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THE more we consider the plan of the reconstruction of Freemasons' Hall the more we seem to be persuaded in our own mind that Grand Lodge will never pass it in its present form. It is alike immature in conception and incomplete in design. As we said, it does too much and too little at the same time. It gives a wonderful advantage to our lessee and affords the "minimum" of accommodation to the Craft. We do not think that the Order cares very much for the "Supper Room," for instance, nor does it wish to have Freemasons' Tavern turned into a general resort as a "Supper House." But if its money is to be spent so largely it does not unnaturally require more accommodation for our brethren. It is in this respect that the report appears to us so inadequate in its proposals, and, as the gravest objections lie against its financial proposition, we feel sure that the best policy will be to refer it back to the Committee with fresh instructions. These instructions, we venture to think, ought to be "to reconstruct the hall, availing themselves of all improved acoustic and ventilation arrangements, and improve the kitchen arrangements." Such a course of action will leave us six years to consider the best steps to take, and by that time Bacon's lease will have run out. We do not wish to be committed to 50 years tenure of Freemasons' Hall, inasmuch as another five years may have for us a determining influence on our choice of locale for the great head-quarters of English Freemasonry. There are those who think that Great Queen-street is not the best position after all or the most convenient after all, and they certainly have a right to be heard on this all important subject. We are however not insensible to the traditions of Freemasons' Hall and Freemasons' Tavern, as connected with great Queen-street for so long a period, neither do we shut out from our view the grave question of expense. But we think that if we "hold on" for six years more, we shall then be in a better position to decide the question than we are now. But we repeat, a 50 years' lease and so large a premium for surrendering a lease to our own lessees, are arrangements which we feel certain beforehand Grand Lodge will never sanction. The same objection prevails to them amongst metropolitan and provincial brethren.

We think Bro. Lieut.-Col. CREATON was quite right in withdrawing until next meeting his proposal for £2000 from Grand Chapter for the rebuilding of Freemasons' Hall. Time enough it will be to vote that amount when Grand Lodge has issued its plan of procedure.

BRO. HUBERT, in the *Chaine d'Union* for October, at page 389, gives us what purports to be a statement of Bro. ALBERT PIKE, which, if correct, must seriously alarm all Anglo-Saxon Freemasons. We hope, however, that some little mistake occurs in the translation of Bro. PIKE's actual words, and as we have not seen the English, we prefer to suspend our judgment. We only write, therefore, "for information." Bro. HUBERT makes Bro. PIKE say in *French*: "The phrase of Architect of the Universe is very poor and very innocent. The Unity of the Will, the Intelligence, the Power, and Goodness, which we term God ("Dieu"), and which has no other "Personality" than that which constitutes the unity, is in no sense the 'Architect of the Universe.' He has not made it as one makes a watch, or as an architect constructs a house. We in the Rite Ecossais substitute for this phrase, (which implies a personality like to that of a workman), the phrase—'Dei optimi Maximi, Universitatis Rerum Fontis ac Originis ad Gloriam.' Why could not the Grand Orient accept this phrase, or this other, 'Intelligentiæ, Sapientiæ, Beneficentiæ Voluntatisque Unitatis ad Gloriam'?" With due submission to our Bro. ALBERT PIKE we doubt very much if American Grand Lodges or the Grand Lodge of Great Britain will agree to give up the old sacred phrase of "Architekno" for a Latin modern form. Nay, we feel sure that the English Ancient and Accepted Rite will approve of no such unwise change. If the French Grand Orient repudiate their old and accustomed phrase of

"Grand Architecte de l'Univers," it is not likely to accept the Latin words. Indeed, we think Bro. ALBERT PIKE, if his words are correctly translated, has got a little "mixed up" in his doctrinal ideas, and we feel quite sure that such an explanation and exposition will at once be objected to by the Grand Lodge of England and all our Grand and Provincial and lodge Chaplains. We are sorry that any such question has again been raised. The "Principe Createur" has been rejected, and now it is proposed that we should accept an impersonal Providence,—in fact the old absurdity of an "Anima Mundi," under altered and paraphrastic verbiage. We trust we have heard the last of so monstrous a proposition. Our good Bro. HUBERT jumps at the suggestion, as no doubt he would do. The Voltairian idea in France does not shut out a general Providence. We should not have written as we have done, but Bro. ALBERT PIKE's name is so well-known that any such proposition is more dangerous as coming from him than from almost any one else.

WE have seen the *Victorian Freemason*, the "output" of the last new and, according to us, "illegal Grand Lodge," and are much amused with a passage from the *Sydney Freemason* which we give in its "naked simplicity." "The Grand Lodge of Manitoba granted a charter to a lodge in Gibraltar, Spain. To this the Grand Lodge of England objected, as being an infringement of her territory. The Grand Master of Manitoba withdrew the warrant. How noble it would be on the part of the Grand Lodge of England if she removed all the infringements existing in New South Wales!!!" "From the sublime to the ridiculous there is but one step," and the analogy between the two cases is so simply ludicrous, that we think the worthy brother who penned it must have chuckled as he realized how he appealed to a ridiculous or ignorant audience in very rash words. The case of Manitoba is this. The Grand Lodge of Manitoba was induced to grant a warrant for a lodge in Tangiers, Morocco, and by an unheard-of license of authority empowered it to meet temporarily at Gibraltar, an occupied jurisdiction. We never heard of such assumed authority before, as we have just said, and no similar exercise of such authority is known to anyone. Gibraltar happens to be one of the oldest of our Provincial Grand Lodges, as a Provincial Grand Master, Bro. COMERFORD, was appointed in 1731 to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Andalusia. In later years it has assumed the name of the District Grand Lodge of Gibraltar. The GRAND MASTER OF ENGLAND disapproved of this "invasion" of his jurisdiction, just as the Spanish Body did when the lodge was transferred to St. Roque, in Spain. The Grand Lodge of Manitoba very properly yielded to the friendly remonstrances of our Grand Lodge and we believe has since cancelled the warrant of the Lodge "El Ahksa," not on this account by-the-way, but by reason of certain irregular proceedings at Tangiers. In New South Wales some Irish and Scottish Freemasons, an immense minority, formed themselves into a Grand Lodge which the English Grand Lodge has *unanimously* refused to acknowledge. And this is the analogy between the two cases. Except as a pure appeal "ad misericordiam" we do not even profess to understand it.

BRO. WEEKS, the able editor and proprietor of the *Sydney Freemason*, has just left our shores after a temporary sojourn, and though as was to be expected, we could not agree altogether in our views of the situation in Victoria and New South Wales, we yet are glad and desirous of offering to him our hearty good wishes for his safe return to his home, and our personal aspirations of goodwill for his health and happiness. Though unfortunately severed somewhat by the course of events, the benign principles of Freemasonry help to link us together, and smooth over serious differences and unavoidable severances.

WE notice in the *Victorian Freemason* that strong suggestions are made to our English brethren in South Australia and New Zealand to leave their good old mother Grand Lodge, and set up Grand Lodges of their own. We believe, however, that all these tentative efforts will be shattered on the Rock of Masonic Loyalty.

WE call attention to a sketch of the present position of the Grand Orient of France, as not without some points requiring careful attention and consideration. The statements therein contained are a valuable commentary of what is going on across the Channel for all loyal Anglo-Saxon Freemasons.

THE loss of our late distinguished Bro. Dr. DEIGHTON will be keenly felt by the Cambridge brotherhood. He will be emphatically a missed man. We

were pleased to note that Bro. the Earl of HARDWICKE, Prov. G.M., and a large body of Cambridgeshire Freemasons attended the body of our lamented brother to the grave.

WE call attention to an "Irish Report" elsewhere. Masonic Irish reports are, for us, like angels' visits, few and far between, and it resolves itself into a self-evident absurdity, and is, in fact, a grave reflection on our loyal Order, that unless we copy Masonic reports from the *Freemans Journal*, &c., we cannot really obtain any reports at all. Long life, say we, to Green Tape!

WE shall all approve as Freemasons of the refusal by our worthy Bro. the LORD MAYOR, of the Mansion House for a meeting for the Lutheran Court Chaplain STÖCKER, who has signalized himself by extreme violence against the Jewish race in Germany. We have many worthy Hebrew members of our Order. We have just been expressing our warm feelings of sympathy with our venerable Bro. Sir MOSES MONTEFIORE, and the "Juden-hetze" in Germany seems to us a relic of barbaric ages, a remnant of happily vanished days of ignorant and cruel superstition. Loyal Toleration and hatred of persecution are still happily the "golden teaching" of Freemasonry.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this Institution was held on Wednesday afternoon at Freemasons' Hall, Col. Creton, Past Grand Treas., in the chair. There were also present:

Bros. Raynham W. Stewart, W. March, Julius Quitmann, James Brett, C. A. Cottebrune, John Sampson Peirce, Charles G. Hill, Horace B. Marshall, John Bulmer, Wm. Clarke, Wm. Stephens, W. J. Murlis, Chas. J. Perceval, C. H. Webb, John J. Berry, W. H. Goodall, A. H. Fattershall, Thomas Cubitt, Edgar Bowyer, G. P. Festa, Fredk. Adlard, Charles Lacey, Thos. W. C. Bush, James Terry, Secretary, and H. Massey (*Freemason*.)

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes and the reading of the Warden's report, Bro. Terry reported the deaths of three annuitants and two approved candidates for the next election. Cheques were authorised to be signed by the chairman for annuitants and salaries, and the sum of £2000 was ordered to be withdrawn from the deposit account at the bank and placed to the current account. The application of two widows for half their late husbands' annuities were granted.

A letter from Messrs. Lanfear and Stewart was read with respect to the redemption of the tithe rent charge on the land at Croydon of eleven shillings a year, from which it was shown that by payment of £13 15s., with the Land Office fees, this annual charge could be avoided. Part of this annual payment of eleven shillings was payable by St. James's Schools, but the Vicar of the parish who had been communicated with said there were no funds a the disposal of his parish out of which its proportion could be borne, and consequently it could not pay a proportion of the redemption money.

Bro. CHARLES LACEY said the Committee had no information as to what the amount of the Land Office fees was. Before the Committee decided as to the redemption it should know what the fees were and he moved that enquiries should be made on the point and the question be postponed till next meeting.

Bro. J. J. BERRY seconded the motion.

Bro. C. H. WEBB suggested that if this Institution paid the whole of the redemption money it would be taking the position of St. James's Schools, and freeing them, while freeing itself, without any contribution from St. James's School.

Bro. W. J. MURLIS said the Institution ought to get St. James's proportion of the money.

Bro. TERRY drew attention to the fact that the tithe rent charge had been increasing, and there was really no knowing how much it might be increased. It had been 6s.; it was now 11s., and it might yet be more. He thought it advisable that it should be redeemed.

Bro. CHARLES LACEY thought it was premature to discuss the question until they knew what the Land Office fees would be.

Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART, P.G.D., with reference to the Land Office fees, said he would guarantee that the whole charge for the redemption, including the fees, should not exceed the £13 15s. The amount was inclusive.

The CHAIRMAN said there was no doubt that Bro. Raynham Stewart's statement was correct that the £13 15s. would cover everything.

Bro. CHARLES LACEY observed that on that understanding he would withdraw his motion, and move in its stead that the terms be accepted.

Bro. J. J. BERRY seconded the motion, which was then put and carried.

The petitions of four widows and five aged brethren were then examined, and the petitioners were placed on the list of candidates for the next May election.

Bro. C. H. WEBB gave notice that he would move at the next meeting that the Committee should take into consideration what measures (if any) could be adopted to assist accepted candidates for election according to the amount and length of time they have contributed to the funds of this Institution. He added that the motion was introductory to a further step he proposed to take in the direction indicated.

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

We regret that in our report of the Committee on October 10th the name of Bro. J. J. Berry was omitted.

PROVINCIAL GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF CHESHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Chapter of Cheshire was held at Runcorn Public Hall on Wednesday afternoon, the 7th inst. The chair of honour was occupied by Comp. E. C. Bulley, Senior P.H. of Cheshire, acting in the absence of Comp. the Right Hon. Lord de Tabley, the M.E. Grand Superintendent. There were also present Comps. E. C. Marwood, P.P.G.H., acting H.; J. P. Platt, P.P.G.H., acting J. Comp. G. W. Latham, P.G.S.E., read the roll of the chapter. The following companions were then invested, as Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year:

Comp. W. Marquis ...	...	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" F. A. Dickson...	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" G. W. Latham ...	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" W. Mellor ...	...	...	...	Prov. G.P. Soj.
" J. P. Bardsley ...	...	...	...	Prov. G. 1st Asst. P.S.
" W. R. Wass ...	...	...	...	Prov. G. 2nd Asst. P.S.
" P. Wadsworth...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" R. C. Edwards ...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" C. Booth ...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" H. Finch ...	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" W. Dutton ...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Asst. D. of C.
" E. Cuzner ...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" M. Alcock ...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

In addition to the above officers, there were present at the chapter Comps. Thomas Lockett, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Dennis, P.P.G.S.B.; Rev. C. W. S. Stanhope, P.P.G.H.; Rev. J. W. N. Tanner, P.P.G.H.; J. Fothergill, P.Z. 758; T. Kirkham, 758; Robert Evans, 758; William Garnett, 758; R. Roberts, 758; T. H. Hitchin, S.E. 758; P. J. Eddisbury, 425; F. Humphreys, 721; J. Phillips, 537; H. Fairclough, P.S. 477; T. Lockett, P.P.G. Std. B.; W. H. Vaughan, P.P.G.P.S.; T. Thorneley, 287; A. Wooldrich, 1356; H. Gilbody, Z. 1045; S. Spencer, J. 425; and R. Hunter, H. 324.

The acting Grand Superintendent made an appropriate address; and subsequently to the meeting the brethren sat down to a banquet at Wilson's Hotel.

PROVINCIAL GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

A meeting of this Provincial Grand Chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, Longcauseway, Dewsbury, on Wednesday, 7th inst., under the banner of Three Grand Principles Chapter, No. 208. M.E. Comp. Lieut.-Col. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., C.B., D.L., P.Z. 61, Prov. G. Superintendent, presided, and was supported by the following Present and Past Grand Officers:

Comps. R. I. Critchley, J.P., P.Z. 208, Prov. G.H.; Benjamin Broughton, P.Z. 302, Prov. G.J.; Henry Smith, P.Z. 387, Prov. G.S.E.; Rev. R. C. Wilford, M.A., P.Z. 275, Prov. G. Prin. Soj.; John Y. Rideal, Z. 307, Prov. G. 2nd Asst. Soj.; Arthur Heron, P.Z. 208, Prov. G. Treas.; John K. Ibberson, Z. 253, Prov. G. Reg.; Reuben Williamson, Z. 652, Prov. G. Sword Bearer; George Sykes, P.Z. 290, Prov. G.D. of C.; John Simpson, P.Z. 495, Prov. G. Org.; James Bedford, P.Z. 304, Prov. G. Steward; Joshua Lee, P.Z. 290, Prov. G. Janitor; John R. Dore, P.Z. 275, P.P.G.D. of C., as Prov. G.S.N.; William Schofield, P.Z. 290, P.P.G.S., as Prov. G. 1st Asst. Soj.; L. Eismann, P.Z. 827, P.P.G. Sword Bearer, as Prov. G. Standard Bearer; J. W. Monckman, P.Z. 600, P.P.G. Asst. Soj., as Prov. G. Steward; W. F. Tomlinson, P.Z. 304, as Prov. G. Steward; C. E. Rhodes, P.Z. 208, as Prov. G. Steward; Thos. W. Tew, J.P., 1st Asst. G. Soj., P.Z. 495, P.P.G.H.; Dr. Blackburn, P.Z. 337, P.P.G.H.; Lieut.-Col. J. Hartley, D.L., P.Z. 495, P.P.G.H.; Thomas Hill, P.Z. 302, P.P.G.J.; W. W. Widdop, P.Z. 275, P.P.G.J.; John Booth, P.Z. 258, P.P.G.J.; John D. Kay, P.Z. 289, P.P.G.J.; William Harrop, P.Z. 290, P.P.G.J.; Mark Newsome, J.P., P.Z. 208, P.P.G.S.N.; James France, P.Z. 208, P.P.G.S.N.; Samuel Freeman, P.Z. 306, P.P.G. Prin. Soj.; Samuel Slack, P.Z. 495, P.P.G. Asst. Soj.; William Cooke, P.Z. 308, P.P.G. Asst. Soj.; Thomas Pickles, P.Z. 258, P.P.G. Asst. Soj.; Robert Craig, P.Z. 304, P.P.G. Asst. Soj.; George Normanton, P.Z. 448, P.P.G. Asst. Soj.; Samuel Stead, P.Z. 289, P.P.G. Sword Bearer; J. C. Wharton, P.Z. 258, P.P.G. Standard Bearer; John Wordsworth, P.Z. 154, P.P.G.D. of C.; John Barker, P.Z. 258, P.P.G.D. of C.; and Principals, Past Principals, and companions from the various chapters in the province.

The Chapter was opened by the Principals and Companions of Three Grand Principles Chapter, No. 208. The M.E. Comp. Lieut.-Col. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., C.B., D.L., Prov. Grand Superintendent, then entered, and Prov. Grand Chapter was opened in due form. After the usual salutation.

The PROV. GRAND SUPERINTENDENT delivered the following address: Excellent companions, may I express to you my gratification, at finding myself once more able to occupy this chair as your Provincial Grand Superintendent, this being the thirty-ninth meeting since this Provincial Grand Chapter was formed here in Dewsbury, on the fifth day of May, 1858, and my obligations are due to the companions of the "Three Grand Principles" Chapter, No. 208, for permission to assemble in their Temple. I am glad to tell you that "Holme Valley" Chapter, No. 652, was consecrated on the 23rd April, 1883, and that a charter has been granted, but not yet received, for "Nelson of the Nile" Chapter, No. 264, Batley. I congratulate the convocation on these evidences of prosperity of this symbolical degree. Perhaps I may be permitted once more to express my acknowledgements to the companions and Masons of this province for the noble way in which they made holiday and left their various employments and businesses, and filled the Huddersfield Town Hall (so kindly placed at the disposal of the Craft by the Mayor, Bro. J. F. Brigg) on the occasion of the presentation of a Masonic address of welcome to H.R.H. the Prov. Grand Master of Oxfordshire. I was delighted beyond measure with the marvellous manner the ceremonial and procession were carried out, and the splendid manner, without barricades, you kept the ground in front of the railway station until the departure of their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Albany for London, and your march back to the Town Hall to close the Provincial Grand Lodge. The Duke of Albany, through his secretary, has expressed to my deputy that H.R.H. was greatly pleased with the reception the Masons gave him, and desired him to take an opportunity of telling them so, and that he would gladly sign his name in the books of the five Huddersfield Lodges. On this fête day our Boys' election was being conducted in the Freemasons' Hall, London, and our representatives were debarred from being present at Huddersfield. Both our boys were elected, sixteenth and nineteenth on the list of successful candidates. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the previous quarterly court, a letter was read from the widow of our late Bro. John Wordsworth, in which she expressed her thanks for the vote of sympathy which had been forwarded to her; and was ordered to be recorded on the minutes of that court. I mention this because

it shews in what respect our late brother was held in London, and to which his munificent contributions to the charities justly entitled him. £11,000 has been funded in respect of the Preparatory Boys' School Building Fund; and a motion was carried that every donor of 200 guineas should be a Patron of the Institution and have 80 votes at each election, with the addition that her Gracious Majesty, the Queen, should be styled "Grand Patron" instead of as now "Patron." I trust our Charity Subscription List for 1884 may be as handsome in amount as the one now closed, viz., £2566 2s. I appeal to your liberality to augment our voting power, sadly reduced by the deaths of generous brethren. At our meeting at Ripon on the 3rd October, at which I was unable to be present, being in Germany at the time, Comp. Tew called the attention of the Craft to a report of the Special Committee appointed to report to Grand Lodge on the subject of the Masonic Temple, recently seriously injured by fire, the carrying out of which scheme would involve an expenditure of some £40,000 or £50,000; and the granting an extension of Messrs. Spiers and Pond's limited lease to 50 years. Our Prov. Grand Lodge passed certain resolutions thereon, differing from the proposals of the Special Committee. I have approved that almost identical resolutions be entered on the agenda paper of this Grand Chapter, which, if carried, might give weight to the discussions in Grand Lodge when this extravagant proposal will be debated. I have also approved that Prov. Grand Lodge resolutions be sent to each Prov. Grand Secretary of every province, and also to Grand Lodge and to the Board of General Purposes. I hope, companions, you will be there present in goodly numbers on the 5th December to support our Registrar and other provinces in the adoption of our resolutions, our opinion being that the Temple at Freemasons' Hall should be permanently preserved and re-instated at a moderate cost, to be provided out of the funds received from the insurance offices. A petition will be presented for your charitable consideration. It is a most exceptionable application from the Companions of the "Marquis of Ripon" Chapter, No. 837. Companions, we are commanded in Leviticus that "If our brother be waxen poor and fallen into decay with us, then we shall relieve him that he may again live with us." In this spirit the appeal will be made. Companions, again let me reiterate that this beautiful degree is worthy of support, and how anxious I am that every Master Mason should become a Companion of the Royal Arch Degree, and I ask the First Principals of all the Chapters to use their influence to make this degree popular in the province. I again thank you for attending here in such goodly numbers, and for the support you have accorded me as successor in this office to the late Dr. Fearnley, who was here installed on 5th May, 1858, and to the late Comp. Bentley Shaw, installed 10th November, 1875, in this very Temple.

The roll of chapters, and the roll of Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers was then called. The minutes of the meeting held at Pontefract on Thursday, May 10th, 1883, having been confirmed, the Prov. G.S.E. read the following letter from the widow of the late Comp. Captain Wordsworth, acknowledging the kind expressions of sympathy and condolence of the Provincial Grand Chapter in the very heavy loss she had sustained by the death of her husband, and on the motion of Comp. Dr. W. BLACKBURN, P.Z. 337, P.P.G.H., it was resolved that the letter be entered on the minutes.

The Prov. G.S.E. having read the petition for the relief of Dr. W. P., P.Z. 837, the sum of £25 was granted for the relief of that companion out of the funds of Prov. G. Chapter.

E. Comp. ROBERT I. CRITCHLEY, Prov. G.H., pursuant to notice, moved, and the M.E. Prov. G. SUPERINTENDENT seconded, and it was resolved:

1. That this Prov. G. Chapter 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 Chapter is of opinion that the leasing of any property of Grand Lodge, except for a 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 Chapter would strongly recommend that the Antient Temple in Great Queen-street be preserved, and that it be immediately restored, the cost to be paid out of the funds received from the Fire Insurance Offices,—and further, that no extensive building operations be undertaken until the expiration of the lease on Bacon's Hotel—which will afford a favourable opportunity for the consideration of a comprehensive scheme for an additional Hall, and the rearrangement of the premises of Grand Lodge.

A hearty vote of thanks was given to the M.E.Z. and companions of Three Grand Principles Chapter, No. 208, for their excellent arrangements, and their hospitality. This being all the business, Prov. G. Chapter was closed in due form.

About 80 companions afterwards partook of *thé à-la-fourchette*, E. Comp. Tew, in the absence of the Prov. G. Superintendent, presiding.

THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

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The result of this interchange of letters was that, at the earnest request of sundry of the promoters, Bro. Dr. Crucefix, as Treasurer, called a meeting at Radley's Hotel for the 15th July, and it was held accordingly, the attendance being considerably more numerous than at the inaugural meeting the month previous. Bro. Crucefix, having been voted to the chair, began the business of the day by suggesting that the confirmation of the minutes of the preceding meeting be postponed, at all events, for the present. He next brought under notice the memorial that had been addressed to the M.W. Grand Master and the reply it had evoked, as well as to the letter of the Earl of Durham, in which that distinguished brother resigned his trusteeship and declined to take the chair at the proposed inaugural festival. He also stated that he had called on Bro. Prescott, Grand Treasurer, and having informed him of Lord Durham's resignation as Trustee, had, in the name of the subscribers, exonerated him from his promise to act in the same capacity, and that Bro. Prescott had thanked him for his candour, and expressed a hope that his services might be made available at an early opportunity. Bro. Bell then rose and read the correspondence which had passed between H.R.H. the Grand Master and himself on the subject of the pro-

posed Asylum, and which has already been reproduced. After some remarks by Bro. Crucefix on the subject of addressing lodges and dining in Masonic clothing, a series of resolutions was moved and accepted, the first in order of sequence being that the correspondence which had already appeared should be entered on the minutes. Others followed, in which the meeting expressed it as their opinion that, in the correspondence between Dr. Crucefix and the Earl of Durham, any misunderstanding that might appear to have arisen was due entirely to inadvertence, and that the latter's resignation did not in any way affect the position of the Asylum as regards Lord Durham's kindness, though his retirement and non-acceptance of the chairmanship at the proposed inaugural dinner were greatly to be deplored. On the motion of Bro. Field the dinner in question, which had been fixed for the 31st July, was postponed under the circumstances, though the stewards and their friends, to the number of about 40, dined together as a private party. Regret was expressed that sundry of the steps taken in behalf of the Asylum had not met with the approval of the Grand Master; but satisfaction was also expressed that his Royal Highness had pointed out a channel of communication through Bro. Bell, and the latter brother moved that a copy of Bro. Crucefix's letter to the Earl of Durham, as well as of the resolutions agreed to at their then meeting, should be submitted to the Grand Master. It was also arranged, on motion made and seconded by Bros. Watkins and Field respectively, that a sub-committee, consisting of Bros. Dr. Crucefix, Bell, and Palmer, should be appointed to draw up a memorial for transmission to his Royal Highness. This testimonial was to the following effect:

To His Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex, M.W. Grand Master of Masons, &c., &c.
May it please your Royal Highness,—

We, the undersigned, in pursuance of a resolution passed at a meeting of subscribers to the intended Asylum for Aged and Decayed Masons, held on the 15th instant, humbly beg to lay before your Royal Highness a copy of the resolutions passed at that meeting.

Your memorialists with perfect confidence venture to assure your Royal Highness that in taking measures which they consider merely preliminary, they were anxious to avoid any step which could be considered as wanting in respect to your Royal Highness as regards your exalted rank or in your character as M.W. Grand Master of the Masonic Craft, which, under your Royal Highness's government, has flourished in this country beyond example.

Your memorialists beg also to state that their proceedings in behalf of the intended Asylum now wait your Royal Highness's commands, and with which your memorialists humbly yet earnestly hope to be favoured.

Your memorialists beg to subscribe themselves, &c., &c.,

(Signed)

ROBERT T. CRUCEFIX.

JOSEPH C. BELL.

JAMES PALMER.

21st July, 1835.

It should be remarked, in passing, that, notwithstanding the above announcement as to the proceedings awaiting his Royal Highness, the Grand Master's commands, the friends and promoters of the intended Asylum appear to have pursued their labours in its behalf with unremitting vigour.

At the next meeting held at Radley's Hotel, on the 4th December, under the presidency of Dr. Crucefix, after sundry observations from Bros. Henekey, Bell, and the Chairman, in which they expressed their anxiety to comply with the letter and the spirit of the communication addressed on the 9th July to Dr. Crucefix, and absolved themselves from any intentional disrespect to the Grand Master—observations in which all present acquiesced—so much of the minutes of the 22nd June as related to the appointment of Treasurer, Collectors, and Secretaries, and the duties entrusted to them, as well as those of the 15th July, were confirmed. The letter of the sub-Committee of the 21st July was approved, and a sub-Committee "to consider and draw up ample details of the proposed plan to be submitted to a general meeting of the subscribers," was appointed, consisting of Bros. Bell, Crucefix, Field, Henekey, Rowe, Watkins, and Acklam. This sub-Committee met on the 9th May, 1836, and their report, which was then approved, was submitted, as proposed, at a meeting held at Radley's on the 30th of the same month. The material portion of this report reads thus:

Your Committee beg leave to report that they have proceeded to inquire into the present amount of available funds for the proposed Institution, and find there is a sum of £200 paid by the Treasurer into the banking house of Messrs. Grote, Prescott, and Co., the bankers to the Institution, and that a further sum of £80 remains in the hands of the Treasurer.

That a sum of at least £100 arising from the benefit at the English Opera House and £50 from the Pavilion Theatre are now in the hands of brethren who superintended those benefits.

That considerable sums have been subscribed by the Neptune Lodge, the Lodge of Peace and Harmony, and several other lodges, and various collections have been also made by many well-wishers to the intended Charity, and although your Committee have not ascertained the extent of these collections they have reason to believe they will in the aggregate amount to a considerable sum.

Many of the collections have been made by the ladies on the principle of the "Spencerian Collection," for the origin of which the Institution is indebted to the suggestion and liberality of the worthy brother whose name it bears, and your Committee feel it due to their fair friends to express their gratitude for their benevolent exertions.

Your Committee regret that the different sums collected have not yet been made productive, not merely on account of the loss of interest which might have been obtained, but also from its being calculated, and they fear may have operated, to prevent many friends of the Institution subscribing themselves or soliciting subscriptions from their connections.

Your Committee feel that these causes have been injurious to the Institution in a more extensive degree than at the first view may be apparent, inasmuch as it may tend to produce a feeling of apathy towards the Institution which its friends cannot but lament.

Your Committee feel persuaded that by the several subscriptions being brought into one general fund and invested so as to become productive, the objects of the Institution will be much promoted even beyond the advantages resulting from the pecuniary increase, as it will tend to evince a cordial co-operation and determined unity of purpose in the prosecution of the desired object, and with this view your Committee strongly recommend that at least five provisional Trustees be appointed in whose names the subscriptions be invested.

Your Committee recommend that application be made to the several persons who have received subscriptions, or in whose hands any monies collected for the Institution are deposited to pay the same to the Treasurer, for the purpose of investment in the names of the provisional Trustees.

Your Committee cannot but feel gratified by the favourable reports which they have received from various parts of the metropolis and from the provinces, and with a view of keeping alive the great interest and warm feelings which have been so eminently evinced in favour of the proposed Institution, they recommend that its friends be invited to dine together early in the present summer, and that measures be taken for the purpose.

(Signed)

ROBERT T. CRUCEFIX, Chairman.

Bro. HENRY ROWE'S resignation of the Collectorship in consequence of pressure of business having been accepted, Bros. Joseph Partridge, George Henckey, Joseph C. Bell, Henry Rowe, and Z. Watkins were appointed provisional Trustees, and it was resolved that the moneys subscribed should be collected and invested in their names. The recommendation to hold a Festival during the summer was unanimously adopted and the names of 21 brethren as Stewards were handed in. It was also ordered that a letter of thanks be addressed through Dr. Crucefix to a lady who had collected the sum of £8 in pence on the Spencerian method; that the Committee should open a correspondence with Mr. James Smith with a view to the acceptance of his kind offer to place a night in each of the towns of his theatrical circuit at the disposal of the Committee on certain liberal conditions; and that the Collector should be called upon to give security to the extent of £200.

The Board of Stewards lost no time in busying themselves about the necessary arrangements. They held their first meeting on the 15th June, when Bros. J. C. Bell, J. Bigg, G. Henckey, and H. Rowe were chosen President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary respectively. The Steward's fee was fixed at £2, and it was arranged the dinner should take place at Bro. Lovegrove's, the West India Arms Tavern, Blackwall, the charge for tickets being fifteen shillings each "including dessert, port, sherry, and bucellas ad libitum, as well as waiters and broken class." At the same time the opportunity was taken of forwarding the following letter, duly signed by the officers of the Board, to the Duke of Sussex, fraternally congratulating his Royal Highness that his sight had been restored:—

To His Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex, M.W. Grand Master of Masons.

May it please your Royal highness,

We rejoice that the Great Architect has restored your Royal Highness to the blessings of "light." Sympathy for sufferings patiently borne may be permitted to yield joy; and in presuming to address our venerated Grand Master we acknowledge that our respect for his Masonic character has a powerful rival in our affectionate attachment to his person.

We anticipate in your restoration a speedy return to the bosom of the Grand Lodge; and for ourselves we cannot but express our lively gratification, that, associated as we are at this auspicious moment, as a Board of Stewards to celebrate the first attempt to float upon the stream of Benevolence another "Ark of the Covenant" wherein the "Aged Mason" may find a refuge in his distress, our Stewardship is irradiated by the happy coincidence of your Royal Highness's restoration.

May your valuable life be prolonged in the enjoyment of future health and happiness.

The Festival was held on the 22nd July, and passed off most satisfactorily. Applications to take the chair had been successively addressed to Bros. Sir Felix Booth, Bart.; Sir John Rae Reid, Bart., M.P.; Pattison, M.P.; Lyall, a director of the H.E.I.C.; and Lord Albert Conyngham; but while all of these expressed their best wishes for the success of the Asylum, and the last-named subscribed £10 towards its funds, prior engagements in each case intervened, and Dr. Crucefix, Provisional Treasurer, was called upon to preside. The guests numbered 116, of whom five were non-Masons, while the brethren did not appear in Masonic clothing. The result was an aggregate of subscriptions, which reached very close upon £700, together with a small balance left over from the Stewards' Fund, after paying all the expenses. There can be no question as to this having been, from a monetary point of view, a very conspicuous success. Large sums, such as we have become accustomed to of late years, were not then the order of the day, even in connection with the established institutions. It is the more remarkable, therefore, that such an amount should have been collected on behalf of a proposed charity, which had not found much favour with sundry among the leading dignitaries of the Craft, and to the establishment of which there are good reasons for believing that the Grand Master was personally and somewhat strongly opposed. However, the events of the Festival were formally submitted to a meeting of the subscribers on the 29th August, when votes of thanks were unanimously passed to Dr. Crucefix, the Chairman, and all the other brethren who had contributed to bring about a result so satisfactory, as well as to the subscribers themselves for their generous support, the other business transacted comprising the increase of the sub-committee from seven to fifteen members, the additional being Bros. George Price, W. A. Larby, Joseph Partridge, John Bigg, Robert T. Hall, F. Buckingham, L. Chandler, and J. Whisson. It was also resolved that "the patronage or presidency of the Institution be respectfully tendered to His Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex, the M.W. Grand Master of Freemasons," and that the sub-committee take the necessary steps to lay the said resolution before His Royal Highness. It was also agreed that pending the adoption of permanent regulations under the advice and direction of His Royal Highness the provisional management of the Charity should be continued.

At the meeting of the sub-committee on the 11th November, after it had been resolved to meet on the second Wednesday of every month, several very encouraging communications were read, notably one from Bro. Eales Smith, of the Unanimity and Sincerity Lodge, Taunton, to the effect that the members of that lodge were using their best endeavours to promote the interests of the Asylum, and another from Bro. Dr. Oliver inclosing an order for £8 15s. as the contribution of himself and his friends. The following letter from Bro. Lord Henry Spencer Churchill, D.G.M., in reply to that of the Board of Stewards, already quoted, was read and ordered to be entered on the minutes:

Kensington Palace, 10th September, 1836.

W. Brother,—Having laid before the M.W. Grand Master, the Duke of Sussex, the address signed by yourself and some other brethren on behalf of the Stewards for the anniversary meeting of the suggested Asylum for Aged Masons, I am commanded by his Royal Highness to convey to you his thanks for the expression of congratulation and kind feeling towards his person, and which his Royal Highness is happy to acknowledge as coming from the individual brethren; but the proposed institution not having received the sanction of the Grand Lodge, you will see the impossibility of the Grand Master admitting the address in any other than its individual character.

I remain, &c.,
(Signed)

H. JOHN SPENCER CHURCHILL, D.G.M.

On the 14th December an honorarium of £10 10s. was voted to Bro. Begbie for his efficient services as collector, while on the 11th January, 1837, the new year opened most auspiciously, the Treasurer announcing the receipt

of a letter from Bro. Eales Smith to the effect that the Lodge of Unanimity and Sincerity, Taunton, had passed unanimously a resolution "That the said lodge should contribute the sum of fifty pounds in aid of the funds for the Masonic Asylum; and also an annual subscription of two guineas, the latter to commence from the time of laying the foundation-stone," and at the same time offering his services as collector for the western division of the country. It is needless to say that a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Smith for his services on behalf of the Asylum. At the next monthly meeting of the sub-committee news was received to the effect that the vote of the above sum had been confirmed by the lodge, and that the amount would be remitted at an early date. It was also announced that Bro. J. Partridge, one of the trustees of the Asylum, had handed over the sum of £9, being the first dividend paid in respect of the funded property of the Asylum.

(To be continued).

THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

It has been thought well to give to our readers an account of this important body, now so near our shores, and in which the good feelings of English Freemasons are interested, despite recent untoward proceedings and regrettable changes. The position of the French Grand Orient is a very serious one. Without intercommunication with two-thirds of contemporary Freemasonry, it seems determined, despite all the reticence that prudence might suggest and comity dictate, to adhere to those new ideas and dangerous dogmata which have nearly brought about for it such an entire uprooting of its old "entente cordiale" with England, America, &c.

We think it right to say this, as we note in Bro. Cousin's report for 1882-83 that he holds out the hope of renewing "alliances" and kindly connections, which have been broken up through a "misunderstanding," "mal entendu," as he says. Alas! we fear he deceives himself and the Grand Orient greatly as regards English and American views on the subject. Indeed, every new step taken by the authorities of the Grand Orient seems to render any prospect of reconciliation and approximation harder to arrange and more impossible to effect. A short time ago, with a "revolution" which startled the Masonic world, they gave up old landmarks and cosmopolitan principles for "fads" and theories of a purely unbelieving school, and mixed up in a most wonderful manner, almost inexplicably so, their abnegation of any religious belief with an avowal of social-political terminology alarming to the true Freemason, who utterly despises the "shibboleths" of party and the cries of passing factions. But this new constitution is again to be altered, and in September next the "Council of the Order" is to present a fresh revision. But to our facts.

In 1882 the French Grand Orient had 323 "ateliers," or "workshops," composed of 276 lodges, 25 chapters, 12 councils, 1 consistory, and the Grand College of Rites, under its jurisdiction. In September, 1883, the Grand Orient numbered 329 "ateliers," 27 lodges had been constituted (though we do not profess to square the figures), 3 lodges and 1 chapter revived, 3 lodges, 2 chapters, and 1 conseil suspended, 8 members were suspended, and 393 struck off the books.

If any one was asked "outside the situation" what was the distinguishing feature of French Freemasonry just now, he might fairly answer that elaborate system of criminal jurisprudence so systematically carried out, which betrays alike the weakness of the position and points a moral as to the entire perversion of the Masonic idea which now dominates French Freemasonry.

For "Charity," as will be later seen, the Grand Orient does practically nothing, and when its annual budget is analyzed it will be further seen how unsatisfactory is its state in every respect, financial and otherwise. To read the financial report to the "Convent" you would expect a great financial success, a "large balance at their bankers." But no, the "cash balance" in favour of the Grand Orient at the end of 12 months is 30 francs 40 centimes, not one pound 10 shillings; and if the anticipations of the "Budget" for 1884 be realized, in February, 1884, it will be the fortunate possessor of a balance of 79 francs 55 centimes, or not three pounds 10 shillings. Its whole income amounts to 123,355 francs 45 centimes, or not £5000 in round numbers, and its expenses to 127,257 francs 80 centimes. The main receipts are from the capitation payments of 75,534 francs, 7000 francs from publications, 17,800 francs for warrants, certificates, &c., interest of loans 8000 francs, and various other payments, making up the amount as before specified. The expenditure is made up of payments for rent and towards extinction of debts, 28,000 francs; payment of members' of the Annual Assembly, 21,000 francs; management, 19,775 francs; annual pensions, 8500 francs; printing warrants, &c., 11,000 francs; gratuitous lectures, 7000 francs; and for the "Maison de Secours," 11,540 francs, or £422 in round numbers.

The main points in this budget then are 21,020 francs for the payment of members of the "Convent," 11,540 francs for charity, and 7000 francs for gratuitous instruction. Must not the independent observer ask the question, "Est ce que le jeu vaut la chandelle?"

We have said before we believe that suggestions are made of friendly arrangement with severed jurisdictions. But we give the concluding paragraph of the Grand Orator's speech in closing the Convent, and we ask any reasonable Freemason how, with the avowal of such absurd and destructive principles, any fair hope can be entertained at present of Anglo-Saxon and French Freemasons shaking hands, or smoking the "calumet of peace?" "Ce jour-là, mes freres, notre œuvre aura véritablement accompli ses destinées. Dans ces édifices élevés de toutes parts, depuis des siècles, aux superstitions religieuses et aux suprématies sacerdotales, nous serons peut-être appelés, à notre tour, à prêcher nos doctrines et, au lieu des psalmodies cléricales qui y résonnent encore, ce seront les maillets, les batteries et les acclamations de notre Ordre qui en feront retentir les larges voûtes et les vastes piliers." "That day, my brethren, our work will have truly accomplished its destiny. In those edifices raised in all parts centuries ago, for religious superstitions and sacerdotal supremacy, we shall perhaps be called in our turn to preach our doctrines, and in the place of clerical psalmodies which still resound there, it will be the mallets, the "batteries" and the acclamations of our order, which will re-echo from the lofty arches and the vast pillars."

Let us as brethren of Freemasonry try to realise the good sense of such a "tag" of absurdity. It would be just as reasonable to say let us hope to hold our lodge meetings and social gatherings in St. Paul's Cathedral. The outcome is really humiliating to men of common sense, and faithful members of our great Fraternity.

FIREWORK DISPLAY AT THE INSTITUTION FOR BOYS, WOOD GREEN.

By the exceeding kindness and generosity of Bro. James Pain, the celebrated pyrotechnist, the boys of the Royal Masonic Institution were afforded a rare and most unusual treat in the grounds of the Institution on Friday night, the 6th inst., on the occasion of the celebration of the forty-second birthday of our worthy and beloved Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. Bro. Pain having previously expressed a wish to the esteemed Secretary of the Institution to give the boys of the School a treat, Bro. Binckes immediately accepted the kind offer, and in accordance a truly magnificent display of fireworks, including many set-pieces, splendid rockets, and shells, for the manufacture and colours of which Bro. Pain is so justly celebrated, took place in the field at the back of the playground, concluding with a really beautiful device in purple, crimson, blue, and gold, bringing out in magnificent relief the words "God bless our Grand Master," which was fired amidst the most deafening and enthusiastic cheers, the band of the boys playing at the same time "God bless the Prince of Wales."

We must not omit to state that our good Bro. Pain came down expressly to Wood Green to superintend the firing of this grand display, in addition to which he generously furnished the elder boys with a large supply of squibs and crackers, which gave much delight and caused great amusement not only to our young friends, but to numerous friends of the Institution, amongst whom we noticed the head master (the Rev. Dr. Morris), Bro. Binckes, the Misses Binckes and party, Bro. Dr. Hall and friend, Bro. Low, Bro. Hogard and Mrs. Hogard, Bro. H. S. Goodall, Mrs. and Miss Edith Goodall, Mrs., Miss, and Master Matier, Mrs. John Constable. The boys gave three hearty cheers for H.R.H. the Grand Master, three also for Bro. Pain, and the entertainment concluded by the band playing "God save the Queen," about nine o'clock.

PRESENTATION TO MISS BERRIE STEPHENS.

On Saturday, the 10th inst., Miss Berrie Stephens, to whom the Masonic Benevolent Institution has been indebted on more than one occasion for gratuitous musical services generously given for the gratification of the inmates of the Institution at Croydon, received a gratifying token of the high estimation in which she is held by her friends, not only on account of her well known ability as a concert singer, but for the courage and perseverance with which she has pursued her studies, and steadily laid the foundation of a successful professional career. On Saturday last the friends of Miss Berrie Stephens met at the young lady's musical studio, 134, Downham-road, for the purpose of presenting to her a handsome chamber organ, constructed by Eustace Ingram, of Eden-grove, Holloway, from designs by H. Turpin. The instrument is of considerable size, being 6ft. 6in. wide, and 3ft. 6in. in depth, and is of the value of 200 guineas. The organ was presented by the Rev. J. W. Horne, Vicar of St. James's, Islington, at which church Miss Stephens holds the position of organist, in the name of the committee, of which he was president, on behalf of her many friends and admirers, including not a few of her pupils. They wished, he said, to mark their friendly appreciation of the pluck and perseverance of Miss Stephens, and hoped that as she struck the chords of the organ she would ever remember the cords of friendship that had prompted the gift. The real credit of this presentation was due to the Hon. Sec., Bro. Sullivan, and Mr. E. H. Turpin, the Hon. Sec. and Fellow of the College of Organists, under whose supervision the organ had been built. He had great pleasure in handing it over to Miss Berrie Stephens, together with the accompanying testimonial and also a purse of sovereigns with which to purchase music. The instrument was opened by Mr. Turpin, who played a fantasia on a theme by Weber, arranged by the performer, after which Mr. Laing returned thanks on behalf of his niece; and the fair recipient, who was visibly affected, added "and I thank you one and all from the bottom of my heart." Bro. Sullivan made a short speech disclaiming any special praise and said that if any special praise was due, the president, the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Hay, and Mr. Turpin must be allowed to share with him. There was a large attendance of Miss Stephens' friends and admirers, among whom were Dr. and Miss Dingley, Dr. and the Misses Pattifler, Mr. B. Olding, M.L.S.B., and Mrs. Olding, Mr. and Mrs. Philip, Mr. Lowry, Mr. Theobald March, Mrs. Sullivan, and Mr. Hay. During the evening Mr. Turpin performed a "pastorale" by Guilmaut, an organ Sonata Adagio Finale by G. Morandi, and the "Hallelujah Chorus." Dr. Dingley and Mr. J. R. Gray also played several selections, which were warmly applauded.

Royal Order of Scotland.

A Provincial Grand Lodge and Chapter of this order was held on Saturday, the 3rd inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester, at one o'clock in the afternoon. Present: R.W. Bro. R. H. Hutchinson, Prov. G.M.; V.W. Bros. J. Gibb Smith, D.P.G.M.; C. F. Matier, P.D.P.G.M.; G. P. Brockbank, P.D.P.G.M. and Prov. G. Treas.; J. F. Hoffgaard, Prov. G.S.W.; John Chadwick, Prov. G. Sec.; W. J. Thomson, Prov. G.S.B.; T. C. Thorburn, Prov. G. Mar.; W. Nicholl, Prov. G. Conductor; J. M. Bentley, Mus. Dir., Prov. G. Org.; J. D. Murray, Prov. G. Guarder; J. M. Kerr, Prov. G. Stwd.; Bros. Hugh Macintosh, Jas Wilson, C. S. Lane, P.P.G.S.B.; Robt. M. D. Smith, P.P.G.S.W.; G. McKay, P.P.G.S.W.; G. W. Weldon, P.P.G. Prelate; W. J. Cunliffe, Edwards, Cairns, Jefferis, W. Jaffrey, and Sly, Recorder. The lodge was opened in due form, after which a ballot was taken for Bro. Charles Letch Mason, Prov. G. Mark Mason of West Yorkshire, who was declared duly elected. Apologies were received from several officers and other members of Grand Lodge and Chapter. The ceremony of advancement to the Degree of H.R.M. and promotion to the R.S.Y.C.S. was rehearsed by the Deputy Prov. G. Master and the Prov. G. Wardens, ably assisted by their old colleague, Bro. C. F. Matier, who was very cordially welcomed on his re-appearance amongst the brethren, his engagements having prevented his attending several of the recent meetings. Arrangements were made for holding the next meeting, and the Grand Lodge and Chapter was closed in due form.

Ireland.

CENTENARY OF THE FIRST VOLUNTEER LODGE, No. 620.

This lodge has just celebrated its centenary by a grand banquet in the Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at which His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, the M.W. the Grand Master of Masons of Ireland, was present.

His Grace arrived at 7.30 o'clock p.m., and at the request of Sir Robert William Jackson, C.B., the W.M., presented to W. Bro. R. Davenport Crosthwaite, P.M., LL.D., an address, accompanied by a suit of Grand Officer's clothing, and a Past Grand Organist's jewel, of great beauty, the clothing and jewel having been especially manufactured and the jewel designed by Bro. George Kenning. His Grace the M.W. the Grand Master congratulated Bro. Dr. Crosthwaite on his lodge making him such a handsome presentation, adding that it afforded him the greatest pleasure to comply with the W.M.'s request to make the presentation to him.

The lodge having adjourned to the banqueting hall and the loyal toasts having been duly honoured, the W.M. proposed "The Health of his Grace the M.W.G.M." who replied expressing the great pleasure it afforded him being present and that he knew the brethren of the lodge were as good volunteers as heretofore and ready still loyally to do their duty. His Grace the M.W.G.M. then proposed "The Health of Sir Robert W. Jackson, C.B., the W.M. of the lodge," and made mention of his great military services and the number of campaigns in which he had served. The W.M. was thereupon according to ancient custom saluted by the regimental march being played on the original drums belonging to the regiment. This honour was also offered to his grace the M.W.G.M. when retiring late in the evening.

The lodge by the sanction of the Grand Lodge, wears a special centenary jewel of great beauty, the design for which was furnished by Bro. George Kenning. The lodge also uses as its jewels the original officers' jewels procured at the formation of the lodge. An ode was written by Bro. S. N. Elrington, one of the Past Masters of the lodge, especially for this centenary banquet.

The brethren of this lodge have filled from time to time as Grand Officers every office in Grand Lodge, except that of Grand Master; the R.W. Bro. John Fowler having filled that of Deputy Grand Master from 1814 to 1825, when he became D.G. Secretary and Treasurer, which office he filled until his death on the 25th January, 1856, having been a subscribing member to the lodge for nearly 64 years. Bro. Oliver Miller, the first Master of the lodge, was 26 years a subscribing member. R.W. Bro. Fowler was initiated in the lodge by Bro. Oliver Miller on the 27th February, 1792, and died a subscribing member on 25th January, 1856, having been one for nearly 64 years. The R.W. Bro. Macsorley (the Senior Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Ireland) was initiated in the lodge by Bro. Fowler on 4th September, 1838, and is still a subscribing member, and states he hopes to live to complete his half-century in 1888.

This lodge has always been noted for its loyalty and Masonic charity. Its members presented several loyal addresses to their Majesties King George the Third, George the Fourth, William the Fourth, and her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen. The lodge was formed by the officers of the Royal Dublin Volunteers First Regiment, its warrant being dated 4th September, 1783. The first meeting was held on the 13th September, 1783, the lodge thus completing its centenary on the 13th September last. By resolution of 21st September, 1783, any brother appearing in lodge save in the full or undress uniform of the regiment was fined one British shilling. The Master and Wardens, as the officers of the lodge, attended for years in full regimental uniform in their places in Grand Lodge. Brethren appearing in uniform at Masonic plays given for the benefit of the Female Masonic Orphan School and other Masonic Charities had certain privileges granted them. The 6th December, 1824, appears to have been the last occasion on which the lodge was specially ordered to appear in full uniform to attend a Masonic charity, the minute of that date being "Brethren, to be noticed specially, to attend in full uniform at the charity sermon to be preached at St. Andrew's Church on the 19th, at eleven o'clock, for the Girls' School." On the 10th January, 1844, the uniform was, by resolution, given up, and evening dress adopted. The lodge possesses the original rings and regimental colours, also two of the original drums belonging to the regiment. These drums often beat to arms during the rebellion of 1798. The only occasion on which they are now played is at the Master's installation on the first Wednesday of January in each year, when, as before mentioned, the Regimental March is played when the W.M.'s health has been proposed. The absence of the shamrock from both the colours and drums is very remarkable, they being elaborately ornamented with roses, oak leaves, and thistles. The following are the present officers of the lodge: Bros. Brigade-Surgeon Sir Robert W. Jackson, C.B., W.M.; William H. Neilson, LL.D., S.W.; Samuel R. Mason, M.D., J.W.; W. Davenport Crosthwaite, LL.D., P.M., Senior P.G. Org., Treas. and Sec.; Surgeon-Major Wm. M. Harman, S.D.; W. Moffat-Wilson, J.D.; James H. Neilson, P.M., P.G.S.W. and Representative of the Grand Lodge of Egypt, &c., D. of C.; Wm. Lindsay Beatty, P.M., G. Org.; and John J. Tatlow, A.M., I.G.

Australia.

THE VICTORIAN GRAND LODGE MOVEMENT.

We learn that at a recent meeting of the Provincial Grand Master's Lodge, No. 0, Irish Constitution, held at the Masonic Hall, Melbourne, the acting W.M., Bro. W. E. Wood, in the chair, a notice of motion for the dissolution of the lodge and surrender of the warrant to the Grand Lodge authorities in Dublin was withdrawn. A resolution was passed correcting a statement appearing in the newspapers to the effect that a "duly accredited representative" of the lodge had attended the meeting for the formation of the so-called Grand Lodge of Victoria, the lodge not being so represented; and the same was ordered to be recorded on the minutes. After receiving resignations of certain members, and appointing officers to fill vacancies, the lodge was closed.

WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF PATTERN-MAKERS.

A livery dinner of the above company was given on Friday last at the London Tavern, Fenchurch-street. The Worshipful Master, Captain J. A. Thornhill, F.R.G.S., presided. Amongst those present we noticed Bros. George Lambert, F.S.A., Upper Warden; Captain C. W. Andrew, F.R.G.S., Renter Warden; Barrow Emanuel, M.A., Past Master; C. W. Thompson, Past Master; Richard Strong, J.P.; C. F. Matier, T. J. Pulley, W. H. Harris, Herbert Lambert, G. H. Busbridge, Henry F. Youle, Clerk; Major T. Davies Sewell, Joseph Lavender, F.R.I.B.A.; George Kenning, and C. W. Hudson. The following is the menu:—

Chablis.	Oysters.
Milk Punch.	Turtle (Thick and Clear).
Sherry (Amontillado).	Turbot and Lobster Sauce.
Liebfraumilch.	Fillets of Soles.
	Whitebait.
Perrier Jout.	Larks in Cases.
Duetz and Gelderman.	Sweetbreads à la Louis XIV.
	Haunches of Veauion.
	Punch à la Romaine.
Chambertin.	Fillets of Beef à la Richelieu.
	Tongues.
	Braised Turkey with Celery Sauce.
	Pheasants.
	Aspic à la Marinière.
	Nougat à la Chantilly.
Martinez Port (1847).	Swiss Meringues. Maudome Jellies.
	Charlotte Russe.
	Pine Apples en Couronne. French Pastry.
	Ice Pudding à la Metternich.
Chateau Margaux.	Frits de Parmesan au Diable.
Madeira.	DESSERT.

A selection of vocal music was performed, under the direction of Miss Belval, assisted by Miss Cockburn, Miss Marian Weaver, Mr. Charles Chilley, and Mr. J. T. Hutchinson.

Obituary.

BRO. LEON KRETCHMAN, S.W. 1505.
The news of the unexpected death of Bro. Leon Kretchman, chosen to fill the S.W.'s chair of the Emulation Lodge, No. 1505, at the installation meeting last month, cast quite a gloom over a large section of the Masonic circle in Liverpool. The deceased was deservedly esteemed for his many amiable social qualities, his numerous Masonic excellencies, and for the true charity which at all times distinguished him as a man and a Mason. He was present at the Masonic conversation held at the Masonic Hall on the 30th ult., but a few days afterwards he was seized with alarming illness and died on Wednesday evening, the 7th inst. The funeral, which took place last Saturday at Kirkdale Cemetery, Liverpool, was very largely attended. There were present Professor Catenhouse, of the University of London; Mr. Carlos von Kretchman, Dr. McGeagh, Messrs. J. P. Chaloner, J. Dearden, Pugh, L. Hall, Faltin, Tiepel, Fernant, T. Pugh, Bookner, T. Nooney, Gardner, F. Richmond, J. Manning, W. Banks, W. Wolfenden, R. Thomas, C. Petty, W. Chamberlain, R. Jones, T. Jones, D. Taylor, L. Wall, S. Percival, W. Jones, D. Crawford, J. Wheatley, J. J. Rayner, W. J. Bishop, James Tod, Hewitt, J. Lupton, Beckett, and Captain Hemmill. A large number of brethren attended the funeral to show their respect for his memory. Among them were Bros. P. Thomas, W.M. 1505; H. H. Smith, I.P.M.; H. Coulson, P.M.; J. Hocken, P.M.; W. E. Quayle, P.M.; W. Parry, J.W.; W. Foulkes, Secretary; A. H. Hallwood, J.D.; J. Worthy, J.S.; A. Mackenzie, W. S. Banks, A. A. Peters, E. F. Lloyd, G. McGardner, Dr. J. A. Hendry, Dr. Walby, J. Mancor, J. Lowery, D. Crosby, W. H. Ball, and A. Child, all of 1505; Bros. E. A. Robinson, P.P.G.S.D. Northumberland; Lewis Peake, W.M. 1035; Squire Chapman, W.M. 1013; W. P. Vines, W.M. 1570; F. Laurens, 1086; and J. Baird, 1570. The funeral service was read by Bro. the Rev. W. H. Harpur, who also delivered an oration at the graveside.

BRO. THE REV. R. H. ATHERTON.

On Saturday, the 10th inst., the last token of respect to departed merit was paid to Bro. the Rev. R. H. Atherton, M.A., S.W. and Chaplain of the Coborn Lodge, 1804; P.S. of All Saints' Chapter, 1710; Vicar of St. Matthew's, Stepney; Chaplain of the Coopers' Company, and Hon. Chaplain to the East London Hospital for Children. At the Church of St. Matthew there was a celebration of the Holy Communion at 8.30 a.m., by the Rev. A. R. Goodacre, Vicar of St. Mark's, Camberwell. The first portion of the burial service was read in the above church, by the Rev. J. F. Kitto, M.A., Rector of Stepney, and Rural Dean. Bro. Grout, Organist 1710, presided at the organ. The church was densely crowded by members of the congregation and other friends, all of whom were attired in deep mourning. Amongst those present were the following brethren of No. 1804: Bros. R. Logan, W.M. elect; F. J. Hunt, P.M.; C. Tijou, Sec.; Wheatley, Steward; and E. H. Parnell. Also Bros. Kennet, W.M. 1716; J. K. Coleman, P.M. and P.Z. 1716; and J. House, I.P.M. and Scribe N. 1716. The coffin was covered with floral wreaths and crosses, amongst which was a large wreath of camelias and other white flowers, supporting a double triangle of violets, the offering of the Coborn Lodge. The body was interred in Highgate Cemetery, where the concluding portion of the service was intoned by the Rev. W. Doune, M.A., Rector of Limehouse. The service here was choral, the choir of St. Mark's, Camberwell, assisting. The Craft was represented at the grave by Bros. House, Coleman, Tijou, and Wheatley, who, at the conclusion of the service, strewed sprigs of acacia upon the coffin.

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BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Voice of Masonry," "Keystone," "Hull Packet," "Die Bauhütte," "Citizen," "City Press," "New York Daily News," "Jewish Chronicle," "Liberal Freemason," "Masonic Review," "Broad Arrow," "Allen's Indian Mail," "La Abeja" (Venezuela), "Tricycling Journal," "Masonic Advocate," "Doletin Masonic" (Uruguay), "Montreal Weekly Witness," "Sydney Freemason," "Victorian Freemason," "Victorian Masonic Journal," "Proceedings of Special Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Bombay."



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1883.

Original Correspondence.

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

THE HUGHAN TESTIMONIAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
 It is with very great pleasure that I hear of the movement for making a presentation to our good Bro. Hughan.

His merits are well known to those of the brethren who take a leading part in Masonic life, and to those who have taken any interest in Masonic history; but there are thousands of Masons who, though they might have heard his name, are far from being familiar with his good works.

These thousands are they who look on those who perform ceremonies, give counsel, decide disputed points, and generally act as leaders in the Masonic world, with wonder and admiration, but they little know whence these streams of wisdom and forethought are fed. It is from the few fountains of which Bro. Hughan stands among the first and foremost we draw our Masonic life and instruction.

There are many who like myself have applied to him time after time, under many difficulties, and always, with willing heart and hand he has placed the stores of his mind at their disposal.

It is with a full knowledge of his goodness, and a faint idea of all the good it has wrought, that I venture to add my humble testimony in aid of the object in view, and to hope that all those who have experienced his kindness, shared his friendship, benefitted by his labours, and known his worth, will take this opportunity not only of marking their own appreciation thereof, but by awakening the interest and gratitude of the whole craft.—Yours faithfully and fraternally,

GEORGE TAYLOR, P.P.G.S.W., P.G. Sec.,
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Kidderminster, Nov. 12th, 1883.

STATUS OF PAST MASTERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
 The status of Past Masters is a matter of special interest to Masons in India and the Colonies, and it may be of interest, pending legislation on the subject, to express what some of us in India think with reference to it.

The practice in all lodges that I have visited or heard of out here is to recognise the rank of a Past Master, whether he be a Past Master of the lodge to which he is a subscribing member or of some other; but Past Master of Lodge Z—, 999, would, though a member of Lodge A—, 1, still "put himself down" P.M. Z—, 999; and, while ranking as a Past Master in A—, 1, would not be considered, or call himself, a P.M. of A—, 1, unless he had been elected to, and installed in, the Eastern chair of that lodge.

Although in English Masonry a "Past Master" has not attained a higher "degree" in Masonry, he has undoubtedly a higher "rank," as member of Grand Lodge, than ordinary Master Masons, and is invested with, and able to exercise, powers beyond those that pertain to them. This rank is recognised and those powers often availed of by lodges which he visits or of which he becomes a subscribing member. While Masonry places all brethren on a level it neither destroys nor ignores social distinctions; for this reason—it is often expedient to have several lodges in one place.

W. Bro. Thos. Atkins, P.M. Z—, 999, though he is rather irregular in the use of the aspirate, and often at table endangers his lips with his knife, is an upright man and a thorough Mason, true to the spirit of his O.B., and it was a good thing for the lodge at Pettypett, in the Mofussil, when he was installed Master there. The lodge has had few Masters who have worked so well as he; in fact, through removals, so frequent in India, he has had to serve in the Eastern chair two or three times. His services to Masonry have been acknowledged and recognised by the District Grand Master appointing him to Grand Lodge office. When he was removed from Pettypett to Bigargabad he joined the lodge there; is recognised therein as a Past Master, and his name entered in the returns of that lodge as one of its members entitled to attend Grand Lodge

communications; but he would never call himself, or wish it supposed that he is, a Past Master of that lodge, elected by gentlemen of refinement, education, and good social position (officers, civil servants, physicians, &c.), as the most eligible of their number to bear rule amongst them. Tom says that there is an upright part to the level, and what is morally wrong can't be Masonically right, so also thinks
 AN INDIAN MASON.

MUSIC AND FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Bryon woke one morning to find himself famous; but it is my misfortune to have obtained a very unenviable publicity in a direction that I least expected. When, on the occasion of my installation meeting, I took some little pains with the musical arrangements—solely with the object of promoting the enjoyment of my brethren—I little dreamt that I was preparing the way for such an avalanche of expletives as has fallen on my devoted head. "Inordinate ambition," "lavish expenditure," "pride of office," "vanity," "lust of power," and a whole string of similar offences have been laid at my door by a journal professing to represent Masonic feeling. The publisher (who is also, I believe, proprietor) of this journal, was my guest, and voluntarily published an account of our meeting, concluding in the following terms: "One thing alone detracted from the enjoyment that attended our presence in the lodge. The musical programme, though it gave every satisfaction, and, as we have said already, was admirably carried out, was on far too ambitious a scale. The services of no less than seven artistes had been engaged, and each toast—and there was no less than twelve of them—was followed by a song. Consequently, the meeting was a protracted one. We see no reason whatever why, on these occasions, so much expense should be lavished on an entertainment which is quite uncalled for, and why the brethren should be required to sit so late an hour—as they must do if they would avoid offence. Some of the most agreeable meetings we have had the privilege of attending have terminated at about the reasonable hour of ten, after which, if any were so minded, they could sit down quietly and enjoy an hour's social conversation. In our opinion, these late hours are quite uncalled for, while the expense of a banquet is quite sufficient outlay without adding to it in respect of an elaborate concert by professional artistes."

Now, sir, I leave my brethren to decide whether, in the capacity of a guest or a reporter, these remarks are justifiable. The facts are as follows: Five of the artistes were brother Masons and guests of my own; the meeting terminated at 11.15 p.m.; the toast list was prolonged to extend courtesy to such toasts as "The Masonic Press;" the lodge was not put to the slightest expense in connection with the musical part of the entertainment.

The journalistic brother referred to wrote me that he had spent a most pleasant evening, and congratulated me on the occasion.

I had paid for a number of copies of his paper, but of course would not distribute them. They were delivered to me wrapped up, ready for posting; and, on opening them, I found in each paper a circular making it appear to the recipient that the paper had been gratuitously sent by the publisher.

I have not hitherto taken any notice of these proceedings, as I regarded the diatribes fulminated against music as too absurd to need any reply; but after perusing your article of the 10th inst., rebutting the views expressed by my journalistic brother and his correspondents, between whom, by-the-by, there is a marvellous similarity of style and composition, I have ventured to send you these particulars, in the hope that you will afford me an opportunity of removing any wrong impression that may have been created by the misleading report which originated the discussion on this subject.—I am, dear sir, yours fraternally,
 November 14th. W.M. 1538.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have read with very great interest your article upon this subject in the *Freemason* of the 10th inst. I have also read the article upon the same subject in another Masonic paper, of which I had little knowledge until my attention was called to its gratuitous observations upon the action of the W.M. of a certain lodge on the occasion of his installation; and it occurs to me that your representative fully appreciates the harmonious blending of sweet voices, and that the other paper's reporter appears to suffer from a chronic dislike of music or its solacing effects.

I have been a P.M. for more than ten years, and as a Masonic reporter have gained some experience regarding the hour at which the banquet table has been left to "stately solitude." I have found that 10, 10.30, and 11 o'clock p.m. are the average times at which the banquet has been concluded, the latter hours being invariably reached on installation nights, and I believe some time ago I met the identical reporter to the other Masonic paper I refer to at a lodge in Fleet-street, where the banquet had not concluded when I left at 11.15. The report of that meeting did not conclude with any disparaging remarks as to the lateness of the hour, so that I am at a loss to understand his conduct on the occasion in question.

Again this reporter, who by the way is inconsistent and somewhat inaccurate in his statements on this subject endeavours to show (with what effect I leave to his own ideas of logic) that, of necessity a W.M. must not spend his own money in the way he chooses, but, for the sake of others who may follow, must rest content to travel in the narrow gauge that perhaps has been laid down by his predecessor. I should hardly venture to address you, but having been present when this reporter's ire was roused, my impression was, after seeing him enjoy the good things before him and apparently the music that followed, that he had done his duty as a guest and would also do his duty as a reporter. It seems to me that no man has a right to blot a fair evening's enjoyment by an un-Masonic report.

I beg therefore, through the medium of your paper, to protest emphatically against any gratuitous and disparaging statements of this nature being made in future, and I think, sir, that if the reporter in question acts in a becoming and Masonic manner he will at once tender a manly and ample apology.

I enclose my card and remain, dear sir and brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

A P.M. WHO WAS PRESENT DURING THE ENTIRE EVENING.

November 14th.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I quite agree with your remarks in your issue of the 10th inst. as to the introduction of music at our social boards, and I feel sure it would be equally advantageous (if not more so) if introduced more fully into our ceremonies. I visited a lodge in the West Lancashire Province a few weeks since, where appropriate hymns were sung at the opening and closing, and during an initiation selections from the Psalms were sung also, and I must confess that of the hundreds of ceremonies I have listened to, worked by many of the ablest brethren in London and the provinces, not one of them made such a deep impression upon my mind as this one.

In the lodge to which I refer they possess about a dozen well trained voices (mostly amateurs) and they seem to rehearse the vocal part as assiduously as the oratorical portion of the ceremony, under the direction of their able Organist who presides at the harmonium.

Some time since a worthy brother holding a high official position in the same province visited a lodge where a musical ceremony had been arranged, and so emphatically did he protest against it that it was, I believe, abandoned, the worthy brother stating that he had the highest authority for protesting against the vocal music, but that instrumental music might be introduced. Now, if as you say, that we as Masons recognise music as one of the liberal arts and sciences (not instrumental music only) what can be the objection to the introduction of vocal music. Let me ask anyone with the remotest idea of the concord of sweet sounds which is most likely to add to the solemnity of our ceremonies, as well as relieve the monotony thereof—a march or sacred piece ground out of a broken-winded harmonium by a very indifferent player (which is frequently the case), or a selection of appropriate verses sung by a well-blended choir? In the lodge to which I have alluded they are not only good vocalists, but they are able to enliven their social evenings with some good instrumental music, as they have amongst their members two first violins, one second violin, one flute, one violincello, one double bass, and, as I have before stated, a good organist and pianist, who is a deputy organist at a cathedral.

It is my opinion that if music was practised, or rather made part of our ceremonies, which could easily be done without interfering with the landmarks of the Order, it would stimulate many of our brethren who already possess considerable musical talent to make themselves proficient therein, besides making our meetings more attractive, both in the lodge and around the social board.—I am, yours fraternally,
 MANCUNIAM.

THE FRENCH GRAND ORIENT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have often written to you about the French Grand Orient before, its doings and its errors. I send you a few lines to-day simply of "information." The following are the new officers of the body, after many changes, and several regrettable deaths:

The President of the Council for 1883-84 is Bro. Cousin; the Vice-Presidents Bros. Caubet and Wyruboff; the Secretaries are Bros. Poulle and Duhamel; and the Chef de Secrétariat Bro. Rocher. Bro. Moulmier is President of the General Assembly; Bro. Blatin, Orator; and Bro. Lepeletier, "Orateur Adjoint."—I am, sir and brother, fraternally yours,
 MASKELYNE.



"Bulletin du Grand Orient."—We have received and read this official organ of the Grand Orient of France. We cannot honestly say that the "outlook" is pleasant or the "outcome" satisfactory. But then perhaps we can hardly place ourselves in the position of the French Grand Orient. We can only hope that the future may yet lighten up the darker shades and shadows of to-day with the brighter gleams of the Masonic star of Hope. At present all is very depressing and seemingly hopeless.

"La Chaîne D'Union."—This French Masonic magazine for October, edited by Bro. Hubert, gives us its normal accounts of French Freemasonry and an abnormal statement in respect to a recent delivrance of Bro. Albert Pike. We hope there is some "mal entendu."

"The Masonic Review," Cincinnati, U.S., Bro. H. D. Moore, is full of interesting matter and admirably edited.

"The Voice of Masonry," Chicago, U.S., Bro. J. W. Brown, is now almost the "Scribner" of Masonic serials. It seems to us, however, becoming too much a serial for fiction instead of Freemasonry. But Masonic editors of Masonic magazines always are between "Sylla and Charybdis" in this respect.

"New York Dispatch."—Under the able superintendence of Bro. J. Simon, P.G.M. of New York, the Masonic page of this newspaper is alike most effectively conducted and well worthy of the perusal not only of American but English Freemasons.

"Le Monde Maçonnique."—This well-known French Masonic serial loses its present Editor, Bro. Rocher. Like Bro. Grimaux, Bro. Rocher is called to office at the Grand Orient. The French Freemasons have certainly been very unfortunate. They have lost Bros. St. Jean, Thevenot, Grimaux, one after another, and the loss of three successive editors (Caubet, Grimaux, and Rocher) in a short space of time for the "Monde Maçonnique" must naturally affect the prospects of any magazine. But, to say the truth, we see no signs of "decadence," either in the editorship or matter of the "Monde Maçonnique." Of course, it is purely French, and as such hardly suit the palate or digestion of English readers, just now. Perhaps when we are "properly educated" it may do so. Who knows?

"RUPTURES."—WHITE'S MOC-MAIN LEVER TRUSS is the most effective invention for the treatment of Hernia. The use of a steel spring, so hurtful in its effects, is avoided, a soft bandage being worn round the body, while the requisite resisting power is supplied by the Moc-Main Pad and Patent Lever, fitting with so much ease and closeness that it cannot be detected. Send for descriptive circular, with testimonials and prices, to J. White and Co. (Limited) 228, Piccadilly, London. Do not buy of Chemists, who often sell an Imitation of our Moc-Main. J. White and Co. have not any agents.—[ADV.]

Masonic Notes and Queries.

264.] RICHARD PLANTAGENET—MASON!

The rector of St. Edmond's, London, the Rev. W. Benham, has been down here in Margate lecturing on the "Historical Memorials of Kent." He says, or rather the reporter of *Keble's Gazette* (10th November): "At Eastwell there is to be seen this entry in the church registry, 'Richard Plantagenet, December 22nd, 1550. He was son of 'Richard III., who fled thither after the battle of Bosworth and worked as a mason for his living.'" Of course Mr. Benham never meant that the King, who was slain in battle, fled thither, but his son, Richard Plantagenet; that this son thenceforth earned his living as a mason, and the notice in the registry I take to be that of his death. Now Bosworth field was fought in 1485 so that Richard must have worked as a mason for at least 65 years and died, say, an octogenarian. But who was Richard? I have no good history with me; but if I remember rightly Richard III. only had one son mentioned in history who was destined by his father to marry Elizabeth of York, ultimately the wife of Henry VII. This son however died too soon for the accomplishment of this purpose. Had he any other sons? And if so, on what authority does Mr. Benham state that he worked as a mason? Let us prove this statement and we shall have indeed one royal brother at least previous to the revival. Had I been at the lecture I should have sought an interview with Mr. Benham; it is now too late, but if the editor would forward him a copy of this query next week; we might perhaps elicit from him some very interesting information. If a fact, let us know all the particulars; if only a tradition, let us know on what grounds it is based. A letter from Mr. Benham to the *Freemason* will be appreciated by all of us.

G. WM. SPETH.

265.] A GERMAN WORK.

The treatise alluded to by Bro. Tweddell, as quoted by Bro. Col. Macleod Moore, as translated in America, is mentioned by Kloss as published separately at Leipsic, in 1802, by Hartnoch. J. G. Von Herder, the great thinker and writer, seems to have composed it, and published it originally in the "Adrastea," a magazine of which he was the editor in 1802. Von Herder was made a Freemason at Riga in 1766, or 1767, and in 1769 made a sea voyage, and is said to have visited England between May and July, 1809. He was back in his own country in August, and at Paris in September, 1769, and does not seem to have again visited England. He may then have been at Liverpool, but I think we are bound to take his words "cum grano," as in the first place he was a very young Mason, and could know nothing of English Masonry generally. Even supposing his words are literally true, they have no archaeological importance, as no one doubts or denies that English Freemasons and Freemasonry did not enjoy a hundred years ago the good opinion and "prestige" they do now. Knowing, however, from experience how words are misunderstood, and often twisted, I confess I should like to see the original German. Masonic comity would bid us assume that the American translator quoted by Bro. Col. M. Moore has translated correctly. The essay as it appeared in the "Adrastea" runs thus: "Freimaurer, Fama Fraternalis, Ueber den Zweck der Freimaurerei, wie sie von aussem erscheint." It is singular that neither Lenning, Gadick, Findel, nor the Handbuch know anything of this passage, and Lenning and Gadick do not mention Herder, though "Lenning's Encyclopaedia" was published in 1828, and Gadick's "Freimaurer Lexicon" in 1818. Von Herder was born in 1744 and died in 1803. I do not quite understand Bro. Tweddell's allusion to Cagliostro, as there is no evidence of his knowing Bro. Herder in any way. If any American or Student brother can put me in the way of seeing the original essay or translation I shall be much obliged.

MASONIC STUDENT.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—The installation meeting of this old lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 30th ult. Among those present were Bros. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, W.M.; Clarke, S.W., W.M. elect; Jordan, J.W.; Fromholtz, S.D.; Holmes, I.G.; Carter, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; W. Pope, P.M.; E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, P.M.; Green, P.M.; Themans, P.M.; C. Dairy, P.M.; Rumball, P.M.; Morrison, P.M.; Heaphy, I.P.M.; and others. Among the visitors were Bros. Emanuel, 15; Shells, 144; Ramsey, P.M. 162; Foord, 179; Dickeson, 179; Cook, P.M. 382; Langdale, 401; Hance, 507; Inman, 861; Blake, P.M. 945; Pratt, 957; Beel, 1044; Pope, P.M. 1305; Schwartz, 1425; Edgley, 1446; Pawsey, 1539; Cox, 1563; Jay, 1614; Rushton, 1677; Smith, 1656; Spooner, 1656; Newmard, 1693; Wray, P.M. 1707; Steng, 1790; and Smith, 1790.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed two gentlemen were balloted for, and being in attendance were duly initiated into Craft mysteries by the W.M. Bro. Clarke, S.W., having been duly presented by the I.P.M., he was installed into the chair of K.S. by the W.M., with the assistance of Bros. Hopwood, P.M., as S.W.; Dairy, P.M., as J.W.; Stuart, P.M., as D.C.; and Morrison, P.M., as I.G. The officers appointed and invested were as follows: Bros. Jordan, S.W.; Fromholtz, J.W.; Carter, P.M., Treas. (25th time); W. Stuart, Sec.; Coope, S.D.; Holmes, J.D.; McMullen, I.G.; Hudson, W.S.; Hakim, A.W.S.; Steng, D.C.; Nathan, A.D.C.; and Longstaffe, Tyler.

The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. The usual toasts followed. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by the I.P.M. "The Initiates" followed. This toast having been duly honoured and a response given, "The Health of the Installing Officer and

I.P.M." came next in order. At the conclusion of his speech the W.M. presented Bro. Walls with a Past Master's jewel. The recipient having replied, the toast of "The Visitors" followed and was acknowledged by Bros. Blake, P.M.; Pope, P.M.; and others. The pledge of "The Past Masters" was coupled with the name of Bro. W. Pope, who replied. "The Treasurer and Secretary" was warmly given from the chair, and the toast having been drunk with enthusiasm, Bros. Carter and Stuart replied. "The Masonic Charities" was responded to by Bros. Walls and Dairy, and "The Officers" by Bros. Jordan and Fromholtz. The proceedings, which were throughout of a most agreeable and successful nature, then terminated.

DOMATIC LODGE (No. 177).—Presentation to Bro. George Everett and Mrs. Everett.—This lodge its regular November meeting on the 9th inst. at Anderton's Hotel, Bro. William Herbage, W.M., presiding. Amongst the brethren who attended were Bros. W. M. Foxcroft, S.W.; P. Pierpoint, J.W.; George Everett, P.M., Treas.; Thomas Morris, P.M., Sec.; H. Bowman Spink, P.M.; W. J. Ferguson, P.M.; J. R. Foulger, P.M.; Frederic Kent, P.M.; Edward White, P.M.; Isaac Buscall, P.M.; Harry Price, S.D.; A. Simmer, J.D.; R. Montague, I.G.; and Richard Harvey, Stwd. Visitors: Bros. H. Wootton, 1086; H. M. Appleton, S.W. 1381; C. H. Everett, 1087; G. Coles, 1381; H. Stiles, I.P.M. 1507; W. T. Buxton, 1381; E. Ayling, W.M. 975; R. T. Whitley, P.M. 046; P.P.G.D. of C. Middlesex; I. H. Pulsford, P.M. 1158; R. J. Vincent, W.M. 1063; J. W. Batton, S.D. 1613; W. E. Greaves, 1744; W. Mann, P.M. 186; T. H. Hartley, 1068; W. H. Baker, I.G. 1446; C. W. Blake, 1185; W. P. Webb, P.M. 1381; G. A. Potter, J.W. 1964; H. Share, 1558; W. H. Coulran, 1057; R. H. Clemow, J.D. 1589; F. H. Clemow, P.M. 1744; and H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928 (*Freemason*).

The Worshipful Master first raised Bro. W. H. Emmerson, then passed Bro. E. J. Cook, and afterwards initiated Mr. Carlo Torriani and Mr. William Haynes. After a notice of motion had been given by Bro. F. Kent, P.M., the lodge entered upon its next business, which was the presentation of a testimonial to Bro. George Everett, P.M., Treas., and Mrs. Everett. The testimonial to Bro. Everett consisted of an elegant tea and coffee service, and to Mrs. Everett of a gold brooch and earrings. On the tea caddy was this inscription: "Presented with a silver tea and coffee service to Bro. George Everett, P.M. 177, 1381, and P.Z. 177 and 1381, as a token of esteem and respect by the brethren and friends of the Domatic Lodge, No. 177. Nov. 1883." Accompanying the tea and coffee service was an illuminated vellum framed in oak. The scroll on which was inscribed the names of the subscribers was of quite a novel kind from a design of Bro. Harry Price, S.D. of the lodge, and beautifully painted by Miss Chargois, daughter of Bro. P. Chargois, of the Atlingworth Lodge, Brighton. The border was composed of lilies and pomegranates. At the top forming a centre was a column surmounted by a globe with a veil thrown over it, the whole forming a very pretty presentation of net work, lily work and pomegranates. It was nicely framed in oak and forms a very handsome souvenir of the occasion. The inscription was as follows: "Domatic Lodge, No. 177, Bro. Wm. Herbage, W.M. Presented with a silver tea and coffee service (in open lodge) to Bro. Geo. Everett, P.M. and Treas., as a mark of esteem and respect by the lodge and the following members and friends; also a gold brooch and earrings for Mrs. Everett as a souvenir of the occasion." The brethren who subscribed the scroll were 98 in number. The list was signed by "Isaac Buscall, P.M., Hon. Treas.; Harry Price, S.D.; Richard Harvey, W.S., joint Hon. Secretaries."

In making the presentation, Bro. Herbage, W.M., said: I have something now to state which I believe is for the good of Freemasonry in general and I am sure it is for the good of the Domatic Lodge in particular. You will see stated on the summons, "To present, at a quarter-past six o'clock, a testimonial to Bro. George Everett, P.M., Treas." I would remind you, brethren, that when I was installed Master in this chair after you had unanimously re-elected Bro. George Everett Treasurer of this lodge, and thereby confirmed an appointment he had held for many years, I then stated that I felt it was a great pleasure to me to invest him with the collar, and I also stated that I considered myself fortunate that during my year of office we should have had such a Treasurer. That opinion has been confirmed, and I appeal to all the brethren to join me in thanking him fervently and sincerely for his great services to the lodge. He holds a most important duty, and it is a duty which he discharges thoroughly, efficiently, and well, and when you consider the number of the brethren of this lodge it does not matter whether a brother is Tyler of the lodge or Inner Guard or any other officer, to all of whom I am so much indebted for efficiently and well performing their duties, we all know there is a good deal to think of and to do, and everyone is bound to give them his hearty sympathy and support. But if there is one officer on whom a great deal of work is thrown, especially for the benefit and I may say with respect to the guidance of the lodge—it is the Treasurer, and it is a duty we all feel we must acknowledge, to say that to such a Past Master as Bro. Everett our thanks are are eminently due. I am sure that there are many things going on in the lodge in which we are always ready and willing to consult him, and when we consult him he gives us his best advice most readily. It is just possible that some might think the Master or Treasurer or some of the officers do not always perform their duties in the way they should, but I am sure that in Bro. Everett you have a standard of perfection which you would all desire to attain to. But of this I am certain, that although you may not think that the Treasurer and myself come up to the standard that you might picture to yourselves, generally you give us your hearty support here as regards the Treasurer. One and all of us are indebted to him for the very kind and efficient way in which he performs his duties. You may say I have been from my initiation in the lodge to the present time brought to a certain extent up as a sponsor to him, for Bro. Everett passed me and raised me in this lodge, and I well recollect that when I was initiated in the lodge the remarks made by Bro. Everett at his installation in reference to the purposes of Freemasonry, its grand design and scope. They made a great impression on my mind; and I only wish from the way he put it then there was some report of it, for as years go by we do not always see—it is very difficult indeed to find out what was said. But I can

safely say this to you, a very great impression was made upon my mind as an initiate then, and I am quite sure that the high standard he put for Freemasonry was a right and a proper proper one, and I believe this lodge has benefited by his exertions in that way. I do not wish to say more. I recollect hearing Lord Aberdare tell a very short, little story about a testimonial to a master of hounds in a great hunting county, where the members of the hunt subscribed liberally to the testimonial, which consisted of a vase. The question was who should present it, and they agreed among themselves that the Whip should do it, as he knew the Master best. The Whip, in presenting the testimonial, said: "My lord, the vase," and the Master said: "Jack, I thank you." Therefore, as the clock is going round, I will ask you to allow me to present this testimonial also shortly. You will know if I do so it is not because I do not join heartily in the testimonial, and do not expect the lodge to respond heartily, but because I think what I might say might weaken the heartiness with which we wish to give this gift to Bro. Everett, and I am quite sure our good wishes go with it. All I would say is, long may he be spared to the lodge to give us the benefit of his efficient services in the future as in the past. You all see the testimonial, and you will admit that the money is put to good use. The testimonial is silver, and we hope it may long continue in the family. It is a nice work of art; I think it is a very nice presentation to him as well as the one to his good wife, who has taken great interest in the lodge. On the last occasion of our summer festival the decorations we wore were made by that worthy lady, and I believe that for some years past it has been her custom to do the same thing. In presenting her with a testimonial we show our thanks. It takes a practical turn, and I am sure you give this with your hearty good wishes that they may long live and that the gifts may descend to their family, who may always look upon them as associated with the lodge. It is with much pleasure that I present these testimonials to our worthy Treasurer and his wife. We beg his acceptance of the gift, with a little memorial of it stating the object of the gift and the name of the subscribers and the purposes for which it was given. I present it now to our worthy Treasurer with our best wishes for his health, his wealth, and his prosperity.

Bro. George Everett, P.M. and Treasurer, in reply said: Worshipful Master and brethren, I approach the task before me with considerable misgiving. As a rule I am not at a loss for something to say, but the occasion this evening is so unusual that I must ask your indulgence for any shortcomings on my part. That the present moment is one of the happiest of my life, that I cannot find words adequate to thank you for your kindness, that my heart is almost too full for the tongue to speak, are all stereotyped phrases, and yet truly although very imperfectly express my feelings at this moment. The pleasure of your splendid gift is much enhanced by the kind, generous, and graceful manner in which the W.M. as your mouthpiece, has made the presentation. The great value of this testimonial in my eyes arises more particularly from the fact that the movement with regard to it was entirely spontaneous. That I never sought it, or expected it, or even thought of it, is best known to those whose kindness prompted them to set about the movement, which has been carried as you know to so successful an issue. I further prize the testimonial because I find among the subscribers, not only the oldest, but also the youngest members of the lodge, and some very dear friends. Among the names we find that of our Bro. Robert Baker, P.M., the father of this lodge. Our Bro. Baker is known to but few here; he is of 30 years' standing a member of this lodge, and as its father I am very pleased to find his name among the list. Then we come to our good Bro. James Brett, another old P.M. But for the kindness and encouragement I received from Bro. James Brett the probability is I should have remained a very obscure Mason indeed, for in my early days I did not aspire to very great things in Masonry. However, from the good example Bro. James Brett set me it induced me to go on, and I am only sorry we now see so little of him. There is also our Bro. Foulger, P.M. He is engaged in other lodges, and we seldom see him now. But he has done me the honour to come here and witness the presentation, and I am glad to see him sitting at my side, and I thank him. I also tender my thanks to our Bro. Ferguson, who assists as P.M. Then we come to our Bro. Kent, my predecessor in office, and also to all those P.M.'s who followed me. I do not mention their names, because they are known to you. When I find all their names on that list as subscribers to the testimonial, I feel very, very delighted and pleased indeed. It is not only the Past Masters but the youngest members of the lodge who have subscribed. I thank them, and also those dear friends outside the lodge who have also contributed. I now come to the present to my good wife. I am sure it is very kind and good of you to have thought of her. She has a very high opinion of Freemasonry. She thinks a great deal more of it than ladies usually do. She hears me talk of £40,000 subscribed annually to enable the Charities belonging to Freemasons to carry out their noble objects, and she is sensible enough to think that the good thus done, more than atones for a few late nights and a little extra indulgence. I am quite sure she will prize highly the present you have given to her to-night, or rather given to me on her behalf. I do not know that I have much more to say. As our W.M. says, "time is going on." We have to go to the banquet, and I am rather at a disadvantage in having to speak before the banquet instead of after. These things are done better after dinner. You have more pluck and courage than you have before. If I have failed to thank you as heartily as I could wish to do, believe me it is not for the want of will but of power to express myself. I would only say in conclusion, speaking of the very great success that has been achieved in this matter, that I have to thank those very much indeed who have worked hardest, namely, our Bros. Isaac Buscall, P.M., Hon. Treas.; Harry, Price, S.D.; and Richard Harvey, W.S., joint Honorary Secretaries. They have taken a great deal of trouble in the matter. Quite unexpected it was to me that they exerted themselves on my behalf, but I appreciate very much indeed their great kindness; and I am quite sure that the indefatigable manner in which they worked made it this great success. I can only in conclusion thank you very heartily indeed for this splendid present. So long as God spares me I shall look upon it as a very dear gift from you; and I trust that those who come after me will see in it an evidence of the place I had the pleasure to hold in the hearts and affections of my Brother Masons.

The speeches of both the W.M. and of Bro. Geo. Everett

were several times interrupted by expressions of strong approbation by the brethren.

The Worshipful Master next said that as this was the birthday of the M.W. the G.M., he thought it would be a brotherly act to send him a telegram to Sandringham congratulating him on the recurrence of the day.

The brethren having expressed approval a telegram was sent, and late in the evening the following telegram was received in reply:—"Sandringham, 10.35 p.m. From Prince of Wales to Worshipful Master of Domestic Lodge, No. 177, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, London. I thank you sincerely for your kind congratulations and good wishes."

The brethren at the completion of the work closed the lodge and adjourned to banquet. The Worshipful Master proposed the first three toasts.

Replying to the toast of his health, proposed by Bro. Ferguson, P.M., the W.M. said he was proud of the lodge being in so flourishing a condition, and that the working was so admirable. The banquet also was such as to give satisfaction to the brethren. He desired that the lodge should go on prospering and that the prestige of the Craft should go on increasing under the auspices of the different W.Ms.

Bros. Haines and Torriani replied for "The Initiates." Bro. Ayling, W.M. 975, in responding for the toast of "The Visitors" said it afforded him a great deal of pleasure on this his maiden visit to see the work and the hospitality of the lodge at so high a pitch. The lodge must be proud to have a brother to preside over it as the W.M. had that evening.

Bro. Foulger, P.M., as one of the respondents to the toast of "The Past Masters," said circumstances over which he had no control had prevented his coming to the lodge of late years; but he was glad to come and find it flourishing under able Masters and Past Masters. On the present occasion he would not have been absent on any account, seeing that they had done honour to the Domestic Lodge in doing honour to the Treasurer. That brother had served the lodge well as Master and as Treasurer. As Treasurer he had not neglected their banquets. He was a large-hearted man, and he (Bro. Foulger) was proud to have met him and to have known him many years. He felt it strongly, and he was glad to see what the lodge had done for Bro. Everett that night. He knew that Bro. Everett was proud to be Treasurer of the lodge, and he also knew that Bro. Everett was proud of what the lodge had done for him in acknowledgment of his services. Those services had been truly and well done, and he only hoped Bro. Everett would live long to enjoy the satisfaction derivable from such a representation as had been made. He never knew a more true-hearted Mason than Bro. Everett, who was anxious to support all the Charities and everything else in Masonry. Mrs. Everett was of the same stamp; she was Masonic in spirit as her husband was. Bro. Everett was a promoter of lodges, and had now got a warrant for another (the Chiswick), with which he wished him hearty success, and his son as well, who would follow the example of his father wherever he went.

The Worshipful Master next gave "The Treasurer and Secretary," and said that after Bro. Foulger's remarks no further comment of his about the Treasurer were necessary. As to the Secretary, Bro. Morris, he had performed his duties equally well.

Bro. G. Everett, P.M., responding as Treasurer, said he should content himself by stating that he was proud and pleased to say that the lodge was in a state of prosperity, and everything as far as its finances was concerned was in a most satisfactory condition. Personally, he was afraid the honour paid to him had been a little overdone that night, and that the visitors had made too much of him; but it would be a red-letter day in his existence, and he thanked one and all for the very hearty kindness they had displayed to him. So long as he could give them satisfaction he should do everything that lay in his power to promote the happiness and prosperity of the Domestic Lodge.

Bro. Morris, P.M., Sec., also replied. In giving the toast of "The Officers" the Worshipful Master said that the officers of this lodge were so determined to perform their duties that one of them (Bro. Montague) had refused an invitation to the Lord Mayor's banquet because it would have interfered with his duties to the lodge.

At the conclusion of the toasts the brethren separated.

CAPPER LODGE (No. 1076).—The installation meeting of the above lodge took place on Thursday, the 8th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City, and was a most successful and pleasant exhibition of true Masonry, some 60 members and friends attending to see Bro. W. Dorton, S.W. and W.M. elect, passed to the chair of K.S., to which position he had been unanimously elected, and we must say that a better selection could not have been made, for our esteemed brother, a Mason of some nine years' standing, proved himself not only in the investiture of his officers, but in his post-prandial speeches, well worthy to follow the illustrious roll of Masters of this important and successful lodge.

The lodge was opened by Bro. F. Bryan, P.M., officiating for the I.P.M., Bro. Jas. Mitchell, who has been suffering for some months past through illness, but who, we were pleased to see, was sufficiently recovered to be present. The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, Bros. Taylor, Yates, and White were raised, two being raised by Bro. Bryan and one by Bro. J. Dorton, P.M., Treas., and we have no hesitation in saying that during a long experience of working nothing could exceed the perfectness of that of the Principals on the occasion under notice. Bro. W. Taplay, P.M., then introduced the W.M. elect, Bro. W. Dorton, to the installing officer, Bro. F. Bryan, and the grand ceremony of installation under his hands was admirably carried out, the charges and addresses being a masterpiece of force, feeling, and elocution. The following officers were appointed for the ensuing year: Bros. W. Nevin, S.W.; A. R. Mason, J.W.; J. Dorton, P.M., Treas.; J. Pitt, Sec.; R. Brown, S.D.; W. Harris, J.D.; W. Watkins, I.G.; C. D. Mears, D.C.; T. Spencer and W. Temple, W.Ss.; M. Sherwin, Org.; and W. Page, P.M., Tyler. The perfect manner in which the W.M. invested his officers and the eloquent but terse sentences he employed in so doing were generally commented on, not a single hesitation or falter making his delivery of the, not by any means unimportant, addresses necessary to the occasion. A petition from the wife of a past officer of the lodge for a nomination of the daughter of hers for the Girls' School was adopted.

The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned

to the large banqueting room where the newly appointed Wine Stewards were indefatigable in catering to the wants and wishes of both visitors and brethren. In addition to those above enumerated the following brethren sat down to the tables: Bros. E. West, P.M., P.P.G.P. Herts; A. J. Manning, P.M. 1472, and P.G.S.D. Essex; W. E. Hollingham, P.M. 77, and P.P.G.S.D. Kent; J. Gaskell, P.M.; Holliday, P.M.; A. Knox, P.M.; P. McCarthy, P.M.; J. T. K. Job, I.P.M.; C. Benjamin, P.M. 1766; T. Day, P.M.; G. F. Dix, P.M. 1421; G. H. Stephens, S.W. 1023; C. T. Lewis, S.W. 1472; A. Ives, J.W. 1472; A. Higerty, S.D. 1044; J. Hades, 1683; T. Farnham, S13; S. Price, 1816; T. Dutton, 554; G. Robinson, 58; W. R. Bunning, 454; B. Dale, G.W. Parkhurst, J. Headwell, C. Brien, W.M. Taylor, T. Yates, M. Callcott, W. L. Crow, C. R. Sayers, J. Mansall, T. S. Green, R. G. Smith, J. T. Simpson, H. J. Pearson, B. J. Johnson, Brown, sen., Brown, jun., C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*); and others.

The banquet having been discussed, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts in eloquent terms, and a verse of "God save the Queen" and "God bless the Prince of Wales" followed the two first and most important ones.

Bro. Mitchell, I.P.M., then rose to propose the toast of "The W.M." He said they had in Bro. Dorton one of the ablest of all the Masters who had hitherto ruled over the destinies of the Capper Lodge, and he asked them to drink the toast heartily.

The Worshipful Master in rising to respond was met with reiterated applause. He said he thanked them for the demonstrative cordiality with which they had received him. The position he held that night was one he was very proud of—it was one that any one might be proud of. It was now some nine or ten years ago that he was initiated in the Capper Lodge, and in that time what vast strides had they made, especially in the cause of Charity. By the institution of a Benevolent Fund they were now Vice-Presidents of two of the Masonic Charities, "The Old Men and Old Women," having paid 50 guineas to each, and were in a fair way to become a Vice-President of the "Boys," having paid 50 guineas into that Charity. With all that they had a good balance then to show, and, therefore, he was proud to say the lodge was in a good and sound position, both as regards the Charities and its finance. For himself they might depend upon it that he should do all in his power to enhance the success of the lodge, and the comfort and harmony of the brethren.

In proposing the toast of "The Past Masters," the Worshipful Master said he did so with mingled feelings of pleasure and sympathy—sympathy, because of the unfortunate illness of their esteemed I.P.M., Bro. Mitchell, who had been sorely afflicted during the past year, and in which he (the W.M.) felt they all joined him, and pleasure because of the fact that they still had with them a circle of Past Masters willing and able, at a moment's notice, to perform the duties of the lodge upon such an emergency as had occurred that day, when Bros. Bryan and Dorton had so nobly filled the gap caused by Bro. Mitchell's illness. There was one pleasing duty connected with the toast that he had to perform and that was to pin upon the breast of Bro. Mitchell a Past Master's jewel, which had been unanimously voted him by the lodge as a token of their regard and esteem. He heartily wished Bro. Mitchell renewed health and strength so as to be able to come among them often and wear the jewel, which he could assure him conveyed the best wishes of every member of the Capper Lodge for his future happiness and prosperity.

Bros. Mitchell, Day, and Gaskell responded. Bro. Manning, in responding for "The Visitors," paid a high tribute of admiration, not only to the Installing Officer, Bro. Bryan, but to the admirable state of the charitable fund of the lodge.

Bros. Green, Benjamin, Dix, and Hollingham responded. The other toasts were "The Masonic Press;" "The Officers;" and Tyler's toast, which completed the programme of an eminently successful and memorable meeting.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—This lodge met for the dispatch of business on the 6th inst., at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, when there were in attendance Bros. J. Cockburn, W.M.; Appleton, S.W.; Stranger, J.W.; W. Mann, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Plowman, J.D.; Meredyth, I.G.; Feuillade, W.S.; Koch, P.M.; George Everett, P.M.; H. Higgins, P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; Köhler, P.M.; W. P. Webb, P.M.; and others. Among the visitors were Bros. Ayling, W.M. 975; Taylor, W.M. 1024; Talent, P.M. 186; Westley, 186; L. Feuillade, 548; Collett, 548; Smith, jun., I.P.M. 1839; and G. F. Smith, J.W. 1839.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Dennis was raised and Bro. Armstrong passed, both the ceremonies being most ably performed by the W.M. Bro. Appleton having been appointed as a Steward to represent the lodge at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

The lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts followed. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by the I.P.M., in which he congratulated him upon his excellent working.

Bro. Cockburn having replied then gave "The Visitors," coupled with the names of Bros. Ayling, Taylor, and Talent. This toast having been drunk with acclamation the brethren thus honoured returned thanks. "The Past Masters," acknowledged by Bro. Webb; "The Treasurer and Secretary," responded to by Bros. Mann and Stuart; and "The Officers," replied to by Bros. Appleton, Stranger, and others, terminated the proceedings.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 8th inst. at Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, Bro. Samuel Smout, jun., W.M., presiding. There was a large gathering of members of the lodge, and the following visitors were present in the course of the evening: Bros. F. G. Baker, P.M. 753; C. W. Keep, I.G. 195; Thomas Cubitt, P.P.G.P.; Samuel Dyer, W.M. 1612; W. C. Williams, J.D. 1585; Chas. Davey, P.M. 30; David Hughes, S.W. 901; John Hughes, W.M. 901; H. Dehanc, I.P.M. 1543, P.P.G.S.D. Essex; T. Hastings Miller, P.M. 907, W.M. 1064, P.P.G.O. Middlesex; Canon Holden, W. Langridge, Treas. 1425; Lewis H. Isaacs, P.M. 873; Geo. Davis, P.M. 107; Capt. A. Nicols, W.M. 1074; S. Elborn, P.M. 511; J. W. Cuff, P.M. 1608; C. Webster, S.D. 1637; Geo. Amos Duke, 1608; R. A. Fraser, I.G. 1567; Robt.

Fairclough, I.P.M. 155; Sir C. Dilke, S34; W. Huchs, S34; J. Shipley, W.M. 30; A. G. Gold, 1615; Henry Gold, 1615; Henry Walter Gilbey, 25; J. Jordan, W.M. 4, Grand Stewards Lodge; J. N. Frye, 195; J. H. Watson, 1641; W. Weaver, W.M. 1238; J. H. Pearson, P.M. 1567; G. C. Harding, P.M. 1238; G. D. Unite, 55; J. M. Jefferson, 1637; J. E. C. Bodley, P.P.G. Sec. Oxon; T. Fisher, 733; and H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928 (*Freemason*).

Bro. Richard Truine was passed to the Second Degree, after which the W.M. installed Bro. Frederick Charlwood Frye, S.W., W.M. elect, as Master of the lodge, in the performance of which he displayed remarkable ability. The following brethren were appointed to office: Bros. Jas. Bartle, S.W.; Woodmason, J.W.; S. H. Parkhouse, P.M., Treas.; W. J. Murlis, P.M., Sec.; Buckland, S.D.; Wood, J.D.; the Rev. P. M. Holden, P.M., Chaplain; Crabb, I.G.; F. Delevanti, Org.; Lander, P.M., D.C.; Whitaker, W.S.; Newland, A.W.S.; Hook, A.W.S.; and Schofield, Tyler. Bro. Smout then delivered the addresses, and was warmly applauded when he concluded his labours. The Audit Committee's report was afterwards read and received, and a vote of thanks was accorded to the Auditors. A vote of thanks was also given to Bro. Smout, jun., for so ably installing the W.M. Bro. Murlis, P.M., gave notice of motion that the sum of 50 guineas be given to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to be placed on the list of the I.P.M.

The Audit Committee afterwards presented their report, which was as usual highly satisfactory. Lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to banquet in the large hall, and honoured the customary toasts. In proposing the toast which includes the Grand Officers the W.M. referring to Bro. W. Stephens, Assist. Grand Purst., said the brethren were all glad to see him present. They knew he had been for some two or three years in a very bad state of health, but they hoped he was now fully restored and that he would long be with them as an ornament to the lodge. Bro. Stephens was not one of the founders, but he acted as I.P.M. to the first W.M., and they were very glad to greet him that evening.

Bro. William Stephens, A.G.P., acknowledged the toast for the Grand Officers, and for himself individually he thanked the brethren very much, because he was always pleased to be associated with the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, having known it from its infancy. At that time he gave advice which was received rather unpleasantly at first, but after he had returned to it, knowing it to be the truth, the brethren adopted it and they now thanked him. Without disclosing the secrets of the prison house he could say that every member of Grand Lodge endeavoured to do his duty, and he as one of them did the same. At the Quarterly Communication of December next he trusted that all who were members of Grand Lodge would attend because important questions were coming up, especially one with reference to the Status of Past Masters. Members of this lodge who were Past Masters especially would be grieved if a Past Master of another lodge became a joining member of this lodge and then ranked as a P.M. of the lodge without having done a single service to the lodge. If they were going to admit P.Ms. of other lodges on that footing it would seriously affect all lodges. Referring to what the lodge had done for the Charities, Bro. Stephens said he was pleased when he represented the lodge as Steward for the Girls' School, when he took up a good sum. This lodge had given £200 to the Charities, and this was much to its honour, which every member was trying to keep up.

Bro. T. Cubitt, P.G.P., also replied, and speaking with reference to the Earl of Lathom, said at first his lordship was not known much as a Mason in the metropolis, though he was now; but having attended several Masonic meetings in West Lancashire he found there was no name better known there; he was worshipped there, and was no ornamental Mason.

Bro. S. Smout, jun., I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," whom he wished a happy and prosperous year of office.

The Worshipful Master responding said as to himself and the position the brethren had placed him in, which he was so proud to occupy, if anything could dispel the diffidence that anyone must naturally feel on assuming so onerous and important a post, it was that on this, the first occasion of appearing before them as Master he had so large a company to greet him. He had met at the hands of the brethren a kind, cordial, and hospitable reception. He looked upon it as a great augury of the future prosperity of the lodge, and it behoved him to entertain a firm conviction, which he thought was not misplaced, that every brother would do his best to make his (the W.M.'s) year of office a complete success. When he first heard there was to be a lodge started in the neighbourhood of Notting Hill, in which he resided, he determined if possible to become a joining member, and he had never regretted coming among the brethren, because he had always received at the hands of the brethren such kindness and cordiality as showed them to be truly Masons. He had by joining the lodge been able to make a number of kind and sincere friends. He highly esteemed the fraternal regard and the confidence the brethren had reposed in him and to which he owed his present position. It would be his earnest endeavour so to fulfil the duties devolving upon him as to retain the brethren's kindness and good feeling.

Bro. Jordan in responding to the toast of "The Visitors," complimented the lodge on its success and on what it had done in the cause of Charity, and was followed by Bros. Gold, Harding and J. Isaacs.

In presenting a handsome Past Master's jewel to Bro. S. Smout, jun., the W.M. complimented him on the way in which he had conducted the business of the lodge during his year of office.

Bro. S. Smout, jun., I.P.M., in reply assured the brethren that what he had done that night, and which seemed to have met with a certain amount of approval, was nothing more than his duty as Master of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge. When he started on his year he made up his mind to carry out as far as lay in his power his duty to the very end. He had done everything he could to carry out that determination, and he was extremely pleased to find that it had met with the brethren's approval. He had to thank the brethren very much for having presented to him a beautiful Past Master's jewel, and he should appreciate it as much as anything in his life. The lodge certainly was not the lodge in which he was initiated, but it was the lodge in which he first learned what Freemasonry really meant.

The other toasts were afterwards given, and the brethren separated.

A selection of music was beautifully performed by Mr. H. Linscott, Miss Pushman, and Mr. Louis Stephens.

ALDERSGATE LODGE (No. 1657).—The election meeting of this lodge was held on the 12th inst., at the Castle and Falcon Hotel, Aldersgate-street. Bro. Samuel Benton, M.D., W.M., presided, being supported by Bros. Samuel White, S.W.; E. Y. Jolliffe, J.W.; J. D. Allcroft, P.M., Grand Treas., Treas.; Rev. Dr. P. H. E. Brette, P.M., Sec.; W. H. Froom, S.D.; Edward Anderton, J.D.; George Vickery, I.G.; Arthur B. Hudson, Stwd.; H. Thomas, Tyler; A. J. Altman, P.M.; George Kenning, P.M.; Alfred Brookman, P.M.; Thomas Benskin, Joseph Lavender, E. F. B. Fuller, T. G. Vickers, Frederick Crookford, George Rawlinson, James Shotton, Chas. William Lovett, and the following visitors: Bros. R. J. Simpson, Prov. G. Chap., and G. White Cooper, Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10; N. B. Headon, P.M., Treas., Great City Lodge, No. 1426; Anthony Hordern, Harmony Lodge, No. 558; Charles E. Soppet, Royal Kensington Lodge, No. 1627; John Broadbent, United Pilgrims Lodge, No. 507.

After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. Charles William Lovett was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, and three brethren were elected on the Committee of Finance. Bro. Samuel White was then unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. John Derby Allcroft, P.M., Grand Treasurer, being re-elected Treasurer, and H. Thomas, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. Samuel Benton, M.D., and the sum of ten guineas from the funds of the lodge was placed on the list of Bro. George Kenning, P.M., who will represent the lodge at the forthcoming festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

A banquet followed the closing of the lodge, at which the customary toasts were honoured.

BEACONSFIELD LODGE (No. 1662).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Chequers Hotel, Walthamstow, on Tuesday, the 6th inst., under the presidency of Bros. Jas. Pinder, W.M. The following were present: Bros. C. B. Carter, S.W.; J. B. Burnard, J.W.; T. Franklin, P.M., Treas.; F. Hallows, P.M., Sec.; J. H. Wildash, J.D.; H. F. Inman, I.G.; D. Paterson, Org.; T. Upward, I.P.M.; W. Groome, P.M.; Lancaster, T. Probert, W. G. Hallows, and C. T. Avison. Visitors: Bros. E. W. Parkes, W.M. 861; J. R. Tolliss, W.M. 1185; W. Serjeant, W.M. 1227; J. A. Jones, W.M. 1766; G. W. Preston, P.M. 861; C. Patrick, S.D. 1227; E. Thomas, 5; C. Carter, 45; F. Tyler, 59; J. Pash, 569; J. H. Harling, 1365; W. Futcher, 1365; Stuart Futcher, 1365; and others.

The lodge was opened and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The Auditors' report, which showed the lodge to be in a very flourishing condition, after voting a Life Governorship to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to be placed on the list of the Treasurer, Bro. T. Franklin, who will represent the lodge at the next festival of that Institution, was received and adopted. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. C. B. Carter, the W.M. elect, was presented to the lodge and duly installed into the chair in an able and masterly manner by the Secretary, Bro. F. Hallows, P.M., the final charge being delivered by the outgoing Master, Bro. J. Pinder. The newly-installed Master then appointed his officers as follows: Bros. J. Pinder, I.P.M.; J. B. Burnard, S.W.; J. Edwards, J.W.; T. Franklin, P.M., Treas.; F. Hallows, P.M., Sec.; J. H. Wildash, S.D.; H. F. Inman, J.D.; C. Clemens, I.G.; D. Paterson, Org.; T. Probert, D. of C.; W. Groome, P.M., W.S.; and C. Thomas, Tyler. After three alterations in the bye-laws had been agreed to the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet and dessert, excellently provided by the host, Bro. W. G. Hallows, P.M. 861. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were admirably given and duly honoured.

COBORN LODGE (No. 1804).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 8th inst., at the Vestry Hall, Bow. Amongst the brethren present were Bros. Charles Brown, W.M.; R. Logan, J.W.; P. Edinger, P.M., Treas.; C. J. R. Tijou, Sec.; J. T. Robey, S.D.; A. Souch, J.D.; E. G. Johnson, I.G.; P. Balme, D. of C.; H. Wheatley, Stwd.; and several other members of the lodge. Visitors: Bros. Huggett, W.M. 1625; L. Potts, P.M. 1716; J. R. Coleman, P.M. 1716; W. Holloway, P.M. 1158; and N. Marsland, I.G. 1805.

In consequence of the lamented death of Bro. the Rev. R. H. Atherton, M.A., S.W. and Chaplain of the lodge, the members appeared in Masonic mourning. This event cast a deep gloom over the proceedings of the evening, more especially as at this meeting the election of W.M. took place, and in all probability Bro. Atherton would have been unanimously elected to fill the chair of King Solomon for the ensuing year. After the usual preliminary business Bros. Paterson and Hobbs were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Masons. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year was next proceeded with, and Bro. R. Logan, J.W. (the first initiate of the lodge), was unanimously elected. Bro. P. Edinger, P.M. and Treas., was re-elected Treasurer. It was then resolved, on the proposition of the W.M., that a vote of condolence with the widow of the late Bro. Atherton, S.W. and Chaplain, in her bereavement be entered on the minutes, and that a copy of the resolution be forwarded to Mrs. Atherton. A further resolution was then carried empowering the Secretary to obtain at the expense of the lodge a floral wreath to be deposited on the coffin containing the mortal remains of their deceased brother. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren having partaken of some light refreshment and duly honoured the customary toasts, and also one to the memory of the late S.W. and Chaplain, departed to their respective homes.

PRIORY LODGE OF ACTON (No. 1996).—The third meeting of this new and prosperous lodge was held at the Royal Oak Assembly Rooms, Acton, on the 5th inst. Bro. William Roebuck, P.G.S., P.P.G.S.W. Middlesex, &c., W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. C. E. Botley, S.W.; Geo. Wright, J.W.; F. Botley, S.D.; E. Monson, J.D.; E. F. Earl, Treas.; E. H. Sugg, Sec.; J. Cammell, I.G.; A. Turner, D. of C.; Hodges, P.P.G.S.W. Berks and Bucks; J. J. Gunner, C. Pearce, F. Toynebee, J. Carolus, J. R. Ward, and H. W. Blake. The

visitors included Bros. H. Raymond Thrupp, P.M., G.A. D. of C., Deputy Prov. G.M. Middlesex; A. E. Baldwin, S.W. 366, G. Stwd. West Division South Wales; W. Hirst, 15; R. T. Relf, 1753; P. Monson, 1194; E. J. Ackworth, 1612; and J. L. Sherrin, 1494.

The lodge having been opened and the minutes of the former meeting read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bro. H. W. Blake as a joining member, which proved unanimous in his favour. The W.M. then passed Bro. J. R. Ward to the degree of a F.C. The W.M. presented the lodge with a handsome charity box, and a hearty vote of thanks having been accorded him for his present, the lodge was duly closed.

The brethren adjourned to the George and Dragon Hotel, and after partaking of the banquet, the W.M. gave the usual loyal toasts. In proposing the toast of the M.W.G.M., he alluded to the great interest the Prince of Wales always took in Masonry, and he felt sure the brethren would be glad to know that the M.W.G.M. had kindly consented to lay the foundation stone of the new wing to the Boys' School some time next year.

Bro. Monson then gave in capital style the new Masonic rendering of "God bless the Prince of Wales," copies of which had been kindly presented to the brethren by the W.M.

Bro. Roebuck, in proposing "The Grand Officers," spoke in very eulogistic terms respecting them all, and was pleased to think the Priory Lodge was honoured by the presence of Bro. Thrupp, whom he had known for a great number of years. He was a good worker in Masonry, not only in London, but in the province of Middlesex, where he occupied a very high position.

Bro. Thrupp, in reply, congratulated the brethren on having so able a brother to preside over them as their W.M. He had discharged his duties in a most satisfactory manner that evening, and it was evident that hearty good feeling and harmony prevailed under his ruling. Bro. Thrupp was very sorry that the Priory Lodge just happened to be outside the province in which he took an active interest. The "Health of the W.M." was then proposed by Bro. Thrupp, who assured the brethren it was hardly possible for him to say any more than he had already done in favour of Bro. Roebuck. He took a very active interest in the Craft, and more especially with regard to the Masonic charities. Whenever his hand was given to a brother, he might be sure it was the grasp of true friendship.

The W.M. responded in his usual happy manner, assuring the brethren that nothing should be wanting on his part in promoting the interests and the welfare of the Priory Lodge. He felt proud of the position he occupied, and as long as he had the support of those around him, there need not be any fear as to the future prosperity of the lodge.

The remaining toasts, "The New Joining Member, H. W. Blake," "The Visitors," and "The Officers," having been proposed and responded to, the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

Several songs were rendered during the evening, Bro. E. H. Sugg ably presiding at the pianoforte.

BOLTON.—Anchor and Hope Lodge (No. 37).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 5th inst., at the Swan Hotel. Present: Bros. G. J. P. Brockbank, P.P.G.S.D., and Grand Steward Scotland, W.M.; E. M. Garstang, I.P.M.; John Booth, S.W.; F. W. Pacey, P.P.G. Org. Berks and Bucks, J.W.; Rev. J. H. Gibbon, Chap.; Jas. Poynt, S.D.; W. H. Lomax, I.G.; J. W. Roiley, Tyler; Johnson Mills, P.M.; Rooke Pemmington, P.M.; John Morris, P.M.; W. M. Musgrave, R. Nightingale, Wm. Golding, M. Robinson, W. Gillibrand, Jas. Naylor, and Thos. Higson. Visitor: Bro. Peter Bradburn, J.W. 221.

The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, Bros. Robinson and Gillibrand were passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft by the W.M., and the working tools of the Degree were explained to them by the Senior Warden. Bro. Pacey, Mus. Bac. Oxon, J.W., to whose kindness the lodge is indebted for several ornamental additions to its furniture, presented an oak frame to enclose the four illuminated addresses which were presented to the lodge on the occasion of the sesqui-centennial festival in October last. The workmanship is entirely from the hands of the donor and executed by him in spare hours when not actively engaged in his arduous professional duties.

A very hearty vote of thanks was awarded to Bro. Pacey on the motion of Bro. Freeman, P.M., seconded by Bro. Rooke Pemmington, P.M.

The following is a description of the frame. The wood is three inches wide, with a flange of half an inch outside, surmounted by a pediment, in which is the sacred symbol or rays of glory, in carved fretwork; at the top of the frame proper, extending from one side to the other, is a conventional scroll in fretwork, laid on, with a medallion in the centre, having the Master's jewel carved on it, encircled by an imitation of rope; on the right and left of the frame are fluted Ionic columns, carved out of the solid, with lighted candles at the tops, the bases being cut into medallions similar to the one above, but having the jewels of the Wardens, Senior on the left and Junior on the right; the bottom of the frame is carved to represent the square pavement. Across the frame from side to side, and from top to bottom, are bars of fretwork, composed of a repetition of a simple volute in a border, joined in the centre by a medallion, having carved on it the number of the lodge (37), thus dividing the picture into four compartments, one for each address. The whole is of solid oak, and has been designed and, as we have before stated, personally executed by Bro. Pacey.

Some routine business was transacted, after which a portion of the ancient charges was read by the Senior Warden, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).—The second regular meeting of the session was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 1st inst., when the lodge was opened at 7.45 p.m. Unfortunately this was the day of the municipal elections, when there were several exciting contests, which caused the absence of many who are generally very regular in attendance, and some curtailment of the business. Present: Bros. Mercer, W.M.; Cater, I.P.M.; Ashley, P.M. and Treas.; Radway, P.M. and Sec.; T. Wilton, P.M., Dir. of Cers.; Capt. R. P. Floyd, P.M.; Dr. Hopkins, P.M.; F. Wilkinson, P.M., as S.W.; Ames, J.W.; W. Peach, S.D.; Bartlett, as J.D.; W. L. Baldwin, I.G.; Foote, Org.; Ackland and

Sidwell, as Stewards; and Bigwood, Tyler. Visitors: R. R. Cook, P.M. 355; C. Milsom, P.M. 53; Glover, W.M. 906; and Clements, 53. But few other members of the lodge attended.

Having opened the lodge and had the previous minutes read by the Secretary, and confirmed, the W.M. expressed his regret that at the October meeting, in the resumé which he had given of Masonic occurrences during the vacation, he had been guilty of an important omission. Referring to his notice of the celebration of the third jubilee of the lodge, he had totally forgotten the course which Bro. Dr. Hopkins had adopted in giving a Masonic banquet in honour of the event, of which there was thus no record among those of the lodge proceedings, and such an omission was the more remarkable because it was shared with other brethren, and because that brother had in a similar manner inaugurated the commencement of a series of interesting events in connection with the lodge three years ago, of which this is probably the last. He concluded by proposing a vote of thanks to Bro. Dr. Hopkins for his unique and generous conduct. This was seconded with a few similar remarks by Bro. Cater, I.P.M., and carried with acclamation, after Bro. Ashley, P.M., had jocosely acknowledged that in this matter all had been sinners, but if the worthy brother would again give them an opportunity, he thought he might guarantee that such neglect should not occur again.

Bro. Dr. Hopkins thanked the brethren for the compliment, at the same time remarking that he rather owed an apology to many of the members for his omission to invite them, which was contrary to his course on the former occasion. He had been compelled to limit his invitations of those belonging to the lodge to the P.M.s and officers, as he wished to include the chiefs of the Royal Cumberland R.A. and Mark Degrees, the W.M.s. of the other Bath lodges, and a few personal friends who were not connected with either of these bodies.

Bros. S. Collis, P.M. 925 and 1587, and C. Cornes, 1329, were successfully balloted for as joining members. The latter being present expressed his satisfaction at his reception in so distinguished and well worked a lodge, of which he hoped to prove himself a worthy and useful member. Bro. Chas. Baldwin having been presented as a candidate for the Second Degree, underwent a searching examination as to his proficiency, very many questions being put to him, which he answered so accurately and promptly as to elicit hearty commendation by acclamation and a few approving remarks from the Secretary in anticipation of the position he may at no distant period attain by pursuance of such a course. Bro. C. Baldwin was then entrusted and dismissed for preparation. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and on the return of the candidate he was duly passed as a F.C. by the W.M., who also explained the working tools, performing the ceremony remarkably well, especially after the excitement of the day, which rendered the brethren so impatient for dismissal that the delivery of the charge and lecture was postponed. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree.

Bro. Dr. Hopkins narrated the honour and substantial support which had been conferred upon Bro. W. J. Hughan, the well known Masonic historian and archaeologist, by the Cornish brethren, in the presentation to him of a handsome Prov. Grand Secretary's jewel and a purse containing £275, on his leaving the province on account of the climate. He stated that many brethren in other districts had been anxious to join in this testimony to his merits by reason of the services he had rendered to the Craft in general, but that these offers had been politely declined. In consequence of this limitation, a proposal had been made by the eminent Bro. Whythead, of York, that an effort should be made throughout the country to raise a large fund, which might adequately represent the appreciation of Bro. Hughan's labours and researches extending over many years, the publication of which suggestion in the *Freemason* had produced many favourable responses, and steps towards the formation of an influential Committee in London, as recorded on page 536 of that journal on October, 27th, which Dr. Hopkins read and commended to the notice of those present, adding that Bro. Hughan being an honorary member of No. 41, and having on several occasions rendered valuable assistance in various ways, had great claims on the brethren, and therefore it was most fitting that this lodge should be among the foremost to join in the movement. Dr. Hopkins concluded by giving notice of the following proposition for consideration at the next lodge meeting, the W.M. offering to second it: "A suggestion having been publicly made that the present is a fitting opportunity to recognise the great services rendered to the Craft by the W. Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D. of England, in having devoted so much of his time and talents to investigations in Masonic archaeology during nearly a quarter of a century. That in the event of a scheme being carried out for presenting a substantial proof of the general appreciation of the eminent services of Bro. Hughan, and with a view to enable him to continue his researches unfettered by other engagements, a sum not exceeding five guineas be voted by the Royal Cumberland Lodge, No. 41, as a contribution to the fund, in addition to any subscriptions from individual members of the lodge."

The W.M. urgently requested the brethren to attend the intermediate meetings for instruction, stating that on the last occasion not a single officer or P.M. was present, and that therefore all the chairs were occupied by younger members, who had discharged their duties most creditably. In this way only could they hope for promotion to office in the lodge. A vote of thanks to the visitors was received with acclamation and responded to by Bros. Cook and Glover, who commended the manner in which the proceedings had been conducted, by which they hoped to profit in their own lodges. The lodge was finally closed at 9.15.

BOLTON.—St. John's Lodge (No. 221).—A meeting of emergency was held on Tuesday evening, the 30th ult., there being present Bros. John Isherwood, W.M.; Jabez Bootroyd, I.P.M.; Edwin Melrose, S.W.; Peter Bradburn, J.W.; G. P. Brockbank, P.P.G.S.D., G. Stwd. Scotland, Treas.; Charles Crompton, S.D.; James Walker, J.D.; W. Chambers, I.G.; W. Siddons and R. Cuerden, Stwds.; H. J. Briscoe, Org.; and Thos. Higson, Tyler; also Bros. Thomas Morris, P.M.; E. M. Makin, R. J. Chirnside, and J. R. Haslam.

The purpose of the meeting was to pass Bro. Makin to the Second Degree, and this ceremony having been performed by the W.M., and the working tools of the degree explained by the S.W., the lodge was closed.

PLUMSTEAD.—Pattison Lodge (No. 913).—The first regular meeting of the above lodge since the installation of Bro. R. Edmonds, W.M., in July last, took place on Thursday, the 1st inst., at the High School for Boys, Brook Hill. The W.M. opened the lodge, and among the brethren present were Bros. H. Mason, I.P.M.; C. A. Ellis-Fermor, P.M.; C. Coupland, P.M., P.P.G. J.W. Kent, Treas.; A. Penfold, P.M.; E. Denton, P.M., Prov. G.S.D. Kent, Sec.; H. J. Butter, P.M., P.P.G. R. Kent; T. D. Hayes, P.M.; W. B. Lloyd, P.M.; R. J. Cook, P.M.; E. Palmer, J.W.; T. R. Richardson, J.D.; C. Lawson, I.G.; F. Johnson, W.S.; J. J. Gould, 1685; A. Lee, 1536; J. H. Roberts, W.M. 700; G. Kennedy, W.M. 1536; A. Saunders, S.W. 1536; J. Purcell, 1536; R. Hodgkisson, P.M. 13; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*).

The business before the lodge consisted of the balloting for Mr. W. Charlesworth, who upon approval was initiated. Bro. H. H. Grafton was then passed, both ceremonies being admirably performed by the W.M., while the introduction of occasional music and chanting by the Organist, Bro. W. Bramwell-Ledger, and Bros. Richardson, Lawson, and Sanders, added increased solemnity to the working. An application from the widow of a late brother was read, and Past Masters Butter, Coupland, Fermor, and the W.M. bore testimony to the good suit and service the deceased had done both in the lodge and chapter. Ten guineas were voted from the lodge funds for the widow's immediate relief, while, to show that charity is something more than a name with the "Pattison's," the sum of £20 and a few shillings was gathered for the widow among the members present.

The lodge was then closed and a banquet partaken of in an adjoining room. On re-assembling round the social board the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts which were duly honoured. The toast of "The Prov. G.M., Lord Holmesdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers," was coupled with the name of Bro. Butter, who in responding, thanked the brethren for the handsome sum collected in the lodge for the cause of charity.

The Worshipful Master in responding to a hearty reception of his name, said that was his first night in such an important role, and he trusted he had not thrown a shadow over the chair he then occupied.

In responding for "The Past Masters" Bro. Ellis Fermor referred to the unanimity and truly Masonic feeling that prevailed in the lodge, and trusted that feeling would long continue.

The other toasts were "The Initiate," "The Visitors," responded to by Bro. Kennedy; "The Officers," and Tyler's toast. Some really good music enlivened the proceedings.

LEIGH.—Marquis of Lorne Lodge (No. 1354).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at their rooms in Hope-street, on Wednesday, the 7th inst. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Wm. Charles Freeman. At the usual time the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. James Jackson, P.M., P.G.A.D.C., who duly installed Bro. Joseph Kerfoot, S.W., as W.M. in a very impressive manner. The addresses were delivered by Bro. Starkie, P.M. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. Wm. Charles Freeman, I.P.M.; James Charlton, S.W.; Thomas Banks, J.W.; Wm. Bryce, Treas.; Joseph Hartley, Sec.; W. H. Horrocks, S.D.; W. H. Pennington, J.D.; Thomas Yarwood, I.G.; Robert McGregor, Wm. Smith, and Joseph Jackson, Stwds. A joining member was proposed and notice given that he would be nominated for the office of Tyler at the next meeting. A candidate for initiation having been proposed the lodge was closed in due form and the brethren adjourned to the dining room and partook of an excellent dinner. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were well received. Some excellent songs and recitations were given during the evening by the brethren, and a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close with the Tyler's toast and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

NORTH WOOLWICH.—Henley Lodge (No. 1472).—The regular monthly meeting of the above lodge was held at the Three Crowns Hotel, on Tuesday, the 6th inst., Bro. A. J. Manning, P.M. and P.P.G.S.D. Essex, Treas., presiding, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. V. J. Holloway, W.M. Among the other brethren present were Bros. E. West, P.M. and P.P.G.P. Herts; J. Ives, P.M., Sec.; C. T. Lewis, S.W.; A. Ives, J.W.; J. Paul, I.G.; M. Kaul, W.S.; E. Eyres, W.M. 742; C. J. Grover, 742; J. Gaskell, P.M. 1076; W. Scorge, 54; J. Wildred, 949; J. Carte, J.D. 1687; and C. Jolly, S.D. (*Freemason*).

The minutes of the last meeting were passed, and Messrs. H. Vallum and W. D. M'Ginness were, upon approval, initiated. Bro. Burton was raised and the lodge was closed. After a capital supper the brethren passed an hour or two in social harmony.

LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—An emergency meeting of the members of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Thursday afternoon, the 8th inst., under the presidency of Bro. J. L. Shrapnell, W.M., who was supported by Bros. William Savage, I.P.M.; John Atkinson, P.M.; Richard Burgess, S.W.; J. M. Boyd, J.W.; J. B. M'Kenzie, P.M., Treas.; Josef Cantor, Sec.; O. W. Sanderson, S.D.; J. Orr Marples, I.G.; H. Round and E. H. Allen, Stwds.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. Amongst the members present were Bros. W. Hildyard, Owen Dacroy, Lewis Hughes, Eaton Batty, Dr. Frank Macpherson, Dr. J. B. Macpherson, David Cumming, Edward Graham, P. Buck, J. Bramham, John Bayliss, Rev. Tudor Rogers, D. Fleming, J. Rawsthorne, and W. J. Campion. The list of visitors included the names of Bros. J. Devaynes, P.M. 667; W. J. Nugent, 125 I.C.; W. Newsome, 86 and P.M. 1384; S. H. Hartley, 86; C. F. Ryan, 477; T. A. Jackson, 1264; and George Ledger, 1013.

After the lodge had been duly opened, the ballot was taken for the election of Mr. William Thomas Withy, professionally known as Mr. W. T. Hemsley, connected with Miss Florence St. John's combination; Mr. Joseph Jones, jun.; and Mr. Richard Ball, musical conductor, Theatre Royal, Hartlepool. The W.M. declared the candidates unanimously elected. Mr. Hemsley, and Messrs Brown, Newland, and Wallace, the celebrated trio of coloured comedians, who were duly elected at a previous meeting, being now in attendance, were initiated into the Order by

Bro. J. L. Shrapnell, W.M., who was ably assisted by his principal and subordinate officers, the whole of the ceremony being most impressively performed. After the transaction of the emergency business, the brethren adjourned from labour to refreshment, again very satisfactorily supplied by Bro. W. Vines, P.P.G.D.C. During the pleasant after-dinner proceedings, several capital songs and recitations were given by Bros. Eaton Batty, Josef Cantor, W. T. Hemsley, J. Macpherson, W. Savage, Owen Dacroy, Newland, Wallace, and others.

FRODSHAM.—Cholmondeley Lodge (No. 1908).—The annual installation meeting of the members of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at the Commercial Hotel. This lodge, which was started two years ago, has fully justified the reasons given for its consecration, as it now enjoys a prosperous existence, and holds a position with regard to membership quite equal to any in the province of Cheshire, so admirably governed by Bro. Lord de Tabley. All connected with the lodge are earnest Masons, and there is little doubt its future career will still further evidence the true spirit of Freemasonry. The lodge was opened by Bro. G. H. Danby, the retiring W.M., who was supported by Bros. J. K. Digges, P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. J. Yapp, S.W.; H. E. Heywood, J.W.; J. J. Radford, Sec.; John Ashton, S.D.; T. Hitchin, J.D.; C. H. Lewin, I.G.; J. Roberts, Tyler; J. Humphreys, J. R. Tomlinson, P.M. 368; J. Salmon, P.P.G.S.D.; W. Garnett, and J. Brandreth. The visitors present included Bros. F. Thomas, P.M. 721; T. Knowles, S.W. 721; H. Ellis, W.M. 721; J. Lockwood, 758; A. Parker, 425; R. Edwards, 758; J. B. Mackenzie, P.M., Treas. 1609; J. C. Robinson, P.M. 249; C. W. Duncan, W.M. 425; and S. W. Ramsden, S.W. 425.

After the transaction of some preliminary business, Bro. John Yapp was presented for installation, and the first portion of the ceremony was performed by the retiring Master, Bro. G. H. Danby. The chair was subsequently taken by Bro. J. Salmon, who in an effective manner concluded the duties of Installing Master. The following brethren were subsequently invested: Bros. G. H. Danby, I.P.M., Treas.; H. E. Heywood, S.W.; J. J. Radford, J.W.; J. Ashton, Sec.; T. H. Hitchin, S.D.; C. H. Lewin, J.D.; J. Humphreys, Org.; J. Acton, I.G.; and J. Roberts, Tyler.

After business the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet. The Worshipful Master gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts in brief and pointed terms, and during the evening a highly enjoyable musical programme was given by Bros. Humphreys, Knowles, Ormer, and Robinson.

SOUTH SHIELDS.—Hadrian Lodge (No. 1970).—On Tuesday afternoon, the 6th inst., the installation meeting of the above lodge took place at Freemasons' Hall, for the purpose of installing Bro. Wm. Davidson, S.W., and W.M. elect. The lodge was opened by Bro. T. Coulson, W.M., P.M., P.P.G.J.D., assisted by Bros. Thos. Potter, P.M., as I.P.M.; J. J. Athey, P.M., S.W.; W. Davidson, J.W.; J. H. Morton, P.M., Treas.; J. Heppell, Sec.; Walter Ross, S.D.; M. J. Wheatley, J.D.; J. Robertson, P.M., P.P.G.P., D. of C.; J. R. Walker Hopper, I.G.; and J. Brown, Tyler. Among the visiting brethren were Bros. T. Y. Strachan, P.P.G.J.W.; J. Eggleston, P.M. 949; C. McNamara, W.M. 97; J. H. Thompson, W.M. 240; T. G. Mabane, P.M. 240; P. Thompson, W.M. Tyne Lodge; J. C. Moor, S.W. 97; Chadwick, S.W. Perseverance; and others.

The ballot having been successfully taken for Bro. George Harland, 156, as a joining member, Bro. Jos. Robertson, P.M., P.P.G.P., assumed the position of Installing Master, and Bro. Thos. Coulson, the W.M., as the first Master of the lodge, presented Bro. Wm. Davidson, S.W. and W.M. elect, to the Installing Master, and Bro. Davidson having signified assent to the various charges, and having been duly obligated, the brethren below the dais retired, and during their absence he was installed in the chair of K.S. The brethren having been summoned, the newly-installed W.M. was proclaimed and saluted in the customary manner. The ceremony was very efficiently performed by Bro. Robertson, P.M. The W.M. then invested the following officers for the ensuing year: Bros. T. Coulson, I.P.M.; W. Ross, S.W.; M. J. Wheatley, J.W.; J. H. Morton, P.M., Treas.; John Heppell, Sec.; J. R. Walker Hopper, S.D.; C. Wawn, J.D.; J. Robertson, P.M., D. of C.; W. Dalziel, I.G.; E. J. Gibbon, Org.; J. Brown, Tyler; W. Woolner, S.S.; J. H. Inkster, J.S.; and the Rev. Harris, P.G.C., Chap.

The W.M. also presented, on behalf of the lodge, Bro. T. Coulson, P.P.G.J.D., with a complete dress set of P.G.L. clothing, in acknowledgment of his eminent services to the lodge as its first W.M. Bro. Davidson in making that presentation said the brethren had the greatest pleasure in uniting to show this mark of the regard in which they held Bro. Coulson, the first Master of the lodge. He invested Bro. Coulson with the collar and jewel, apron, and gauntlets of a P.G.D., amid the hearty applause of the brethren. They wished him long life and good health to wear the clothing, and they hoped they would always convey to his mind the high esteem the brethren held him in during the year he had presided in the chair of the new lodge (the Hadrian), and the manner in which he had aided and carried out the formation of the lodge.

Bro. Coulson in responding said he could hardly express his pleasure at being the recipient of such a token of their regard. He was glad the way in which he had done his duty had met with the approbation of the Hadrian Lodge. He had taken a great interest in its welfare from the commencement and he was pleased to see the lodge in such a prosperous position at the end of its first year of existence. There was one thing that had given him great satisfaction, that was the efforts of the officers and brethren of the lodge to make it a success. It must be a source of satisfaction to know they had succeeded, and it had been a pleasure to him to assist the lodge, and they had shown their good feeling towards him by such a tangible expression of their kindness as the presentation was. He thanked the officers most heartily for their assistance during the past year, and trusted the lodge would be in the future what it had been in the past, that was one of mutual good fellowship and enjoyment.

The "Hearty good Wishes" of several lodges were then tendered to the W.M., after which the lodge was duly closed.

The annual festival of the lodge was afterwards held at the Golden Lion (Bro. T. Lauderdale's), when an excellent repast was partaken of. The W.M. was in the chair, and

Bros. the S.W. and J.W. occupied their proper positions. The W.M. was supported by Bros. Coulson, P.M.; Mabane, P.M.; Athey, P.M.; Potter, P.M.; Strachan, P.M.; Robertson, P.M.; G. Hardy, P.M., P.G.A.D. of C.; G. S. Shotton, P.M.; and others. A very pleasant evening was spent.

INSTRUCTION.

FRIARS LODGE (No. 1349).—The Fifteen Sections were worked on the 23rd ult., at Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, E. Bro. W. Richardson, 174, was the presiding officer, and was assisted by Bros. B. Cundick, P.M., as S.W.; W. H. Myers, P.M., as J.W., Bro. Musto, the worthy Preceptor, being compelled by business to be absent. Bro. B. Stewart very ably officiated as I.P.M.; the whole of the working was capitally rendered and might fitly be termed a Masonic treat to the numerous assemblage of brethren. The following brethren joined the lodge: Bros. A. Levy, 25; I. Levy, 1668; J. Lancaster, 1668; R. F. E. Hopkins, 749; G. Larcombe, 174; Wm. Mead, 504; C. Relf, 554; J. J. Pearson, 1716; and J. Lee Dale, 933. Votes of thanks to Bros. Cundick and Myers were passed and the meeting terminated.

ROYAL ARTHUR LODGE (No. 1360).—The Fifteen Sections were worked at the above lodge at the Prince of Wales Hotel, on Thursday, the 8th inst. Present: Bros. E. Standen, W.M.; T. Mason, S.W.; Sibley, J.W.; W. Moorman, S.D.; O'Connell, J.D.; Rose, I.G.; G. King, P.M., P.Z., Preceptor; W. H. Wingfield, Sec.; Walton, G. Carter, J. Roffey, Hullett, Samson, Coppard, Herne, Shelly, Durham, Laws, P.M.; Magee, P.M.; W. Moorman and J. O. Carter.

Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. First Lecture—First Section, Bro. W. H. Wingfield; Second, Bro. G. Moorman; Third, Bro. W. H. Wingfield; Fourth, Bro. E. Standen; Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh, Bro. T. Mason, P.M. Second Lecture—First Section, Bro. W. Moorman; Second, Bro. G. King, P.M., P.Z.; Third, Bro. T. Mason, P.M.; Fourth, Bro. E. Standen; Fifth, Bro. W. H. Wingfield. Third Lecture—First Section, Bro. W. H. Wingfield; Second, Bro. Sibley; Third, Bro. W. H. Wingfield. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree. It was proposed, seconded, and unanimously carried, that a cordial vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for the very able manner in which Bro. E. Standen had presided, who returned thanks. Nothing further offering the lodge was closed in due form.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 12th inst., at the Fountains Abbey, 111, Praed-street, Paddington. Present: Bros. H. C. Rhind, W.M.; A. Hardy, S.W.; Vincent, J.W.; G. Read, Preceptor, Treas.; C. S. Mote, Sec. (pro tem); Lawrence, S.D.; Chalfont, J.D.; Ferris, I.G.; Vincent, Steward; Stroud, Mason, Wood, Phillips, Perry, Nicols, Festa, Coop, Green, Simpson, Wickens, Smout, jun., Death, Cockayne, J. Reid, and Humphress.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Phillips being the candidate, who afterwards answered the questions leading to the Second Degree. Bro. Read, Preceptor, then worked the First and Third Sections of the Lecture. Bro. Vincent rehearsed the ceremony of installing the officers, and Bro. Read, Preceptor, followed with the addresses. Bros. John Middleton Chapman, 907, and John March, S.W. 27, were elected members. Bro. Hardy was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The W.M. having risen for the second time a vote of thanks was proposed by Bro. Nicols in favour of Bro. Read for the splendid manner he had rehearsed the addresses, and the same was ordered to be recorded on the minutes. The lodge was then closed in perfect harmony.

ECCLESTON LODGE (No. 1624).—On Saturday evening, the 3rd inst., Bro. Jas Stevens, P.M., P.Z., &c., gave his highly interesting and instructive lecture on the First Degree in Freemasonry at the King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, to a large assembly of brethren in this popular lodge of instruction. The chair of W.M. was occupied by Bro. D. H. McLeod, P.M. 1624, Preceptor of the lodge, supported by Bros. Edward Powell, P.M. 1624, as S.W., and R. Bottle, J.W. 1624, as J.W. The lodge having been opened in the First Degree the W.M. in a few words introduced Bro. James Stevens, P.M., to the brethren. After some introductory remarks on the desirability of unity of working the ceremonials of the Craft, and referring to efforts which had been made during a number of years for the attainment of that end, Bro. Stevens proceeded with his lecture, commencing with the opening of the lodge he continued through the whole ceremony of initiation, explaining in a clear and lucid manner many points of interest, showing divergencies in various rituals as practised by lodges in different parts of the country, and giving good and substantial reasons for correcting fallacies therein. The able and eloquent lecturer was listened to with wrapt attention for a space of two hours by an appreciative and delighted audience. At the conclusion of the lecture Bro. J. C. Flattely, P.M. 1624, proposed a most cordial vote of thanks to Bro. James Stevens, P.M., for his interesting lecture, and that he be elected an honorary member of the lodge of instruction. In doing so he expressed the satisfaction and delight of the brethren in listening to the lecture. He was happy to find that the working of Eccleston Lodge was very little at variance with the lecturer's ideas; in essentials, indeed, he could trace no difference, but only in minor matters of detail, to which serious importance could not be attached.

Bro. W. Vincent, P.M. 1624, seconded the resolution, expressing a general concurrence in the remarks of the proposer. The resolution having been carried by acclamation, the W.M. took occasion to thank Bro. Stevens, on behalf of all the brethren, for his services. As Preceptor of the lodge he was gratified to find that the Eccleston Lodge working was so near perfection in the eyes of so distinguished a brother. Although he could not fall in with all his views on minor points, yet he was prepared to give consideration to such as would certainly tend to correct fallacies that may have crept in, without radically affecting the system of working that had been adopted by the lodge since its foundation.

Bro. Stevens briefly thanked the brethren for their attention during the lecture, and the compliments paid him by the foregoing speakers, and expressed his willingness to repeat the lecture in any lodge or lodge of instruction, in or out of London, desirous of hearing it.

This lodge meets every Saturday, at 7 o'clock, at the King's Head, Ebury-bridge. All brethren are invited.

NEW FINSBURY PARK LODGE (No. 1695).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Hornsey Wood Tavern, on Tuesday, the 6th inst. Present: Bros. Follett, W.M.; Davies, Preceptor; Hall, S.W.; Hilditch, J.W.; Bolt, S.D.; Smethurst, J.D.; Berry, Sec.; Haynes, I.G.; Stead, Gush, Morris, Russell, Lewin, Fetch, and Mallett.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Russell having offered himself as a candidate the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The First Section of the Third Lecture was then worked by Bro. G. Morris. Bro. Hall was then elected to fill the chair at the next meeting, and all business being ended the lodge was closed.

The meeting for the present week was held on Tuesday last, when there were present Bros. Hall, W.M.; Davies, Preceptor; H. Morris, S.W.; Bolt, J.W.; Berry, Sec.; Smethurst, S.D.; Haynes, J.D.; Moon, I.G.; Fenner, Follett, Scott, Fetch, Aldis, Flack, and Lewin. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed. Bro. Aldis having offered himself as a candidate, the ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed. The First and Second Sections of the First Lecture were then very ably worked by Bro. H. Morris, who was afterwards unanimously elected to fill the chair at the next meeting, and all business being ended the lodge was closed and adjourned to Tuesday evening next at eight o'clock.

BRIXTON LODGE (No. 1949).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday last, the 6th inst., at the Prince Regent Hotel (Bro. Monk's), Dulwich-road, East Brixton, when there was a good attendance of brethren to witness the ceremony of installation, rehearsed by the worthy and esteemed Preceptor, Bro. E. A. Francis. Bro. Francis, as W.M., was supported by the following brethren: Bros. C. H. Phillips, S.W.; G. W. Knight, J.W.; Thos. Poore, P.M., as I.P.M.; Henry M. Williams, Sec.; A. E. Albert, S.D.; A. Jones, J.D.; G. C. Banks, I.G.; also Bros. James Stevens, P.M. 1216; Hy. Lovegrove, P.M. 1949; A. Storr, P.M. 1618; H. Hooper, Richard Poore, P. M. Hakim, S. Richardson, F. Hill, W. Miller, H. Taylor, and G. Brotheridge.

Lodge was opened in due form and the Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting which were unanimously confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Richard Poore, as M.C., presented Bro. Richardson as W.M. elect, and Bro. Francis as the retiring W.M., and installing Master proceeded with and completed the ceremony of installation (excepting that portion relating to the Board of Installed Masters.) Bro. Richardson as W.M., appointed as his officers the brethren as before mentioned.

Bro. Williams, Secretary, efficiently acted as Organist, accompanying the various portions of the evening's work with very beautiful harmonies.

A cordial vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Francis for the very efficient manner in which he had rehearsed the installation ceremony and further for his valuable services to the lodge as Preceptor.

Bro. Francis thanked the brethren for the vote of thanks and said their regular attendance showed their appreciation of his work as Preceptor, and it was a great source of satisfaction to him and most encouraging to the permanent officers of the lodge.

Bro. Phillips was elected W.M. for the ensuing week and appointed officers in rotation. After "Hearty good wishes" from the brethren the lodge was closed.

Being the first Tuesday of the month, the monthly meeting of the Benevolent Association was held after the lodge of instruction closed. The President, Bro. Francis, occupied the chair. The Secretary, Bro. Hooper, read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were duly passed. Bro. Richardson, Treasurer, announced he had funds in hand to provide for three ballots of £5 5s. each. These were afterwards taken by Bros. W. Hopekirk, W.M. 1986; H. Taylor, 177; and G. Manning, 177. A vote of thanks to the President closed the proceedings. With the above £15 15s. the Association has sent up to the Masonic Charities £105 in about six months. This is surely an example which might encourage other lodges of instruction to follow, and we might say also many regular Craft lodges and chapters. By a small regular payment, weekly or monthly, all Masons might become in a few years Life Subscribers or Governors of all, or at least one, of our grand Charities, and almost without any special effort or material detriment to other responsibilities.

Royal Arch.

PANMURE CHAPTER (No. 720).—A regular convocation of this chapter was holden at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, on Monday evening, the 12th inst. The following were present: Comps. B. R. Bryant, M.E.Z.; J. S. Terry, H.; J. W. Watts, J.; James Stevens, P.Z.; R. N. Field, P.Z.; M. S. Larham, P.Z., Treas.; Thomas Poore, P.Z., Scribe E.; H. Baldwin, Scribe N.; Charles Holcroft, as P.S.; H. C. Jefferys, Asst. Soj.; G. Harrison, Janitor; W. H. Bechley, and others.

Bro. Henry Aubrey Woodwell, 193, was the only candidate for exaltation on this occasion. The work of all the officers concerned in the rendering of the beautiful ceremony of the Royal Arch was most perfect and left nothing to be desired. Especially may be noticed the admirable work of Comp. Holcroft as P.S., in which he was letter perfect, although but three months advanced in the Order. A notice of motion having been given for changing the date of the summer convocation from August to July the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to banquet, which was provided and served by the host, Bro. Buxton, in excellent style. A most enjoyable evening was spent, under the genial presidency of Comp. Bryant, the M.E.Z., and the proceedings closed in perfect harmony.

KENNINGTON CHAPTER (No. 1381).—This prosperous chapter met at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on the 1st inst. Among those present were Comps. H. Higgins, I.P.Z., in the First Principal's chair; W. P. Webb, H. Köhler, J.; G. Everett, jun., S.E.; Appleton, S.N.; Cruse, 2nd Asst.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., P.Z.; H. J. Lardner, Palmer, and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed the S.E. reported that letters of condolence had been sent to the widows of the late Comps. Speedy, M.E.Z. at the time of his lamented decease, and Marsden, and that a reply had been received from Mrs. Speedy. Several letters of apology for non-attendance having been read the chapter was closed and the companions adjourned to refreshment. Upon the removal of the cloth a few toasts were given by the acting M.E.Z. in a genial but commendably brief manner, and having been duly honoured and responded to the proceedings terminated.

BURNLEY.—Nativity Chapter (No. 116).—The annual installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Bull Hotel on Wednesday, the 7th inst. The chapter was opened by Comps. R. W. Waterson, Z.; J. Bollard, H.; and B. Whittaker, J. There were also present Comps. R. Nelson, P.Z.; John Harrison, S.E.; T. S. Radcliffe, S.N.; R. Harrison, P.S.; G. Oldman, 1st Asst. Soj.; Mossop, P.Z., P.P.G.D. of C. West Lancashire, Treas.; John Knowles, S. Brown, T. Horsfield, J. Sharrocks, and G. Robinson, Janitor. Visitors: Comps. J. H. Sillitoe, P.Z. 116, 645, 1387, P.G.J.; John Chadwick, P.Z. 152, P.G.S.E.; H. B. Carey, J.; J. Townsend, H. Walker, and E. Bird.

After the minutes of the previous meeting and a meeting of emergency had been read and confirmed, Comps. Nelson, P.Z., proposed, and Comp. Robt. Harrison seconded, a resolution as follows: "That, inasmuch as some old documents and books belonging to the chapter had been discovered and placed in the hands of Comp. Sillitoe for perusal, and he being of opinion that there was reasonable grounds for applying to Grand Chapter for a centenary warrant, that a petition be adopted, signed, and presented to Grand Chapter for that purpose."

Comp. Sillitoe gave some explanation of the contents of the old documents, and stated that there was no doubt that the chapter was constituted on the 12th May, 1769 (the same day as the Cana Chapter, Colne), and was then No. 4, and from the regularity with which the records had been kept and the names of the companions registered, he entertained strong hopes of attaining the desired end. At the same time he warned them against being too sanguine, as some little difficulties might crop up. He also mentioned that the Prov. Grand Superintendent, M.E. Comp. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, was very favourable to the application being made, and regretted that other engagements prevented his being present to sign the petition in open chapter.

The resolution was carried with acclamation, and the petition signed by the members present.

The Principals elect, viz., Comps. John Bollard, Z.; B. Whittaker, H.; and Robert Harrison, J., were presented to Comp. Sillitoe for exaltation, and were by him inducted into their respective chairs in accordance with the ancient rites and ceremonies of this Supreme Degree. Comp. Sillitoe afterwards invested the following officers, viz.: Comps. G. Oldman, S.E.; J. Harrison, S.N.; T. S. Radcliffe, P.S.; S. Brown, 1st Asst. Soj.; T. Horsfield, 2nd Asst. Soj.; John Knowles, Treas.; and C. Robinson, Janitor.

At the conclusion of the ceremony a vote of thanks to Comps. Sillitoe and Chadwick for their attendance and services was proposed and unanimously carried.

The chapter was then closed and the companions adjourned to an excellent banquet served under the personal superintendence of mine host and hostess, Comp. and Mrs. Sutcliffe.

INSTRUCTION.

EARL OF CARNARVON CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 1642).—The second autumn meeting of this chapter was holden at the Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, on Tuesday, the 6th inst., when the several Principals' chairs were occupied respectively by E. Comps. Captain A. Nicols, as Z.; S. Parkhouse, as H.; and T. C. Edmonds, of the North London Chapter, as J. Comp. Rogers took the office of Principal Sojourner and Comp. Stroud acted as Scribe E. The faithful old "Billy Rufun" (of H.M.S. Bellerophon), Robert Schofield, was, as usual, at his post as Janitor. With such a staff of well-known Royal Arch workers the companions present felt sure of an excellent and perfect rendering of the beautiful ceremony of exaltation, nor were they disappointed, for E. Comp. Captain Nicols exceeded himself on this occasion, especially in the mystical lecture, which he delivered in a finely-toned didactic manner, which rivetted the attention of all present, and for which he received the hearty applause of the Preceptor of the chapter and of the numerous companions present. Comp. S. Parkhouse was in perfect form in the symbolical lecture of H., and was afterwards unanimously elected to the chair of Z. for the December meetings. It must be noted that Comps. Edmonds and Rogers performed their parts of the ceremony in the strictly correct manner for which they are so generally credited.

This chapter of improvement numbers amongst its members many distinguished Royal Arch Masons, and some of the most regular attendants live at a far distance. As the working is always so perfect, and the furniture and appointments of the chapter so good, these fortnightly meetings offer a very excellent opportunity to all Royal Arch Masons in the neighbourhood of perfecting themselves in this beautiful ceremony and of fitting themselves for office in their respective regular chapters. We wish Comp. G. Davis a continuation of his success as Preceptor.

Mark Masonry.

LIVERPOOL.—West Lancashire Lodge (No. 65).—On Wednesday, the 7th inst., this lodge held its annual meeting at the Adelphi Hotel. There was a large gathering. The chair was taken by Bro. John Williams, and the chief business was the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Joseph Jenaway, I.P.M. 249, who was presented by Bros. R. Reader, P.M., and John Williams, W.M. The ceremony was effectively performed by Bro. John

Hayes, P.G.S.B. The following officers were invested for the ensuing year: Bros. John Williams, I.P.M.; W. Brackenbury, S.W.; D. Davies, J.W.; D. W. Caugley, M.O.; John Pye, S.O.; H. B. Browne, J.O.; T. Clark, P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; E. King Ellison, R. of M.; J. W. Ballard, Sec.; J. C. Sparr, S.D.; J. L. Stoughton, J.D.; John Hayes, P.P.G.J.D., M.C.; Robert Foote, Chap.; Thomas Dilcock, I.G.; James Keet, S.S.; R. G. Bradley, J.S.; Thomas Trevitt, A.S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. Twelve brethren were advanced during the evening's proceedings.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

MOUNT CALVARY CHAPTER (D).—A convocation of this old and distinguished chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, on the 9th inst. Among those present were Ill. Bro. Alfred Williams, 30th, M.W.S.; Ex. Bros. T. C. Walls, H.P.; F. Driver, 1st General; Gardiner, R.; Lott, Org.; Anderson, D.C.; D. M. Dewar, P.M.W.S., Recorder; Ill. Bros. C. Driver, P.M.W.S.; Dr. Coffin, P.M.W.S.; W. Paas, P.M.W.S.; H. J. Lardner, T. Poore, W. Lake, and others. Ill. Bro. Godson was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed the ballot was taken upon behalf of Bros. G. P. Festa, P.M. 1900; Charles Belton, No. 1; E. B. Woodhouse, 1653; and proving to be unanimous, they were duly perfected by Ill. Bro. Charles Driver. The Recorder having read numerous letters of apology from absent members the convocation was closed and the brethren adjourned to the Café Royal, where a most excellent banquet was partaken of. The usual toasts followed. "The Health of the M.W.S." was warmly proposed by Ill. Bro. C. Driver. The M.W. having replied then gave "The Newly-Perfected Brethren." Bros. Festa, Belton, and Woodhouse having duly acknowledged the compliment, the toast of "The Visitors" followed, coupled with the name of Ill. Bro. Godson, who replied. "The Past M.W. Sovereigns" responded to by Ill. Bro. C. Driver, and "The Officers," acknowledged by Ex. Bro. T. C. Walls, brought the proceedings to a conclusion.

Knights Templar.

RICHMOND.—Harcourt Preceptory (No. 74).—This distinguished preceptory held a meeting at the Greyhound Hotel, on Friday, the 26th ult. Among those in attendance were Sir Kts. Gooding, E.P.; the Rev. Ambrose Hall, P.E.P.; Raymond Thrupp, P.E.P.; Frank Richardson, P.E.P., Treas.; Martin, Lawrence, Glynes, Wilson, Lethbridge, and others. The visitors were Sir Kts. Donald Dewar, P.E.C., &c., Mount Calvary; and T. C. Walls, P.E.C., &c., Mount Calvary.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken upon behalf of Bro. Edmund Woodhouse, of New South Wales, and it proving to be unanimous he was duly and most impressively installed as a knight of the Order by Sir Kt. the Rev. A. Hall. The election of officers for the ensuing year then took place as follows: Sir Kts. Lethbridge, E.P.; Frank Richardson, Treas.; and Harrison, Equerry. The preceptory was then closed and the sir knights adjourned to the banquet. A few toasts followed.



The Pandora Theatre has been bought by the proprietor of the Café Royal, but whether he is going to open it as a theatre or a restaurant is not known at present.

The "Glass of Fashion" at the Globe has passed its fiftieth performance and seems now to have settled down for a good run.

To the memory of our esteemed Bro. Edward Saker a handsome marble monument has been erected in the Liverpool Cemetery. Bro. Saker was for many years the lessee of the principal Liverpool theatre.

"Glad Tidings" is still being played to crowded houses at the "Standard." It is not often that a piece can be played for a length of time at an East-end theatre. The frequenters like variety. "Glad Tidings" is a drama possessing sterling merit. It has passed its fiftieth representation. Miss Amy Steinberg (Mrs. John Douglass) has just been presented with a handsome bracelet by the Company acting with her, in commemoration of the long run of the piece.

Mr. Charles Duval will next week present his 100th performance in London of his very successful entertainment in the New Drawing Room of St. James's Hall. He has made arrangements to continue his entertainment, giving extra day performances every Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday, which have been largely attended. He has added to his already successful programme some new impersonations, the speaking likenesses of Colonel Burnaby, Lord Wolseley, Lord Randolph Churchill, Mr. Irving, and "Number One," are to receive an addition in the person of the senior member for Northampton, which should be a "Truth-ful" likeness.

All London seems to be flocking to see Miss Mary Anderson at the Lyceum. She seems to have taken a thorough hold here on account of her admirable acting and great beauty, in which there seems not to be two opinions. Her rendering of Parthenia sent every one to see her, and her Pauline in "The Lady of Lyons" prevents many seeing the wonderful impersonation on account of the limit to the size of the audience. Every night money has to be turned away from the doors. There is a consolation that she is likely to remain in London for some time at the Lyceum. A new one-act play is being written by Mr. W. S. Gilbert for Miss Anderson, to be produced with "Pygmalion and Galatea" when "The Lady of Lyons" is withdrawn.

MASONIC AND GENERAL TIDINGS

Bro. H. C. Levander was last week elected hon. member of St. Mark's Mark Lodge in consideration of long and valued services rendered to the lodge.

A Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicestershire and Rutland will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Wednesday, the 28th inst., under the auspices of the Commercial Lodge, No. 1391.

The address from the Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017, was presented to Bro. Sir Moses Montefiore last Thursday week, the 8th inst, by Bros. L. Lewis Jacobs and Matthias Levy.

At the last meeting of the Fidelity Preceptory of Knights Templar, meeting at Leeds, Sir Kt. John Barker, P.M., P.Z., P.G.S. of Works, West Yorks, &c., was unanimously elected E.P. for the ensuing year.

The first Masonic ball in connection with the Windrush Lodge, No. 1703, will be held in the Corn Exchange, Witney, on Tuesday, the 27th inst., under distinguished patronage. Any surplus funds will be devoted to the Masonic Charities.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Panmure Lodge of Instruction, No. 720, Balham Hotel, Balham, on Wednesday the 21st inst. Lodge opens at 6.30 p.m. Bro. T. Poore, P.M., P.Z., &c., will preside. Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Bro. Chas. W. Cox, P.P.G.D.C. Berks and Bucks, P.M. 1566, M.E.Z. Windsor Castle Chapter, 771, was on the 9th inst, elected Mayor of the Borough of Maidenhead. Bro. Joseph Cox, 813, 1766, proprietor of the *Hackney Express*, is the eldest brother of the newly elected Mayor.

Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., has accepted the invitation of the Highgate Lodge of Instruction, to deliver his interesting lecture on the "Ritual and Ceremonies of the First Degree," at the Boston Hotel, Junction Road, Upper Holloway, on Thursday evening, the 29th inst., when a large gathering of members and visitors is expected.

At the regular meeting of the Palatine Lodge, No. 97, held on Thursday evening the 8th inst., at Sunderland, Bro. J. C. Moor was unanimously elected as W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. H. Tonkinson, P.M., was unanimously elected Treasurer, in place of Bro. T. Twizell, who had resigned on removing from the neighbourhood.

Our English brethren have a lodge known as the "Percy Lodge of Instruction," No. 198, which they claim to be the oldest one of the kind in existence. It is said to be "one hundred years old or thereabouts, and has turned out large numbers of skilled workmen. It is also stated, that brethren have flocked from no fewer than 150 other lodges to enjoy the advantages afforded in this. This lodge is gazetted as holding its meetings at the "Ship and Turtle Tavern," Leadenhall-street, London, on the second Tuesdays of each month from October to April.—*The Liberal Freemason*.

On Tuesday next, at the Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction, No. 1044, held at the East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth, a lecture explanatory of the Rituals and Ceremonies of the First Degree, will be delivered by Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., &c. The circular announcing the fact to the members says: "It is very desirable that Bro. Stevens should be supported by a full attendance, and I therefore trust you will be able to attend and will make the meeting known to your friends in the Craft." We hope the invitation will be heartily responded to.

An analyst, writing in "Cassell's Magazine for November, on "Poisons in the House," says that lampshades are frequently made of stiff paper, the outer side of which is green, as being the easiest colour for the eyes; but while commendable thoughtfulness is evident in the selection of colour, the same consideration is certainly not shown in the materials which produce that pleasant hue, for in numerous instances the green pigment has been found to contain a large amount of arsenic. The fact of itself is sufficiently alarming; but when we take into account the heat of the lamp, which greatly assists in the volatilisation of the arsenic, we see how dangerous such useful articles may become to persons in the room, and especially to those who may be sitting close to them.

The following banquets have been held at Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending Thursday, November 15th: Friday, 9th—Britannia Lodge, Bedford Lodge, Eclectic Chapter. Saturday, 10th—Bachelor's Quadrille Party, Phoenix Lodge, Duke of Cornwall Lodge, City and West End Soirée. Monday, 12th—St. George and Cornerstone Lodges. Tuesday, 13th—Drover's Benevolent Institution, St. James' Union Lodge, Urban Lodge. Wednesday, 14th—New Holborn Quadrilles, Enoch Lodge, Lodge of Fidelity, The Fragile Club, International Waiters' Ball. Thursday, 15th—Old Acquaintance Musical Society, St. Mary's Lodge, Universal Lodge, Globe Lodge, Linnean Club, United Pilgrim Chapter, Great Northern Lodge, Civil Service Vocal Union, Scottish Corporation Stewards.

Bro. Col. M. Richards Mucklè, of Philadelphia, is now the possessor of two decorations received from the Emperor of Germany, in recognition of his services in behalf of the Imperial University and National Library at Strasburg, which was destroyed during the Franco-German War. Bro. Mucklè collected and forwarded, free of expense, all the contributions in books made in the United States and Canada, in aid of its restoration, already over thirty cases having thus been sent. It was in 1874 that the Emperor William first acknowledged this service by conferring upon our brother the decoration of the "Order of the Crown of Prussia," the fifth highest favour in his power to bestow. On September 12th, of the present year, he conferred upon him, as an additional mark of his appreciation, "the Order of the Red Eagle," accompanied by the decoration and the ribbon, this being the second highest Order in the gift of the Emperor. We congratulate our esteemed brother upon being the recipient of these distinguished marks of approval from the greatest potentate of Europe, and who is also an eminent Freemason.

Bro. the Lord Mayor will take the chair at the ninth annual festival dinner of the Metropolitan Dairymen's Benevolent Institution on the 18th January.

The new Grand Theatre in Corporation-street, Birmingham, was opened on Wednesday night. It has been erected at a cost of £20,000.

Bro. R. Benyan Croft, P.P.G. Reg. Hertfordshire, will be re-installed W.M. of the Hertford Lodge, No. 403, on Thursday next, at the Town Hall, Hertford.

Bro. J. P. Fitzgerald is to be installed W.M. of the Earl of Zetland Lodge, No. 1364, at the old Town Hall, Hackney, to-morrow (Saturday.)

Bro. Sir Charles Dilke on Wednesday visited, in company with Mr. Rogers, the medical officer of Limehouse, the worst courts and alleys of Ratcliff, Shadwell, and Wapping.

The Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, met on Monday at the Queen Hotel, York, and Bro. J. S. Cumberland, P.P.G.J.W. North and East Yorks, most impressively installed Bro. John Blenkin as Master of the lodge.

The Georgia Female Masonic College, after years of effort to sustain it, has at last been handed over to a religious denomination.—During 1882, 51 American Grand Lodges suspended 15,750 members for non-payment of dues, and 53 Grand Lodges dimitted 15,259 Masons.—*Masonic Review*.

The residents of Ruabon have resolved to erect a memorial in the parish church to the memory of the late Miss Mary Nesta Williams Wynn, youngest daughter of Bro. Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, M.P., Prov. G.M. North Wales and Shropshire. We are glad to learn our R.W. brother is recovering from the injury he recently sustained to his foot.

An interesting series of experiments, with the object of utilising the electric light for war purposes on land, has just been concluded at Shoeburyness, and is understood to have given much satisfaction. One portion of the experiments was devoted to the test of heavy and small arm fire to extinguish the light. The gunners were unsuccessful in their efforts to destroy it, and though a picked body of riflemen succeeded in getting numerous bullets on the reflector and bent the wire, their attempts were equally unsuccessful. Experiments have also at night been carried out with the war parachute.

An act has been passed by the New York legislature which might with advantage be applied to London. The *Sanitary Engineer*, New York, in drawing attention to this new law, congratulates the citizens on the fact that henceforth the streets are not to be used for experimental purposes, and that it is now unlawful for any person or corporation to lay gas or steam pipes in the streets of the city without the consent of two-thirds of the property owners in such street. What an advantage it would be to the inhabitants of British and Continental cities if they had similar protective legislation in respect to the tearing up of the streets in each town.

St. George's, Hanover-square, was thronged on Wednesday on the occasion of the marriage of Lady Alice Thynne, eldest daughter of the Marquis of Bath, to M. H. Shaw-Stewart, Esq., captain Royal Renfrew Militia, son and heir of Bro. Sir M. Shaw-Stewart, Bart., Past Grand Master Mason Scotland. The bride was accompanied by eight bridesmaids. She was attired in a costume of ivory duchesse satin, trimmed with old point de France and sprays of orange-blossom. The service was fully choral. At the conclusion of the ceremony the bridal party adjourned to the Marquis of Bath's town house in Berkeley-square, where the wedding breakfast was served. The wedding presents were both numerous and costly, and included a magnificent bracelet of pearls and diamonds from the Prince and Princess of Wales.

Bro. William Hacker, of Shelbyville, Ind., for many years one of the most prominent Masons of that jurisdiction, and who has been honoured with all the high offices of the various branches of the Fraternity, is now an old man. For years he has diligently worked to secure a complete Masonic library, and succeeded in gathering a very valuable collection, as the writer hereof can testify, having had the privilege to make a personal examination. This library is soon to become the property of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Bodies of Indianapolis, to be placed in their new temple now in course of construction. It is a princely donation by Ill. Bro. Hacker, who has long contemplated as to its disposition in a satisfactory manner after the years of industry and intelligence he has given to its collection.—*Rochester U.S.A. Democrat*.

Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M., delivered an address on his recent Canadian tour, at the Highclere Reading-room, on the 9th inst., our noble brother was very cordially received by the audience, mainly composed of his near neighbours. In the course of his address, the delivery of which occupied upwards of an hour, the noble earl said he did not propose to discuss the political part of the subject. The whole mind of the people of Canada was being turned to the settlement of this new country, and it was to them the great question of questions. He was very much struck with it himself, and he felt how much wholesomer a subject it was for the consideration of men than many of the subjects upon which persons exercised their minds in the older countries. That country offered true, natural work for man, such as he was engaged in in the early ages of the world, such as God gave him all his faculties for, and such as made him happy when thus engaged. No one could doubt how great the future of Canada must be if the people only persevered with the same judgment and moderation and good sense which had characterised the whole of their legislation and proceedings for many years. He would only say in conclusion that, although he would never advise any man hastily or lightly to leave the old country, yet if he once made up his mind to go, he honestly believed that nowhere would he find a healthier life, a friendlier welcome, or a better home than in British North America. A vote of thanks was heartily accorded to the noble earl for his exceedingly interesting discourse.

MADAME TUSSAUD AND SON'S EXHIBITION.—Portrait Models of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh, 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.—[Adv't.]

A gamekeeper, in the service of Bro. Halsey, M.P., Gaddesden Place, Herts, was accidentally shot by a local publican on Wednesday. He died in a few minutes.

The report of the Manchester Free Library states that last year 2,300,000 visits were made by readers. The average attendance on Sundays is stated to be 4,200.

Bro. W. J. Collins will be installed W.M. of the William Preston Lodge, No. 766, at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Thursday next.

Bro. Benjamin Dean, M.F. Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, was born in Lancashire, England, in 1824, and made a Mason in 1854. He has represented Massachusetts in the State Senate and in the National House of Representatives, and wherever known is respected and loved for his sterling worth.

The consecration of the Chiswick Lodge, at Chiswick, will be performed by Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, this (Friday) afternoon. Bro. George Everett, P.M. of lodges Nos. 177 and 1381, and P.Z. of Nos. 177 and 1381, is to be the first Master, and his son is to be the first Senior Warden. A full report will appear in our next.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Wiltshire met at Chippenham, on Tuesday last, under the presidency of the R.W. Prov. G.M. Lord Methuen. Bro. Alderman Fowler, M.P., the new Lord Mayor, was appointed Senior Grand Warden, and Bro. Viscount Dangan, Senior Grand Deacon. Among the brethren present were Bros. Sir G. Goldney, Bart., M.P., D.P.G.M., and Lord H. Thynne, M.P. (G. Superintendent).

Now that Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M., Prov. G.M. West Lancashire, has returned from his American tour, the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of this division, postponed from the beginning of October, will probably be held on Thursday or Friday, the 29th or 30th inst. The exact place and date of meeting will shortly be announced. The Craft generally will be glad to know that our esteemed Deputy Grand Master has come back in the possession of evidently robust health, and was present with the Countess at the Town Hall, Liverpool, on Monday the 5th inst., to receive the Marquis and the Marchioness of Lorne on their return from Canada.

The *New York Daily Witness* is responsible for the following:—"There is said to have been recently returned to the Paterson (N.J.) post office a letter, on the back of which are 20 different kinds of stamps, showing that it has had the care of as many different postmasters. This letter contains a 10-dollar bill of exchange, and was mailed from Peterson in October last, but so badly addressed that the destination had to be guessed at. It was first sent to Ireland, and to every post-office of that island. It was then tried in Italy, where failure to find the owner caused it to be sent to China, and from the Oriental empire it has been returned to the sender.

The Cattle Show will attract many of our provincial friends to London. Some years ago this and Madame Tussaud's Exhibition were almost identical, as the visitors only had to pass from one to the other. Even now, though the Agricultural Hall is some distance from Baker-street, visitors can, within a short time, visit the two either by omnibus or underground railway. The latest additions to the collection of figures of notorious individuals in the Chamber of Horrors comprise a portrait model of Marwood, the hangman, taken from sittings specially given by Marwood to the Messrs. Tussaud during his last visit to London, and as the fact is he expressed himself very pleased at the striking likeness. Outside this room (in one of the Napoleon rooms) is the portrait model of James Carey, the Informer, and close to it are the life-like models of the unhappy Lord Frederick Cavendish and Mr. Burke, who were so foully murdered in Phoenix Park. In the large hall are the Comte de Paris, the Duc de Nemours, and the late Comte de Chambord. The Royal Family, in the magnificent Court dresses, elicit numerous expressions of admiration; added to the list of attractions are M. Washington, President Grevy, and the brave, but ill-fated Capt. Webb.

The Oldest Mason is a topic concerning which all readers of the Masonic newspapers have grown weary; but when one is brought face to face with a venerable brother who has passed the allotted span of man—three score years and ten—by more than twenty years, with all of his faculties well preserved, and who remembers and speaks intelligently of times long past, this is worthy of some special mention. We, therefore, with pleasure note our visit during the last week to our venerable and worthy Brother, P.M. Joseph G. Bowen, of Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 155, of this city. Bro. Bowen will to-day, October 27th, celebrate the ninety-second anniversary of his birthday. Our Brother still retains much of his wonted fire, and loves to talk of Masonry, recalling Masonic incidents that occurred long before we were born, and relating them with much of the vivacity of youth. We found him somewhat jealous of the report he had read that Bro. Judge Wm. Donaldson was the senior member of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. P.M. Bro. Bowen claims that he is the oldest living member of this Grand Body. In December, 1817, he was installed W.M. of Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 155, at the constitution of the lodge, Bro. Walter Kerr being then R.W. Grand Master. In December, 1833, he will have been sixty-six years a member of the Grand Lodge; and from this record we think that our venerable Bro. Bowen is right in his Masonic pride in claiming to be the oldest living member of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, both in age and in membership of that body. Bro. Bowen was twice elected to the office of W.M. of Lodge No. 155, and also served as secretary for twenty-four years, from 1821 to 1836, and from 1839 to 1848, and was a constant attendant of the lodge until recent years.—*Philadelphia Keystone*.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS,
For the Week ending Saturday, November 24, 1883.

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19.

- Lodge S, British, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 21, Emulation, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 185, Tranquillity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
- " 720, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.
- " 862, Whittington, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 901, City of London, Guildhall Tav.
- " 907, Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 1506, White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
- " 1537, St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly.
- Chap. 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 1593, Trafalgar, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
- K.T. Precept. 131, Holy Sanctuary, 33, Golden-sq., W.

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.
- Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6.
- Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds, 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, NOVEMBER 20.

- Board of General Purposes, at 4.
- Lodge 30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
- " 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge Ho. Hot., London Bdg.
- " 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 162, Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 194, St. Paul's, Cannon-st. Hot.
- " 435, Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 704, Camden, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
- " 857, St. Mark's, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
- " 1420, Earl Spencer, Craven Hot., Lavender-hill.
- Chap. 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 1348, Ebury, 58, Grosvenor-rd., S.W.
- " 1604, Wanderers, F.M.H.
- Mark 238, Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- Rose Croix Chap. 45, Oxford and Cambridge University, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
- South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.
- Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's-gate, at 8.
- Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues.
- Yarborough, 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 Bdg., 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.
- Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.
- Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., East Brixton, at 8.
- Duke of Albany, Park Tav., Battersea-park-rd., at 8.
- Metropolitan Chap, Jamaica Coffee Ho., St. Michael's Alley, Earl of Carnarvon Chapter of Improvement, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-road, Notting-hill, at 8.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21.

- Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.
- General Committee Grand Lodge, at 6.
- Lodge Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich.
- " 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
- " 190, Oak, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 700, Nelson, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
- " 969, Maybury, Inns of Court Hot., Holborn.
- " 1044, Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Wandsworth.
- " 1150, Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 1278, Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria-pk.
- " 1382, Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town.
- " 1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 1624, Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly.
- " 1673, Langton, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
- " 1677, Crusaders, Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct.
- " 1803, Cornhill, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.
- Chap. 1598, Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
- Mark 181, Sir Francis Burdett, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
- " 199, Duke of Connaught, Town Hall, Shoreditch.

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 Coutts, 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.
- Pannure, 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 22.

- House Committee Girls' School at 4.
- Lodge 34, Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
- " 66, Grenadiers, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 766, William Preston, Cannon-st. Hot.
- " 858, South Middlesex, Beaufort House, North End, Fulham.
- " 861, Finsbury, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.
- " 871, Royal Oak, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
- " 1421, Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
- " 1563, City of Westminster, S. Air-st., Regent-st., W.
- " 1658, Skelmersdale, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
- " 1816, Victoria Park, Queen's Hot., Victoria Park.
- " 1974, St. Mary Abbots, Town Hall, Kensington.
- Chap. 5, St. George's, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 177, Domatic, Anderton's Hot.
- " 538, Vane, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 657, Canonbury, M.H., Masons'-avenue, E.C.
- " 1601, Ravensbourne, Town Hall, Catford Bridge.

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, Ponsoby-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.
- Burgoynne, 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 Wimbledon 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.
- Stockwell, Cock Tav., Kennington-rd., at 7.30.
- Victoria Park, Yorkshire Grey, High-st., Stratford, at 8.
- Guelph, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton.
- Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-st., at 6. (Emulation Working.)
- St. Michael's, Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement, at 8.
- Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
- Upton, Swan Tav., Bethnal Green-rd., at 8.
- 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 23.

- House Committee Boys' School at 4.
- Lodge 197, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 569, Fitz Roy, Hd.-qtrs. Hon. Artillery Co., City-rd.
- " 1601, Ravensbourne, Town Hall, Catford Bridge.
- " 1602, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall.

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 24.

- Lodge 1679, Henry Muggersidge, M.H., Masons'-avenue, E.C.
- " 1706, Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 1871, Gostling Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow.
- Chap. 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**
- Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8.
- Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
- Star, Five Bells, New Cross-rd., S.E., at 7.
- King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, 7.
- Alexandra Palace, Station Ho., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
- Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LAN-CASHIRE AND CHESHIRE,
For the Week ending Saturday, November 24, 1883.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19.

- Lodge 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1730, Urmston, Lord Nelson Hot., Urmston.
- " 1814, Worsley, Court House, Worsley.
- Chap. 32, Jerusalem, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
- " 1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.
- Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20.

- Lodge 293, King's Friends, Lamb Hot., Nantwich.
- " 667, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 830, Endeavour, Queen's Arms, Dukinfield.
- " 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hot., Barrow.
- " 1276, Warren, Queen's Arms Hot., Liscard.
- " 1570, Prince Arthur, M.H., Liverpool.
- Chap. 721, Grosvenor, M.H., Chester.
- Merchant's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
- Cholmondeley L. of I., Commercial Hot., Frodsham.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21.

- Lodge 178, Antiquity, M.H., Wigan.
- " 537, Zetland, M.R., Birkenhead.
- " 758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.
- " 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 950, Hesketh, Royal Hot., Fleetwood.
- " 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool.
- " 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
- " 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
- " 1403, West Lancashire, Commercial Hot., Ormskirk.
- Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
- Toxteth L. of I., M.R., North Hill-st., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22.

- Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.
- Chap. 292, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
- Antient Union L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
- Stanley L. of I., 214, Great Homer-street, Liverpool.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23.

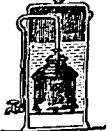
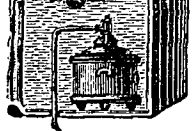
- Chap. 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
- Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24.

- Lodge 1126, Oakwood, Dovestock Inn, Romely.

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