester lodge, which has about it much that is interesting. It is in excellent preservation, and, like many old minute books, has been kept carefully, though all too briefly. Bro. Robinson accidentally discovered the old book in a second-hand shop in Holywell-street, London, some little time ago, and at once secured it. No doubt other such valuables are to be found in similar localities, and brethren should always keep a weather eye lifting for

anything of the kind, for it is from such old records only that we can gain authentic information concerning the past history of our extinct lodges.

I propose to examine without further preface the contents of this old minute book, which seems to have been begun by extracts from a previous minute book. The first entry runs thus: "December y 27th, 1743.—An extract of the several By-Laws and Orders now in Force, agreed on and subscribed by the members of the Lodge of the Antient and Right Worshipfull Society of FREE and ACCEPTED MASONS now held at the ROYAL OAK in the Foregate-street, of the City of CHESTER, as they appear at large in the Last Book of Orders belonging to the said Lodge."

Then follow copies of bye-laws as follows:

"Jany. 8th, 1738.—Mr. Edwd. Orme, Master. Agreed that each member shall deposite in the Box the sum of Two Pence every monthly meeting.

"Any Brother who shall call another by any disobliging Name or otherwise than Brother or Fellow to be fined at the Discretion of the Lodge. Pocket Comp., page 17, Article 5.

"Decr. 27th, 1739.—Mr. Jno. Browne, Master. Every member, altho' sick or out of Town, to pay Two Pence monthly to the Box.

"May 12th, 1740.—Mr. John Dicus, Master. Brethren incurring a Fine for absenting themselves when warned, to pay the same next Time they appear. The Tyler to be paid for his services and attendance on the Brethren out of the Public Stock.

"March 8th, 1741.—Mr. Ben Powell, Master. One Shilling allowed to be expended out of the Box upon any meeting of the Brethren duly warned, if seven or more do not appear.

"July 12th, 1742.—Mr. Ben Powell, Master. Every brother appearing at the lodge without decent Cloathing to be fined at the Discretion of the Brethren present.

"Decr. 27th, 1742.—Mr. Edward Orme, Master. Every Brother going out of the Lodge Room without Leave of the Master to be Fined Two pence.

"Decr. 28th, 1742.—Mr. Edward Orme, Master. Two Pounds of Candles to be provided by the Wardens to be fixed round the Lodge Room, each Lodge Night.

"June 13th, 1743.—Mr. Edward Orme, Master. Any Member coming to the Lodge disguised in Liquor to be reprimanded and admonished for the first Two offences and to be for ever expelled on the Third.

"Decr. 13th, 1743.—Mr. Edward Orme, Master. Every Brother who is a resident within the City or the Liberties of Chester and not a Member of this Lodge, shall when he visits the Lodge pay one Shilling, whereof Sixpence is to be put into the Box. Likewise all Foreigners."

It may be remarked that according to the official lodge roll of 1739 this lodge is mentioned as "180, Horse and Man, Foregate-street, Chester," and as warranted on February 1st, 1738. The first minute is dated January, 1738, showing that the meeting was of a preliminary nature, or, what seems more likely, that this lodge was a continuation of some earlier lodge of which there were several. In the earliest Grand Lodge list we find between 1725 and 1729 there were three lodges at Chester, the Sun, the Spread Eagle, and the Castle and Faulkon. In the list from 1730 to 1732 there appear "32, Pyot Bull, Northgate-street," and "33, Castle and Falcon, Watergate-street." The "Pyot Bull," warranted in 1724 became the "Double Eagle, Castle-lane," and the "Castle and Falcon," warranted the same year, appears as the "Crown and Mitre, Northgate-street," in the next list (1736 to 1739.) The Crown and Eagle seems to have been in existence in 1740, but the name of the Double Eagle does not occur subsequently, so that it is possible the brethren may have procured a fresh warrant in February, 1738. By the way, I do not find a single entry recording a meeting at the hostlerie of the "Horse and Man."

The first original minute of a meeting is dated St. John's Day, 1743, "at the Royal Oak, in the Forrest Street, Chester," Mr. Edward Orme, Master, and I may here remark that even at this early date the lodge took the lead in Chester and the county, for the Provincial Grand Master and his two Wardens were members of the lodge and, as will be seen hereafter, were annually elected by the lodge. In fact this lodge was "de facto" the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire, just as at one period the Apollo Lodge at York filled the same position in regard to the county. Mr. Robert Newton was Prov. Grand Master and Mr. John Browne and Mr. John Dicus were his Prov. Grand Wardens. Both the latter and probably the former were Past Masters of the lodge. The Rev. John Carmichael and the Rev. Thomas Pollen were visitors at this meeting, and there were an initiation, a passing, and a raising. After this business, Robert Newton was re-elected Prov. Grand Master; Edward Orme, Deputy Grand Master; Thomas Cole (previously a Warden), Master; Charles Corn and John Rowley, Wardens; Ambrose Orme, Master's Deacon; and John Matthews, Warden's Deacon. The signatures of the whole of the brethren present are appended to this minute, and subsequently a similar course has been adopted at annual meetings throughout the book.

At a lodge held at the Coach and Horses, Northgate-street, on January 10th, 1743, the following resolution was passed: "That if any Fellow-Craft belonging to this lodge shall not be able to discharge the duty required of him by the Master, shall for every fifth default be fined two-pence."

No meeting is recorded until March 14th, 1744, when a lodge was held at the Swan, Watergate-street. The following 10th April there was a meeting at the Coach and Horses, and on the 8th May they met at the Royal Oak again. No business is recorded at these three meetings, but the Master was absent at the last and also on the 12th August, and Mr. John Gough is recorded as "Master P.T." The attendances averaged very small at this time and the entire number of members was only about 26. The meetings were held alternately at the Royal Oak, the Swan, and the Coach and Horses. The meetings took place monthly with fair regularity. On St. John's Day, 1744, Bro. Charles Corn was elected Master, and Bros. A. Orme and J. Matthews, Wardens, and the meetings were agreed to be held on the second Tuesday in the month. However, on the 21st February, 1744, only three members attended and the lodge seems to have dropped working, as the next minute is dated 9th April, 1745, when "Captain" Newton, Prov. Grand Master, was present. Thenceforth the meetings were resumed monthly, but the Master was seldom present, and very few brethren.

On St. John's Day, 1745, Edward Orme was again elected Master, John Matthews and Chas Parry, Wardens, and John Gough and John Rowley, Provincial Grand Wardens. No Provincial Grand Master was elected. Bro. Orme appears to have been more successful in keeping the lodge together than his predecessor, as there were better attendances, and from new names occurring it may be supposed that work was done, though there is no record of it at this period. The Tyler's fee was sixpence each night. Towards the end of this year the attendances became very small, and after a meeting held on the 9th December, 1746, there was a complete suspension until March 12th, 1749, when the members met at the Swan, Edward Orme being still the Master. The next meeting was on March 29th 1750, under the presidency of the same brother.

On April 16th, 1750, the Master was absent, but a Past Master acted as S.W., and I find a note—"admitted Mr. Parry." On the 13th June Bro. Dicas was fined twopence for swearing, and a similar penalty was inflicted for the same offence on Bro. Kirkes, who had only been initiated that evening. There was no meeting between July, 1750, and December 3rd, 1751, at which date there were apparently only nine members of the lodge, who agreed to meet every Tuesday until St. John's Day. Meetings were certainly held, but no record was kept of them, and the next minute is dated St. John's Day, 1754, when John Page, an alderman of the city and a member of the lodge, was elected Provincial Grand Master, and John Browne and Fisher Tench, Prov. Grand Wardens. At the same time Edward Orme was re-elected Master. At the monthly meeting next March there were seven initiations, and at the May meeting £2 2s. was voted to the Infirmary. At a special meeting the same month Bro. Farrington presented four large chairs, and the Master gave the "painting and ornamenting" of them, whilst Bro. Lawton gave a "neat Bible bound in Turkey leather."

In June, 1755, £2 12s. was given to Frederick William of Holzendorf, a Prussian and distressed brother. Visitors' names frequently appear; but in very few cases are the names of their lodges given. In August, Bro. J. Thomas presented brass pedestals and sockets for the candlesticks, and Bro. Delacour gave the gilding of the same. At the September meeting "Mr. Chas. Parry and Mr. Geo. Leigh were unanimously voted members of this Society, and paid for the use of the lodge Ten Shillings and Sixpence each." These must have been joining members.

On St. John's Day, 1755, John Page was re-elected Prov. Grand Master and Edward Orme Deputy Grand Master and W.M. The whole of the officers were at this time elected, and the lodge was meeting at the "Assembly House in Watergate-street." The meetings were regular and well attended, the Prov. Grand Master seldom being absent. At the June meeting, 1756, "Bro. Samuel Bagnall was unanimously expelled the Society for behaviour greatly unworthy a Mason." At this time John Golborne was Treasurer and Francis O'Brian Secretary.

The next meeting is remarkable as recording the existence of two other lodges in the city. It was held at the Swan in Watergate-street on Midsummer St. John's Day, 1756, and there were present amongst the visitors the "Master, Wardens, and Brethren of ye Raven Lodge" and the "Master, Wardens, and Brethren of ye Feathers Lodge." The Raven Lodge appears in the Lists as "203, Crow, Cow Lane," warranted in 1775. The Feathers Lodge is entered as "209, Plume of Feathers, Bridges Street," warranted also in 1775. Bro. Byrne was Master of the Raven Lodge, and Francis O'Brian suddenly appears as Prov. Grand Secretary.

On St. John's Day, 27th December, 1756, John Page, Esq., was re-elected Prov. Grand Master; Edwd. Orme, Deputy Prov. Grand Master and W.M.; Bros. Tench and Farrington, Prov. Grand Wardens; J. Golborne, Prov. Grand Treas.; and F. O'Brian, Prov. Grand Sec.

In February, 1757, a meeting was held at the Feathers, in Bridge-street, kept by Bro. Matthew Brown, and in March £2 2s. was again voted to the Infirmary.

The following minute is dated May 30th, 1757:—

"At a Lodge held at the House of the Rt. Worshipfull Edward Orme, Master of the Assembly Lodge, called by the Direction and appointment of the said Rt. Worshipfull Edward Orme, to keep his Birth Day, being the 29th inst., but Happening on a Sunday was Referd. to this Day. Fifteen members were present and there was a Raising."

At the October meeting "Bro. Wm. Pritchard was a visiting Brother belonging to Chapman's Coffee-house Lodge In Sackville-street, London."

In December, 1757, we find a new method adopted of electing the Master: "The Right Worshipfull the Master nominated the Worshipfull Fisher Tench, the Grand Provincial Warden and a Brother of this Lodge, to serve the office of Master for the next year, which was carrd. 'nem. con.'" On the same night Mr. Arthur Barber, a candidate, "being under age, the Right Worshipfull the Grand Master granted a Dispensation for his admission."

St. John's Day, 27th December, 1757, marks another epoch, since we have a separate minute of the meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge. The "Assembly Lodge," as it was then called, met and transacted some business, after which the lodge was closed and Provincial Grand Lodge was opened. John Page was Prov. Grand Master, and the Masters, Wardens, and brethren of the "Assembly House Lodge," the "Raven Lodge," and the "Feathers Lodge" were present. "The Secretary by order read the Prov. Grand Masters' deputation, and then the Deputy gave the annual charge." The following were nominated to office by the Prov. Grand Master: Bros. Edward Orme, D.P.G.M.; Thomas Farrington and F. O'Brien, Prov. G. Wardens; J. Golborne, G. Treas.; and Jas. Folliott, Grand Sec. "The several lodges were dismissed and the Grand Lodge closed in due form." The Assembly Lodge was then opened a second time and Fisher Tench was elected W. Master, and Wardens and Deacons were also elected.

After February meeting, 1758, it was recorded that a Samuel Gillion,

candidate, was rejected with three black balls. In April it was resolved "That for the future no liquor shall be made use of, or called for before supper, nor any allowed for in the reckoning of this society but what is made use of in the lodge room." Several military men, as well as persons connected with county families, joined the lodge about this time. Joseph Fluitt was Master of the Feathers Lodge this year, and Thomas Huxley Master of the Raven Lodge.

The next entry is the minute of a "Grand Quarterly Communication, held at the house of Bro. Daniel Smith, known by the name of the White Lyon and King's Head, in Northgate-street," at which the three lodges were represented by their Masters and Wardens. I will transcribe the business, as it is not long:

"The Masters of each lodge returned a list of their members, which was read according to order. The Master of Raven Lodge acquainted ye Right Worshipful Provincial that they had changed their house of meeting from ye Raven in Cow-lane to ye Golden Lyon in Forest-street, the house of Bro. Ralph Joyns, and moved to have his approbation of the same, which was granted accordingly. . . . He further moved to have the liberty of choosing their officers half-yearly, which was accordingly granted. The Right Worshipful Grand Master acquainted ye Masters of ye different lodges that he intended to have a procession on next St. John's Day, and desired they would recommend it to their members to come decently and properly clothed to attend him. Mr. Deputy recommended that each lodge would pay in their annual contributions to ye Grand Lodge at London, and that peace, harmony, and brotherly love might subsist amongst them, and then closed the lodge in form."

On St. John's Day, 1758, accordingly a lodge was held "at the Assembly Room in the Exchange at nine o'clock in the morning," the Master, Wardens, and 10 brethren being present. A candidate was initiated, the lodge was closed, and "the several lodges being assembled agreeable to the order of the Grand Committee, the Provincial Grand Wardens waited on the Grand Master at his own House and conducted him from thence to the Assembly Room in the Exchange, where he joyn'd the lodges, and from thence proceeded in due form to the Parish Church of St. John the Baptist, where Divine Service was performed and an excellent discourse on the occasion was then delivered by our Reverend Brother Robert Markham, and upon their return from thence the Grand Lodge open'd." At this meeting Bro. Orme was again appointed Deputy Grand Master; the Hon. Arthur Barry, Senior Grand Warden; and the Hon. Jno. Smith Barry, Junior Grand Warden; Holme Burrowes, Grand Treas.; and Chas. Townsend, Grand Sec. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Markham for his sermon, and the Prov. Grand Lodge was closed. The Assembly Lodge was again opened and Edward Orme was again elected Master. In February, 1759, one James Banks was admitted as a serving brother, or, as it was termed, "without paying a Fine." At the May meeting it was resolved that "the Fine to be paid for the admission of every Brother shall be two guineas." Meetings during this year were occasionally held at the private residence of the Master, and at one of these meetings the Right Hon. Lord Malpas was a visitor. I notice that separate payments were made for each degree by candidates.

(To be continued).

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Senior Vice-President, occupied the President's chair; Bro. W. Stephen's, Past Grand Pursuivant, took the Senior Vice-President's chair; and Bro. W. H. Perryman the chair of Junior Vice-President. There were also present—

Bros. J. H. Matthews, C. A. Cottebrune, Henry Garrod, Chas. Fredk. Hogard, Thomas Cubitt, Wm. Mann, G. P. Britten, E. F. Storr, Charles Dairy, Thos. Cull, F. R. Spaul, P.M. 1124; Edward Ayling, W.M. 975; James Cockburn, W.M. 1381; Frederick Snee, W.M. 704; Alfred Avery, P.M. 619; Geo. Free, P.M. 73; Edwd. Fenner, P.M. No. 1; J. Mason, P.M. 1567; G. Hakewill, W.M. 1150; Thos. T. Kennett, W.M. 1716; Jno. Wyer, P.M. 1314; R. G. Barton, W.M. 60; A. Nicols, W.M. 1074; Wm. Edmonds, P.M. 309; Robert James Vincent, W.M. 1063; Stephen Crane, W.M. 933; Arthur E. Gladwell, P.M. 172; W. Chas. Hall, W.M. 749; Thos. Markland, I.P.M. 144; H. M. Harris, P.M. and W.M. 205; W. S. Cantrell, W.M. 1871; Jno. Goddard, W.M. 771; Edward Grisbrook, P.M. 1501; John Tovell, W.M. 1489; W. H. Hooper, P.M. 435; John Smith, W.M. 1257; Richard Trill, P.M. 1320; J. Bond, P.M. 101; Frederick Binckes, P.M. Grand Stewards Lodge; W. J. Cattermole, I.P.M. 217; J. H. Taylor, I.P.M. 1767; Wm. H. Dean, P.M. 417; J. J. Pope, P.M. 1305; R. A. Smith, W.M. 13; A. W. Carvin, W.M. 1768; E. H. Bramley, W.M. 957; Col. Shadwell H. H. Clerke, G. Sec.; H. G. Buss, Asst. G. Sec.; W. Dodd, Neville Green, H. Sadler, Grand Tyler; and Henry Massey, P.M. 1928 (Freemason).

The brethren first confirmed grants recommended to the Grand Master at the last meeting to the amount of £55, and then proceeded with the new list. On this there were as many as 34 cases. Two of these were deferred, not being complete. The remaining 32 were relieved with a total sum of £825, which was made up as follows: One grant of £100 (£100); three grants of £50 each (£150); two of £40 each (£80); seven of £30 each (£210); three of £25 each (£75); four of £20 each (£80); four of £15 each (£60); six of £10 each (£60); and two of £5 each (£10).

Lodge, after sitting three hours, was closed.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of this Institution was held on Thursday afternoon at Freemasons' Hall, Col. Creaton, Past Grand Treasurer, in the chair. There were also present Bros. J. H. Matthews, John A. Rucker, Frank Richardson, James Peters, E. H. Finney, Samuel H. Parkhouse, J. J. Caney, A. H. Tattershall, F. R. W. Hedges, Secretary, and H. Massey (Freemason).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the former meeting, and the reading of the minutes of the Quarterly Court, and of the House Committee, and of the Audit Committee for information,

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.D., said that at the last meeting of the House Committee it was the unanimous feeling of the Committee that Miss Redgrave's salary was not commensurate with her attainments, and therefore on behalf of the House Committee he gave notice that at the next meeting of the General Committee he should move that Miss Redgrave's salary be increased from £75 to £95 per annum.

Cheques in payment of the quarterly accounts were then authorised to be signed by the Chairman.

One petition was received and examined, and the Candidate ordered to be placed on the list for the next April election.

The Committee adjourned after passing a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

On Thursday, October 18th, Bro. the Earl of Zetland, R.W. Prov. Grand Master of North and East Yorkshire, held his annual communication at Middlesbrough-on-Tees, by invitation of the Ferrum Lodge, No. 1848. The gathering was summoned to the Temperance Hall, a large and commodious building, and there the brethren assembled soon after high noon. There were various robing rooms comfortably arranged for the visitors, and the hospitality of the Ferrum brethren found ample scope and was exemplified in the way they provided for the creature comforts of those who had travelled from an early hour in order to be present from distant parts of the province.

The Board of Benevolence sat for about an hour previous to the opening of Grand Lodge, and during that time about £100 was granted to necessitous Masons, their widows and children.

A procession was then formed in the corridors, and the Provincial Grand Lodge entered the large hall, with a flourish of trumpets, and the Earl of Zetland assumed the throne, supported by about 250 brethren.

The minutes having been read and confirmed as well as those of the Board of Benevolence the lodge proceeded to the election of a charity representative in the room of Bro. J. S. Cumberland, P.P.G.J.W., who had acted for three years and who now declined re-election, principally through lack of leisure to attend to the growing duties of the position, and Bro. J. W. Woodall, P.P.G.S.W., was unanimously elected to the position. Bro. J. S. Cumberland then moved pursuant to notice "That this Provincial Grand Lodge views with surprise, and begs to enter a strong protest against the proposal of the Building Committee of Grand Lodge to give Mr. Bacon £6000 for his unexpired lease of 5½ years for the hotel and to grant Messrs. Spiers and Pond a lease of 50 years, thus locking up the freehold and losing control over the property for so long a time."

Bro. T. B. Whytehead suggested to Bro. Cumberland an addition to the effect that the Temple should be reinstated and that when the present leases had expired the whole matter should be reconsidered by the Building Committee, and Bro. Cumberland having accepted the addition, Bro. Whytehead seconded the motion, which was carried nem. con.

The Prov. G. Officers were then appointed as follows:

Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M. 1611,	P.P.G.D.C.	...	Prov. G.S.W.
A. T. Rogers, P.M. 123	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
Rev. H. Jackson, 566	...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
Rev. Jas. Blake, 734	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
W. J. Watson, P.M. 602	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
M. C. Peck (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
M. Rooke, P.M. 236	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
W. Wilson, P.M. 660	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
R. Beevers, P.M. 57	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
Eli Bujen, P.M. 294	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
H. J. Morton, P.M. 1248	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
D. W. Dixon, P.M. 1618	...	...	Prov. G.Swd. Br.
W. H. Attlay, 312	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
G. Simpson, P.M. 1611	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
J. Best, P.M. 561	...	...	Prov. G.A.Purst.
F. J. Lambert, 1010	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

On the motion of Bro. STEPHENSON, P.M., Bro. R. W. Hollen was re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer for the 34th time in succession.

The R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER gave a short address to the brethren, and mentioned that he had received invitations for next year's meeting from the Lion Lodge, at Whitby, and from the Leopold Lodge, at Scarborough; but as it was nearly 20 years since they had met at Whitby, he should accept the invitation of the Lion Lodge.

The lodge was then closed in full and ancient form and the procession was reformed. An adjournment was made to the Oddfellows' Hall, where an excellent banquet was spread. There was a short toast list, which was enlivened by some capital songs. The Prov. Grand Master left the table about six o'clock, in order to proceed to his seat at Aske, near Richmond.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of the above province was held on Tuesday afternoon, the 16th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Sunderland, under the presidency of Bro. the Rev. Canon H. B. Tristram, F.R.S., Prov. G.M., who was supported by the following officers: Bros. T. Y. Strachan, D.P.G.M.; E. Hudson, P.G.S.W.; T. J. Armstrong, P.G.J.W.; J. J. Horsley, P.G.M.O.; J. Wood, P.G.S.O.; F. H. Bennett, P.G.J.O.; the Rev. W. Skene, D.D., P.G. Chap.; W. E. Franklin, P.G. Treas.; W. Lear, P.G. Reg.; R. L. Armstrong, P.G. Sec.; F. Maddison, acting P.G.S.D.; G. Carter, P.G.J.D.; A. S. Fowler, P.G.D. of C.; R. Thompson, P.G.I. of W.; J. F. Stewart, P.G. Org.; H. Baumann, P.G. Swd. Br.; H. E. O. Muller, P.G. Std. Br.; T. Bradley, P.G.I.G.; W. Atkinson, P.G. Tyler; Pinkney, P.G. Stwd. Among other past provincial officers and lodge officers present were: Bros. Captain Forbes, R. H. Holmes, Newcastle; C. S. Lane, P.G.D. Eng.; W. Frampton, P.P.G.O.; W. Siddell, P.P.M.O.; W. Coxon, P.P.G.I.G.; R. B. Reed, P.P.M.O.; J. S. Cumberland, P.S.G.W. N. and E. Yorks; R. A. Luck, P.G. Reg. of Mks.; G. F. Stevens, W.M. 192; W. T. Clarke, P.P.G. Sec. Sussex; W. D. Coxon, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks.; D. Sinclair, W.M. 293; M. Corbett, S.W.; J. G. Smith, J.W. 293; W. T. Tate, P.P.G.O.; J. S. Pearson, P.M.O.; R. G. Salmon, W.M. Northumberland and Berwick-on-Tweed; T. W. Watson, W.M. 124; A. Robertson, S.W. 135; C. Flintoff, 135; T. M. Barron, 250; J. T. Harrison, Sec. 293; J. Usher, W.M. 122; M. H. Dodd, J. R. Pattison, H. S. Halvorsen, J. C. Moor, (Freemason), and others.

The Secretary, Bro. R. L. ARMSTRONG, read the report of the Committee of General Purposes, which recommended that 21 guineas be given to the Masonic Charities, which was adopted on the proposition of Bro. T. Y. Strachan, D.P. G.M. The W.Ms. of the various lodges in the province then presented their reports, which were considered very satisfactory by the Prov. Grand Master, who hoped they would continue to go on and prosper. The returns showed that the lodges were steadily progressing. Bro. W. E. Franklin was re-elected Treasurer. The appointment and investiture of officers for the ensuing year was made by the Prov. G.M. as follows:

Bro. T. Y. Strachan	...	...	Dep. Prov. G.M.
R. B. Reed	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
F. Maddison	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
R. A. Luck	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
T. Walton	...	...	Prov. G.S.O.
R. L. Armstrong	...	...	Prov. G.J.O.
Rev. T. D. Nichols	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
D. Sinclair	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
T. M. Watson	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
R. G. Salmon	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
H. Baumann	...	...	Prov. G.R. of M.
A. S. Fowler	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
J. Usher	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
J. F. Stewart	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
J. C. Martin	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
R. Kimond	...	...	Prov. G.Swd. Br.
J. Brown	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
W. Atkinson	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

Other business having been transacted, the P.G.M. stated that the next annual Grand Lodge would be held at Stockton.

The meeting then terminated, and the annual banquet was held at the Palatine Hotel, where a very excellent dinner was served, and the attendance of brethren was very large. The Rev. Canon Tristram, P.G.M., occupied the chair, and he was well supported by the provincial officers and visitors from other provinces.

COMPLIMENT AT BATH TO V.W. BRO. W. J. HUGHAN, P.G.D.

Our distinguished Bro. Hughan, so well-known as of Truro (now removed to Torquay, as more suitable for his health), on his way to York and Scarborough to keep Masonic engagements, accompanied by his wife, stayed for a few days with their old friend Bro. Dr. Hopkins, at Bath, who having a year or two ago introduced him to the brethren of the Royal Cumberland Lodge, No. 41, by whom he was elected an honorary member, thought that a meeting with some of them would be pleasurable to both parties. After having consulted the W.M. and several P.Ms., with their assent he issued invitations to all the P.Ms. and officers to a friendly supper at the Castle Hotel on Saturday, the 20th inst., in honour of Bro. Hughan. These were well responded to, and the following were punctual in attendance: Bros. P.Ms. Ashley, J. Turner, S. Mitchell, Braham, Dr. Hopkins, Radway, and Cater; Mercer, W.M.; Ames, J.W.; W. Peach, S.D.; Gregory, Steward; C. Wilkin, P.J.W.; Robinson, and L. Howes, Z. Only seven were absent, all of whom sent satisfactory reasons.

The chair was of course taken by the W.M., who after supper addressed a few words to the brethren, and proposed the usual loyal toast. This having been honoured, Bro. Dr. Hopkins explained the circumstances under which he had issued the summonses, expressing his confidence that the visitor would be able to afford them interesting and valuable instruction. Bro. Radway, after a few complimentary remarks in reference to Bro. Hughan and his host as united old and indefatigable labourers for the benefit of the Order, and the expression of a hope that the former would derive such benefit from his change of residence as to enable him to continue his researches in Masonic history and literature, proposed his health, to which the brethren cordially responded.

In his reply Bro. HUGHAN entered at some length on the principal changes proposed by the revisers of the Book of Constitutions, and explained the reasons for them, concluding by a statement of the pleasure he derived from membership of so old, energetic and useful a lodge, and his desire to render assistance and promote its interests by all the means in his power.

It was intended that this should be the only toast of the evening, but Bro. Ashley could not allow the brethren to separate without proposing one in honour of the brother to whom the lodge was indebted for acquaintance with his old friend Bro. Hughan, and the many benefits derived from it.

Bro. Dr. HOPKINS suitably responded, expressing his satisfaction that the course he had taken in calling together the brethren had met with their approval.

The party broke up soon after half-past ten.

MASONIC PRESENTATIONS.

The annual banquet of the Star Lodge of Instruction took place on Tuesday evening, the 16th inst., at the Five Bells Hotel, New Cross, when nearly 60 of the brethren and visitors sat down to a sumptuous repast, provided in a style for which Bro. Bear has long been proverbial. The tables were adorned with vases and epergnes of choice flowers and ornamental plants, and the arrangements made by "ye worthy host" elicited expressions of unqualified satisfaction from all present. The chair was occupied by Bro. James Terry, the esteemed Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, who was faced in the vice-chair by Bro. Waterman, P.M. At the conclusion of the repast, which was much enjoyed, the customary loyal and Craft toasts were proposed from the chair, and received in a manner characteristic of the Star Lodge of Instruction, which fully bears out the reputation it has long enjoyed as one of the most popular and successful in the South of London.

In proposing the toast of the evening, Bro. TERRY spoke of the able and unwearied exertions put forth on behalf of the lodge by its talented Preceptor, Bro. George Andrews, P.M., and its equally zealous Secretary, Bro. Walter Martin. This being no ordinary night, he thought he might deviate from the usual routine by making special mention of the names of those brethren whose efforts for promoting the interests of the Star Lodge of Instruction had been so marked and unwearied. (This observation was the signal for loud and continued applause.) Many remarkable and successful gatherings had taken place in connection with this lodge; but none more friendly and harmonious than that in which they had the pleasure of participating on the present occasion. He could assure the brethren that the lodge would not have been in its present prosperous position had it not been for the efforts put forth by the brethren he had named to raise Masonry in the South-eastern District of London. In association with this he should also mention the name of Bro. George Bolton, P.M., who might be designated the father of Masonry in this neighbourhood, having established the first lodge here. Coming to the immediate subject before him, Bro. Terry said it had been suggested by a few members of the lodge that a

suitable testimonial should be presented to Bros. Andrews and Martin, as a mark of respect and esteem and in recognition of the valuable services they had rendered in connection with this and other lodges of instruction. (Cheers.) Both these brethren had by their ability and careful attention to the interests of the lodge brought it to its present state of prosperity. The brethren present were sensible of the excellence of their work, and esteemed Bros. Andrews and Martin accordingly; and in behalf of the subscribers he asked their acceptance of the testimonials, which were the spontaneous outcome of the appreciation and respect entertained towards them by the whole of the members of the lodge. In handing to Bros. Andrews and Martin each a beautiful timepiece and a set of ornaments, he expressed the hope that they might live long, and that the flight of time might bring them the happy remembrance of this moment, which must be so full of agreeable emotions to them. In conclusion, Bro. Terry further alluded to the great services which had been rendered by Bros. Andrews and Martin to the Masonic world in general, and to the Star Lodge of Instruction in particular. (Cheers.)

The testimonials consisted of massive and handsome timepieces, of elaborate design and beautifully ornamented, and each bore an inscription to the effect that it was "presented by the members of the Star Lodge of Instruction and other brethren, in recognition of valuable services connected with Freemasonry."

Bro. GEO. ANDREWS, who was received with loud applause, returning thanks for the handsome compliment paid to him, said he should always look upon it as a great incentive, if, indeed, such were necessary, to continue his efforts in the cause of Freemasonry, and especially the Star Lodge of Instruction. He congratulated the brethren upon the satisfactory financial position of the lodge, and expressed the hope that it might long continue to exercise its usefulness and influence in the South of London.

Bro. WALTER MARTIN in expressing his thanks for the honour which had been conferred upon him said he hoped he might assert without egotism that he had endeavoured to do his duty as a good, true, and faithful Mason. (Cheers.) Whilst he had been Secretary of this lodge of instruction he had studied, in addition to imparting what Masonic knowledge he possessed, to impress upon the brethren that Charity was one of the principal objects of the Craft. In saying this it afforded him the most heartfelt pleasure in being able to hand to their esteemed brother in the chair that evening a cheque for twenty guineas in aid of the Masonic Benevolent Institution, so that the Star Lodge of Instruction should not be behind in its interest in that Charity compared with what it had done for the Boys' School. He had also pleasure in informing the brethren that the average attendance of members two years ago was 24, whilst in the last year the number had risen to 31 at each meeting. He thanked the brethren for the motives of affection which had prompted the handsome gift they had presented to him, and promised to continue in the future, as in the past, to do his utmost for the welfare of the Star Lodge of Instruction. (Cheers.)

Bro. Geo. BOLTON, P.M., next proposed "The Health of the Chairman," who in suitable terms returned thanks for the cordiality with which the mention of his name had been received. He thanked the brethren also for having asked him to preside on this interesting occasion and for the unexpected generosity of the lodge in handing him so substantial a cheque on behalf of the Benevolent Institution, in which he felt naturally, as its Secretary, the warmest interest. He should be most happy at all times to attend and render what assistance he could to so flourishing a lodge of instruction as was the Star. (Cheers.)

"The Health of the Stewards" came next, the toast being suitably acknowledged by Bros. Scudder and Dilley, sen.

Several other complimentary toasts were honoured, and the chairman before closing the meeting favoured the company with an eloquent recitation. The proceedings were interspersed with some excellent songs, the pleasures of the evening being contributed to by Bros. Packer, Scudder, J. Morgan, Dilley, jun., Moore, and Mimms, Bro. Packer's rendering of "My pretty Jane" and Bro. Dilley's "Old Brigade," being especially appreciated.

Special thanks were accorded to Bro. Hollis, the Treasurer of the Testimonial Fund, and to Bro. Thos. C. Nunn, S.W.; Bro. Geo. Scudder, J.D.; and Bro. G. Emblin, Hon. Sec., who had exerted themselves so zealously in arranging for the presentation and the very successful and happy gathering which had been enjoyed in connection with this graceful and deserved compliment.

At the last monthly meeting of the members of the Lodge of Loyalty, No. 86, now considerably over a century old, held at Prescott, near Liverpool, a presentation of a very gratifying nature was made to Bro. John Manley Barrington Spinks, an esteemed member of the lodge, in view of his early departure for New Zealand. In the absence of Bro. John Bamford, the W.M., who was prevented by business from being present, the chair was taken by Bro. E. J. Brown, I.P.M., and there was a large attendance of members of the lodge. The presentation took the form of a very handsomely illuminated resolution which had been passed at a previous meeting, as the following terms in which it was framed will show: "Lodge of Loyalty, No. 86. At the regular lodge meeting held at Prescott, on the 13th day of September, 1883, it was reported that Bro. John Manley Barrington Spinks proposed leaving England for New Zealand. Upon the motion of Bro. S. H. Hartley, S.W., seconded by Bro. W. Newsome, P.M. 1384, it was unanimously resolved 'That an expression of the lodge's regret at Bro. Spinks's contemplated removal be entered on the minutes, together with the best wishes of the members for his future prosperity and happiness.' Bro. Spinks's uniform kindness and charity and general uprightness of conduct have endeared him to all the members of this lodge in particular, and to the members of the Craft in general." The resolution was signed on behalf of the lodge by the W.M., S.W., J.W., and Secretary. This parting memento of true fraternal feeling was illuminated and framed, the border containing various emblems of the Craft and a portrait of Bro. Spinks. The initial letters were of burnished gold in colours, and a representation of the centenary jewel of the lodge was introduced. The work, which was greatly admired by the brethren, was prepared by Bro. James Orr Marples, I.G. 1609, whose artistic addresses presented to members of the Royal Family have met with universal marks of approval.

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1 Bond, No. 42, for ... 500

Bonds issued under the Holborn Valley Improvement Act, 1864, and maturing on the 1st July, 1884, viz.:

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19 Bonds for £500 each, Nos. 1232 to 1243, and 1630 to 1636 ... 9,500

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10 Bonds for £1000 each, Nos. 262 to 271 ... 10,000

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No. 152 for ... 50,000

Total ... £199,500

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Bonds maturing in 1884, with an option of renewal as above.

Bonds issued under the London Central Markets Act, 1876, maturing on the 1st April, 1884, viz.:

111 Bonds for £1000 each, Nos. 1 to 91, and 381 to 400 ... £111,000

68 Bonds for £500 each, Nos. 92 to 151 and 401 to 408 ... 34,000

105 Bonds for £100 each, Nos. 152 to 251 and 409 to 413 ... 10,500

Bonds issued under the Act for providing the Metropolitan Cattle Market, Islington, and maturing on the 1st April, 1884, viz.:

16 Bonds for £1000 each, Nos. 660 to 675 ... 16,000

7 Bonds for £500 each, Nos. 676 to 682 ... 3,500

6 Bonds for £100 each, Nos. 683 to 688 ... 600

Bonds issued under the same Act, and maturing on the 5th April, 1884, viz.:

10 Bonds for £1000 each, Nos. 689 to 698 ... 10,000

5 Bonds for £500 each, Nos. 699 to 703 ... 2,500

5 Bonds for £100 each, Nos. 704 to 708 ... 500

Bonds issued under the same Act, and maturing on the 5th October, 1884, viz.:

5 Bonds for £1000 each, Nos. 709 to 713 ... 5000

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Bonds issued for the purposes of the London Central Fruit, Vegetable, and Flower Market (now London Central Fish Market) Loan of £70,000, maturing on the 1st July, 1884, renewable under Act of 1882, viz.:

70 Bonds for £1000 each, No. 1 to 70 ... 70,000

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Further information, if needed, will be furnished at this Department.

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To Correspondents.

The following communications have been received, but are not inserted in this issue owing to want of space:—
Craft Lodges—Lodge of Industry, 48; Euphrates Lodge, 212. Ellesmere Lodge, 730; Lewis, Lodge, 872; Abbey Lodge, 1184; Wolsey Lodge, 1656; St. George's Lodge, 1723.

Instruction—Brixton Lodge, 1949.
Royal Arch Chapters—Royal Cumberland Chapter, 41; Pattison Chapter, 913.

Mark Lodge—York Lodge (T.I.).
Knights Templar—Royds Preceptory, 149.
Obituary—Bro. Henry Horner.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Loomis Journal," "Broad Arrow," "Keystone," "La Esquadra," "El Porveini," "Citizen," "New Zealand Freemason," "Sanitary Engineer" (New York), "Tricycling Journal," "Court Journal," "City Press," "Bulletin Maconique," "Allen's Indian Mail," "Jewish Chronicle," "Hull Packet," "El Taller."

THE HUGHAN TESTIMONIAL.

We are glad to be able to say that we have already received a large number of names of guinea subscribers to this fund. Indeed it would seem from letters received that the brethren throughout England quite appreciate the labours of Bro. Hughan, and the appropriateness of the public recognition that has been suggested. A committee is being formed which already embraces the names of several leading Freemasons, members of Grand Lodge, and prominent workers in the provinces, and we shall presently announce their names, with a list of subscriptions. In the meantime we shall be glad to receive the names of intending subscribers.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 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 fairplay to all to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
Will you kindly allow us to reply briefly to some of the comments made in your leaderette of last Saturday upon our comparison of the Old and Revised Book of Constitutions.

1st. It would have been a matter for no small self congratulation had we entirely avoided inaccuracies in so complicated a task as that of placing side by side the various clauses contained in two books arranged upon two totally different systems, but at the same time it would have been kinder and more satisfactory to us if you had specified instances in which we have stated that an old rule has been omitted when it is really incorporated in one in the revised code, and if you had named the consequent errors in our remarks to which you allude. Where special care has been taken to secure accuracy, it is not satisfactory to be accused in general terms of the opposite.

2nd. It was necessary to make the old book the foundation of our comparison. It is in the hands of most brethren; the revised book is only in the hands of a few.

3rd. We fail to understand your statement that we are too late to claim a hearing, when you say yourself immediately below with reference to Rules 80, 119, and 130, that you understand further propositions will be made. Why, if this is possible, are we debarred from proposing amendments?

4th. If, as you say, most of our "suggestions not affecting the sense" have been already agreed to, why was this not stated in the official report of the proceedings at the Special Grand Lodges? We considered ourselves justified in assuming the accuracy and completeness of these reports.

5th. You find fault with some of our suggested emendations on the ground that they have been already decided upon by Grand Lodge; but you forget that of the amendments proposed, but not "recommended for adoption" by the Board of General Purposes, many were never put to the vote at all, and among these a few some we think of sufficient importance to be worthy of consideration now.

6th. You conclude with a hope that there will be no further delay; may we ask you to give some reason for this hope? We have stated what we consider sufficient reasons for postponement; will you state your reasons for haste?

In conclusion, will you allow us to thank Bro. Hughan for his kindly expressed appreciation of our work?—Yours fraternally,
HUGH H. RIACH, P.M. 1523.
E. L. HAWKINS, P.M. 357.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In a letter from our P.G. Sec., received this morning, the following remarks occur: "Constitutions. So, New Rule. This I cannot make out. What is the meaning of a law to say that Provincial and District Grand Lodges shall enact By-Laws, &c., &c. Is it not absurd to say this." Looking over No. 80 as it now stands one cannot fail to be struck with the clumsy, ambiguous, incongruous, and verbose character of the amendment added at the Special Grand Lodge, June 29th. The whole rule now reads: "A provincial or district grand lodge consists of the provincial or district grand master, the present and past provincial or district grand officers, the provincial or district grand stewards of the year, and the masters, past masters, and wardens of all lodges within the province or district. Provincial and District Grand Lodges shall enact by their By-Laws, that in addition to the above, Past Masters of Lodges out of the Province or District who have joined Lodges in the Province or District shall be members of the Provincial or District Grand Lodge. All members of a provincial or district grand lodge must be subscribing members of a lodge in the province or district."

The amendment is in italics, and the full copy is made from the revise, and the report of special Grand Lodge. The capitals in the amendment and the absence of capitals in the revise is only a minor fault; but note how the rule as proposed will operate. It is not permissive but imperative; and yet the clumsy round-about way of compelling provinces and districts to enact a bye-law to do indirectly what Grand Lodge can do directly (as it has done in the first part of this rule) is not worthy of so capable a body. Next, consider the equivocal, ambiguous nature of the amendment: "Past Masters of lodges outside the province or district," may embrace, and certainly does not exclude, Irish, Scotch, French, American, European, Asiatic, African, or other foreign Past Masters; but one can hardly suppose this comprehensive "all-embracing" clause was intended to do more than include Past Masters of English Lodges. Then, again, a Past Master who has forfeited the membership of Grand Lodge by withdrawal, may join, after years of absence, and be at once a member of Provincial or District Grand Lodge—another result not, perhaps, intended, and not in congruity with No. 9.

From all that has been said and written on the subject, the only intention of the rule is no doubt to give joining Past Masters who are members of Grand Lodge a status in any province or district to which they may at any time belong. Very few will disagree with the intention, and there must be a simple way to express this, and no more than this, in a clear and precise rule. I venture to submit the following as fulfilling these conditions:

"So.—A Provincial or District Grand Lodge consists of (a) the Provincial or District Grand Master, the Present and Past Provincial or District Grand Officers, the Provincial or District Grand Stewards for the year; (b) the Master, Past Masters, and Wardens of all lodges in the province or district; (c) Past Masters of any lodge under the English Constitution if members of Grand Lodge; but no brother can be a member of a Provincial or District Grand Lodge unless he is a subscribing member of a lodge within such province or district."

The rule thus expressed includes all Past Masters who have not forfeited their Grand Lodge membership, and excludes all others; it is in agreement with No. 9, and free from ambiguity.—Yours fraternally,
October 23rd. E. T. BUDDEN.

THE STATUS OF PAST MASTERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The writer of the excellent and temperate article in your paper last week on the Status of Past Masters has alluded to a communication from me on the subject. I therefore think it my duty, as one of those who have taken the other view of the question, to say at once what I had intended to reserve until later in the discussion.

When this question was first raised joining Past Masters had two real grievances. (1) That they had no place in their Prov. G. Lodge; and (2) That their rank as installed masters was not acknowledged by the lodge they joined. It seems to me that many who are now writing in your columns have failed to see that the first of these grievances is entirely removed by the resolution recommended by the Board of General Purposes, and that by their second recommendation on this subject, "that in the absence of the P.M. of a lodge joining P.M.s. have a right to take the chair," a distinct rank or position has been assigned to joining P.M.s., viz., below the P.M.s. of the Lodge but above all other members. This is all that was desired by a large number of the provincial brethren, though at the last Special Grand Lodge they failed to see that they had already obtained it, and wished to add another resolution to the same effect.

But there are others who object to young Past Masters constantly passing over the heads of joining Past Masters, and who think that they might with justice rank in the lodge immediately after the W.M. at the time they entered, i.e., taking the place of junior Installed Masters, and keeping their position in the list of Installed Masters as others passed through the chair. But although they might thus take precedence of those who had actually passed through the chair of the lodge, no one for a moment supposed that any legislation could make a joining Past Master a Past Master of the lodge he joined. All that was asked was, that he should have a rank or position assigned to him in the lodge, which would recognise that he had entered the lodge at a certain date as an Installed Master. In a great many lodges this recognition has been voluntarily and willingly accorded, but in others it has not been so.

At our Special Provincial Grand Lodge in Surrey to consider the question, we felt that there was a great difference between lodges in the London district and in the provinces, because when a man moves from one suburb to another he can still attend his old lodge, but brethren moving from

one county to another are generally at too great a distance from their mother lodge to continue to attend. We, therefore, thought that whatever resolution was proposed should be limited to the provinces, and not apply to the London district. Those who were present at the first Special Grand Lodge will remember that this is what I advocated. I was unable to attend the second Special Grand Lodge, and I certainly think that the resolution then carried goes too far, and may justly be deemed a grievance by the London brethren, many of whose lodges are of a very different character to those in the provincial towns and villages.

I should be extremely sorry if, in attempting to remove one grievance another should thereby be inflicted, which would tend to disturb that harmony and brotherly feeling which ought to exist amongst us. In a question which evidently brings out strong feelings on both sides, it would be unwise to carry any resolution by a small majority, which would most likely be the case. It seems to me (and here I differ from the writer of your article) that the most truly Masonic course to adopt would be to effect a compromise, which would not interfere with lodges that desire no change, but would give those who wished the opportunity of honouring a joining Past Master whom they thought likely to be a valuable addition to their lodge, and thus both sides would be satisfied. This might easily be effected by substituting for the words added to Section 186 at the last Special Grand Lodge, "that such joining member, if an Installed Master, may by a vote of the lodge, have a position assigned to him amongst the Past Masters of the lodge, provided that he has not ceased subscribing to a lodge for 12 months." It was urged by one of the speakers at the Special Grand Lodge that this might now be done by a bye-law of the lodge, but the Grand Registrar did not seem to think that a private lodge had power to enact such a bye-law. If on further consideration the Grand Registrar could now give it as his opinion that such a bye-law might be made, for the sake of peace and harmony it would be much better done in that way than by a clause in the Book of Constitutions; for after all it is a matter rather for private than for public legislation.

One strong argument for the compromise I suggest is this. I do not see how the resolution carried at the last Special Grand Lodge can be retrospective, and therefore all those who are already in the position of joining Past Masters would gain no advantage from it; whereas the resolution I suggest would apply to present as well as to future joining members. If this power were given to the lodge, no further grievance could exist; for if a lodge did not choose to honour as well as to receive a joining Past Master, it would in all probability be because it considered that he was a speculative rather than a working Mason, and no one would sympathise with him under such circumstances.—I am, yours very truly and fraternally,
C. W. AKNOLD, P.G.C. and D.P.G.M. Surrey.
Woking College, October 23rd.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It appears to me that this question is very simple and that the Rule 186 is quite in order if the joining Past Master only takes rank "after the then Junior Past Master." This means, as I take it, that in a lodge of say six Past Masters, the Immediate Past Master will be No. 6 and will take his place next to the Worshipful Master; then in order of precedence in the fourth degree will come Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, the joining Past Master sitting next to No. 5 at the end of the table. In the lodge Past Masters have no more privileges than any other subscribing members, and in taking a seat the same precedence would be observed as above. What injustice is there in this?—Yours fraternally,
A P.M.

P.S.—I do not see what hurry there is for printing a new edition. Let the new Book be as perfect as possible and provide for all contingencies.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have perused the voluminous correspondence in your columns respecting this question, and up to lately considered I had as much right to be classed a P.M. of my mother lodge as the one in which I held office as W.M., and I know a very great many worthy brethren of the same opinion. However, according to existing regulations I suppose such is not so; but after stating my own case I feel sure you will sympathise with my unlucky lot.

In 1872 I was admitted into Freemasonry, and in due time served all the offices up to the W.M.'s chair in my mother lodge. In 1874 I was one of the founders of another lodge, and served the offices in this lodge also, and passed the W.M.'s chair in the new lodge. I was eligible for the W.M.'s chair of each lodge in the same year, and it was the wish of both lodges that I should take both chairs, but in order to heal a grievance, and thinking it might bring about a little more unanimity in my mother lodge, I waived my claim in favour of an older brother who had missed his chance years gone by, little thinking that by doing so I should have placed myself in this awkward position.

You may be sure my feelings are rather sensitive on this matter, and I feel that I could not longer continue a member of my mother lodge if this law is not altered. It will be sore displeasure to me to relinquish the position in the lodge I have hitherto held, having been recognised a Past Master of the lodge. I shall, in case of removal to another province, continue to subscribe to the lodge in which I passed the chair, but could not with any dignity join another lodge unless I could take my position as a Past Master since 1880, and rank as such in the lodge which I may wish to join.—Yours fraternally,
SECRETARY, P.M., and P.P.G.S.B. W. Lanc.
October 22nd.

[Very sorry for you. But you are only Past Master of the lodge in whose chair you have sat.—Ed. F.M.]

OMISSIONS FROM THE REVISED BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It may not be amiss to open up the question of "Proposed Omissions from the New Book of Constitutions," previously to the Grand Lodge for December.

The following is quoted from the "Report of the Committee of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Dorset;" and may serve as a "text" or theme for profitable discussion in your pages:—

"Proposed Omissions:—The Members of this Committee hope that those portions of the old Constitutions, 'of con-

stituting a New Lodge," not transferred to the body of the revise, may be retained, as well as the article "Masonic Funerals;" and they venture respectfully to submit that whatever force there may be in the reasons given for their omission is entirely neutralized by three important facts:

"I.—The retention of the Antient Charges.

"II.—The retention of the Chapter on laying Foundation Stones.

"III.—The Burial's Act recently passed.

"Many good and zealous Masons regard the old Book of Constitutions with a veneration second only to that which they have for the Sacred Law itself, and whilst concurring in all the improvements of the revision, would view with extreme distress the removal of these 'Antient Landmarks,' which, even from an archaeological point of view are valuable, are worth preserving, and deserve to be handed down from generation to generation."

I shall be glad to offer some remarks in your next issue.

Yours fraternally,

E. T. BUDDEN.

THE JUNIOR SCHOOL FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Bro. Binckes's interesting address on Monday week last suggests not a few serious considerations to all who have paid attention to the movement for a Junior Boys' School! Nothing that I am aware of has occurred to render those who originally supported our lamented Bro. Wordsworth's idea, doubtful of its need or sceptical of its advisability. On the contrary, they, I believe, one and all regard its completion as imperative almost in the truest interests and for the salutary progress of that now great institution, the Boys' School. But Bro. Binckes, generally so lucid, was a little hazy, perhaps intentionally so, as to the intermediate steps to be taken to carry out the original plan, whether it be to erect the building itself, or whether it is to be constructed for 50 or 100 boys! The designs which were exhibited some time back ranged in estimated cost from £10,000 to £25,000, and some of your readers might like to know, with myself, which design (if any) after all has been selected, who is the architect (if any) appointed to superintend and compass the undertaking? Or are we to have a fresh competition and new designs?

I speak, like many others, in complete darkness on the subject, being in no sense privy to the decision of the House Committee, or the views and proposals of the executive. I venture, however, to repeat a caution which I hope will be taken in good part by our esteemed Bro. Roebuck and others, that too elaborate designs are a great blunder in policy, and a serious waste of money. A neat, plain building is surely all that is required for a preparatory school for little boys, and I, for one, earnestly hope that not more will be spent on "bricks and mortar" than is absolutely necessary to attain the common end we seek to accomplish.

The object of this letter is, however, somewhat different, namely, to press upon the authorities of the Boys' School the necessity and duty of making provision as soon as possible for more boys than the normal number to be elected in April, 1884, will provide for, and thus expedite the creation of an actual Junior School. Why, for instance, cannot a house be found and hired near Wood Green, for two years say, where these little boys of the preparatory school admitted in April next may be housed, taught, fed, and clothed practically at a minimum of expense to the School, and yet the maximum of convenience to the subscribers and candidates?

Such a measure of progress, such an earnest of interest, would be very striking of itself, a commensurate return for the sacrifice and liberality of many donors, and would be an almost inexpressible boon to many a poor struggling widow, and many a friendless suffering orphan. There is an old rural proverb, "while the grass grows the horse starves," and to many the measure I have ventured to advocate and sketch out would be their salvation, humanly speaking, since the phasis of distress, sheer, cruel, hopeless distress, which the boys' list of candidates reveals, is indeed most worthy of fraternal consideration, and most deserving of immediate relief.—I am, sir and brother, fraternally yours,

A SUBSCRIBER TO THE BUILDING FUND.

THE SCHOOLS ELECTIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Now that the October elections for both Boys and Girls are over, it might not be uninteresting to say a few words on the matter, and give a few figures relative thereto. The Girls brought forward from April last 2133 votes, and there were issued for this 32,877, making a total of 35,010. Of the 32,877 votes, 29,399 were recorded, some 60 or 70 were spoilt (from want of signatures, not being filled up or improperly so; for instance one elector who had but one vote gave that one to eight different candidates, another who had ten votes gave ten to two different, another paper was signed by the executrix of a deceased brother, &c.), the remainder then unpolled making in all a total of 3,478 lost votes.

The Boys brought forward from last election 28,540, and there were issued for this 47,769, making a total of 76,309. Of the 47,769 votes, 43,975 were recorded, of the remainder 127 were spoilt, and which, with 3,667 not sent in, make a total of 3,794 unpolled. For the next election the Girls carry forward 12,960 votes against 2,133, the Boys 19,415 against 28,540 this time. The Girls will have 23 vacancies next time, which would more than cover the unsuccessful candidates of this election, three last applications having failed. The Boys will have 29 vacancies in April, for which there are already 40 candidates left over from this election. The average number of votes polled for each successful boy is 2544, for each elected girl 2321.

There is one feature in our elections which I think could with fairness to all be amended. A child is eligible for election at the age of seven, but cannot be admitted into the school until the age of eight, so that, as was the case at this election, a boy or girl who is but very little more than seven is a successful candidate, can, like the dog in the manger, keep out for several months another child who might be occupying the vacant place. Now to avoid this useless waste of time, I would propose that the next highest should be declared elected, making one vacancy less for the ensuing election, so no time or place would be wasted and the under-age candidate would come on in due course.

A word or two to those conducting cases—they have been given before, and in many instances a great improvement has taken place in the way the proxies are sent in

but there are still some who cause a great waste of time to the Scrutineers, and consequently to those who are anxiously waiting to hear the result of the election and to return to their homes, far or near as the case may be; I allude particularly to the sending up of the proxy papers singly and not folded up in bundles, for then each paper has to be opened singly and put in its respective place on the shelves. A still further improvement would be if they were to place the votes together according to their value, that is, all the one or single votes together, two, three, and so on accordingly.

Then, again, some of the signers do not read the instructions for signing and filling in, or if they do, they do not understand what they read, for on the face of the paper they are told where to put their signature and where to place the vote or votes they intend to give to the candidate of their choice. Very often the signature is put on the "change of address" line, and the new address, if any, crammed in immediately below the signature line; and the vote, instead of being put opposite or in front of the name, is placed behind, and often doubtfully between two numbers, or so exactly between two columns of names as to render it extremely difficult for the Scrutineers to decide for which case it is meant, and I dare say several mistakes may be made in that way. If those who are working the cases would only place the figures or words representing the figures immediately in front of the name it would be much more satisfactory to all concerned.

If brethren find there is a discrepancy between the numbers returned by the Scrutineers and the parties representing cases, it were better either to say nothing about it unless sure on the point, or if once the accusation is made in open Court to demand a scrutiny; for although it gives a great deal of trouble, it will be a satisfaction to both parties to ascertain whether there is any foundation for the charge, so that the mistake, if any, can be rectified; if not, it would teach the brother to be more careful in the future, and there would be no heartburning or uneasy feelings afterwards.

October 17th.

A SCRUTINEER.



VAN DALEN'S KALENDER FÜR FREIMAURER.

Twenty-fourth annual issue. Leipsic. J. G. Findel. This very useful German calendar for German and Cosmopolitan Freemasonry for 1883, is edited by Bro. Karl Paul, and published by our well-known and worthy brother, J. G. Findel, Leipsic. It is invaluable for all who wish rightly and truly to grasp the outcome of German Freemasonry in this year of grace and light 1883, and we are pleased to call attention to it, and recommend its patronage by all Masonic public bodies, and all brethren who understand German amongst us. It is, as usual, most admirably printed.

BOOKS FOR BOYS.

Bro. John Hogg, of 13, Paternoster-row, has sent us the following books, more or less illustrated, for our hopeful and rising youth: "Hope's Evenings from Home;" "Robinson Crusoe;" "Stothard's Illustrations;" "Stewart's The Ocean Wave;" "Marwood's Wonderful Animals;" "Far-famed Tales;" "Anderson's Shoes of Fortune," &c. We are glad to welcome our old friend Robinson Crusoe once again in a smart dress. People talk of "realism" and what is "weird," &c., to-day, but, after all, what else is so wonderfully interesting and real as "Robinson Crusoe" for the wondering and confiding mind of youth? Horace Walpole tells a good story of long Sir Thomas Robinson being taken at Paris for the real hero of the story "Sir Robinson Crusoe;" and the wife of the well-known Talleyrand is said to have asked a gentleman of the name of Robinson what had become of "cher Friday." Be this as it may, Robinson Crusoe, as long as the English language lasts, will be one of its classics, like the "Pilgrim's Progress," "The Vicar of Wakefield," "Rasselas," &c. The other works seem spirited and readable, adapted to that period of life, especially when anticipation has not yielded to disappointment, when hope tells its most flattering tale, and when all is "couleur de rose" for ardent expectations and vivid imaginations. A few years,—but no, let us not be so cruel in the genial pages of the *Freemason*, as to check the glowing and amiable aspirations of youth, either with the darker shades of human life, or the sombre colours of cold experience. As the man said in the menagerie "all them little bears, ladies and gentlemen, has their troubles afore them." We think these boy's books are likely to be perused by many, and are both innocent and pleasant reading.



STEINMETZ.

Bro. Speth no doubt scores one with Krause's authority, and therefore probably, to use a favourite word just now, there is a *concurrent* derivation. I do not think that philologically it would be safe to put out the idea of "to hew," the more so as all true derivations have both an abstract and a concrete meaning and bearing.

MASONIC STUDENT.

THE "PAST MASTER" QUESTION.

The writer of this was initiated in January, 1848, and was W.M. of his lodge on the third anniversary of his initiation. In 1858 he removed to another province and was always admitted to meetings of Past Masters in the lodge which he joined. He there founded a Craft and a Mark Lodge and assisted in founding a Royal Arch Chapter. In 1867 he again changed to another province and was accorded the same privilege, founded a Mark Lodge, and was one of the founders of two Royal Arch Chapters, in both of which he was elected and served as Z. Another move was made in 1873 to a fourth province, where he was refused admission to meetings of Past Masters, at which he felt aggrieved, for having worked hard in his previous positions he hoped to do the same again. At last,

in 1880, one of the Wardens declining to take the chair as W.M. he was elected to that office. This vacancy was an accident, without which he would to this day have continued to be excluded, and thus have been prevented from active work and from a sphere of usefulness, in which it is admitted that he accomplished much. He considers that election to the chair in such cases should not depend on the accident of a vacancy, nor should a joining Past Master displace another candidate who was initiated in the lodge and has worked through all the chairs to that of S.W. He suggests therefore that in the revised Constitutions it should be provided that a Past Master leaving his lodge, and joining another at a distance of at least ten miles, should be admitted to all the rights and privileges of the Past Masters of that lodge after membership for two years, taking precedence after the W.M. who is in office at the expiration of that period. This plan he thinks would meet all the objections that has been offered. H. H.

A PROTEST AGAINST THE SCHEME FOR REBUILDING THE TEMPLE.

The following circulars have been published officially: "Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons."

"Saint John's, Wakefield, 19th October, 1883."

"Dear Sir and Brother,—I desire to remind you that Grand Lodge meets on Wednesday, December 5th, to consider the report of the Special Building Committee appointed to consider the question of reinstating, enlarging, or removing the old Masonic Temple, recently seriously damaged by fire."

"I have the pleasure to enclose for your consideration copy of resolutions adopted by our Provincial Grand Lodge on the 3rd inst."

"It would afford us great satisfaction if you would at the earliest opportunity lay it before the members of your province and of your lodge, with a view to a similar expression of opinion to be supported by members attending in Grand Lodge on 5th December."

"I am, dear Sir and Brother,

"Yours faithfully and fraternally,

"HENRY SMITH, Prov. G. Secretary."

"Provincial Grand Lodge, West Yorkshire."

"At a Provincial Grand Lodge, holden in the Town Hall, Ripon, on Wednesday, October 3rd, 1883."

"Proposed re-building of Grand Lodge."

"The W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Thomas William Tew, J.P., in pursuance of notice, proposed, and W. Bro. George E. Webster, Prov. G. Registrar, seconded, and it was resolved,

1. "That this Prov. Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire, whilst fully appreciating the services of the Special Committee appointed to report to Grand Lodge on the subject of the Masonic Temple recently seriously damaged by fire, regards with surprise and alarm the report of such Committee, which contemplates the purchase of the unexpired term of 5½ years' lease, with furniture, of Bacon's Hotel for £6,000 (annual rent £360), and the granting of an extension of Messrs. Spiers and Pond's lease to 50 years. That this Provincial Grand Lodge is of opinion that the leasing of any property of Grand Lodge, except for a very limited period, is, under any circumstances, highly objectionable, and may prove, as in the cases of the three leases now existing, extremely inconvenient, and that the question of rent is quite a secondary consideration compared with the retention of full control of the premises and the tenants of Grand Lodge."

2. "And this Provincial Grand Lodge would suggest the desirability of the Temple at Freemasons' Hall being reinstated at a moderate cost, to be provided out of the funds received from the insurance offices. And that under the direction of the Grand Superintendent of Works, competent architects, Masons or non-Masons, be invited to submit plans for this purpose."

3. "That copies of these resolutions be transmitted to Grand Lodge and to the Board of General Purposes."

"HENRY SMITH,

"Prov. G. Secretary."

"St. John's, Wakefield, 19th October, 1883."

THE HOLBORN RESTAURANT.

The re-opening of this well-known and deservedly popular restaurant took place on Monday evening amid circumstances of unusual éclat. That the event justified the display is beyond question. There is little doubt that the new premises if not absolutely unequalled, are certainly unsurpassed by any similar establishments, at all events in any of the countries with which we can justly claim to have made any acquaintance. Every means that money could command have been called into requisition in order to make the building as comfortable and at the same time as elegant as possible. As regards the various rooms and ante-rooms, the vestibule, the salons, the balconies, no pains have been spared to make them worthy even of a royal or imperial palace. Rooms more elaborately and artistically embellished or more comfortably and handsomely fitted as regards furniture and appointments, are to be seen hardly anywhere either in this or other countries. The Grand Staircase of Carrara marble, the Grand Salon, the Venetian Salon, the Queen's and Prince's Salons, the Masonic Temple, the Duke's Salon, the Colonel's, the Grill, and other rooms, all alike, whether we take them separately with their distinctive features, or as forming parts of one grand and elaborate whole, are magnificent, nor is this surprising when the services of some of our foremost artists and decorators have been summoned to the aid of Messrs. Gordon, the proprietors, in their desire to make their restaurant about the most perfect of its kind. As regards those minor details which more properly belong to the business of the restaurateur, it seems hardly in keeping to speak in connection with so much magnificence. Yet the Holborn, in its less elaborate form, has long been known for the excellence of its lunches, dinners, and *table d'hôte*, and the reader may be satisfied that the proprietors in their desire to make the surroundings palatial, have not lost sight of the importance of doing all in their power to uphold their well-earned prestige as caterers. The only difference, in fact, between the new and the old Holborn is that the public can now refresh themselves as well and at as moderate a cost as before, but among more gorgeous surroundings.



Craft Masonry.

UNITED MARINERS LODGE (No. 30).—

The members of this old and robust lodge met for the first time after the recess on the 16th inst. at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when, in spite of a "counter attraction" in which many of the brethren were interested, there was a fair attendance, under the presidency of Bro. Joshua Shipley. There were also present Bros. J. W. Crossley, I.P.M.; C. Davey, P.M.; T. Smith, P.M.; A. Lefaux, P.M.; T. E. Davey, S.W.; J. Linscott, J.W.; Joseph Harling, P.M., Treas.; J. Driscoll, P.M., Sec.; L. Steingraber, S.D.; H. Coudrey, J.D.; V. Fassheber, I.G.; W. Boyce, W.S.; C. Buysman, T. Oblein, J. W. Morgan, D. L. Thomas, J. Lanckman, W. Sanders, C. Howard, L. G. Reinhardt, Tyler, and others.

Lodge was opened in due form, when the ballot was taken for Mr. Alfred Lane, and the voting was unanimous in his favour; but circumstances having prevented Mr. Lane from attending, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, the working of the W.M. being much admired. Three propositions were tendered and accepted, so that Bro. Shipley will find his hands agreeably full at the November meeting. Some formal business having been transacted the brethren adjourned for light refreshment, and the remainder of the evening was spent in agreeable harmony.

CITY OF LONDON LODGE (No. 901).—A

meeting of the above lodge was held on Monday, the 15th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., when there were present Bros. John Hughes, W.M.; G. A. Cundy, I.P.M.; David Hughes, S.W.; H. McClelland, J.W.; Hy. Darcy, P.M., Treas.; Chas. Beaumont, P.M., Sec.; H. Harbord, J.D.; Hand, Org.; Daniel Hughes, I.G.; R. P. Stevens, W.S.; R. Gillard, Steward; Woodstock, Tyler; Lewis, P.M.; Hoddinot, Faux, Derry, Easey, Haylock, Eade, Bare, Bisley, Chamberlain, Vears, Ford, Plater, Green, Taylor, Fimister, Whitnall, Bate, Little, and Corkhill.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed. Ballot was then taken for Mr. Russell, and proving unanimous, he was at once initiated. Bro. Bare was passed to the Degree of F.C., and Bro. Chamberlain raised to the Degree of M.M. Several candidates were proposed for initiation at the next meeting, and it having been carried unanimously that a ball be held at Freemasons' Tavern in connection with the lodge some time in January, the lodge was closed in due form.

At the supper which followed, after the usual loyal toasts, The I.P.M., Bro. G. A. Cundy, proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and congratulated him upon the easy way he had worked the three degrees, and said he hoped it would be the aim of each succeeding Master of the City of London Lodge to excel his predecessor.

The Worshipful Master in reply said he was gratified if any humble efforts on his part gave satisfaction to the brethren.

The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Initiate, Bro. Russell," and said how delighted he always was to welcome fresh blood amongst them, and that he was sure Bro. Russell would prove a very apt Mason and an acquisition to the City of London Lodge, and it was particularly gratifying to him, as he had had an initiate at each meeting.

The Initiate in reply said having been warned that a speech would be required of him, he concocted a very elaborate one while waiting in the ante-room; but the impressive ceremony he had undergone had quite obliterated it from his memory, he therefore asked the W.M. and brethren to make allowances for him. He then thanked the W.M. for the flattering terms in which he had proposed his health and the brethren for the very kind manner in which they had received it.

Several songs, recitations, &c., were given by the brethren after the supper, and altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent.

GREAT NORTHERN LODGE (No. 1287).—

This lodge commenced its winter session on Thursday week last at Freemasons' Hall, when Bro. Thomas Owen, W.M., presided, supported by his officers. There was an excellent attendance of members of the lodge and visitors. Bros. Lloyd and Di Luggo were raised to the Third Degree, and Bros. Dean and Adelmann were passed to the Second Degree. The ballot was then taken for W. John Emile Davies, Mr. Louis Simons Lupton, Mr. Wm. Henry George, and Mr. Charles Edward Bulling, as initiates, and for Bro. John Frederick Davey, No. 39, as a joining member, and the ballot having been unanimous in favour of all the candidates, Messrs. Davies and Bulling being in attendance, were introduced and initiated in Masonry. The ceremonies were performed by the W.M., with an impressiveness and perfection seldom witnessed. After the ceremonies a motion was brought forward by the J.W., for raising the initiation fee from seven to eight guineas, and the joining fee from two to four guineas, but it being suggested by Bro. Reed, P.M., that if the matter were left over for further consideration and that so small an addition to the initiation fee would make very small difference to the lodge funds, whereas if it were made 10 guineas it would be more serviceable. An amendment that the initiation fee be 10 guineas was adopted by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The joining fee was raised to four guineas. The Secretary informed the lodge of the death of three members during the recess, and a vote of condolence with their relatives was ordered to be sent. The Secretary also informed the lodge that the daughter of Past Master West was successful at the Girls' School elections last Saturday and was at the head of the poll, although it was a first application. This was the second case which the Great Northern Lodge had got in within the year.

A vote of thanks was then passed to the Secretary for his exertions in the case, and in acknowledging the compliment the Secretary, while stating that it was always a pleasure to him to assist any deserving cases, gave credit to Bro. Cox, P.M., for having materially contributed to the success of West's case. A vote of thanks was then passed

to Bro. Cox for the assistance he had given, and this vote having been acknowledged, the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to dinner, the W.M. having occupied the chair for four hours.

The brethren present were Bros. Thos. Owen, W.M.; Thos. F. Balhard, S.W.; Charles Kempton, J.W.; Jas. Webb, P.M., Treas.; T. H. Staton, P.M., Sec.; Richard Care, S.D.; Geo. G. Horant, Org.; James Hemming, D. of C.; Joseph Edgar, I.G.; W. Cleghorn, P.M.; G. T. R. Tribtree, P.M.; A. Christie, P.M.; J. G. Jupe, P.M.; James Forbes, P.M.; Henry Thos. Reed, P.M.; D. di Luggo, T. G. Doughty, E. Lloyd, J. S. Powell, G. Ronchetti, George Henry Dean, Thos. Clarke, F. Lloyd, W. M. Bleakley, Geo. Flint, J. F. Davey, G. Adelmann, Alfred Kempton, John Paul, Thos. Cross, C. Traisi, P. Bosco, W. Cates, A. F. Arey, J. Bastow, F. Osborne, J. Jackson, T. Myatt, J. Torrens, H. J. Hill, G. Pallett, A. C. Doughty, E. Gosling, E. Edwards, J. A. Thierry, A. Thierry, A. Perry, W. Soden, H. Bell, jun., E. Davies, Thos. A. Sanders, Albert Aster, C. E. Bulling, G. H. Smith, and Alex. Reid. Visitors: Carlo Gressi, J.D. 1559; Charles Lloyd, 1141; Henry Cox, P.M. 1580; H. White, J.D. 1671; Thos. Cull, P.M. 1446; W. Geo. Higgins, 1563; H. Youens, D.C. 1851; W. Lloyd, 145; A. Sanders, S.D. 860; A. J. Wilmore, 1056; and H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928 (*Freemason*).

The dinner was admirably provided and served, and at its conclusion the usual Craft toasts were proposed and honoured; the Worshipful Master giving the compliments tersely and effectively.

In proposing the toast of "The Initiates" the Worshipful Master said it was nine years ago that evening since he was initiated in the Great Northern Lodge. The W.M. at that time was the present esteemed Secretary, and the advice he then gave those initiates was that if they attended a lodge of instruction—which was held at that time in London-street—they should try to work up to the chair. Two of those initiates were present now; they were the S.W. and the W.M. of the present year. He had no right to give better advice to the initiates that evening than Bro. Staton did before; but he might say he was proud to think he had initiated Bros. Davies and Bulling, because he had known them many years, and he was sure they would be an honour to the Craft.

Bro. Davies replying said that for many years he had thought of joining Freemasonry, and he was very glad to have done so now in the Great Northern Lodge. He felt proud of it, and he hoped and trusted that as he knew many brethren who belonged to the lodge of instruction, he should attend them, and it would be his endeavour and aim to take office some day.

Bro. Bulling said he had only to reiterate Bro. Davies' words.

Bro. Cleghorn, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," who during his year had performed the duties of his office in a most satisfactory manner—in such a manner indeed as he (Bro. Cleghorn) ventured to assert at the commencement of the year he would perform them, so as to uphold the dignity of the lodge, and merit the warm approval of the brethren.

The Worshipful Master in responding said he could only add to his thanks the expression of his feeling of pride at being Master of the Great Northern Lodge, and as long as he should be in that position he should do his very best to promote the good of the lodge. He hoped his efforts would give satisfaction to all the brethren.

"The Visitors" was the next toast, and the W.M. having proposed it, and expressed the pleasure of the members of the lodge at receiving visitors,

Bro. Henry Cox, P.M. Cranbourne, in reply said that his coming there seemed to him like coming to his mother lodge. The working was equal to that of any lodge. It was the working of a brother known familiarly as "Tommy Adams," and it had not lost anything; it had been followed intact, and he was very pleased to see the able manner in which the W.M. had performed his duties. He had had a great deal to do, and he had gone through those duties in a very creditable manner.

Bro. Thomas Cull also replied, complimenting the W.M. on the way he had expounded Masonry. The W.M. had followed the lines of Bro. Adams, and given his words most accurately and impressively.

Bro. Saunders likewise added a few words in reply.

In replying to the toast of "The Past Masters" Bro. Cleghorn thanked the brethren for the support given to the Girls' School last spring. He was by that generosity enabled to take up 101 guineas, which was the eighth in amount on the list.

Bro. Webb, P.M. and Treasurer, after also thanking the brethren for their support, congratulated the brethren on meeting in such large numbers that evening. He also complimented the W.M. on performing his duties so ably, and called upon the brethren to attend the lodge of instruction as often as they could.

Bro. Reed, P.M., appealed to the brethren for support, and referred to the services rendered by the J.W. to the Benevolent Institution, which had enabled the brethren to relieve two widows.

The Worshipful Master in giving the toast of "The Officers," said he was fortunate in having such officers as he had. No Master could succeed without good officers. The lodge was called that evening for a very early hour, and the principal officers were in their places within five minutes of the time appointed.

After a response from the S.W., the J.W. said that Bro. Reed had referred to the services he (Bro. Kempton) had rendered to the Benevolent Institution. Its success had repaid him, and he hoped it would not stop where it was. He should not rest until every member of the Great Northern Lodge had subscribed, and he should keep on worrying them until they were all Life Subscribers. He should try to carry out what Bro. Reed had said. They had got 32 members on their Charitable Association. They had another with 29 members; and he had four that night on the way who would be supplemented by more in a week. He hoped they would do even more this year than they had already done.

The Tyler's toast closed the evening. The Worshipful Master and Bros. Adelmann, Soden, Grassi, Lloyd, Webb, Morant and Jackson entertained the brethren with some capital singing.

NEW FINSBURY PARK LODGE (No. 1695).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, on Tuesday, the 16th inst., there being present Bros. Thompson, W.M.; Edmunds,

S.W. and W.M. elect; Bastable, J.W.; Eldridge, P.M., Treas.; Frampton, Sec.; Berry, acting S.D.; Tibbitts, J.D.; Lone, acting I.G.; Hollis, P.M., D. of C.; Very, Tyler; Press, P.M.; Swinyard, Cattermole, Hawkes, Scott, Canfor, Lewin, Richmond, sen., Ayden, Bouts, and others. Visitors: Bros. Follitt, P.M. 45; Rothschild, P.M. 1288; Pigot, P.M. 753; Forge, P.M. 619; Fenner, P.M. 1693; Wilkinson, W.M. 167; Manger, 1260; Dawes, 619; Harnett, 813; Ashton, 1929; Tremere, 1929; Liepold, 1929; and Phillips, 1185.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, and the Auditors' report read and adopted. A Board of Installed Masters having been formed Bro. Edmunds was installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. Thompson in an impressive manner. The following officers were then appointed: Bros. Bastable, S.W.; Tibbitts, J.W.; Eldridge, P.M., Treas.; Frampton, Sec.; Berry, S.D.; Lewin, J.D.; Lone, I.G.; Hollis, D. of C.; and Very, Tyler. The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to a banquet served by Bro. Baker in his usual excellent style. Grace was sung by Bros. Ashton, Colson, Phillips, and Tremere.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M.

The Immediate Past Master in proposing "The Health of the W.M." expressed his opinion that the honour of the lodge would be upheld by Bro. Edmunds, who had spared no pains to fit himself for the office, and trusted that the lodge would find him plenty of work to do.

The Worshipful Master, after thanking the brethren for the cordial manner in which his health had been received, said he would do his best to give satisfaction to the brethren while he had the honour of being their W.M., and he trusted his endeavours would meet with the approbation of the lodge, and the Past Masters, to whom he should look for instruction. He considered Past Masters as the guiding stars of the lodge, and hoped that Bro. Thompson, the I.P.M., might be always at his elbow to assist him should he require it. He trusted he might vacate the chair as gracefully as his predecessor.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of the I.P.M.," and said that Bro. Thompson was one who could not slur over his duties, which he had carried out in a very masterly and graceful manner, and in presenting him with a Past Master's jewel which had been unanimously voted by the lodge, he sincerely trusted that Bro. Thompson would be spared for many years to wear it. He was proud of the opportunity of presenting it, as Bro. Thompson and himself had been initiated together and had followed each other step by step in the lodge.

In reply Bro. Thompson thanked them and assured the brethren that he had the interests of the lodge at heart and would exert his utmost to foster genuine Masonic feeling and good fellowship amongst its members, and that he should ever remember with kindest feelings the presentation he had just received.

The Past Masters', Treasurer's, and Secretary's toasts were responded to by Bros. Press, Eldridge, and Frampton.

The toast of "The Visitors" was then given and heartily received, and responded to by Bros. Wilkinson, Forge, Follitt, Liepold, and Fenner. Bro. Fenner remarked on the advantages of Lodges of Instruction in fitting brethren to carry out the duties of office, and called attention to the excellent working of the Lodge of Instruction held under the sanction of this lodge at the Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, on every Tuesday evening at eight o'clock.

The toast of "The Officers" was then proposed, and responded to, and the Tyler's toast closed a very enjoyable evening.

Some admirable songs and trios were sung by Bros. Tremere, Ashton, Colson, and Phillips, and Bro. Liepold contributed some very brilliant pianoforte playing.

LONDON RIFLE BRIGADE LODGE (No. 1962).—This lodge met for the first time this season at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., on the 19th inst., when the following brethren were present: Bros. A. McDowall, W.M.; G. C. Matthams, S.W.; Chas. Brown, J.W.; N. Green, I.P.M.; W. McDougall, Treas.; W. C. Claridge, Sec.; A. Haig Brown, S.D.; A. H. Sandle, J.D.; S. W. Smith, Org.; W. J. Tasman, I.G.; L. V. Walker, M.C.; L. M. Williams, Stwd.; J. Lackland, Tyler; J. Chant, H. W. Kitchingman, C. G. Brown, J. C. Tilt, W. Gowing, E. Beard, H. F. Bing, S. W. Morris, R. T. Swinscow, G. Bokenham, G. Gregory, R. A. Hancock, W. McNish, C. Stein, H. L. Thomas, R. H. Tanton, J. Geen, W. A. Heward, H. H. Nuding, C. F. Elles, S. W. Fraser, G. R. Rix, and H. Chapman.

Visitors: Bros. T. H. Hicks, 1597; W. F. Woods, P.M. 858; C. H. Reid-Todd, P.M. 858; J. Carter, P.M. 767; C. H. Cumberland, W.M. 858; W. H. Hobbiss, 858; W. B. Burnard, J.W. 1662; P. H. Jones, P.M. 858; W. Burn, 858; J. J. Berry, P.M. 554; F. Larner, S.D. 858; A. Wood, 7; R. Bird, W.M. 1694, P.M. 858; H. Henton, S.W. 1559; A. E. Staley, P.M. 1728, W.M. 185; H. G. Buss, Asst. Grand Sec.; T. W. C. Bush, P.M. 185 and 1728; and J. C. Preston, 1445.

The lodge was opened in the customary manner, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Bros. Kitchingman and Gowing, were raised to the Third Degree, and Bros. Heward and Elles, were passed to the Second Degree; after which the ballot was taken for Mr. George Rice Rix, and Mr. Henry Chapman, which proved unanimous in their favour, and they being in attendance were initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. There being no further business the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

The brethren then adjourned to the Pillar room for dinner, after which the usual toasts were proposed and responded to, including that of "the W.M., the South Middlesex Lodge, No. 858, shooting team, and the initiates who suitably acknowledged the same. A very enjoyable evening being spent, Bros. Bokenham, Carter, Walker, and others contributing to the harmony of the evening.

HASTINGS.—Derwent Lodge (No. 40).—The brethren of this old lodge met on the 8th inst., at the Castle Hotel, Bro. J. Pierce, W.M., presiding, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. Capt. E. W. J. Hennah, I.P.M.; W. H. Russell, S.W.; J. Plowman, J.W.; G. F. Wood, Sec.; F. Rossiter, P.M., Treas.; Cresswaite, S.D.; J. Bray, J.D.; F. Duke, acting I.G.; Leslie, Tyler; Charles W. Duke, P.P.G.D., P.M. 40, 1184; H. Gloyns; and J. B. Ford, 40, 1184. Visitors: Bros. Major de B. Cooper, P.M. 1820; Dr. Gambier, 1820; and C. R. Chandler, P.P.G.P., P.M. 1184.

The lodge having been opened the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A successful ballot was then taken for Mr. Arthur Bray as a candidate for initiation, and being in attendance he was very impressively initiated by the W.M., Bro. Pierce; Bro. E. W. J. Hennah gave the charge. Some formal business having been disposed of the lodge was closed.

NORWICH.—Social Lodge (No. 93).—The opening night of the winter session of this lodge was held at the Masonic Club, 23, St. Giles-street, on the 9th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Walter Lake, W.M., who was assisted by his officers as follows: Bros. Geo. Jewson, I.P.M.; W. H. Smith, S.W.; Robert Gunn, P.M., P.G. Tyler, acting J.W.; John J. Commins, P.M., P.P.G.P., Sec.; George Robertson, acting S.D.; Henry Thonless, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., Treas., and acting J.D.; C. Bond, acting I.G.; F. C. Atkinson, P.M., P.G.O., Org.; Joshua Morse, Tyler. Among the brethren present in addition to the above were Bros. J. B. Bridgman, P.M., P.P.G.R.; E. Pepper, R. F. Ladell, J. H. Brockbank, and H. J. Brooks. Among the visitors were Bros. Howard, 813; S. J. Carman, W.M.; C. W. Bacon, P.G. Stwd.; and W. W. Warner, 1500.

The lodge having opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Leamon and Morse were raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by the W.M. in a very impressive manner. A proposition for a candidate having been made, hearty good wishes were given by the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

The brethren then adjourned to supper, at the conclusion of which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and acknowledged, and the remainder of the evening was spent in a very pleasant manner.

IPSWICH.—St. Luke's Lodge (No. 225).—The regular meeting of this old and prosperous lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Soane-street, on the 10th inst., when the W.M., Bro. George Abbott, was supported by the officers of the lodge, Bros. J. L. Brook, S.W.; W. Fish, J.W.; A. Cook, S.D.; W. Buckingham, J.D.; T. Noble, I.G.; A. Barber, Sec., P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; W. Daking, D.C., P.P.G.R.; J. Talbot, I.P.M.; W. Leathers, S.S.; E. Scrivener, J.S.; likewise the following eminent visitors and brethren: Bros. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Deputy Prov. Grand Master Suffolk, P.G. Chap.; W. Clarke, P.G.D.C. Suffolk, P.G. Purst.; W. Boby, P.M. 114, P.P.G.S.W.; W. P. Mills, P.M. 376, P.P.G.S.W.; A. Raphael, W.M. 959; J. Napier, P.M., Prov. G.J.D.; T. Noble, P.M.; J. Whitehead, P.M.; T. Prentice, P.M., P.P.G. Purst.; and about 50 other brethren.

The minutes of the last lodge were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Mr. Alex. Barber, which proving unanimous, he was duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by the W.M. The charge was given by Bro. J. Whitehead, P.M., and the working tools were given by Bro. W. Clarke, P.G. Purst., Prov. G.D.C. Suffolk. Bro. Eyre was next passed to the Second Degree by the Dep. Prov. Grand Master of Suffolk, the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., in a very impressive manner. The working tools were also given by the D. Prov. G. Master. Bro. Read was then raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason by the W.M. in a very able manner. The working tools of the Degree were given to the candidate by Bro. W. Clarke, P.G. Purst. The traditional history of the Degree was given by the W.M. A letter was read from the widow of the late Bro. Osborn, thanking the W.M. and brethren for their kind gift to her from the Benevolent Fund, also a letter from the Prov. Grand Secretary of Suffolk, Bro. N. Tracy, excusing his non-attendance, having promised to install the W.M. elect at Eye.

The Worshipful Master then on the part of himself and St. Luke's Lodge, returned his sincere thanks to the Deputy Prov. Grand Master for giving the lodge the honour of his presence, also at the same time thanking Bro. Clarke for coming specially from London to support him in the chair. The sum of ten guineas was voted to the Boys' School, making the I.P.M. a life subscriber, and being the eighth life subscribership to the different charities from St. Luke's Lodge. Three candidates' names having been brought forward for initiation at the next meeting, and there being no other business, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to banquet, the W.M. being supported on his right and left by the D.P.G.M., Bros. Clarke, Booby, and the Past Masters of St. Luke's Lodge.

After the cloth had been removed the Worshipful Master gave the toasts of "The Queen," "The Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers," adverting to the fact of having two Grand Officers present, Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chap.; and Bro. W. Clarke, P.G. Purst., whom the lodge was very proud to welcome.

The toast was received with much heartiness by the brethren, and Bros. Martyn and Clarke responded.

The Worshipful Master then gave the toast of "The Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Lord Waveney," and spoke of the high qualifications he possessed not only as a Mason, but as an English gentleman.

The toast was received with acclamation, and was followed by "The D.P.G.M., Bro. Martyn, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bros. Martyn, Clarke, and Napier returned thanks for the toast.

The D.P.G.M. then requested the use of the Master's gavel and proposed "The W.M., Bro. George Abbott." In his remarks he stated that he had been to a great many lodges during his Masonic career and had seen their working, but he felt bound to say that he may have seen the work done by the W.M. equalled, but had rarely seen it excelled. He also complimented the W.M. on the good working of his officers and upon the large number of brethren around him.

The toast was drunk heartily, the fire being led by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master.

The W.M. returned his thanks to the Dep. P.G.M. for his very kind remarks, also to the Brethren for responding to them so heartily. He could assure Bro. Martyn and the brethren that what he had done was he hoped for the welfare of the Lodge, and as the Dep. Prov. G. Master had spoken of the working of himself and his officers, he could assure him that if the work had been done well it was mainly due to the Lodge of Instruction connected with the lodge, where all the officers and many other brethren of the lodge met once a week and practised the parts allotted to them. The W.M. proposed the toast of "The Initiate,

Bro. Barber," and trusted what he had seen and heard had made an impression on his mind, and that if he only followed in the footsteps of his father he would make a good mason.

Bro. Barber thanked the W.M. and the lodge for initiating him, and hoped he should make as good a mason as his father.

The W.M. then gave the toast of "The Visitors," speaking of Bro. Bobby, P.G.S.W., as one of the best masons in the province, and one who had identified himself much with the Masonic charities, and had rendered them great service. Also of Bro. Raphael, the W.M. of the Prince of Wales Lodge, a good working Mason; also Bro. Cannon, P.M. of the Perfect Friendship Lodge; also Bro. Tindall, of Lodge 242, and trusted that he (Bro. Tindall) would go away with a favourable impression of his visit to the lodge.

Bros. Bobby, Raphael, and Tindall returned thanks, Bro. Bobby remarking that what he had seen in the lodge reflected the greatest credit on the Master and his officers. The other visitors also returned thanks.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Officers of the Lodge," and spoke of the great assistance they had given him in carrying out the duties.

Bro. Brook, S.W., returned thanks for the officers, and stated their greatest endeavours would be to perform the parts allotted to them with credit to themselves and with satisfaction to the Master.

The Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

BOLTON.—St. John's Lodge (No. 221).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 17th inst., at the Commercial Hotel, at six o'clock in the evening. Present: Bros. John Isherwood, W.M.; J. Boothroyd, I.P.M.; Peter Bradburn, J.W.; G. P. Brockbank, P.P.G.S.D., Treasurer; Chas. Crompton, S.D.; Jas. Walker, J.D.; W. Chambers, I.G.; J. S. Sugden; Thomas Morris, P.M.; Higson, P.M.; Rutter, P.M.; Forrest; Briscoe, Organist; and others. Visitors: Bros. J. Goulbourn, St. Georges, 1723; Nightingale, 146; Downes, 146; and Sugden, P.M., 1379.

The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, Bros. Fletcher and Bradley were passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft by the W.M., and the working tools of the degree explained by Bro. Boothroyd, I.P.M. Mr. John Swarsbrick, jun., was afterwards duly balloted for, approved, and initiated an E.A. by the W.M., the working tools of the degree being explained by the J.W., Bro. Bradburn, and the customary charge was delivered by Bro. Brockbank, Senior P.M. A gentleman was proposed for initiation at the next meeting, and hearty good wishes expressed by the visiting brethren. A vote of sympathy and condolence with the family of the late Bro. J. L. Aldred, a P.M. of the lodge, who during his career had been a very useful and painstaking member, sparing neither time nor purse in promoting the interests of the Craft, and especially with reference to the Charities of the Order, was passed on the motion of Bro. Brockbank, who briefly referred to the labours Bro. Aldred had taken upon himself in relieving the Treasurer of some of the more onerous portions of his duty, and gratefully acknowledged his efficient services. A portion of the ancient charter having been read by the Senior Warden, the lodge was closed in harmony at 8 p.m.

CARNARVON.—Segontium Lodge (No. 606).—The annual installation meeting of the members of this lodge took place on Wednesday, the 17th inst., in the lodge room in Carnarvon Castle. Bro. A. Hussey De Burgh was installed W.M. by Bro. C. H. Rees, P.M., assisted by Bros. J. R. Davids, P.M., and the Rev. J. Sydney Boucher, P.M., P.P.G.C. The W.M. appointed as his officers Bros. C. H. Rees, I.P.M.; J. W. Ingleton, S.W.; N. Bunnell, J.W.; T. D. Lloyd, S.D.; Hardman, J.D.; W. Morgan, Treas.; Cornelius Davies, P.M., D. of C.; J. Williams, Org.; Owen Evans, I.G.; C. Rowlands, S.S.; E. Roberts, J.S.; and W. Watkins, Tyler.

The banquet took place at the Royal Hotel, Mr. Humphreys catering in an excellent style. The visitors included Bros. Captain Hunter, P.P.G.M. Aberdeenshire, P.G.M.M. North Wales; Tanqueray, W. V. Newton, Roberts, W.M. Bangor, and others.

DERBY.—Arboretum Lodge (No. 731).—This lodge held its regular meeting on the 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Gower-street, when there were present Bros. J. Bland, W.M.; C. Webster, S.W.; J. Copstick, J.W.; Rev. T. Orrell, Chap.; W. Cooper, P.M., Sec.; E. Horne, S.D.; A. Woodiwise, jun., J.D.; J. W. Brigg, Org.; J. Chadwick, D. of C.; S. Taylor, as I.G.; J. Walker, Steward; G. T. Wright, P.M.; H. Burn, P.M.; T. K. Gee, P.M.; J. Brown, P.M.; A. Frazer, P.M.; J. Taylor, P.M.; H. Fowkes, P.M.; T. Day, A. Tyler, W. Forman, J. Melrose, W. Knight, F. Ball, L. J. Greensmith, W. W. Heywood, G. Sutherland, F. Sale, T. Jordan, W. Humber, and E. Holden, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. W. Todd, 242; C. D. Hart, S.W. 1085; W. L. Ball, I.P.M.; W. C. Baldwin, and J. Monck, 802. The following officers were unavoidably absent: Bros. G. Cay, I.P.M.; W. Whittaker, Treas.; and J. Maxey, I.G.

The minutes of the last lodge having been read and confirmed the ballot was taken for Mr. John Jones, who was declared duly elected. Bro. John Melrose was next duly passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft by the W.M., who also fully explained the working tools of the degree. Mr. Charles Field, who had been elected at a previous meeting, was then initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry by the W.M., who also presented the working tools. "Hearty good wishes" having been cordially given by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed in perfect harmony. The W.M. having to leave for Leicester, the brethren shortly after met in the Lower Hall, under the presidency of their esteemed Bro. G. T. Wright, P.M., and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

RICHMOND.—Rose of Denmark Lodge (No. 975).—The election meeting of this influential lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, on Friday, the 19th inst., Bro. E. Ayling, W.M., in the chair, supported by Bros. Phillips, P.M., acting S.W.; M. Graham, J.W.; J. Garnar, P.M., Treas.; J. Noble, P.M., Sec.; Hinton, P.M.; Wrigglesworth, P.M.; Lee, P.M.; and other officers and many brethren.

After the confirmation of the minutes of the preceding meeting, the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing year was proceeded with, resulting, in conse-

quence of the lamented decease of Bro. A. B. Richman, late S.W., in the unanimous choice by the brethren of Bro. Moreton Graham, J.W., as Worshipful Master; the re-election of our esteemed Bro. James Garnar, P.M., as Treasurer; and Bro. Gilbert, as Tyler, for the 18th year. The various items of business in the lodge, including the voting of a Past Master's jewel to Bro. E. Ayling on his vacation of the chair, proposals for initiation, &c., having been disposed of, the brethren adjourned to dine in the banquetting hall, where, as is usual in this lodge, the entertainment proved worthy of the occasion.

After the usual toasts had been given and responded to, the main item of interest was reached by the presentation to its late Secretary, Bro. W. H. Lee, P.M., of a testimonial voted by the Lodge, in addition to electing him an honorary member, as a token of the very high esteem in which he is held by them. The presentation was made by the W.M., who, in so doing, expressed the deep sense of obligation all the members of the lodge, particularly its officers and past masters, were under to Bro. Lee for the past eleven years, in his having so devotedly interested himself in their welfare, both individually and collectively, and by his exertions so eminently contributing to the elevation of the Rose of Denmark Lodge to the position it occupies in the Masonic world. It was with very great regret the brethren had received the announcement of his resignation as Secretary, but it was with a large amount of pleasure they knew that he was still remaining a member among them, and they hoped this memento of their goodwill and esteem would for many years be looked upon by him, and recall to memory the many pleasant and instructive meetings connected with their association of many years.

Bro. Lee in responding, replied that he was hardly prepared to receive the expression of the goodwill of the brethren in such terms as the W.M. had been kind enough to convey. He was, however, very glad to find that the manner in which he had done his duty as Secretary had met with their approbation. He had always from the first (having been initiated in the Rose of Denmark Lodge) taken a great interest in its welfare, and as no more pleasurable satisfaction can be obtained from continued culture than matured results he was very pleased to find the lodge in its present position. It afforded him great satisfaction as the result of the continued efforts of all its officers and members to attain to Masonic excellence. For his own part, although no longer an active member, he should deem it a privilege to be in any way of assistance to them, and reciprocate the kindly feeling always existing in the lodge towards him, of which the testimonial of that evening was the tangible evidence. In thanking them very sincerely for the present, he would like to express his thanks to all the members with whom he had been officially connected during his career in the lodge, and earnestly hope in the future the lodge would be, as in the past, what he had found it, and what it now was, one of mutual good fellowship and social enjoyment, well led by its W.M., well served by its officers, and well attended by its members.

The testimonial, which is beautifully engrossed on vellum and framed in gold, reads thus: "Rose of Denmark Lodge, No. 975.—At a meeting of the Rose of Denmark Lodge, No. 975, held at the Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey, on Friday, 15th June, 1883, Bro. Edward Ayling, W.M., in the chair, it was moved by Bro. John Noble, P.M., Sec., seconded by Bro. James Garnar, P.M., Treas., and resolved unanimously, 'That the members of this lodge, as a mark of the esteem and regard with which Bro. W. H. Lee, P.M., is held by them, elect him an honorary member on his retirement from the office of Secretary, and that the thanks of the lodge be presented to him, for his services in connection with it, extending over a period of 11 years, during the whole of which time his influence and energy largely contributed to the welfare of the Rose of Denmark Lodge. His untiring zeal and continued efforts in promoting the cause of Freemasonry won the esteem of all with whom he was associated, and they will always cherish his connection with them with feelings of gratification, and they earnestly hope he may long be spared to continue his usefulness to our ancient Order, and to exercise his zealous efforts in promulgating its doctrines as efficiently as in the past.' [Then follow the signatures.]

The meeting was brought to a close with the usual Tyler's toast.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA.—Priory Lodge (No. 1000).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Middleton Hotel, Southend-on-Sea, on Thursday, the 11th inst. There were present Bros. W. D. Merritt, Prov. Asst. G.D.C., W.M.; W. G. Brighton, P.M. 72, &c., P.P.G.D., as J.W.; Rev. H. J. Hatch, P.M. & P.Z., P.P.G. Chap.; A. Lucking, P.M. & P.Z., Prov. D.C., Sec.; G. R. Dawson, S.D.; J. F. Herrington, P.M. 160, P.P.G.P., J.D.; C. Floyd, I.P.M. 1817, I.G.; Dr. E. E. Phillips, P.M. & P.Z., P.P.G.D., Org.; T. F. Barrett, P.P.G.R., I.P.M.; G. F. Jones, P.M., P.P.G.W.; G. Berry, P.M.; G. J. Glasscock, P.M. 1817, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Gregson, E. F. Wood, W. Waterhouse, L. Warren, jun., and A. W. Martin, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. E. L. Shepherd, P.M. 945, P.P.G.S.B. Berks and Bucks; and H. Kerridge, 1536.

A joining member having been unanimously elected, the W.M. passed Bro. William Lloyd Wise to the Second Degree. The lecture on the tracing board was given by Bro. J. C. Johnstone, P.M. Bro. W. G. Brighton, S.W., expressed his intention to serve as Steward at the next festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. A candidate for initiation at the next meeting having been proposed the lodge was closed.

SEACOMBE.—Warren Lodge (No. 1276).—The annual installation meeting of the members of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 16th inst., at Kenna Hall, where there was a very numerous and highly influential assembly of the fraternity, several of the visitors hailing from the neighbouring province of West Lancashire. The Warren Lodge has very recently removed to its present headquarters, and the members must feel that in the change they have secured a meeting-place which is at once convenient and comfortable. The lodge was duly opened by Bro. J. H. Jones, W.M., and among his official supporters were Bros. W. Danger, I.P.M.; G. Allister, S.W., the W.M. elect; E. T. Rawson, J.W.; J. G. Parker, P.M., Treas.; E. G. Mason, Sec.; T. B. Hughes, S.D.; J. Lawton, J.D.; R. D. Jones, I.G.; and F. W. Holtaway, Tyler. Amongst those present at the meeting were Bros.

W. Price, P.M.; H. Matthews, P.M.; J. Pemberton, P.P.G.S. of W.; H. Skinner, P.M.; Councillor T. H. Sheen, P.M. 241; Hugh Williams, P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. B. MacKenzie, P.M., Treas. 1609 W. Lanc.; E. Jones, S.W. 605; S. Jones, P.M. 477; D. J. Perry, 673; W. H. Waight, 477; S. Prince, 605; J. Davis, Org. 724; W. Williamson, 241; S. Wensley, 897; D. B. Risk, 673; W. H. Millar, 673; J. Howarth, 10 (U.S.); W. J. Petticrew, 477; A. Moore, 605; T. Quark, 605; and T. Wilson, 216.

After the initiation of several candidates the chair was taken by Bro. H. Matthews, P.M., who proceeded to install Bro. Allister as the W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year, the ceremony being very effectively performed. The following officers were subsequently invested: Bros. J. H. Jones, I.P.M.; E. T. Rawson, S.W.; E. G. Mason, J.W.; J. G. Parker, P.M., Treas. (re-elected); Richard Jones, Sec.; T. B. Hughes, S.D.; J. Lawton, J.D.; H. Matthews, P.M., D. of C.; W. Mathias, I.G.; R. Luke, S.S.; H. D. Roberts, J.S.; W. Worth, A.S.; A. Fay, A.S.; and F. W. Holtaway, Tyler (re-elected).

At the conclusion of the business the brethren adjourned to the Seacombe Hotel, where they sat down to an excellent banquet, superintended by Bro. Tow, of the Emulation Lodge, and during the evening a valuable Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. J. H. Jones, I.P.M., in recognition of the services he had rendered to the lodge generally, more especially during his year's occupancy of the chair.

WIGAN.—Lindsay Lodge (No. 1335).—The usual monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. Present: Bros. J. D. Murray, W.M.; H. T. Byrom, S.W.; A. H. Crossley, J.W.; Johnson, Secretary; R. B. Seddon, S.D.; Wm. Wall, J.D.; Boucher, I.G.; John Browne and W. M. Wyld, Stewards; Rob. Halliwell, H. Riddlesworth, Beazer, P.M.; Ralph Betley, P.M.; and C. D. Mortimer, Organist. Visitors: Bros. G. P. Brockbank, P.P.G.O. Berks and Bucks, W.M. 37, P. Prov. G.S.D. East Lanc. and G. Stwd. Scotland; Reginald Young, P.P. G.S.D. W. Lanc.; Jno. Phillips, P.M. 178; Thos. Millner, P.M. 178; J. M. Ashurst, W.M. 178; P. Leyland, 178; Wm. Holt, 187; and Atherton Ainsworth, W.M. 580.

The lodge was opened in due form, after which the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. William Rigby was then raised to the Degree of Master Mason by the W.M., Bro. Murray, and was instructed in the working tools. Mr. Garnet George Tatham, who had been previously balloted for and elected, was initiated into the Craft, and the working tools were explained to him. Bro. Murray is entitled to great praise for the admirable manner he acquitted himself in these ceremonies, being the only opportunity he has had since his installation into office of proving his efficiency as Master of a lodge, and certainly the hopes of the brethren were fully realised, the work being perfect in all its parts. The lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—Walker Lodge (No. 1342).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 10th inst., when over 60 members and visitors signed the Tyler's book. The Worshipful Master, Bro. William Smith, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Wks., opened the lodge in due form, and the minutes of the last regular meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. Henry Parker, I.G. 1119, as a joining member and he was declared elected. The ballot was then taken for Mr. Ernest Sophus-Tobias Hendry as a candidate for the mysteries and privileges of Ancient Freemasonry, and being declared duly elected and in attendance he was initiated into the Craft by the W.M. Bro. William F. Carman, acting J.W., afterwards explained the working tools. Bros. Hutton and Eagle were next passed as Fellow Crafts by the W.M.; Bro. Dixon Cowie explained the working tools. Other business of a formal nature having been transacted, and the hearty good wishes of several visiting brethren tendered, the lodge closed in peace and harmony, and the brethren adjourned to the festive board, the W.M. occupying the chair, and the S.W. the vice-chair, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts forming part of the proceedings of a very enjoyable meeting, several brethren also contributing thereto by some excellent vocal music.

Amongst those present in addition to those brethren already mentioned were: Bros. William Cooper, I.P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; Alderson Barker, P.M., Treas.; John William Robson, acting Sec.; Henry Spittle, S.D.; Thos. Palmer Bennett, J.D.; W. T. Clarke, 315, 1820, acting I.G.; Chas. Roope, S.W. 24, acting Org.; John Wood, P.M. 48, S.W. 1712, acting M.C.; Jethro William Mathews, S. Stwd.; Michael James Barkas, J. Stwd.; Joshua Curry, Tyler; John Brown, Past S.W.; John W. Robson, George McDonald, Archibald Irwin, Joseph Holland Baker, Christian Yurgensen, Robert Fletcher, Henry Harman, Robert Smales, William Eagle, T. A. Hutton, George Skillings, Isaac Taylor, George Brown, Frank Graham, J. Patterson, John McKay, P.M., W.M. 481; R. W. Cummings, P.M. 1626; W. T. Moss, 877; J. D. Maighan, Charles E. Pattison, 44; Thos. E. Smith, P.M. 991, P. Prov. G. Swd. Br.; John Braithwaite, P.M. 1427, P. Prov. G. J.D.; John Chapman, John Calvert, J.D. 991; Edmund F. Prentice, 1643, 481; Peter Sarchet, 1809; James McCulloch, P.M. 1643, P. Prov. G. J.W.; Pittuck, Sec. 1643; Geo. Hardy, W.M. 1643; S. Chadwick, S.W. 1643; J. Mitchell, P.M. 1643; J. Duncan, I.G. 1643; T. S. Wrath, P.M. 424, 1643; William Cowie, 1643; J. M. Rupert, 1643; Hugh McCulloch, P.M. 556, Scotland; Peter Wood, 1643; R. Murray, 1643; W. Atkinson, 1643; Chas. B. Ford, I.P.M. 481, Prov. G. J.D.; Thomas Dunning, S.W. 481; Henry George, P.M. 884; Chas. McNamara, W.M. 97; John S. Clarke, 240; John C. Moor, S.W. 97; Hugh McCulloch, P.M. 556, S.C.; and Peter Wood, 1643.

TWICKENHAM.—Sir Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1503).—This prosperous lodge met for the dispatch of business at the Albany Hotel, on the 10th inst. Among those present were Bro. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., S.W., in the chair in the unavoidable absence through illness of Bro. W. Taylor, W.M.; Bros. W. H. Saunders, P.P.G.D. Middx., Treas., acting S.W.; S. H. Saunders, J.W.; Brigg, J.D.; Gurney, acting I.G.; Jenkyns, W.S.; and R. H. Saunders, I.P.M. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, two brethren were duly raised to the Degree of M.M. The election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler for the year ensuing resulted

unanimously in favour of Bros. Walls, W. H. Saunders, and Harrison. The sum of £5 5s. was voted to the outgoing W.M. in recognition of his having passed the chair the second time, such amount to be dealt with as he thought proper.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment under the genial presidency of Bro. W. H. Saunders, who, upon the removal of the cloth, gave a few of the principal toasts.

Bro. Walls responded on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers."

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. R. H. Saunders, in the course of which he feelingly touched upon the cause of the W.M.'s absence that day, and expressed a hope that at their next meeting he would be in their midst, and perfectly restored to health.

Bro. W. H. Saunders having replied upon Bro. Taylor's behalf, then gave, in very kind terms, "The W.M. elect."

Bro. Walls having responded, the toast of "The Visitor," replied to by Bro. Jenkyns, and "The Officers," coupled with the names of Bros. S. Saunders and Briggs, terminated the proceedings.

HAMPTON.—Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Lion Hotel, on the 18th inst., when there were in attendance Bros. J. W. Hiscox, W.M.; T. Moody, S.W., W.M. elect; W. C. Davey, J.W.; E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., Treas.; W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middx., Sec.; E. Russell, J.D.; A. Jackson, I.G.; W. Spearing, M.C.; H. Wheatley, Assist. W.S.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., I.P.M.; J. Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M.; J. C. Jessett, P.M.; Gilbert, P.G.T., Tyler; and others. Among the visitors were Bros. Hiscox, J.W. 1157; Peterson, 1283; and Tucker, 1365.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Barton was raised to the degree of a M.M. by the W.M., in a manner that left but little to be desired. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. John Hammond, who at once proceeded to install Bro. T. Moody into the chair of K.S. He appointed the following Past Masters to assist him during the ceremony: Bros. Hopwood, as S.W.; Hiscox, as J.W.; Walls, as D.C.; and Jessett, as I.G.

At this stage of the proceedings Bro. R. Thrupp, the W.D.P.G.M. of Middlesex, was announced, and a procession of Provincial Grand Officers having been formed, he was duly admitted into the lodge and saluted. The officers appointed for the ensuing year are Bros. Davey, S.W.; Jones, J.W.; E. Hopwood, P.M., Treas.; W. Hammond, P.M., Sec.; Spearing, S.D.; Wheatley, J.D.; Holland, I.G.; T. C. Walls, D. of C.; C. Jessett, W.S.; Eales, A.W.S.; and Gilbert, Tyler. Bro. J. Hammond having completed the ceremony by an admirable delivery of the addresses, a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to him for his services as Installing Officer. By fiat of the W.M. Bro. Peterson, 1283, was then passed to the Second Degree by Bro. Moody. The report of the Auditors having been received and adopted and Bro. Ballard, 1326, having been balloted for as a joining member, the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was well served by Bro. Ballard, the caterer. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts followed.

Bro. Raymond Thrupp, G.A.D. of C., in a speech of some point replied upon behalf of "The Grand Officers," and in the course of his remarks expressed the gratification it had afforded him at being present at the Hemming Lodge that day. The proceedings throughout were worthy of all praise and reflected great credit upon the executive.

Bro. Walls having responded to the toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers," "The Health of the W.M." was given warmly and eloquently by the I.P.M.

The Worshipful Master in reply expressed the pride he felt in having been elevated to the dignified position of a ruler in the Craft, and he hoped that his conduct in the chair during his year would justify the confidence of the brethren in having placed him there.

"The Installing Officer" followed, and this toast having been drunk with acclamation,

Bro. J. Hammond in a few well chosen words acknowledged the compliment.

"The Visitors" came next in order, and was responded to by Bros. Hiscox and Tucker, the former brother in particular giving some very interesting details of his experience of Masonry in Egypt.

The health of "The Past Masters," coupled with the name of the I.P.M., was then given. At the conclusion of his remarks the W.M. presented the I.P.M. with a very handsome Past Master's jewel. Bro. Hiscox in reply said that when he was installed he felt very proud of his position, but at that moment he felt prouder still, because it proved that his services during the past year had been considered worthy of recognition, and he should wear the jewel and always consider it as a most interesting memento of his connection with the Hemming Lodge.

The toasts of "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Masonic Charities," and "The Officers" terminated the proceedings.

NORTHAMPTON.—Eleanor Cross Lodge (No. 1764).—The annual festival of this prosperous and popular lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Abington-street, on Tuesday last week. The lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. Henry Hill, P.P.G.O., assisted by the officers and brethren, and after the transaction of business, routine and ceremonial, Bro. Henry Spoor, Prov. Grand Swd. Br., was duly installed as W.M. according to ancient custom, for the ensuing year, by his predecessor, assisted by Bro. Henry Brown, P.P.G.J.W. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. H. Hill, I.P.M.; E. Morris, S.W.; Rev. T. C. Beasley, P.P.G.C., as J.W.; R. Taylor, Treas.; T. Emery, Sec.; G. Butcher, S.D.; S. J. Newman, J.D.; A. Jones, D. of C.; R. Croft, Org.; J. Currall, I.G.; H. V. Tebbutt, S. Swd.; W. Goldene, J. Swd.; C. Dean and W. Kirby, Tylers. In addition to the above-named, the following occupied places in the lodge: Bros. Butler Wilkins, Deputy Prov. G.M.; Frederick Binckes, P.M., Grand Stewards' Lodge; H. J. Atkins, P.P.G.D., P.M.; G. Ellard, Prov. G.D. of C., P.M. 360; Rev. S. W. Wigg, P.P.G.C., W.M. 1911; J. L. Spoor, H. Roberts, H. Hodges, B. Thompson, T. P. Dorman, J. A. Jowett, W. J. Howe, F. Laycock, R. Abel, W. J. Clarke, J. Gold, J. J. Hart, P.P.G.P., S.W. 360; G. L. Michel, P.P.G.D., 360; C. R. Nunn, 360; E. Fletcher, 360; Ward, 1564; and others.

A vote of thanks to Bro. the Rev. S. J. W. Sanders,

P.M., for his valued services to the lodge as Treasurer, was unanimously carried; and, after the acceptance of the auditors' report, lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, which was admirably served by Mrs. Forth, of the Peacock Hotel, and to which full justice was done.

The usual toast list was presented. "The Queen and Craft," "The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and "The Grand Lodge and Officers" were submitted in truly Masonic spirit by the Worshipful Master, who then proposed "The Right Worshipful the Prov. Grand Master, His Grace the Duke of Manchester; the Worshipful the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Butler Wilkins; and the Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge."

Bro. Butler Wilkins highly appreciated the reception accorded to the toast, and regretted that the many public engagements of his grace prevented him oftener meeting his brethren, but trusted that, as the next Provincial Grand Lodge would be summoned to meet under the banner of the Eleanor Cross, which had been consecrated since the Provincial Grand Master last presided, he would be present, particularly if the date could be so altered as to suit his convenience.

Bro. George Ellard, Prov. G.D. of C., replied on behalf of the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers.

Bro. Rev. T. C. Beasley, J.W., in proposing "The Health of the Worshipful Master of the Eleanor Cross Lodge," said he (Bro. Beasley) was pleased to occupy the position of one of his Wardens, and hoped he and his brother Warden would find themselves in the position he had once observed in a very beautiful phenomenon called mock suns, in which two bodies appeared, one on either side of the sun, but which, instead of detracting from its brightness, seemed only to add thereto.

The Worshipful Master in acknowledging the flattering remarks of his brother Junior Warden said that he was fully aware of the responsibilities of the office, and the difficulties of the task he had undertaken, particularly in having to follow brethren of such marked skill as those of his predecessors.

Bro. Ellard, P.M. 360, proposed in eloquent and flattering terms "The Installing Master and the Past Masters of the lodge," regretting that the engagements of the brother who undertook the chief portion of that day's work had called him away, but whose place was well supplied by a brother whom they all liked, and were always glad to see and hear.

Bro. H. Brown in responding lamented that circumstances had removed from among them on this occasion all those, with the exception of Bro. Adkins, who had previously adorned the chair of that lodge. He assured the brethren that whoever might occupy the chair could rely on his assistance and the exercise of his ability in promoting the welfare of the Eleanor Cross Lodge.

Bro. Atkins, P.M., gave "The Masonic Charities," and as Provincial Charity Steward for the year, hoped to be enabled to carry to the Festival of the Boys' School such a list as would do credit to the Province of Norths and Hunts, and to that lodge particularly; a lodge which, although so young, had already distinguished itself in the cause of charity, and had added to its voting power by becoming a Pice-President of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons.

Bro. F. Binckes, Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, replied in a powerful and most eloquent appeal on behalf of those three great institutions, which were the pride of the Craft and the wonder of the uninitiated world, calling on each brother to remember that touching appeal to their hearts made, when, at a peculiar moment, they promised, if in their power, to help, according to their means, those who, from unforeseen circumstances, were reduced to the lowest ebb of poverty and distress, and as they had been reminded that day there was a second phase of being happy—that was to communicate happiness.

Bro. James L. Spoor proposed "The Visiting Brethren," and Bro. Ward, 1564, suitably acknowledged the toast, and complimented the officers on the efficient manner in which everything connected with the lodge was carried out.

Bro. T. Emery gave "The Sister Lodges of the Province," to which Bro. J. Hart, S.W. Pomfret Lodge, and Bro. Michel responded.

Bro. E. Morris having, in happy terms, replied to "The Wardens and Officers of the Lodge," the ancient Tyler gave the concluding toast, which brought to a close a very happy meeting, characterised throughout by thorough harmony and concord.

The proceedings were enlivened by some capital singing accompanied by Bro. R. Croft, the very efficient Organist. The principal vocalists were Bros. Hart, Jowett, Laycock, Atkins, Butcher, Ellard, Emery, How, Fletcher, and Binckes, the last named also rendering with effect a scene from "Othello." Great praise is due to Bro. T. Emery for the transformation of the banquet-room into a gala hall, by an artistic arrangement of flags, banners, shields, and plants.

HENLEY-ON-THAMES.—Thames Lodge (No. 1895).—The second annual festival and installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, on Monday, the 15th inst., Bro. R. T. Hodge, M.A., P.P.G.S. of W., W.M., presiding. A large number of the members were present. The visitors were Bros. G. W. F. Loftus, P.M. 93, 905, 1193, P.P.C.J.W. Norfolk; R. Bradley, P.G. Sec. Berks and Bucks; R. C. Mount, P.P.G.S.W. Berks and Bucks; F. J. Ferguson, W.M. 414, P.G.S.O. Berks and Bucks; R. Dowsett, W.M. 1101, P.G.J.D. Berks and Bucks; S. Wheeler, S.W. 414; R. F. Circuit, Chap. 187; J. B. Cunningham, 197; E. H. Boord, 1008; W. Golding, W.M. 1899; and E. Trower, P.M. 822.

The ordinary business of the lodge having been transacted, the chair was taken by W. Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp, Grand Asst. Dir. of Cer. and D. Prov. Grand Master Middlesex, who, in the unavoidable absence of W. Bro. Reginald Bird, P.G.D., D. Prov. G. Master of the Province, had kindly undertaken to act as Installing Master. Bro. A. Brakspear, P.G.S. of W., W.M. elect, was then presented and installed into the chair of K.S. The brethren were re-admitted and the W.M. saluted in the usual manner. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. R. T. Hodge, I.P.M.; B. Hunn, S.W.; F. Marsh, J.W.; G. E. Brakspear, Treas.; J. Watts, Sec.; Rev. A. R. Pritchard, Chap.; Rev. G. W. Rolfe, S.D.; C. A. Robinson, J.D.; J. W. Rhodes, M.C.; E. Chamberlain, I.G.; W. A. Simmons, Org.; W. D.

Mackenzie and W. Vidler, Stewards; and R. Rogers, Tyler.

The ceremony of installation was then completed by the addresses being given to the officers and brethren. The whole ceremony was beautifully and most impressively given throughout, and constantly elicited hearty applause. The W.M. presented, in the name of the lodge, a very handsome P.M.'s jewel to the retiring W.M. in recognition of the services rendered during his term of office, and of the esteem in which he is held by the brethren. Bro. Brakspear expressed his pleasure at having so agreeable a duty to perform, and trusted Bro. Hodge might live many years to wear the same. Bro. Hodge thanked the brethren for their valuable gift, and said it would always remind him of what his officers and the brethren had made for him—a pleasant year of office. The thanks of the lodge to W. Bro. Thrupp for performing the installation ceremony was proposed, and carried unanimously.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Red Lion Hotel, where an excellent banquet was provided by Mrs. Williams. The cloth having been removed, the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

In proposing the toast of "The Masonic Charities," the W.M. congratulated the lodge on the excellent work it had done in this direction. During the two years of its existence it had sent a Steward to every festival, and contributed the sum of £98. The W.M. concluded by earnestly appealing to the brethren to continue the good work they had begun.

The Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

INSTRUCTION.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 22nd inst., at the Fountains Abbey Hotel, 111, Praed-street, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. C. R. Wickens, W.M.; W. H. Chalfont, W.M. 1425, S.W.; H. Perdue, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511, Preceptor and Treas.; H. Dehane, I.P.M. 1543, Sec.; J. C. Rhind, S.D.; M. J. Green, J.D.; C. J. Humfress, I.G.; R. E. Cursons, Steward; M. S. Speigel, P.M. 188; W. Craig, P.M. 1425; F. Chandler, G. J. Earney, W. J. Mason, J. Lawrence, F. F. Ferris, W. A. Vincent, J. J. Thomas, D. Hart, G. S. Mote, W. Death, W. Middleweek, F. Swain, G. Wood, and the following visitors: Bros. J. R. Phillips, 1681; and E. J. Brown, 1681.

Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degree and resumed to the First Degree. The ceremonies of initiation and raising were rehearsed, Bros. Brown and Ferris being the candidates. Bros. Phillips and Brown were unanimously elected joining members. Bro. Chalfont will be the W.M. next meeting.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—In consequence of structural alterations at the old head-quarters of this popular lodge at the Crown and Cushion, London Wall, the brethren have been compelled to seek a new home which they have happily established at the Champion Hotel, in Aldersgate-street. Bro. R. J. Chillingworth, P.M., heartily entered into the task of making the necessary arrangements, which indeed was a task of no great difficulty in his well-known and extensive hotel. The brethren met there for the first time on Tuesday evening with Bros. C. Mather as W.M.; Hepburn, as S.W.; and Thompson, as J.W.; the lodge being well attended by brethren and visitors. Lodge having been opened in due form and congratulations exchanged upon the members in attendance, and the comfortable and convenient quarters found for the lodge, the Second and Third Degrees were successively worked, the ceremonies being gone through in a manner which afforded the utmost satisfaction to those present. At the conclusion of labour a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Chillingworth for the effective arrangements he had made for the accommodation of the lodge, and it was stated that the position of the lodge both numerically and financially was most satisfactory. Several new members were proposed and the proceedings closed in harmony. Visitors are cordially welcomed at this lodge whose meetings will be held at the Champion Hotel every Tuesday evening at seven o'clock.

NEW FINSBURY PARK LODGE (No. 1695).—The weekly meeting of this lodge was held at Hornsey Wood Tavern, on Tuesday evening, the 23rd inst. Present: Bros. Gush, W.M.; Russell, S.W.; Follett, J.W.; Fenner, acting Preceptor; S. Berry, Sec.; Rushton, S.D.; Moon, J.D.; Haynes, I.G.; Edmunds, Morris, Smethurst, Flux, Fetch, Amey, Mallett, Hoare, and Frampton.

The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Hoare was examined and entrusted. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Bro. Morris then worked the First Section of the Third Lecture, and Bro. Fenner the Third Section. Lodge was then resumed in the First Degree, when Bro. Russell was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the lodge was closed and adjourned.

Royal Arch.

NORWICH.—Cabbell Chapter (No. 807).—The quarterly convocation of this chapter was held at the Masonic Club, 23, St. Giles-street, on the 11th inst. There were present Comps. J. B. Bridgman, P.G. Stwd., M.E.Z.; Geo. Green, P.G. Std., H.; Thos. J. Mackley, J.; Arthur J. Berry, P.G.S.B., I.P.Z.; Edwin Baldwin, P.Z. 40, 213, P.G.S.E., S.E.; Jas. J. Hunt, S.N.; Thos. Campling, P.S.; Henry Rosling, 1st A.S.; Henry Thonless, 2nd A.S.; John W. Browne, Org.; W. Murrell, Janitor; J. Stanley, E. Pepper, C. Bond, J. Guyton, J. Weyer, and George Hammond. Among the visitors Comps. J. E. H. Watson, H. and C. W. Bacon, 213.

The chapter being opened by the Principals and the companions admitted, the minutes of the last convocation were duly read and confirmed. The officers for the ensuing year were then proposed and duly elected as follows: Comps. George Green, Z.; T. J. Mackley, H.; Jas. J. Hunt, J.; E. Baldwin, S.E.; T. Campling, S.N.; Henry Rosling, P.S., who named as his assistants H. Thonless 1st A.S., and J. Guyton 2nd A.S.; George Baxter, Treas.; J. W. Browne, Org. The chapter was afterwards closed in ancient and solemn form.

The companions then adjourned to supper, at the conclu-

sion of which the usual Royal Arch loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly acknowledged, and the remainder of the evening spent in a very pleasant manner.

DEVONPORT.—St. Aubyn Chapter (No. 954).—The annual meeting of this chapter was held on the 18th inst., at the Ebrington Masonic Hall, when Ex. Comp. Jas. Osborne was installed as H.; Ex. Comp. J. T. Crossley, J.; the Z. elect, Ex. Comp. James Redgate, being unfortunately absent through illness. Ex. Comp. James Gidley, P.Z. 70 and 105, was the Installing Officer, with the following Board of Installed Principals: Ex. Comps. T. Heath, Z.; C. Watson, P.P.G.D.C.; and Jno. Allen, P.P.G.S.B., 954. At the close of the installations the following were invested as the officers: Ex. Comp. T. Heath remained as Z. for the present; Comps. J. Jolliffe, S.N.; Lieut. E. L. Wilson, S.E.; Henry Best, P.S.; F. T. W. Curtis, 1st A.S.; N. R. Raymond, 2nd A.S.; J. Baxter, Treas.; J. Allen, Reg. of Marks; T. Goodall, Org.; and Samuel Harvey, Janitor. The balance-sheet of the audited accounts submitted presented a very favourable aspect of the finances of the chapter.

INSTRUCTION.

EARL OF CARNARVON CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 1642).—The first meeting after the recess of this chapter was held on Tuesday, the 23rd inst., at Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, W. The following were present: Comps. A. Nicols, M.E.Z.; S. H. Parkhouse, H.; S. Smout, jun., J. and S.E.; J. H. Wood, S.N.; A. Escott, P.S.; G. Davis, Preceptor; Elborn, Pratt, Moss, Goodall, Edmonds, Schofield, Hutton, Capt. Andrews, Chalfont, French, Forge, Wadham, Green, Dehane, and Matthews.

The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed by Comp. Capt. A. Nicols, Comp. W. Mathews being the candidate. The lectures were given respectively by Comps. S. Smout, jun., S. Parkhouse, and Capt. A. Nicols, in a manner that reflects upon them every credit, and if such working continues under the Preceptorship of Comp. G. Davis, we may safely say that this chapter of improvement will be a landmark, and its prosperity a certainty. Comps. Escott and Mathews were unanimously elected joining members. A vote of thanks was recorded to Comp. Escott for the very correct manner in which he performed the duties of P.S. The chapter was closed in due form, and we are requested to announce that it will meet on November 6th, and alternate Tuesdays at 8 p.m.

Mark Masonry.

WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 223).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, on the 19th inst. Among those present were Bros. T. Butt, W.M.; J. F. Van Raalte, S.W. and W.M. elect; Greenwood, J.W.; E. Gilbert, P.G.S., Treas.; W. Pennefather, Sec.; Appleton, M.O.; Brasher, S.O.; Brickdale, J.O.; P. H. Clisby, S.D.; Rumball, J.D.; H. K. Clisby, I.G.; H. I. Lardner, P.G.S., P.G.S.O. Middlesex and Surrey, I.P.M.; and others. Bro. T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B., P.G.W. Middlesex and Surrey, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Lardner, by permission of the W.M., took the chair and installed Bro. J. F. Van Raalte as W.M., for the year ensuing. He was assisted by Bros. Butt, as S.W.; Gilbert, as J.W.; and Walls, as D.C. The manner in which the whole ceremony was performed was most creditable and the Installing Officer fully deserved the vote of thanks which was subsequently passed to him. The officers invested are as follows: Bros. Greenwood, S.W.; Appleton, J.W.; Brasher, M.O.; Brickdale, S.O.; P. H. Clisby, J.O.; E. Gilbert, Treas.; Pennefather, Sec., Reg. of Mks.; Rumball, S.D.; H. K. Clisby, J.D.; C. J. Smith, I.G.; Even, M.C.; Smith, Tyler. The report of the Auditors' having been received and adopted the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where a most elegant banquet was served. Upon the removal of the cloth a long list of toasts was gone through and the company separated at a late hour.

PLYMOUTH.—Temple Lodge (No. 50).—The annual meeting of the brethren of this Mark lodge was held on the 18th inst., at the Hayshe Temple. The W.M. elect, W. Bro. Francis Beer Westlake, was installed by W. Bro. James Gidley, assisted by W. Bros. J. B. Gover, P.P.G.M.O.; Samuel Jew, P.P.G.M.O.; with the following Board of I.Ms.: W. Bros. L. D. Westcott, P.P.G.T.; James Griffin, P.P.G.S.D.; E. Aitken-Davis, P.P.G.J.D.; John R. Lord, P.P.G.S. Wks.; and R. Pengelly, P.P.G.S.B. At the close of the installation the W.M. invested the following brethren as his officers: W. Bro. James Griffin, I.P.M.; Bros. John D. Barker, P.P.G.O., S.W.; George Sercombe, J.W.; W. Bro. John R. Lord, Chap.; Bros. Chas. Harris, M.O.; W. J. Stanbury, S.O.; R. C. Uglow, J.O.; W. Bros. J. B. Cover, Treas.; L. D. Westcott, Sec.; Bros. Thomas Gray, S.D.; W. H. Symonds, J.D.; H. Holbeton, I.G.; W. T. Hocking, D.C.; W. F. Westcott, A.D.C.; A. W. Spinney, Reg. of M.; M. Joll, S.B.; J. Gifford and W. Nicholls, Stewards; and W. H. Phillips, Tyler.

The brethren afterwards supped together on the premises, under the excellent catering of Bro. W. H. Phillips.

WIGAN.—Rose and Thistle Lodge (No. 158).—The usual meeting of the members of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, King-street, on Wednesday, the 10th inst., when the following brethren were present: Bro. W. Dean, W.M.; T. Milner, S.W.; H. T. Byrom, J.W.; J. D. Murray, I.P.M., Prov. G.A.D.C., G. Std. Br.; A. H. Crossley, Sec.; T. Wilson, P.M., P.P.G.M.M.O., Treas.; W. Johnson, M.O.; R. B. Seddon, S.O.; J. Marsden, J.O.; J. Browne, S.D.; W. M. Wylde, J.D.; W. Horrocks, Reg. of Marks; C. D. Mortimer, Org.; J. Wilson, I.G.; W. A. Patterson, Tyler. T. Jackson, A. Hall, R. Knowles, W. A. Byrom, P.M., P.P.G.R.; R. Betley, R. Leyland, G. Makinson, H. Riddlesworth, J. M. Kerr, and the following visitors: Bros. J. F. Roberts, P.M. 268; P. M. Hunter, S.W. and W.M. elect 268; James Lawrence, W.M. 313; and J. Bradshaw, 313.

The lodge having been opened Bros. T. Emmot Skidmore, Prov. G. Swd. Br., 120; Leonard Walter Marsh, 428; and Geo. Barlow Cliff, 428, were raised to this degree, and the W.M. certainly sustained the high reputation of the lodge through the admirable manner in which he discharged the duties of the evening.

A banquet followed, at which the W.M. ably presided.

CHORLEY.—Lawrence Lodge (No. 313).—An emergency meeting of this young and prosperous lodge was held on Saturday last, at the Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, when the following brethren were present: Bros. James Lawrence, W.M. (the Prov. Grand Senior Warden designate); James Corbitt, S.W.; J. M. Kerr, J.W. and Treas.; John Heald, M.O.; Robert Irving, S.O.; J. Bradshaw, J.D.; W. Blackledge, P.M. 18; T. F. Jackson, Sec. and Reg.; W. Dornan, D.C.; J. Hopkinson, I.G.; Peter Yates, Stwd.; J. B. Withnell, Tyler; James Brindle, L. Eccles, and others. The visitors were Bros. J. D. Murray, P.P.G.A.D.C., Gr. S.B., to whom the brethren are deeply indebted for his ever ready and invaluable assistance; W. Dean, W.M.; and W. H. Horrocks, S.D. 158.

The following brethren having been unanimously elected were advanced to the degree of M.M.M.: Bros. J. B. Cardwell, W.M.; J. A. Atherton, J.W. and A. G. Bird, Sec. 1032; H. Barnes and T. Sharples, 730; and W. P. C. Grimshaw, 1032. The meeting was a most successful one, the brethren being highly pleased with the well-earned honours conferred on the W.M., Bro. James Lawrence, by the Deputy Prov. G.M.M., Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, who will preside at the provincial meeting at Southampton on the 19th inst., in the absence of the Earl of Lathom, who is on a tour in Canada and the United States. Bro. Lawrence after lodge business was finished entertained the visitors and brethren to a sumptuous tea at the Royal Oak Hotel.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

INVICTA CHAPTER (No. 10).—The first meeting of the season was held at 33, Golden-square on Friday, the 19th inst. Owing to the very serious illness of Bro. Grabham, M.V.S., the much-respected Treasurer, Bro. Bywater, presided, and rendered the ceremony in a most effective manner. Bro. Meadon was perfected, and there were present Bros. G. Lambert, 32, P. Laird, C. W. Thompson, F. Legge, H. Lovegrove, G. Edwards, Rev. H. J. Hatch, Geo. Powell (Recorder), Major Dunbar, and others.

This chapter will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of its consecration on the 21st December next, when there will be a large gathering of members of the higher degrees of Freemasonry.

Obituary.

BRO. JOHN LATTA, P.M. 241.

A large number of brethren will receive the announcement of the unexpected death of Bro. John Latta with the deepest regret. Deceased, who was in his 57th year, was P.M. and Treasurer of the Merchants Lodge, No. 241, meeting in Liverpool, and was justly held in high esteem as the result of his many amiable and excellent Masonic qualities and large-hearted benevolence. He was the principal in the firm of Messrs. McGachan and Co., cork manufacturers, Paradise-street, Liverpool, and during nearly 30 years connection with that business he secured the esteem and admiration of men of commerce, by the sterling conduct and irreproachable action which he invariably displayed in all his transactions. His death has brought an honourable career to an end, and those who knew him best will miss him most. Bro. Latta, it may be stated, was taken suddenly ill on Saturday afternoon, the 6th inst., whilst travelling by train from London to Liverpool. On the journey he suffered the most acute pain, and on his arrival in Liverpool he was conveyed to a friend's house in Norwood-grove, where, after enduring intense agony, he died at two o'clock on Sunday morning. The quarterly meeting of the Merchants Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Tuesday evening, the 9th inst., when there was a large attendance of members. The W.M., Bro. James Pendleton, in feeling terms announced the lamented death, after a brief illness, of Bro. John Latta, P.M., Treasurer of the lodge; and in the name of the brethren, bore testimony to Bro. Latta's fidelity and usefulness in the course of his long, active, and honourable association with them as a member of the lodge, and to the zeal and assiduity with which he had helped to carry on every good and charitable object promoted by the brethren. It was unanimously resolved that a letter of sincerest condolence be sent to the bereaved family, expressing the sense which the brethren experienced at the great loss which they had sustained by his lamented death, and accompanied by words of heartfelt sympathy with them in this period of their profound sorrow and affliction. The resolution was also ordered to be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge. The Organist, Bro. A. B. Ewart, having with great feeling and expression played "The Dead March" in "Saul," the lodge was at once closed, all business being postponed until the next monthly meeting.

The mortal remains of Bro. Latta were consigned to their last resting place in Anfield Cemetery, near Liverpool, on Thursday afternoon, the 11th inst., in the presence and amid the universal regret of a large gathering of Masonic and private friends, amongst the former being the following officers and brethren of the Merchants Lodge, No. 241: Geo. Peet, P.M.; J. Brotherton, S.W.; R. White, J.W.; S. Jude, S.D.; A. Huther, J.D.; Lieut. M'Nab, I.G.; W. Stedford, W. H. Jones, H. Rigg, J. Evans, G. Deuchar, A. Morrison, W. Johnston, D. B. Jones, R. Davies, G. Robson, T. Evans, J. Quayle, W. Heyes, and R. Richards; and Bros. H. Firth, P.G.S.; J. P. Bryan, P.G.O.; W. Savage, I.P.M. 1609; C. P. Titherley, P.M. 1350; J. Long, R. Stirzaker, A. Woolrich, J. Keet, F. W. Barnes, J. T. Alston, A. Child, Dr. Samuels, P.M. 1350; T. Saxon, L. Peake, W.M. 1035; M. Gotham, 823; J. M. Harvey, W. Gick, W.M. 203; J. Grierson, P.M. 1756; S. P. Gore. Bros. J. Pendleton, W.M. 241; C. A. Luker, Sec. 241; T. Salter, P.P.G.S.D.; Thomas Whitehead, I.P.M. 241; James Winsor, P.M. 241; Geo. Davies, and Thomas Lee.



"Confusion" at the Vaudeville has been played over 100 times, and is still drawing good audiences.

Miss Marian Grahame has been engaged by Mr. D'Oyley Carte for the new opera at the Savoy.

On Monday "Rip Van Winkle" gives way, after being played over a year, to a new comic opera, called "Falka," by MM. Letterrier and Vaulov, composed by M. Chaisaigue, translated by Mr. Farnie. In the cast will be Bro. H. Ashley, Mr. Harry Paulton, Mr. Kelleher, and Mr. Penley, and Miss Violet Cameron.

The last nights of "The Merry Duchess" are announced. A new comic opera, entitled "Gilette de Narbonne," is in rehearsal, and will be produced in a few days. It is adapted from the French by Mr. K. Saville Clarke, the music by M. Audran.

The managers of the Adelphi have fallen on their feet in producing "In the Ranks," by Bro. Sims and Mr. Pettitt. Without doubt it is one of the best dramas of late years, both as a spectacle and drama. It may be summed up as "another Adelphi triumph." There is little doubt that Bro. Sims has had a very large proportion of the writing, as his proclivities can be traced in various portions of the dialogue. We think in some places he has been too severe, and raises laughter at some one else's expense. But be that as it may, "In the Ranks" is a sound and interesting play, in which beauty and art take their place. One cannot help feeling the presence of a fresh influence in melodrama. Bro. Sims has not created the whole play for one actor to pose as a star, but all the characters have parts to play, in which they are in themselves somebody. Ned Crayton is the hero. Gideon Blake is the villain, whose business it is to try to ruin Crayton. Both of these are in love with Ruth Herrick. No one knows anything about Crayton, except that he is honest and upright. He is about being married to Ruth. Blake makes it his business to blast the character of Ned. Colonel Wynter informs Ned that he (Ned) is the son of a convict. The Colonel has adopted Ned out of respect for Ned's mother, but when he hears that his adopted son is about to marry Ruth he gets so angry that he casts Ned adrift and takes up with Blake, and to him he tells the story of Ned's birth. The villain has now a handle for his malice to work with. He gets a returned convict to persuade Ned that he is his father, instead of a friend of his father. This ex-convict is engaged in a poaching affray and persuades Ned to meet him at night in Dingley Wood. Here passes Col. Wynter, who is shot at by the ex-convict and is thought to be dead. The stigma is cast upon Ned of being the murderer. He is arrested whilst leaving the church after his marriage, with his bride leaning on his arm. He is imprisoned, but not on the capital charge. During the time Crayton is in goal of course Blake hopes to win the affections of his wife; but he doesn't. When he leaves the prison, finding that his friends shun him he enlists as a soldier. Here the wretch haunts him down again and gets him to commit acts of insubordination. He is determined to find his wife. He leaves barracks without leave—a grave offence in a soldier—finds his wife drugged by a villain who is waiting to rob her of the little money she has earned and saved up to purchase her husband's release with. He is discovered by the guard, taken back to barracks, thrust in a cell, from which he makes a daring escape. Colonel Wynter now luckily returns from India, proving he was not killed in the poaching affray, and so Ned is restored to his fond wife, and Blake is disgraced. We need scarcely say that Ned is played by Bro. Warner with determination and in a manner in which he has never acted before. On him depends the success. Mr. Beveridge is Blake, who receives at the fall of the curtain so many hisses and cheers for his excellent acting of a villainous part. On Mr. Garden and Mrs. Leign fall the amusing characteristics, and very droll they show themselves throughout. Mr. Ryder is the Colonel, and as he puts his whole life and soul into his part, it is no wonder he is so vociferously applauded. Miss Isabel Bateman as Ruth is earnest and a great acquisition to the Adelphi. It is not the first time that she and Bro. Warner have played the chief parts together, but never, we think, have we admired her more. She sustains the family name handed down to her from her ever-lamented mother, and we think is hardly surpassed by her sisters. Miss Harriet Coveney and Miss Mary Rorke in their small parts are excellent, though we should like to see the latter have something better and more fitting to her skill. Messrs. Hann, Hall, and Smith, the scenic artists, are much to be commended for their striking spectacular displays. It is almost marvellous how the changes from a pretty glen to a barrack-yard or a church or a gaol are made, and to them and the stage manager a large quantity of the praise is due for the beautiful scenery and mechanical skill. The piece is never stopped for a change. The scenes seem to fold up when wanted, or open out, as the case may be. "In the Ranks" is drawing crowded houses, and every night hundreds of persons are turned away for want of room.

THE CALCUTTA EXHIBITION.

Among the various exhibits that will attract the attention and gratify the taste of both Europeans and natives, who, in countless thousands, will flock to the Calcutta Exhibition, the large cases sent out by Bro. George Kenning, of Little Britain and Aldersgate street, are sure to draw around them crowds of delighted sightseers. In addition to an endless variety of accoutrements and appointments pertaining to the Naval and Army Services, these cases contain a splendid collection of Masonic jewellery and clothing, incomparable both in style and finish, together with charming specimens of hand embroidery, the whole having been worked regardless of cost. We understand that Bro. Kenning, with that thoroughness so characteristic of him, has sent out his elder son in charge of the above, as well as to act as his Asiatic representative.



Lord Arthur Hill, M.P., was on the 19th inst. nominated Prov. Mark Master for the ensuing year by the Sussex Prov. Grand Mark Master Masons.

The Rose Lodge of Instruction hitherto held at the Walmer Castle, Peckham-road, has removed to the Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, where it meets on Thursday evenings at eight o'clock.

Bro. Alderman Savory will preside at the 16th annual dinner of the Goldsmiths' and Jewellers' Annuity and Asylum Institution, on Monday, November 12th, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.

Bro. Shrewsbury, wine and spirit merchant, of 19, Change-alley (established in 1832), has, together with his partner, retired from business, and arranged with Mr. G. H. Rayner, for many years connected with the firm, as his successor.

An excellent portrait of the Earl of Mar and Kellie, Grand Master of Scotland, in full Masonic costume, has just been published by Mr. J. W. Watt, of Glasgow. It is an admirable work of art, and we should say a faithful likeness.

The ceremony of Installation of Principals will be worked on the evening of Thursday, November 1st, by the Companions of the North London Chapter of Improvement at the Alwyn Castle Tavern, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury. Chapter will be opened at eight. Companions are cordially invited.

Option of renewal is offered by advertisement to the holders of City Corporation Bonds for public works and improvements, maturing in 1884 to the amount of £278,600. At the same time announcement is made for the absolute discharge of bonds specified to the amount of £199,500.

Amongst the papers read at the recent meeting of the incorporated Law Society at Bath was one by Bro. F. K. Munton on "Some Remarkable Decisions affecting Railway Companies." Bros. Grantham, R. Dodd, and T. H. Devonshire, as also Bro. Munton, took part in the debates on various subjects referred to in the papers.

By the death, on Saturday last, at Brighton, in the eighty-seventh year of his age, of Bro. the Marquis of Donegal, K.P., the Provincial Grand Mastership of Antrim is rendered vacant, while a riband of the Order of St. Patrick and the Lord-Lieutenancy of Co. Antrim are placed at the disposal of the Government.

Sir Knight Gurney of Chicago, pays the following tribute to "Our noble Queen":—"Victoria is the mother of a Grand Master, the mother of a family of Masons; and one of the brightest, most exemplary jewels that ever graced the diadem of royalty. She is an honour to our English brethren, an honour to her sex, and when time comes that she must go up higher, humanity will weep, civilization mourn, though angels rejoice in the brighter crown of her immortality."

Captain Shaw, Chief of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, has been presented by her Majesty the Queen with a handsome clock. The case is of black marble with gold Corinthian columns on either side, the figures and hands being of gold. At the top there is a gold helmet, with other devices in bronze underneath, emblematical of the fireman's calling. A gold plate bears the following inscription: "Presented to Captain Eyre M. Shaw, C.M., Superintendent of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, by Victoria, R. I., 1883."

The remains of a Saxon church have been discovered at Peterborough. As the workmen engaged in the restoration of the cathedral were digging for the purpose of laying foundations for the new piers, they came against masonry which clearly indicates the presence of some building in former times. It is supposed to be a portion of a Saxon monastery, which was built on that spot in the year 655, and destroyed by fire in 870. The stones still bear the traces of having been exposed to fire. A Saxon sarcophagus was also exposed.

As a rule Masons appear to take little interest in supporting journals that devote themselves to the interest of the Craft. We frequently hear from brethren that they are too much engaged to find time for reading about Freemasonry, to many of these we return answer, the loss is yours. All men who take an interest in any society they are associated with should be able to give some account of what is being done by that society. Masonic journals conducted on broad and sound lines are worthy the support of the members of the Craft.—*Freemasons' Chronicle* (Sydney).

At the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507, meeting at the Moorgate, 15, Finsbury-pavement, E.C., the Fifteen Sections will be worked on Monday, the 20th inst., at seven o'clock p.m., by brethren of the Victoria Lodge of Instruction, No. 1056. Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180, W.M.; Larchin, P.M. 1541, S.W.; and Abell, P.M. 1599, J.W. The Sections will be worked as follows:—First Lecture—First Section, Bro. Appleton, S.W. 1381; Second, Bro. Shaw, 1987; Third, Bro. Sadler Wood, 177; Fourth, Fitzpatrick, 1767; Fifth, Snelling, 1541; Sixth, Squirell, P.M. 206; and Seventh, Larchin, 1541. Second Lecture—First Section, Bro. Jenkins, 860; Second, Bro. Abell, P.M. 1599; Third, Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180; Fourth, Bro. Fox, S.W. 201; and Fifth, Bro. Pardon, S.D. 1928. Third Lecture—First Section, Bro. Moss, P.M. 1201; Second, Bro. Harding, 859; and Third, Bro. Johnson, S.W. 1820.

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Mrs. H. B. Marshall on Tuesday last laid the memorial stone of the new Sunday Schools at Galley Wall-road Bermondsey.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham was held at Sunderland, under the presidency of the R.W. P.G.M., the Marquess of Londonderry, on Tuesday last. A full report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198, at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., to-morrow (Saturday) evening, at seven o'clock. Bro. A. W. Fenner, P.M. 1693, will preside, supported by many reputed workers.

Sunday last was the anniversary of the battle of Trafalgar, and the event was duly commemorated on board Nelson's old flagship, the Victory, at Portsmouth, which has in recent years undergone considerable patching, bricks and mortar having taken the place of some of the old timbers. Laurels were hoisted at the masthead and yardarms of the old flagship to mark the occasion.

Washington's Masonic Cave is situated near Charleston, Va., a few miles from Winchester, where Washington's headquarters were held for two years. It is divided into several apartments, one of which is called the lodge room. Tradition says that Washington and his Masonic brethren opened a lodge in this cavern. In the spring of 1844 the Freemasons of that vicinity held a celebration there to commemorate the event.

In one of our exchanges we find the following: "To beautify the loaf we frost its top, but when Father Time frosts our human top, we do not consider it in that sense, but hasten to cover up his work." In the same connection our contemporary adds, "People who wonder why men's hair turns grey before their whiskers, should reflect that there is about twenty years difference in their respective ages."

At the meeting of the Eccleston Lodge of Instruction, No. 1624, to be held at the King's Head, Ebury-bridge, Pimlico, S.W., on Saturday evening, November 3rd, Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., on the invitation of the lodge will deliver his lecture, explanatory of the rituals and ceremonies of the First Degree. Lodge will be opened at 6.45, and the attendance of brethren is invited.

The following banquets were held at the Freemasons' Tavern, during the week ending Thursday, the 25th inst.:—Monday, 22nd: Old King's Arms Lodge, Robert Burns' Chapter, De Grey and Ripon Lodge, and St. Peter Westminster Chapter. Tuesday, 23rd: Tuscan Lodge, Royal York Chapter, Lodge of Prudent Brethren, Industry Lodge, and Royal Savoy Lodge. Wednesday, 24th: Evening Star Lodge. Thursday, 25th: Grenadiers Lodge, Polish National Chapter, and Mount Moriah Lodge.

It has been reported recently that an old relic has been unearthed by workmen in digging the foundation for a saw mill near Berlin, Worcester county, Md. U.S.A. It is a certificate of membership or parchment, written in Latin and French, and has also been translated. It was given under the hand and seal of the Grand Secretary, James G. Fulton, on June 6th, 1776. When found the document was encased in a neat silver case. It is in a good state of preservation. Where the paper was found there has not been a house standing for over 40 years.—*Liberal Freeman*.

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The citizens of Toronto are indebted to two members of the Craft for handsome and lasting gifts. The Wiman baths at the east end of the island were given to the city by Bro. Erastus Wiman, and "The Lakeside Home," at the west end of the island has been presented to the Hospital for Sick Children by R.W. Bro. John Ross Robertson, the present Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Canada. It is rather peculiar that the two brethren are both printers, both worked together on the editorial staff of the *Globe*, and that both claim King Solomon's Lodge as "his mother lodge." The condition attached to R.W. Robertson's gift is that the sick child of a Freemason shall always be admitted. Bro. Robertson has called it "The Lakeside Home for Little Children."—*Toronto Freeman*.

Some excitement is stated by the Indian papers to have been caused among the people of the Madras Presidency by the fact of the sun having recently presented a bright green appearance, particularly near the time of setting. Professor Michie Smith, in commenting upon this phenomenon, observes that as far as he can discover the appearance of a green sun is very uncommon. Mr. Lockyer, however, once observed the sun to be of a vivid green when seen through the steam of a little paddle boat on Lake Windermere, and this circumstance, he thinks, points to a solution of the difficulty, and shows that the cause of the appearance is an unusual amount of aqueous vapour in the atmosphere, existing as actual vapour, and not condensed into clouds. Some experiments with the spectrum, of which Professor Smith gives the details, appear to confirm this hypothesis.

MADAME TESSAUD AND SON'S EXHIBITION.—Portrait Models of President Grevy, the Comte de Paris, Duc de Nemours, late Comte de Chambord, and M. Waddington. Costly Court Dresses from the first Parisian houses. Captain Webb (taken from life). Mr. Charles Parnell, M.P. Also James Carey, the Informer. MARWOOD (taken from sittings just prior to his death) now on view. Admission 1s. Extra rooms 6d. Open from 10 till 10.—[ADVT.]

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The Quarterly Communication of the Metropolitan College of the Rosicrucian Society was held at Red Lion-square, London, on Thursday last, when several brethren were admitted and the usual routine business transacted.

Grand Master Simons, of New York, assisted by the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge, on Thursday, the 11th inst., laid the corner-stone of the new armory of the Forty-seventh Regiment, New York State National Guard, Brooklyn, N.Y.—*Keystone*.

The Bishop of Peterborough, who had shown no signs of ill-health beyond weakness, which was daily diminishing, was on Saturday again attacked with violent pains in the abdomen, accompanied by rise of temperature and other symptoms of a serious character which have not yet abated.

The Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614, has removed from the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent-garden, to The Cranbourne (next door to Aldridge's Horse Repository), where it meets on Thursday evenings at eight o'clock. Bro. W. H. Richardson, P.M. 1348, is the Preceptor, and Bro. G. Reynolds, 1614, the Secretary.

On Thursday, Bro. Alderman Isaacs was presented with a magnificent silver salver in recognition of his valuable services to Aldgate Ward. Mr. Deputy Burnell, in the absence of Alderman Sir Andrew Lusk, M.P., presided, and made a graceful allusion to the 20 years' work performed by Bro. Alderman Isaacs as a member of the Corporation. He then handed the present to the Alderman, who, in acknowledging the compliment, referred to the kindness and support he had received from those present throughout his official career.

At a meeting of the Aldersgate Club last week Bro. W. McNeill was presented with a silver salver bearing the inscription: "This salver was presented to Mr. McNeill by his friends, the members of the Aldersgate Club, upon his retirement from the position of hon. secretary, which he has held from the formation of the club, and they desire to express their thanks for his efficient and active services in connection therewith." He specially reminded them of the assistance Mr. McNeill had given in the establishment of the club, and said it was a satisfaction to all to know he was not severing his connection with the members, upwards of fifty of whom had subscribed towards the presentation. Bro. McNeill, in his acknowledgments, was very pleased to have such a memorial to hand down. The club was progressing most satisfactorily, and he supposed before long they would have reached their limited number of 100.

Marine non-commissioned officers are to have the first offer of employment in the Canadian North-Western Mounted Police, in the pending reorganisation of that force. They must be men who have completed their time in the Service, or are about to do so. The pay will be six shillings a day, including rations—meat, bread, vegetables, sugar, etc., fuel, and quarters. Their duties will be responsible, owing to the immense extent of the country to be traversed. They will be required to serve for five years, and their homes will be in the Western Prairie, from the borders of Manitoba to the Rocky Mountains. The kit that will be supplied is stated to be a very liberal one. It is much desired to introduce the English Royal Marine Corps element into the force, and candidates of the old corps who may wish to volunteer are invited to apply to Captain R. B. Deane, care of — Fortescue, Esq., N.W. Mounted Police Branch of the Interior, Ottawa, Canada. The letters need not be prepaid.—*Broad Arrow*.

The directors of the Pearl Life Assurance Company are to be congratulated on the very satisfactory balance sheet they have been enabled to issue in connection with their 19th annual report. It is an Industrial Assurance Company and its object is to encourage thrift on the part of the working classes. In these circumstances its success, as gradually developed from its origin till the present time, is all the more gratifying. From the report itself we gather that no less than 222,030 additional policies were issued during the year ended 30th June last, the new annual premium income thereby represented being in excess of £103,000. The income derived from the receipt of premiums during the same period amounted in round figures to £126,239, or upwards of £16,000 more than in the previous 12 months. The amount of the Life Insurance Fund in hand on the said 30th June last, was over £66,585 as against a fraction short of £54,466 on 30th June, 1882, while the business appears to be conducted with a due regard to economy. In short the position of the Company gives indication of careful management and stability, and that being so, is well worthy of encouragement by the classes to whom it specially appeals for support.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS,

For the Week ending Saturday, November 3, 1883.

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27.

Lodge 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hot., Hampton-ct.
 " 1297, West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham.
 " 1541, Alexandra Palace.
 " 1706, Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall.
 Chap. 1329, Sphinx, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
 Red Cross Con. 6, Roman Eagle, 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.
 Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7.
 Alexandra Palace, Station Ho., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
 Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29.

Lodge 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
 " 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq., W.
 Mark Grand Masters, Sa, Red Lion-sq., W.C.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
 Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st., at 7.
 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.
 Loughborough, Cambria Tav., Loughborough Junc., at 7.30.
 West Smithfield, Farringdon Hot., Farringdon-st., at 8.
 Deric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6.
 Royal Commemoration, R. Hot., High-st., Putney, 8 till 10.
 St. Mark's, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
 John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 8.
 Kingsland, Cock Tav., Highbury, N., at 8.30.
 Metropolitan, Moorgate Tav., 15 Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.
 Strong Man, Excise Tav., Old Broad-st., at 7.
 St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hot., W. Kensington, at 8.
 Hyde Park, Fountains Abbey Hot., 111, Praed-st., Paddington, at 8.
 Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., at 8.
 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High-st., Camden Town, 8.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30.

Lodge 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
 South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.
 Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's-gate, at 8.
 Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues.
 Varborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
 St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
 Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, 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 Bds., at 7.
 Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.
 Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
 Sir Hugh Myddelton, Queen's Head Tav., Essex-rd., N., at 8.
 Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Plough-rd., Rotherhithe, at 8.
 Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.
 Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.
 West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30.
 Islington, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., E.C., at 7.
 Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington, 7.30.
 Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 8.
 Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8.
 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
 Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar, 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.
 Stockwell, Cock Tav., Kennington-rd., at 7.30.
 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.
 Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., East Brixton, at 8.
 Duke of Albany, Park Tav., Batters-park-rd., at 8.
 Metropolitan Chap., Jamaica Coffee Ho., St. Michael's Alley

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31.

Lodge 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.
 " 1768, Progress, Freemasons' Hall.
 Chap. 435, Mount Lebanon, Ship & Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
 Mark 176, Era, Sa, Red Lion-sq., W.C.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, Bishopsgate-st., 8.
 Prince Leopold, Grand Avenue M.H., 88 Gracechurch-st., 8.
 United Mariners, Lugard Hot., Lugard-rd., Peckham.
 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.
 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
 Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Newington Causeway, 8.
 Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
 La Tolerance, Morland Hot., Dean-st., W., at 8.
 United Strength, Hope Tav., 179, Stanhope-st., Regent's Park, at 8.
 Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.
 Burdett Courts, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel Road, at 8.
 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 T., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30 (alt.)
 Creation, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting hill, 8.
 Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.
 Wanderers, Adam and Eve T., Palmer-st., Westminster, 7.30.
 Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 Camden Chapter, Boston Hot., Holloway, at 8.30 p.m.
 Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury, at 8.30.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1.

Lodge 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 45, Strong Man, M.H., Masons'-avenue, E.C.
 " 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 231, St. Andrews, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 538, La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
 " 822, Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1288, Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
 " 1351, St. Clement Danes, Carr's Hot., 265, Strand.
 " 1445, Prince Leopold, Mitford Tav., Dalston.
 " 1539, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.M.H., Camberwell.
 " 1672, Mornington, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.
 " 1724, Kaiser-i-Hind, 8, Air-street, Regent-st., W.
 " 1765, Trinity College, 13, Mandeville-place, W.
 Chap. 1381, Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington.
 " 1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 Mark 224, Menatschin, Criterion, Piccadilly.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Justice, Brown Bear, High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
 Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
 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, Stirling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.
 Leopold, Old White Hart, Borough High-st., at 7.30.
 King Harold, Britannia Hot., Waltham New Town, at 7.
 Burgoyne, Cock Tav., St. Martin's-crt., Ludgate-hill, 6.30.
 City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.
 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hot. (opposite Wimbeldon Railway Station), at 7.30.
 Vitruvian, White Hart, Belvedere-rd., Lambeth, at 8.
 Covent Garden, The Cranbourne, 1, Upper St. Martin's-lane, W.C., 8.
 Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
 Duke of Edinburgh, Bricklayers' Arms, Narrow-st., Limehouse, at 7.
 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.
 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-st., Mayfair, at 8.
 Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305, High Holborn, at 7.
 North London Chap., Canonbury Tav., at 8.
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-vale, 7.30.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2.

Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, M.H., Woolwich.
 " 890, Hornsey, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1627, Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1815, Penge, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
 Chap. 3, St. James, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 1489, Ezra, 99, Balls Pond-rd., N.

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.Ms.) 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, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.
 St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.
 Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
 Clapton, Lord Stanley, Sandringham-rd., Hackney, 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, Queen-st., Hammersmith, W., at 8.
 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich, at 8.
 Wm. Preston, St. Andrew's T., George-st., Baker-st., W.
 Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.
 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 8.
 Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich
 Old Kent Mark, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7.
 St. John's, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W., at 8.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3.

General Committee Boys' School, at 4.
 Lodge 142, St. Thomas, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 1559, New Cross, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
 " 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LAN-CASHIRE AND CHESHIRE,

For the Week ending Saturday, November 3, 1883.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29.

Lodge 148, Lights, M.R., Warrington.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30.

Grand Masonic Reunion, M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31.

Lodge 321, Unity, Crewe Arms, Crewe.
 " 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak, Chorley.
 Alpass Preceptory, M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1.

Lodge 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1070, Starkie, M.H., Southport.
 " 1384, Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes.
 " 1473, Bootle, Assembly Rooms, Bootle.
 " 1505, Earl of Chester, M.H., Lymm.
 Chap. 758, Bridgewater, M.H., Runcorn.
 " 1393, Hamer, M.H., Liverpool.
 Harmonic L. of 1, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
 Duke of Edinburgh L. of 1, M.H., Liverpool.
 St. John's L. of 1, M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2.

Lodge 680, Sefton, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
 " 1375, Architect, Town Ha., Withington.
 " 1387, Chorlton, M.H., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.
 " 1561, Morecambe, M.H., Morecambe.

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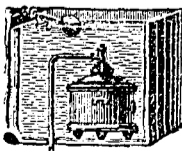
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