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ANOTHER year is passing away from underneath our feet, and the *Freemason* brings to a close another completed volume of its yearly issues. At such a time a few words seem called for, perforce, whether with respect to a departing old friend or an approaching new acquaintance. The year 1883 has witnessed many strange scenes on this earth of ours, and beheld some curious episodes in Freemasonry, which deserve noting. Therefore, with the last number of the 16th volume of the *Freemason*, Publisher and Editor greet their many kind friends and patrons with sympathetic words of grateful acknowledgment for much kindly support, and for many continued good offices. If the review of all past time be somewhat melancholy in itself, the conclusion of another year of Masonic work must call up some memories, must suggest some reflections. The friends we have laboured with and lost, the Masonic efforts of ritual or of charity we have shared in, all tend to give rise to sundry wistful looks behind us, not a few beats of the heart, as well as many pleasant reminiscences, many grateful experiences. We have still been spared to witness another closing twelvemonth of Masonic life and sociality, charity and friendliness; but just as this December we miss in our lodges some ancient mates, some long standing companions, so in the year before us we must humanly if reverently expect that others too will be wanting when our roll-call is read out twelve months hence. Still let us bear a true heart and a cheerful one, amid the inevitable cares and changes and shiftings of life, whether in the lodge or in the world; and let us hope, at any rate, when 1884 is also in turn drawing to an end, that the *Freemason* may still witness of much faithful work achieved, much living charity accomplished, under the benign auspices of the good Genius of Freemasonry, not only in our own "quiet lands" at home, but in foreign jurisdictions, in distant hemispheres, —in fact, "all the world over."

THE work and duty of charity have been truly carried out alike by the Grand Lodge of England, and the English fraternity generally in 1883. Indeed in this respect our English brotherhood may fairly say to all who doubt its value or utility, "si quaeris circumspice." It is this wondrous outcome of charitable energy and effect which so strikes the world at large, too ready to scoff at the claims and work of Freemasons, which constitute alike one of its best "reasons d'être," and duly measures its real importance to members. The Board of Benevolence voted in January, £685; February, £750; March, £580; April, £645; May, £880; June, £885; July, £570; August, £650; September, £370; October, £825; November, £1060; December, £775. Thus we see that in 1883 the Board of Benevolence has given to distressed applicants the sum of £9175, as its monthly totals show, the highest monthly amount being £1060, and its lowest £370. Our great charitable festivals have produced the startling amount of £45,000. This large amount will no doubt be increased by the end of the year, and which grand total we cannot give our readers until next week. The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, under the Presidency of General BROWNRIFF, Prov. G.M. for Surrey, with 272 Stewards, produced considerably over £13,000; the festival of the Girls' School in May, under the Presidency of W. W. B. BEACH, M.P., Prov. G.M. for Hampshire, with 240 Stewards, brought in nearly £11,000; while the festival of the Boys' School, under the Presidency of the Marquis of LONDONDERRY, Prov. G.M. for Durham, with 400 Stewards, realized the unprecedented amount of £22,500 in round figures. But as we before remarked the vitality of our charitable efforts on behalf of our Great Metropolitan Institutions is hardly ascertained even by these figures. It is impossible, moreover, to know the amount expended in provincial and private lodges for charity or charitable organizations. The sum is very large indeed, and reflects the greatest credit on our warm-hearted fraternity.

AMONG the notable Masonic events of 1883 the visit of H.R.H. the Duke of ALBANY to Huddersfield and his very warm reception by the West Yorkshire Freemasons under Sir H. EDWARDS, Bart., Prov. G.M., ought not to be forgotten. The gathering was as impressive as the address was sincere, and the arrangements for a very successful welcome, characteristic of the heartiness of Yorkshire, demanded the praise they universally received. During the last year the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of England have been carefully revised after two special Grand Lodges to consider them.

They were confirmed in December, and are now the Law of the English Craft for some time to come. They will undoubtedly constitute a great improvement on the older form, inasmuch as by a more complete grouping of subjects, and a better collocation of enactments, the interpretation is rendered more plain, more immediate, and more full; these are desiderata in a code of Masonic law often appealed to, and yet about which strange ignorance often occurs amongst our worthy Worshipful Masters and Past Masters. Some one has humourously suggested that all candidates for the Worshipful Master's chair should pass a qualifying examination before the Board of Installed Masters on the Book of Constitutions. Without going quite so far, we commend the study of the Book of Constitutions to all our rulers and all our brethren. We cannot know it too well. It is an admirable code of Masonic law, and deserves to be marked and appreciated by all members of our English Craft.

DURING the year 34 new Craft Lodges and 17 Royal Arch Chapters have been warranted, a large number, all things considered; but as in most cases an account of the customary consecration and effective orations have duly appeared in the *Freemason*, we refer our readers to the new volume now making up. Buildings erected for the purposes of Masonry have been dedicated at Wilmington, Kent, for the Lullingstone Lodge; Richmond, Natal; Warkworth, New Zealand, for the Rodney Lodge; Milford Haven, for the St. David's Lodge; at Guernsey, for the lodges on the island; Marlborough, Wilts, for the Lodge of Loyalty; the Clausentum Hall at Woolston; Goole, for the Aire and Calder Lodge, &c. Masonic ceremonies have been held in connection with laying the foundation-stones of buildings other than those devoted to the uses of our Order as follow: St. Anne's Church, Bagshot, by H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught; the Indian Institute in the University of Oxford, by H.R.H. the Grand Master; St. Augustine's Church, Tong, by Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, Prov. G.M. East Lancashire; the York Institute, by H.R.H. the Grand Master; St. John's Church, Spittlegate, by W. H. Smythe, J.P., D.L., Prov. G.M. Lincolnshire; St. John's Church, Bury St. Edmunds, by Lord Waveney, Prov. G.M. Suffolk; New Sailors' Home at Leith, by the Earl of Mar and Kellie, Grand Master Mason Scotland; St. Agnes' Church, Moseley, by Sir Edmund A. H. Lechmere, Bart., Prov. G.M. Worcester-shire; Glasgow Municipal Buildings, by Bro. Lord Provost Ure, &c.

AMONG the Masonic presentations for the year we note the following, many of which reflect equal credit on the donors and the recipients. We are inclined to think the general idea of a presentation may be overdone, and that a presentation, to be of real value, must be a true expression of fraternal sympathy and acknowledgment for good work done for the old Craft. Among those many we record, striking in themselves, we feel we should not be doing right if we did not advert to the Cornwall Presentation to Bro. W. J. Hughan. No one presentation of the year, to our minds, was more admirably conceived and completed, or for good work more truly merited. A sheriff's gold chain was presented to Bro. H. Jeffs, P. Prov. G.W. Gloucester; silver mounted baton to Bro. Ganz, G. Org.; silver tea-tray, kettle-stand and sundry other articles to Wm. Kingston, Dist. G.M. Malta; a purse of 700 guineas, a silver goblet, and an illuminated record to John H. Scott, Dep. P.G.M. Sussex; his own portrait to Bro. M. A. Boémé, P.P.G.D.C. and P.P.G. Treas. Norths and Hunts; purse, 30 guineas, and illuminated address to Bro. Hargreaves Gill, of Liverpool; purse and 275 sovereigns to Bro. W. J. Hughan by the Prov. G.L. of Cornwall; an address and a valuable and unique clock to Patrick Small Kier of Kindrogan; Lord Carnarvon received an address from the Masons of Canada; and Lord Mayor Fowler was the recipient of a like compliment from the Lansdowne Lodge of Unity.

WE are not aware that much at home has tended to ruffle the smooth surface of the last 12 months' progress for our English Craft, loyal, contented, prosperous, and confiding. Certain proceedings however, last December, serve to shew that the members of Grand Lodge can be roused to take a very decided part in the transaction of its business, and we do express the fervent hope that what then occurred will prove a lasting lesson and warning to all concerned. It is not a dignified position for our executive to be left in a glorious minority of 4 or 5 against 600 or 700 members, nearly all the Grand Officers included, and we cannot sufficiently regret that calmer counsels and wiser resolves did not prevail. It was impossible to support the proposal to spend £40,000 of the money of the Craft, mainly for purposes which would not in remotest measures benefit the brotherhood. We trust that the then respectful yet determined attitude of Grand Lodge will prevent any similar hasty propositions or extravagant administration of the important and valuable funds of the Craft. The position

taken up in Canada and Quebec as regards some English lodges and chapters of Montreal, deserves a little consideration. The English lodges and chapters are clearly in their right! They are there in virtue of lawful warrants, and ancient working, and their position has been fully, distinctly, and legally recognized by an honourable concordat. The Grand Lodge of Quebec challenges their legal existence Masonically, on the ground of the American state Masonic law of universal jurisdictional authority, a theory unknown to, and unrecognized in England. If even the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Quebec could say "fieri non debet," yet still, according to the old adage, "factum valet." But no position can, to speak the truth, be more distinct, legal, or rightful than that of the English lodges and chapters in Canada. It is evidently solely a matter for them how far it may suit them, in the "eternal fitness of things," to affiliate themselves to the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Quebec; but so long as they ask the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of England to safeguard and acknowledge their eminent and admitted legal rights and position according to English Masonic law, so long are the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of England bound in Masonic fairness to do so. Any irritable proceedings on the part of our Quebec brethren, any foolish manifestos or ridiculous interdicts can only serve to recoil on themselves, can only tend to aggravate matters, and can only make Freemasonry a laughing stock to friend and foe. Never at any time was the English Craft more united, more hard at work, more devoted to its mission than now. Ritual is carefully attended to; æsthetic arrangements are improving; carelessness and a "poco curante" cry of business, like all that savours of irreverence or impropriety, have long since been banished from our lodges, and initiates are affected as old members are gratified, at the skillful working by the "Masters" of our Masonic Israel, as the beauties of our archaic and effective ritual are developed and illustrated. If there are some slight dangers apparently ahead, if some points deserve notice, and others demand care, there is nothing, we think, but what Masonic experience can guard against, and Masonic loyalty overcome. And proud, therefore, of our past and present, we look on confidently to the future. Masonic literature, though as elsewhere too little valued, is still, we think, rather on the advance. The publication of Bro. GOULD'S History is an Epoch in Masonic Studies, deserving the thoughtful and grateful recognition of all students of Masonic history, of all who still like to loiter amid the highways and byeways of Masonic archæology.

In respect of other jurisdictions, the yearly result of Masonic work, charity and progress is a somewhat chequered one, and varying according to country and temper. In Ireland and Scotland, for instance, Freemasonry is active and working, though in neither jurisdiction is enough done for charity. In Scotland especially, despite its financial rally and its general hospitality, the Craft would, as it were, revivify its existence and outcome, if only its active work for Charity was commensurate with its numbers, intelligence, and warm-heartedness. In Ireland the loyal attitude of the Order deserves our commendation. The first social duty of the Freemason everywhere is to obey the laws of the land, to discountenance revolutionary proceedings, and protest against secret political societies, which often become the tools of corrupt men, of venal agitators, of debased criminals, whose course is marked by the hateful developement of sanguinary murder and cruel treachery. The only complaints we have against the Irish Masonic authorities is their absurd feeling in respect of the Masonic press. The *Freemason* cannot obtain Masonic information from Ireland. Such is the pressure of one particular authority that it is a positive fact Irish brethren, absurd as it may seem to say so, become unwilling or afraid to send the commonest reports, and request often that if by chance they do so, their names may not be published. If the *Freemason* wants reports, as it does, of Irish work, it has to go to the *Freeman's Journal*, "et hoc genus omne." As it declines such a course of action, it goes without. Some few notices of Irish Masonry come to hand, and English Masons always are rejoiced to hear of their Irish brethren.

In France and Belgium things are as bad as bad can be. It is "a long lane which has no turning," and, therefore, we can only desiderate for both these bodies a speedy return to old ways and a right mind. Both in France and Belgium Freemasonry is losing prestige and popularity, and in neither jurisdiction are the members what they ought to be. They have forgotten the good sound advice of our Royal Grand Master, and meddle both with politics and religion in various ways and in different forms. On the continent otherwise, as in Germany, Sweden, Denmark, Hungary, Holland, Italy, Portugal, and Switzerland, Freemasonry is not "en sommeil," but in life, and despite many prejudices to combat, and much opposition to be encountered, seems to be making way. In Spain Freemasonry is still among "Cosas de Espana"; in Russia and Austria proper Freemasonry is still prohibited. In South America, in Mexico, Peru, Brazils, Buenos Ayres, &c., Freemasonry seems to be holding its own, but we know little of it. In North America, in the United States and Canada, Freemasonry is advancing rapidly, and laughs at the puny efforts of credulous sensationalists, as well as the childish utterances of unbridled bigotry. American Freemasonry would, indeed, require a leader to itself, as its expanse is so wide and its developement so magnificent. If we think we see weak points in its armour, and spots in its feasts of charity, we forbear expatiating on them, as ours is imperfect realization of facts, and we must live in the United States to grasp properly the peculiar difficulties and dangers, the strong and the weak side of American Freemasonry. But across dividing waters we are proud and glad to hold out the kindly hand of affectionate sympathy to the many good men and true who constitute our American fraternity.

We wish we could speak hopefully of Canada and Quebec. There is a spirit in the "Old Dominion" unfortunately at work, fomented by some unquiet spirits and reckless writers, which bids ill for Masonic peace in 1884. It is not likely that the Grand Lodge of England will ever submit to unauthorized dicta, much less to impertinent dictation. The last act of the Grand Chapter of Quebec may be justified by some peculiarity in the act of recognition, but the allocation forbidding communication with the Grand Mark Lodge appears to the English mind to savour of ancient intolerance and to be a absurd act of angry and impracticable "Boycotting." The authorities of most the Grand Mark Lodge seem only to have acted for the benefit of their own English members and to those who cling to the English Lodges at Montreal. And this we believe is the real offence. That the position of the English lodges at Montreal is legal and Masonic we in England have never doubted. And we cannot affect to submit to the "dogmata" of unauthorized writers or the modern theories of American State Grand lodges on the subject. And then comes the serious question of the position of the Quebec bodies as before the Laws of the Land. If both the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Quebec are illegal bodies by Statute Law, if they are nothing but illegal secret societies, they lose "ipso facto" any claims to Masonic acknowledgement, just as they forfeit any right of Masonic jurisdiction. We cannot see how American Grand Bodies can recognize them any more as an Order. To be legal Masonic jurisdictions they must be legal also by the laws of the land. If they require legalizing, as it is said, until they are legalized, as regards law abiding Masons, they do not exist, can demand no acknowledgement, can exact no obedience.

AND thus 1883 has ended for our Masonic life and Masonic world. It witnesses, as our readers will have noted, of much Masonic vitality, of much Masonic progress, of many noble results of charitable effort, of all that constitutes the reality of true Freemasonry. May 1884, when it is passing away in turn, present the same happy record and demonstrate the same auspicious results; and may our good old Craft, weathering every gale, speed on its goodly mission, lovingly and truthfully, unfurling without fear and without distrust before the world its sacred and venerable banner of charity, loyalty, toleration, and peace.

DEATH, as usual, has been very busy with our Fraternity during the past twelve months, and the seriousness of our reflections on this inevitable proof of mortality, this unavoidable fate of our human race, is removed by the fact that we do not even in the pages of the *Freemason* record a tithe of those upon whom the pitiless "Destructive" has lifted his ice-cold hands, taking away vitality, and trust, and hope alike. Among the more notable of our losses recorded in the *Freemason* we may fitly and specially mention Bros. the Earl of Wemyss and March, Past Grand Master Mason Scotland; Sir Henry Meux, Bart., No. 357; Lord Sherborne, P.P.G.M. Gloucestershire; John Wordsworth, P.G.S., P.P.G.W., &c., West Yorkshire; J. Whyte Melville, Past Grand Master Mason Scotland; John Saffery (Savaricus); Alderman Pryce Morris, Dr. Wilson Iles, D.P.G.M. Herts; and Henry Murray, P. Dist. G.M. China. The general list is as follows: J. E. Scott P.M. and Sec. No. 1563; Dr. Bolton Barton, P.P.G.M. W. India (I.C.); John Allen, P.M. 1297 (*Morning Post*); John Entwistle, P.M. 221, &c.; Rev. John De Renzy, B.A.; W. G. Harrison, Q.C., G.S.D.; Dr. Ambrose Cecil Hughes; Alderman Sir Thomas White, W. Holmes, P.M. 387; Ralph Davison, P.P.G. Std. Br. N. and E. Yorkshire; R. H. Marsh (Henry Marston); Capt. James Turvey, Henry Tarrant Dashwood, Lewis Finch, P.P.G.D.C. Kent; John Coombe, P.M. 450, P.P.G.D. Cornwall, &c.; Hugh Spencer, 1036, 1086, &c.; A. J. Duff Filer, P.G.S.B.; W. H. Lucia, Prov. G. Sec. Suffolk; E. K. Wilkinson, P.M. and Sec. No. 7; Capt. Standish, District G.M. Victoria; E. T. Inskipp, P.P.G. Sec. Bristol; Captain Matthew Webb, No. 22; Chevalier Edward Meugens, Benjamin Terry Hodge, P.P.G.D. and P.P.G.S.N. Devon; H. J. Du Jardine, P.P.G.T. Jersey; Edward M. Hubbuck, P.G.S.; G. M. Felton, C.C.; John Deighton, P.G.D., D. Prov. G.M. Cambridgeshire; James Shuter, M.D., F.R.C.S.; Thomas Clement Cobbold, M.P.; Capt. Hanham, P.P.G.S.W. Dorset; and Joseph Eglesse, P.M. and Sec. 569.

EARL OF MORNINGTON LODGE, No. 2000.

This lodge—which seems to form a great Masonic land mark—was consecrated on the 19th inst., at No. 33, Golden-square, by the R.W. Grand Master of the Province of Surrey, General Studholme Brownrigg, C.B. The intention of the founders, we believe, is the cultivation of vocal harmony in the hours of refreshment, and the music of the consecration and at the subsequent banquet may be regarded as a promise for the future. We have no doubt that the Earl of Mornington will take high rank among musical lodges.

The consecration ceremony was ably performed by the distinguished officer named, and after the reading of the warrant the Rev. C. J. Arnold, P.G.C., Dep. P.G.M. for Surrey, delivered a beautiful and impressive address on the subject of Masonic loyalty. Bro. Henry Gadsby's ode, "Great Architect on High," followed, under the direction of the composer, being sung by the brethren who were afterwards appointed to offices in the lodge, accompanied on the organ by Bro. Jekyll, P.G.O. Other music, by Bros. W. A. Barrett and Gadsby, was afterwards performed, and the new lodge was formally dedicated. Upon the lodge being resumed in the Second Degree, Bro. J. S. Lavies, M.D., was installed W.M. of the lodge by the D.P.G.M. Berks and Bucks, the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, M.A.

Among the guests, several of whom assisted in the ceremony, were Bros. H. D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal; Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.S.D.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Bradshaw Browne, W.M. No. 1; and others, and letters of congratulation were announced as having been received from Bros. the Earl of Northesk, Lord Leigh, Sir Albert Woods (Garter King at Arms), General W. Wyllie, and others.

The brethren dined together at the Holborn Restaurant, and glees and part-songs were sung by the brethren in a very satisfactory manner, eliciting frequent and enthusiastic marks of approval, no one leaving until after the final glee by the late Bro. S. Webb, "The mighty conqueror," had been given, and the Tyler's toast duly honoured.

THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

(Continued from page 651.)

At the Quarterly General Meeting on the 14th July, Bro. Faudel, on behalf of this Sub-Committee, delivered the report, which was to the effect that they had visited sundry plots offered in the neighbourhood of Croydon, some of which were unsuitable, while others were well situated, but in no case did the Sub-Committee feel it competent to them to recommend any of the offers being accepted. In an addendum, however, to the report they speak of having been in communication with two of the owners whose land appeared suitable, one of whom seemed disposed to treat on reasonable terms. On motion made and seconded, the report, or rather reports, for there were virtually two, were accepted. The Committee then, on the suggestion of the Treasurer, Bro. Crucefix, agreed to invite the Earl of Southampton to accept the office of President of the Asylum; that all donors of 50 guineas should be Vice-Presidents; and that Bro. R. G. Alston, who the month previous had for the second time presided at an Anniversary festival of the Asylum, should be requested to accept the distinction of a Vice-President. Bro. Faudel subsequently proposed that the designation of the Institution should be changed from "Asylum for Aged and Decayed Freemasons" to "College for Aged and Decayed Freemasons," on the ground that it had been again and again contemptuously thrown in their teeth that they were building a union for decayed brethren; but though those present generally approved of Bro. Faudel's remarks, they did not see their way clear to adopting any specific solution of the difficulty. At the Annual General Meeting held the same day, the resolutions as to the Presidency of the Institution and the Vice-Presidents just noted were confirmed. The Auditors' report, showing a balance in hand, after purchasing a further £200 Consols, amounting to, in round figures, £393, the assets, including investments and the said balance, exceeding by a small fraction the sum of £4083. The Officers and Committee were elected, and Bros. S. H. Lee and J. Lee Stevens had the distinction conferred upon them of Honorary Life Governorships. The report as to the Festival held on the 16th June, under the presidency of Bro. Alston, when subscriptions, &c., were announced in excess of £500, was handed in, and thanks to all concerned were voted, while that of the Sub-Committee on the purchase of land for building the Asylum also met with the approval of the meeting.

At a Special General Meeting on the 18th August, the Treasurer announced that he had received a letter from Lord Southampton accepting the office of President of the Asylum, on which a vote of thanks to his lordship for his condescension was unanimously passed. Bro. Faudel, as Chairman of the Sub-Committee, then submitted the plans of several eligible sites for the erection of their building, when, after a lengthened discussion, it was agreed to request the Sub-Committee to continue their labours. At the Quarterly Meeting in September, the same Committee reported that, after further careful consideration, and having regard to what they considered were indispensable conditions in governing their selection, namely, that the site chosen should be healthily situated; that it should be capable of being well drained and supplied with water; near a town where medical advice could be obtained, and good provisions; near a church and other places of divine worship; within easy access for the friends of the Asylum and the inmates; and not costly; they reported in favour of three plots in the vicinity of Croydon, each of which appeared to them to meet to a greater or lesser extent these various requirements. The report was received, and the Sub-Committee were thereupon authorised by resolution, and empowered to prepare plans, and enter into such preliminary arrangements as they might deem necessary, with a view to the purchase of a suitable plot of land. At a meeting on the 28th October, the Sub-Committee reported that after sundry negotiations they were prepared to recommend the purchase of a piece of ground belonging to Mr. Morland, the terms and conditions, as well as the advantages, being all most carefully set forth, and the Committee at once determined on recommending the proposed purchase, and at a special meeting held the evening of the same day this resolution was confirmed, a vote of thanks passed to the Sub-Committee on the completion of their labours, and a new Sub-Committee, consisting of Bros. Crucefix, Faudel, Wright, Tomblason, Barrett, Stevens, and Savage appointed to effect the purchase, and take the requisite preliminary steps for the erection of a suitable building or buildings.

It is quite unnecessary to enter into all the details of the proceedings of the new Sub-Committee. Designs were invited for an Asylum to accommodate fifty occupants, with two rooms each, at a cost not to exceed £350 for each eight rooms with suitable conveniences, a premium of £20 to be given to the plan selected. The first design that was approved had to be referred back to the Committee. The next, to which the premium was awarded, though the Committee did not pledge themselves to carry it out, was in excess of the cost—£4700—which had been set down as the maximum limit, and, moreover, was held to possess certain architectural defects. The architect was therefore requested to modify it; and to assist them in more effectually carrying out their object, Bros. S. B. Wilson and Pryer were considered members of the Sub-Committee, whose action was subsequently endorsed by the Committee. The modified plan, when submitted, was not approved, and seven architects, including the winner of the premium, were invited to send in plans, the result being that that of Bro. Daukes, afterwards Grand Superintendent of Works, was accepted, the correctness of the accompanying particulars as to cost being verified by Messrs. Cubitt and Co. The design for this building, in accordance with the instructions issued, provided for 68 rooms with suitable offices, a Committee-room and ante-room, &c., with well, reservoir, rain water tanks, &c., to be erected at a cost of £4700. The action of the Sub-Committee in the several steps they

took was accepted by the Committee, and ultimately the tender of Mr. Mark Patrick to build the Asylum was accepted as being the lowest, and also because his reputation stood deservedly high. This last step, however, was not finally arranged till the early spring of 1849, and in the meantime there had been held as usual the Anniversary Festival, the Chairman being Bro. Col. the Hon. George Anson, M.P., P.G.M. Staffordshire, who had already presided on a previous occasion, while the subscriptions, &c., exceeded 500 guineas. In recognition of his services, Col. Anson was elected a Vice-President, votes of thanks to the Board of Stewards being also passed. It was further suggested at the Annual Meeting, at which this result was announced, and other important business, such as the reception of the Auditors' report and the election of officers, was dealt with, that it would be desirable to obtain the countenance of the Grand Master for their future proceedings in connection with the building of the Asylum, and that with that end in view, his lordship be respectfully requested to lay the foundation-stone with Masonic ceremonial. The Building Committee, in conjunction with the Treasurer, were charged with the duties of fixing the time and making the necessary arrangements for the ceremonial. It may also be mentioned in connection with the payment of the contractor as the works progressed, that the offer of Bro. B. Bond Cabbell, one of the Trustees, to act for himself and co-Trustees in selling out the Asylum's stock in order to meet these claims was gratefully accepted, and that a power of attorney in order to enable him to do so was obtained.

At a special meeting of the Committee, held on the 24th March, 1849, it was resolved that the ceremony of laying the foundation-stone of the Asylum should take place on the 24th May; that application should be made to R.W. Bro. Alexander Dobie, Prov. G. Master of Surrey, for permission to appear in Masonic clothing, and that in order to give additional effect to the ceremony ladies should be respectfully invited to raise contributions and present them on the occasion, every lady so presenting a purse of five guineas to be entitled to the privileges of a life-subscriber. The meeting also resolved that it was desirable every possible publicity should be given to the approaching proceedings; that a special appeal should be made to the Craft to support the Charity; and further that the invitation to lay the stone should in the first instance be addressed to their President, the Earl of Southampton. One other question of great importance, namely, the Union of the Asylum and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Annuity Fund, was considered at some length. The Secretary, Bro. Whitmore, said that he had had several conversations with influential Masons on the subject, a Past Grand Officer of Grand Lodge, who had invited him to discuss the subject having laid down some general outlines for effecting it, which however, did not commend themselves to him as being likely to coincide with the views of the Committee. Within the preceding month, however, he had been in communication with a "distinguished Past Grand Officer and one who occupied a high position in the estimation of the whole Craft," who "had kindly submitted some propositions which he considered a fair basis on which the two Committees might treat and treat successfully." He (Bro. Whitmore) regretted that he had not received that brother's permission to place his letter before the meeting, but the terms were, as he conceived, exceedingly just and equitable, and such as both Committees might agree to with the most scrupulous reservation of the rights of each particular charity." A long conversation followed this announcement, but the Committee were, of course, unable to do more than "express in general terms the very great satisfaction with which" they would be prepared to "assist in promoting, upon fair and equitable grounds, a union of the Asylum for Aged and Decayed Freemasons with the Royal Masonic Benevolent Annuity Fund."

So much of the foregoing proceedings as relate to the contemplated ceremony of laying the foundation-stone were deferred; in fact, no such ceremony appears to have taken place, but the opportunity of bringing about the union of the two Institutions was not lost sight of, and at a Special Meeting of Grand Committee on the 31st May, 1849, the very important proceedings which had taken place since the Annual Meeting of the year previous on this question were considered. These had their origin in a communication which the Secretary and Bro. Faudel had had with Bro. R. G. Alston with a view to obtaining through him the consent of the Grand Master to lay the firststone of the Asylum building. In the first instance Bro. Alston did not see his way to preferring any such application, but on reconsidering the matter he came to the conclusion that it might be done with some prospect of success if a union of the two Institutions could be effected. Correspondence on the subject continued, and at length the Secretary had an interview with Bro. Dobie, Grand Registrar, before whom he laid an outline, such as had been suggested by Bro. Alston, of the terms on which an amalgamation might be brought about. This resulted in a meeting on the 28th April of the two Sub-Committees which had been appointed in 1845, Bros. Crucefix, Savage, Sangster, Faudel, and Whitmore being present on behalf of the Asylum, and Bros. Dobie, White, Parkinson, Havers, McMullen, and Farnfield on behalf of the Annuity Fund, while Bro. Alston attended by invitation of both Sub-Committees. The following terms for a union were then drawn up and agreed to, viz. :—

1. The two Institutions to be united under some appropriate name to be hereafter decided upon.
2. That each Institution retain its own Trustees.
3. The present Asylum Fund and any other funds which may be subscribed to a fund called a "Building Fund" to be employed in building or enlarging the building and keeping the same in repair, and all necessary expenses.
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5. That the Asylum when in a state to receive inmates shall be occupied by Annuitants. In default of there being a sufficient number of Annuitants who are willing to become inmates of the Asylum, then the Committee shall nominate from the number of the unsuccessful candidates the brother who shall have polled the greatest number of votes at the last election to fill the said vacancy, who shall receive such an amount of annuity as may hereafter be determined upon.
6. That there shall be but one election in each year, which election shall include both annuitants and inmates.
7. The Asylum Committee to have control of all funds collected for the Asylum previous to the 1st of July.
8. That at and after the union of the two Charities, the Governors and Subscribers of each shall have votes in the election of annuitants or inmates in proportion to the amount of their respective subscriptions.

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Craft Lodges—Nos. 221, 1000, 1289, 1977.

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Correspondence—Anti Humbug; H. Baldwin.

Notes and Queries—The Royal Lodge (extinct), Chester.

Masonic Bazaar at Salford.

Presentation to Bro. Dawkins, of the Freemasons' Tavern.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Die Bauhütte," "New York Daily News," "Night and Day," "The Royal Cornwall Gazette," "Hull Packet," "Citizen," "Broad Arrow," "Fishing Gazette," "Freemasons' Chronicle," "Bulletin Maçonnique," "Music Trades' Review," "Masonic Record for Western India," "Loomis' Journal," "Allen's Indian Mail," "Keystone," "Masonic Review," "The Tricycling Journal."



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29, 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 GREAT HALL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

We have all many sins to answer for, and probably I have not fewer than my neighbours; but there are sins which we have not committed, and for these we should hardly be held accountable. In the last number of the *Freemason* a "Provincial Registrar" writes:—

"Amongst other statements made with regard to this question, Bro. Havers advanced the startling proposition that in the case of a building large enough to contain 1500, it would be impossible for all to hear. I wonder what Mr. Spurgeon would say to this?"

Permit me to say that I made no such statement: my contention was, and is, that experience has shown us the impossibility, with our present knowledge, of constructing a building to hold 1500 people so that all can hear and be heard.

On several occasions lately I have used a "Provincial Registrar's" illustration, and have quoted Mr. Spurgeon's church as an instance of what can be done when it is necessary that only one man should be heard, and how that it is quite possible for a speaker, in an exceptionally arranged position, to be heard by all present.

But with us the case is different; every member of Grand Lodge ought to be able not only to hear, but to take part in our discussions and to be heard.

Our hall is used mainly for business purposes, and is large enough for the transaction of our general business; double or treble its dimensions it would be spoiled for business purposes, and it would still be all too small on unusual occasions. Those occasions take place very rarely, and when they are likely to occur it would be far better to hire the Albert Hall or some other suitable place to serve "pro hac vice," than to put Grand Lodge into a hall where it would be impossible to transact our ordinary business satisfactorily.—Yours fraternally,

JOHN HAVERS.

P.S.—I feel satisfied that the wisest course has been adopted. There is time to consider before the leases expire what further extension or alteration may be desirable, and when that is to be determined on I would hope that the first consideration will be how we can so add to our building as to promote the greater convenience and comfort of the Craft.

PROVINCE OF WEST LANCASHIRE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I read in a recent number of your paper an account of the meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge for West Lancashire. I find from that account that in the distribution of provincial honours 10 out of 20 have been given to Liverpool lodges. Seeing that there are in Liverpool only 31 of the 81 lodges in the province I fail to understand why the Liverpool lodges should monopolise so many honours. It is the case, not only this year, but has been so in years past, and I think that it is time for the honours to be more widely spread throughout the province.

I contend, sir, that instead of the honours being given to any brother personally they ought to be given to the lodge, and for the members to bestow that honour upon some worthy and distinguished brother in the lodge as a reward for good and faithful service. It is generally understood by many brethren that the R.W. Prov. Grand Master bestows these for faithful and diligent work in the cause of Freemasonry. I fear from the general run of these honours that there is great reason to doubt this very much, and to lead one to conclude that the giving of these honours is not so much the work of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master but rather of a select few in Liverpool, led by the Prov. Grand Secretary, whose favour is most slavishly courted for at times in the hope that provincial honours may shortly follow.

I hope, sir, that the powers that be will carefully consider this question with a view to some reform, and with the endeavour to do justice to lodges whose claims have for a long time been ignored, and by that means put a stop to the significant and what I hope may be unnecessary cry of "divide the province."—Yours fraternally,

JUSTICE.

AN IMPOSTOR.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am afraid I must ask leave to trespass on your space for the purpose of exposing a Masonic impostor. Early in November I was called upon late one Saturday night by a very respectably dressed man who represented himself as a brother in distress. He had no certificate

and therefore I did not test him, but he stated that he was travelling in the fish trade, and he showed me a draft for £5 which it was too late to cash, and said he was in want of temporary relief to secure a lodging. He gave his name as Thomas Holder, of the United Pilgrims Lodge, No. 507, and mentioned by name more than one prominent London brother with whom he claimed intimacy. I lent him five shillings, and having heard no more of him for a fortnight wrote to the Secretary of Lodge 507, who has replied to me that he has no such name on his books.

I may add that I since learned that this fellow was sent to me by my friend, the Rev. H. Newton, Vicar of Driffield, who paid his fare to York, and to whom he represented himself as having been swindled by his brother Masons.

I enclose you the letter he sent in to me (when he called) by my servant, for your edification. Its perusal will probably elicit from you the opinion that I was an awful flat. I am afraid I was; but I pitied the rascal at that late hour.—Yours fraternally,

T. B. WHYTEHEAD.



CHRISTMAS CARDS, BOOKS, PRESENTS, &c.

At this time of the year many are the reminders of the Christmas season, many the inducements to mementoes of family affection and social friendship, and, we must add, to expense. Indeed, it is somewhat difficult to foretell or point out, whither in this respect we are going. The tendencies of the hour are undoubtedly to aestheticism, "objets de luxe," and the like, and our forefathers would have been simply astounded, not to say shocked, at that lavish outlay which our Christmas habits now consider necessary, and which our modern tastes and requirements seem imperatively to sanction and claim. At the same time we do not think there is or can be much harm in this peculiar development of artistic creation or the agreeable remembrances of a passing Christmastide, year by year. It may be said that the money we expend on trifles such as these might be better appropriated. It may be alleged that we should do more good if we spent the money we thus distribute with a lavish hand on some work of admitted necessity and utility; in support of some one of those excellent institutions which put forth such touching appeals; in the direct assuagement of individual suffering, and the mitigation of abnormal penury. No doubt such a proposition is true in the abstract of all expenditure, more or less, but in the concrete it seems deficient in logical accuracy and effective common sense. All such expenditure, as Dr. Johnson said truly of old, benefits some one; and the large army of those who work for the Christmas supply is greatly advantaged by the prevailing tastes of the day, by the fads, if you like, of the age we live in. It is curious to note how with the demand comes not only an enlarged supply, but the increase of price and expenditure; the souvenirs, the presents, the books, the cards which suited us a few years back suit us no longer. Indeed, Christmas cards in their intense development, affecting even the postal arrangements of the country, are the creation of a few years, and have as clearly not yet reached their "Apogee." We have seen cards this season, models of taste, ingenuity, and expense, which, though ephemeral, and "perishing with the using," yet are considered the "proper form" to send to friends and relations. As we have all favourite sources of supply, and many might be mentioned with approval and commendation, we will merely add that many of the catalogues themselves, like that of Mr. McMichael, 43, South Audley-street, and numerous others, are most interesting and artistic too. Indeed, amid such a plethora of pretty, ingenious, graceful presents, striking, elegant, monitory, and sympathetic cards, it must be strange indeed if young and old cannot be suited and gratified. Let us trust that Christmas cards and Christmas presents will give unfeigned happiness to many of our dear little friends, cheering their warm hearts, and obtaining their sunniest smiles.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The last meeting of the General Committee of this Institution for 1883 was held on Thursday afternoon at Freemasons' Hall, Col. Creaton, Past Grand Treasurer, in the chair. The brethren present were:—Bros. Colonel James Peters, P.G. Swd. Bearer; J. H. Matthews; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; Robert Grey, P.G.D.; H. Massey; C. J. F. Matier; C. H. Webb; Samuel H. Parkhouse; and F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., brought forward a motion of which notice had been given by Bro. J. A. Rucker, P.G.D., "That the salary of Bro. Hedges, the Secretary, be increased by £50 a year." Bro. Richardson said he was sure that Bro. Hedges thoroughly deserved it. He was hard-working, [and had done excellent service to the Institution.

Col. PETERS, G. Swd. Bearer, in seconding the motion, said he had known Bro. Hedges as Secretary of the Institution for many years, and had observed the way in which he performed his duties, and it afforded him much pleasure to second the motion.

Col. CREATON said he did not wish to make a speech, but he had come expressly to this meeting at great inconvenience to himself to support the motion.

Bro. C. H. WEBB asked how much this addition would raise the salary to.

Col. CREATON said the salary at present was £450, and the addition would make it £500.

Bro. H. MASSEY said he was sorry the salary had not been made the same as the salaries of the Secretaries of the other two Institutions.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON said he hoped it would be so shortly.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Bro. HEDGES, who had left the room, was then called in and informed by Col. CREATON that the motion had been carried without a dissenting voice.

Bro. HEDGES said he was very much obliged to the brethren for their recognition from time to time of his endeavours to perform his duties.

On the motion of Col. CREATON, seconded by Col. PETERS, 10 guineas was voted towards "The Twelfth Night Entertainment," which will be given on the 9th January.

Bro. HEDGES next read the following letter from Col. Leach, R.E., under whose superintendence the drainage works at the School had been carried out:

"3, St. James-square, S.W., 14th December, 1883.

"Dear Mr. Hedges,—I enclose the accounts for the drainage and plumbing work at the Institution. Fish, Prestige and Co.'s accounts amount together to £696 2s. 2d., of which £550 has already been paid. I have arranged with Mr. Prestige, who, from the long connection of his firm with the Institution, desires to act liberally towards it, that there shall be a discount of £46 2s. 2d., or in other words that a further payment of £100 shall settle these accounts. Crapper's account amounts to £468 9s. 11d., which, barring the odd shillings, will stand as sent in, deduction for the old lead having already been made. £400 has been paid to Mr. Crapper on account. The total cost of the works has been: Fish and Co., £650; Crapper, £468; and Dr. Corfield, £25; total £1143.

"The accounts include many things which could not have been originally foreseen, but which were found to be necessary during the progress of the work, as well as some other small items for work done to the house occupied by the younger children. I went over the Institution a short time back, after a year's trial and experience, and found everything working satisfactorily, and I was glad to hear from Dr. Howell that not only had there been no case of serious illness since the work was done, but that the tendency to sore throat, which was formerly prevalent even among the servants, has disappeared. I think, therefore, it may be considered that the expenditure, though large, has not been unprofitable. Contrasting the expenditure with previous estimates and bearing in mind that they would have been considerably increased by the extra work, I think the expenditure cannot be considered otherwise than moderate, and I am sure it will be satisfactory to the Committee to be able to report that they have so material a saving in the money voted to them. I should be glad if some acknowledgment were made of the ready liberality with which Mr. Prestige met my views, and in sending Dr. Corfield's fee, if not already done, a few complimentary expressions of well deserved thanks from the Committee would no doubt be agreeable to him.

As Mr. Crapper did his work remarkably well, and knows all connected with the plumbing work, and also has the pattern of the closet basins, which were made specially, I would venture to suggest that if anything material is required in that direction, he should be again employed.

A short memorandum of what was done, and a complete plan of the drainage, as it now exists, would be useful for future reference, and I will have them prepared.

"If I can again assist the Committee in any matter connected with the building, I shall have pleasure in doing so.

"I am, dear Mr. Hedges, yours truly,

(Signed) "G. A. LEACH, R.E.

"F. R. W. Hedges, Esq."

Bro. ROBERT GREY said he was quite sure the meeting would agree with him that the wishes of Col. Leach should be carried out, and he would give notice that in consideration of the special services rendered to the Institution by Mr. Prestige, he be elected an Honorary Life Governor of the Institution with eight votes. Also that the Secretary be directed to write to Dr. Corfield that the best thanks of this Committee were tendered to him for his very able services in connection with the sanitary arrangements carried out at this Institution. He was sure that the way Dr. Corfield assisted Col. Leach deserved the hearty recognition of the subscribers. And lastly, as Messrs. Crapper so well carried out the work they were entrusted with, that the Secretary in sending the cheque to them should also say that the Committee expressed their entire satisfaction with the manner in which Messrs. Crapper had executed the plumbers' work at the Institution.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, as one who had watched the works during their progress, gladly seconded the motion. They had saved £200 on the original estimate. £1300 was voted on very close estimates, and the works were carried out for £1100.

The motion was carried.

The petitions were then considered. Of these there were twelve. Five were accepted, one was rejected, and the others were deferred. The number of candidates for next election were declared to be 35, and the vacancies, 23.

Notice of motions was given by Bro. MARTIN and Bro. MATIER for next Quarterly Court in January, for altering some of the laws of the Institution.

Col. CREATON next proposed, as there was £1700 of the Sustentration Fund in hand after paying all liabilities, that £500 should be invested, and that as the interest amounted to £293 3s. 8d. on the Sustentration Fund, £250 be also invested for the Sustentration Fund.

A vote of thanks to the chairman closed the proceedings.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

BIRTH.

SHANKS.—On the 11th inst., at West Thorpe, Bensington, Oxfordshire, the wife of Major Shanks, K.M., of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

MOSS—BULBROOKE.—On the 25th inst., at Camden-road Chapel, by the Rev. F. Tucker, B.A., W. E. Moss, of Aylesford-street, Pimlico, to Victoria Bulbrooke, of St. Paul's-road, Camden-square.

DEATHS.

BRISTOW.—On the 23rd inst., at his residence, Russell House, Basingstoke, after three days' illness, J. Bristow, aged 78.

DIGBY.—On the 23rd inst., at Bath, the Rev. G. Digby, late vicar of Low Harrogate, aged 80.

MADAME TUSSAUD AND SON'S EXHIBITION.—Portrait Models of H.R.H. the Duke of EDINBURGH, M. Ferdinand de Lesseps, President Greys, Martin Luther, The Orleans Princes, Captain Webb (taken from life), Costly Court Dresses. Also Marwood (taken from sittings).—Admission 1s. Extra rooms, 6d. Open from 10 till 10.—[ADVT.]



Craft Masonry.

UNION WATERLOO LODGE (No. 13).—The regular monthly meeting of the above lodge took place on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, and was well attended, Bro. R. A. Smith, W.M., presided, and was supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. R. Hodgkinson, P.M.; H. S. Syer, P.M.; G. H. Masters, S.W.; W. Akers, J.W.; T. Hutton, P.M., Treas.; N. Brown, P.M., Sec.; A. Cleal, S.D.; J. G. Milburne, S.D.; W. Tailby, I.G.; H. Gryce, D.C.; Visitors: Bros. J. Holleyman, I.P.M. 1536; H. Roberts, W.M. 700; H. Mason, W.M. 913; J. Blackmore, 88; H. Strickland, 169; A. R. West, 1949; H. Martin, 1849; J. Swanson, 700; H. H. Grafton, 913; and C. Jolly (*Freemason*).

The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, Messrs. W. Doddrell, B. E. Topowski, and J. T. Stoakes were after approval, initiated, and Bro. Smith was passed, both degrees being admirably worked by the W.M. and his officers. Refreshments having been partaken of in the hall the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

In proposing the toast of "The W.M." Bro. Syer paid a tribute of respect to Bro. Smith for the manner in which he had initiated the candidates, and felt sure that under the rule of their W.M. the lodge would grow and prosper.

Bro. Smith in response assured the brethren that he should always do his best to prove worthy of their choice. As to the kind remarks of Bro. Syer he (the W.M.) was suffering from a hoarseness, the result of a cold, or the ceremonies would have been even more impressive. He thanked them for the toast, and wished them all "A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year."

Bro. Roberts eloquently responded for "The Visitors," and the Initiates severally returned thanks for the toast, coupled with their names, and after "The Past Masters" and Tyler's toast had been honoured the proceedings, which were of a spirited and harmonious character, terminated.

HIGH CROSS LODGE (No. 754).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, 17th inst., at the Seven Sisters Hotel, Page-green, Tottenham, for the purpose of initiating Captain Charles Stewart Stephens, Gold Coast Constabulary, who is about to depart for the Gold Coast, the ceremony being done in a most efficient manner by Bro. H. Stephens, P.M., by permission of the W.M. The brethren then adjourned for some light refreshment, the table being ably presided over by the W.M., Bro. E. G. Lewis, and a very enjoyable evening was spent, the brethren present wishing the newly-made brother a safe journey to his destination and a successful issue to the important undertaking that he was about to enter upon.

CITY OF LONDON LODGE (No. 901).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 17th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., when there were present the following brethren and officers: Bros. John Hughes, W.M.; David Hughes, S.W.; H. McClelland, J.W.; C. Beaumont, P.M., Sec.; E. Harris, S.D.; H. Harbord, J.D.; Daniel Hughes, I.G.; Stevens and Gillard, Stewards; Woodstock, Tyler; A. Ginger, P.M.; Faux, Russell, Diamond, Dharty, Bisley, Chamberlain, Gross, Hoddinott, Whitnall, Eade, Fletcher, Derry, Parker, Easey, Fimister, G. Smith, and Harden. Visitors: Bros. Hubbard, S.W. 1107; Parkes, S.D. 419; Williams, S.W. 933; Mortimer; Glanville, J.D. 217; and Abbott, P.M. 765.

A unanimous ballot having been taken in favour of Mr. William Ross and Mr. Harold James Glanville, who had been previously balloted for, they were duly initiated into the mysteries of the Order. Bro. Dharty was passed to the Second Degree, and Bro. Russell raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., and the lodge was then closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—This highly distinguished lodge held its meeting on Thursday, the 20th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall. There was a very goodly number of the members present, among them being Bros. R. G. Shute, W.M.; J. Williams, I.P.M.; J. Nielson, P.M.; L. Cornelissen, P.M.; W. Williams, J.W.; J. J. Cantle, P.M., Sec.; E. Thirkle, P.M., Treas.; D. Ferguson, S.D.; R. H. Rogers, J.D.; E. Austin, I.G.; J. B. Colvill, D.C. (who, in the absence of Bro. W. Carrington took the S.W. chair); G. F. Williams, W.S.; J. J. Johnson, Asst. W.S.; also Bros. Capt. Helden, C. H. Bull, G. Whitaker, H. W. Handcock, F. Purnell, T. Poulton, W. Russell, A. Wolter, J. Longden, R. F. Stock, H. M. Cook, B. Brett, T. Pink, W. Spriggs, T. Biggs. The lodge also entertained the following visitors: Bros. Col. Lambart, P.M. 1460; W. Game, P.M. 511; W. G. Reynolds, S.W. 1441; Louis Konig, 1319; and Arthur Thomas, 1319.

Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the November meeting read and confirmed. The next business was to ballot for Mr. H. D. Benton as a candidate for initiation into Freemasonry, which proving unanimous, he was duly admitted and initiated by the W.M. This being the election meeting, the next business was the election of W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. W. Carrington, P.M., S.W., having been prevented by urgent business from being present, sent a telegram to the effect that it was his wish not to be nominated for the chair, and in consequence the brethren were unanimous in their election of Bro. W. Williams, J.W. Bro. E. Thirkle, P.M., was again elected Treasurer, although he particularly asked the brethren to excuse him from office, many brethren spoke, saying how much he was esteemed and valued, when he said he must leave himself in their hands; the result being his unanimous election. After the Tyler and Auditors had been elected, Bro. Ed. Austin, I.G., presented to the lodge a very handsome silver-gilt ivory-handled trowel—a very beautiful specimen of workmanship—saying it was an emblem of the Craft, and although not used in the ceremonies now, he considered no lodge should be without one on the Master's pedestal. A vote of thanks was proposed and carried to Bro. Austin for his

valuable present, and the Secretary ordered to record the same on the minutes. Bro. Cantle, P.M., Sec., then presented to the lodge a Masonic water-colour drawing, most emblematic in design, it having the three columns (Doric, Ionic, and Corinthian), globes, scrolls, &c., and between which are introduced the names of the brethren who have made presentations to the lodge with the various articles they have presented. The drawing was the work of his son, Mr. C. F. Cantle.

Bro. Williams, P.M., said he was sure the brethren would most cordially thank Mr. Cantle for this very handsome work of art presented by him. He was a young man whose personal acquaintance he was proud to hold, and he hoped the day was not far distant when he could hail him as a brother; he therefore had very much pleasure in proposing that the thanks of this lodge be forwarded to Mr. C. F. Cantle, and that the same be recorded upon the minutes, which was seconded and carried unanimously.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren retired to the Tavern, where a banquet was provided, and to which some forty brethren sat down. In proposing the first toast the W.M. said he had no intention of taking up the time that evening in talking, he had nothing very special or novel to bring before them, but he thought under the direction of Bro. P.M. Cantle there would be placed before them a selection of music that could not fail to give each and all very great pleasure. The grace was sung by Madame Worrell, Miss Godolphin, Bros. Arthur Thompson, Arthur Thomas, James Kift, Alfred Moore, Louis Konig, and J. Ion Cantle, and during the evening they gave such a selection of music that is seldom heard, except at a very first-class concert. Bro. W. G. Reynolds, an old favourite here, gave two recitations in his usual masterly style.

We must congratulate the outgoing W.M. upon the happy evening he gave the brethren on this his last opportunity of presiding over them.

NOTTINGHAM.—Newstead Lodge (No. 47).—The annual festival of this popular and time-honoured lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on Tuesday, the 18th inst., the W.M. Bro. Geo. Chapman presiding, supported by the following officers: Bro. Toplis, I.P.M.; E. C. Patchitt, S.W.; H. Vickers, J.W.; A. J. Barber, S.D.; H. E. Wilson, J.D.; J. Davis, M.C.; D. R. T. Mountney, I.G. Amongst the visitors present were Bro. C. B. Truman, P.G.J.W.; Bro. R. Fitzhugh, P.P.G.J.W.; Bro. Mitchell, P.P.G.D.C.; several distinguished brethren from a distance, with nearly the whole of the Masters of the lodges in the province.

The minutes of the previous lodge having been read and confirmed, the W.M. elect was presented by Bro. Toplis, the I.P.M., and Bro. Davis, P.M. and M.C., to the W.M. for the ceremony of installation. This was rendered in such a manner as to receive the highest praise from all present. At the conclusion upward of fifty of the brethren and guests adjourned to the banquet hall where, after partaking of a sumptuous repast, which had been capitally served by Mrs. Simpson, the stewardess of the hall, the newly-installed W.M. gave the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," followed by "The Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and the Officers of Grand Lodge." The toast of "The Prov. G.M. His Grace the Duke of St. Albans, the D.P.G.M. Bro. J. Watson, and the Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge," followed, and was responded to by Bro. C. B. Truman, P.G.J.W., who said that he felt proud in having the opportunity of responding in the Newstead Lodge for the Prov. Grand Lodge of Notts. Every officer of the Prov. Grand Lodge felt a deep interest in all that concerned Masonry in this province in general, and the prosperity and welfare of every lodge in particular. They had a true Mason in the Prov. G.M., and a brother of exceptional ability and geniality in the D.P.G.M. Considering the attention given by them to Masonry it would be strange indeed if the province was not in a flourishing state. He regarded it as not only a pleasure but a privilege to have been present, and to have seen such splendid working. There was no wonder in the great popularity of the Newstead Lodge, considering the efficiency with which it is conducted.

Bro. Derry, P.M., proposed the next toast, that of "The W.M." He said it gave him great pleasure to see such an old friend and brother in the chair of that lodge. Having been so well acquainted with Bro. Rogers for so long he had always felt a strong desire to see him in that proud position, and now that desire was gratified. In Bro. Rogers they had a man who was every inch a gentleman, and just what a Mason should be, and he had no doubt that the honour and reputation of the lodge would be safe in his hands.

Bro. Rogers gave an excellent address in reply, and then went on to propose "The Health of the I.P.M. and Installing Master." He said that words would fail him to express what he felt in proposing this toast, but the esteem and great respect with which Bro. Chapman was regarded by every brother of the lodge would be substituted for what he failed to utter. Bro. Chapman had not only proved himself a Master in administering the affairs of the lodge, but had given delight and instruction to the brethren during the past year by the way in which he had performed the ceremonies, and especially so that evening, and he trusted that for many years to come the lodge would have the benefit of his council and assistance.

Bro. Chapman in responding said 12 months ago they honoured him with their suffrages and placed him in the proud position of Master. He accepted that truly as the highest honour they could confer on him, but at the same time with great misgiving, fear, and trembling, because he knew he had not only to succeed one of the ablest Masters the Newstead had ever had in Bro. Toplis, P.M., but he felt he had to maintain a reputation which had been won for the lodge by an illustrious roll of predecessors. To-night he retired from that position with deep regret, though mingled with pleasure, arising not from the fact that he was no longer in the important office of Master, but because he must of necessity sacrifice those close official ties which had bound himself and his officers together in such strong bonds of affection during the past year. If any corroboration were needed for what he said he had only to point to this magnificent Past Master's jewel which they saw upon his breast and which has been presented to him by his officers as a token of their respect and esteem. On the other hand he heartily rejoiced to know that he was succeeded in the chair by one so worthy as Bro. Rogers, in every sense a model Mason, and whose urbanity and thorough gentlemanly conduct and manner cannot fail to make him beloved by all who know him.

Bro. S. G. Johnson, P.M. (Town Clerk of Nottingham), proposed in an excellent speech "The Visiting Brethren," to which Bros. Mitchell, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., and Hickling, W.M. 411, responded.

Bro. Sutton, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., proposed "The Masonic Charities," to which Bro. Davis, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., responded.

The Tyler's toast was shortly afterwards drunk, and the brethren retired well pleased with such an afternoon's enjoyment.

During the evening a very handsome Past Secretary's jewel was presented to the late Secretary, Bro. Banwell, who in accepting the gift, after 10 years' service, in an excellent speech gave a resumé thereof, and resumed his seat amid applause.

SUNDERLAND.—Palatine Lodge (No. 97).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Park-terrace, on Thursday, the 13th inst. This being the installation meeting, there was a very large attendance of Prov. Grand Officers, Past Masters, and brethren. The lodge was duly opened by the W.M., Bro. C. McNamara, and among those present were Bros. Hudson, Prov. G.S.; G. Hardy, Prov. G.A.D.C.; G. C. Watson, Prov. G.J.D.; E. D. Davis, P.P.G.J.W., Prov. G.D.C. Northumberland; P. Levy, P.P.G.J.W.; J. J. Clay, P.P.G.S. of W.; G. Porteus, P.P.G.O.; D. Sinclair, P.P.G.A.D.C.; W. M. Bell, P.P.G.A.D.C. Northumberland; M. Douglas, P.P.G.D.; F. Maddison, P.P.G.D.; W. Liddell, P.P.G.J.D.; J. Potts, P.P.G.J.D.; A. T. Munro, P.P.G.S.B.; J. H. Thompson, I.P.M. 240; T. Twizell, P.M. 97; H. Tonkinson, P.M. 97; T. M. Watson, P.M. 97; J. H. Leech, P.M. 97; W. Beattie, P.M. 1389; J. G. Smith, I.P.M. 48; J. Egglestone, P.M. 949; J. E. Nelson, W.M. 80; S. Cockburn, P.M. 661; H. W. Emmerson, P.M. 661; T. Pinkney, W.M. 1389; J. Hudson, I.P.M. 94; J. R. Smart, P.M. 94; J. Riseborough, P.P.G.D.; E. Atkinson, S.W. 661; J. Sedcole, S.W. 1119; J. W. Rainbow, S.W. 94; J. G. Kirtley, S.W. 949; and J. Armstrong, J.W. 1119.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been duly read and confirmed, the brethren proceeded to ballot for Bro. B. Levy, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., as a rejoining member, and Mr. Henry George Anderson as a candidate. Both were unanimously elected, and Mr. Anderson being present was duly initiated by the W.M. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. John Charlton Moor, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. Clay, P.P.G.S. of W., P.M., D.C., to the W.M., Bro. C. McNamara, for the benefit of installation. Bro. Moor having satisfactorily answered the necessary questions, went through the forms necessary in this degree. The lodge was then raised to the Third Degree, and a Board of Installed Masters opened, consisting of 26 of the leading Masters of the province, Bro. Moor was duly installed in the chair of K.S., and invested Bro. C. McNamara as I.P.M., who then declared the Installing Board closed. The brethren below the rank of Installed Master were admitted in due course, when the W.M. was proclaimed and greeted in the usual manner. The newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. R. Pattison, S.W.; R. Singleton, J.W.; H. Tonkinson, P.M., Treas.; G. C. Watson, P.M., Sec.; J. J. Clay, D.C.; E. Clarkson, S.D.; C. M. Wake, J.D.; J. G. Nasbet, I.G.; W. A. O. Sutcliffe, S.S.; J. G. Marshall, J.S.; E. G. Watson, Org.; and J. Brown, Tyler. Bros. J. Storey and W. Birch were appointed Auditors. The Installing Master, Bro. C. McNamara, then gave the three charges, the whole of the ceremony being performed in a most efficient manner. The W.M. afterwards rose, and in a suitable manner presented on behalf of the brethren a handsome Past Master's jewel to Bro. McNamara, I.P.M., bearing the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. Charles McNamara, W.M. of the Palatine Lodge, No. 97, 1883-84, by the officers and brethren, as a token of their regard and esteem, and in recognition of the able manner in which he has discharged the duties of W.M." The jewel was one of very choice design, and was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, Little Britain, London.

The Worshipful Master, in making the presentation, spoke of the admirable work done by Bro. McNamara, who had during his year of office as W.M. discharged the duties at all times with good intention, earnest resolution, and to the best of his skill and ability. As a visitor of the lodges in the district he was unequalled, and he had been of the utmost assistance to many of the brethren coming to the chair, and in the lodge of instruction.

Bro. McNamara, in acknowledging the presentation, said he appreciated the testimonial, and in doing what he had he had only endeavoured to do his duty.

Bro. R. Hudson, Prov. G. Sec. Durham, referred to the Revised Constitutions, which had just been confirmed by Grand Lodge, and drew the attention of the W.M. and the brethren present, and said that by the law of Freemasonry any alterations made in the Constitutions affecting the by-laws of lodges were thereby altered, and required no resolution of the lodge. The report of the Prov. Grand Lodge meeting, held at Sunderland on October 23rd, had been printed as a pamphlet. A copy would be sent to the Secretaries of the several lodges, marked for the use of the lodge, so that the reports in future might be preserved for reference.

Bro. J. J. Clay, P.M., D.C., proposed that the usual charities given by the lodge be granted, namely, £2 2s. to the Infirmary, £2 2s. to the Orphan Asylum, and £1 1s. to the Society for the Relief of Widows of Shipwrecked Mariners. Bro. Henry Tonkinson, P.M., Treasurer, supported the motion, which was agreed to unanimously.

The lodge was then closed in due form by the W.M., and the brethren adjourned to the Palatine Hotel, where the annual festival took place, 65 sitting down to a most enjoyable repast.

YORK.—York Lodge (No. 236).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, on Monday, 17th inst. The W.M., Bro. George Kirby, presided, and was supported by the whole of his officers, there being also present amongst the large assembly the following Past Masters: Bros. Joseph Todd, P.P.G.R.; T. B. Whythead, Prov. G.S.W.; Sir James Meek, J. S. Rymer (ex-Sheriff of York); J. S. Cumberland, Capt. Giffard, Mark Rooke, Major McGachen, Major J. A. Barstow, A. Buckle, B.A.; Qrtr.-Mstr. Banks, G. Lee, Rev. J. J. Needham, P.G. Chap. West Riding Yorkshire; McNay, G. Balmford, W. H. Gainforth, and John Blenkins, W.M. elect 1611, amongst the other brethren being Sir F. Milner, M.P., and Alderman Terry, J.P.

The minutes having been confirmed the lodge was raised to the Second Degree, and the W.M. requested Bro. Joseph Todd, P.M., P.P.G.R., to take the chair as Installing Master, the latter appointing as his Wardens Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M., Prov. G.S.W.; and Bro. Mark Rooke, P.M., Prov. G.S.D. The W.M. elect, Bro. G. Garbutt, S.W., was then presented by Bros. Lawton and Sir James Meek, and the ceremony of installation was proceeded with. A Board of Installed Masters was afterwards formed and the W.M. elect was duly installed in the chair according to ancient custom. The W.M. elect then appointed his officers as follow: Wm. Draper, S.W.; H. Foster, J.W.; the Dean of York, Rev. A. P. Purey-Cust, D.D., P.G.C., Chap.; J. Todd, P.M., P.P.G.R., Treas.; Wm. Smith, Sec.; F. G. Hodgson, S.D.; S. Border, J.D.; John B. Sampson, D. of C.; W. H. Garland, Mus. Bac. Org.; Geo. Davies, I.G.; W. Purnell and H. S. Hopton, Stwds.; and W. G. Calvert, Tyler.

Shortly afterwards a banquet was held in the hall, and the W.M., Bro. Garbutt presided, supported by between 50 and 60 members of the lodge, and visitors from a distance. The W.M. in proposing the usual loyal and Craft toasts referred in graceful terms to the visit to York of the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England, and remarked that all must have appreciated the kindly way in which he laid the foundation-stone of the new institute.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The R.W. the Earl of Zetland, Prov. G.M. North and East Ridings; the W. Dr. Bell, D.P.G.M., and the Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers," to which Bros. T. B. Whytehead and M. Rooke responded, the former remarking that everyone of them who had had the privilege of coming in contact with the Prov. Grand Master, Lord Zetland, Masonically, would agree that his lordship was quite prepared to exert himself and do everything in his power to promote the good of the province and Freemasonry generally. No one could have taken more earnest interest in the success of the movement when they wished to receive the M.W.G.M. the Prince of Wales last summer. They were most happy in having such a Prov. Grand Master who was a very worthy successor of his noble uncle.

Bro. Sir James Meek proposed "The W.M. of the York Lodge," and said that Masonry was not only increasing in the number of its lodges in England, but he was happy to say throughout the world.

Bro. Garbutt, the W.M., in responding assured them of his continued endeavour, with the aid of his officers, to promote the interests of the lodge and Masonry generally.

Bro. Alderman Terry, J.P., proposed "The I.P.M., Bro. G. Kirby, and the Past Masters of the York Lodge," which was suitably responded to by Bro. Kirby.

Bro. J. Sykes Rymor, P.M., proposed "The Installing Master," and in doing so dwelt upon the exceptionable skill and example to younger Masons furnished by the labours of Bro. Todd.

Bro. Todd in reply having assured them that it was his earnest desire to do all he possibly could to carry out the great principles of Freemasonry, and to promote the prosperity of the Craft, said that he had been working in that lodge 20 years, and it would be his continued endeavour to support future Masters in their work.

Bro. A. Buckle, B.A., proposed "The Masonic Charities," and expressed the honour he had felt in representing York when the largest amount of money ever raised for a Charity was collected for the Boys' School. By the help of the York Lodge and the Zetland Chapter he was enabled to carry to London a large contribution.

Bro. J. S. Cumberland responded, and threw out some useful suggestions as to the formation of a branch for the provision of those who could not be aided through the existing channels of Masonic Charity.

Bro. Lawton proposed "The Visitors," and Bros. the Rev. J. J. Needham, W.M. 910, Pontefract; John Blenkins, W.M. 1611; and Giffard, P.M. 570, responded.

Bro. Sir F. Milner, M.P., proposed "The Officers of the York Lodge," which was responded to by the Senior and Junior Wardens, and the toast list concluded with "All Poor and Distressed Masons."

During the evening some excellent vocal music, with pianoforte accompaniment, was given by the brethren.

LIVERPOOL.—Merchants Lodge (No. 241).—The half-yearly meeting of this popular and prosperous lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 11th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, when there was a numerous and influential attendance. The chair was taken by the W.M., Bro. James Pendleton, supported amongst others by Bros. Thomas Whitehead, I.P.M.; George Hutchin, P.M.; James Winsor, P.M.; George Broadbridge, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Thomas Salter, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., D.C.; R. Brown, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; J. Brotherton, S.W.; R. White, J.W.; C. A. Luker, Sec.; Simon Jude, S.D.; A. H. Huther, J.D.; A. B. Ewart, Org.; Lieut. Nacnab, I.G.; W. McLachlan and J. Proctor, Stewards; A. Woolrich, P.M. 1356; W. Savage, I.P.M. 1609; W. Stedford, P.M. 728; and others. Among the numerous visitors were Bros. Eaton Batty, 1609; J. J. Savage, P.M. 1086; Wm. Gick, W.M. 203; Henry Firth, P.G.J.D.; James P. Bryan, P.G.O.; Hugh Williams, P.P.G.A.D. of C.; W. Longbottom, P.G. Steward; A. Bucknall, P.M. 667; and others.

After the usual routine business the W.M. very efficiently performed the ceremony of initiation for three gentlemen—Messrs. Cottrell, Gould, and Kirkland.

The chief business of the evening was, however, the election of Treasurer and Trustee, both offices being vacant owing to the death of the late and lamented Bro. John Latta, P.M. Bro. Thomas Whitehead, I.P.M., was duly elected Treasurer, and Bro. Thomas Salter, P.P.G.S.D., D.C., the Trustee.

The sum of 50 guineas, which had been provisionally promised to the West Lancashire Educational Institution, on condition of the benefits being extended, was ordered to be handed over, that extension having taken place. Thirty guineas was also ordered to be given to the widow of a deceased brother, being balance promised on her daughter's going into business.

The lodge was then called off, when Bro. Casey, House Steward, provided supper in good style, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. Bros. Batty, 1609; Bryan, P.G.O.; Child, 1505; Lewis, 203; Muir, 203; and R. N. Hobart, 241, gave capital vocal selections during the evening, Bro. Ewatts officiating at the piano; and Bros. J. Brotherton, S.W., and West furnished excellent renderings of "Horatius" and "Shamus O'Brien." The lodge was afterwards closed.

LANCASTER.—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281).

—The monthly meeting of this lodge, being also the annual meeting for the election of officers, was held on the 12th inst., in the Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Bro. B. Greyson, the W.M., presiding. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for W.M. for the ensuing year, when Bro. Thomas Bayley, J.W., was unanimously elected. A similar compliment was also paid to Bro. James Hatch, Treas. On the ballot being taken for the office, Bros. McRalth, S.D.; Nicholson, J.D.; and Thistlethwaite, were appointed auditors. The installation meeting was held on the 27th inst., the Installing Officer being Bro. John Atkinson, P.M., a portion of the ceremony being also undertaken by Bro. Greyson, the retiring W.M. Bro. A. K. Allinson was re-elected Tyler. The usual proclamations were then made and the lodge was subsequently closed with the formalities of the Craft.

HARTLEPOOL.—St. Helen's Lodge (No. 531).

—The brethren of this lodge celebrated the festival of St. John on the 16th inst. in the presence of a large number of members and visitors from West Hartlepool, Sunderland, Middlesbrough, &c. The lodge was opened at the Masonic Hall by the W.M., Bro. John Metcalfe, and after the usual routine business, Bro. Levy, P.M. 97, P. Prov. J.G.W., proceeded to install the new W.M., Bro. John Hunter, jun., P.M., P.P.J.G.W. The new W.M. then appointed the following as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. John Metcalfe, I.P.M.; M. Harrison, S.W.; F. Hockaday, J.W.; J. Wetherell, Sec.; W. Shaw, Treas. (reappointed); C. Cole, S.D.; E. C. Jobson, J.D.; G. Patrick, I.G.; J. Hawkes, Tyler; and T. J. Johnson, P.M., D. of C.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the brethren and visitors adjourned to Bro. Humble's, Cleveland Hotel, where dinner had been prepared. Numerous toasts and songs followed, and the brethren retired at an early hour. In addition to the above there were present Past Masters Bros. S. Armstrong, W. Pearson, F. Bennett, M. Spofforth, and E. Terry, all of St. Helen's Lodge; Bro. J. Stonehouse, W.M. of the Harbour of Refuge Lodge; Bros. Coxon, P.M.; E. Hudson, P.M.; Beauman, P.M.; Simpson, W.M. of the Stranton Lodge; and Bennett, P.M.

LIVERPOOL.—Lodge of Loyalty (No. 897).

—On Monday, the 17th inst., this lodge met at the Masonic Rooms, St. Helens, to install the W.M. elect, Bro. D. M. F. Gaskin. The W.M., Bro. Bielby, presided, and in a most efficient manner installed his successor, after which the following officers were appointed and invested for the ensuing year: Bros. Bielby, I.P.M.; C. C. Wilson, P.M., D.C.; I. Smith, S.W.; J. J. Tickle, J.W.; Joseph Robinson, Treas. (re-elected); J. L. Wolfenden, Sec.; Dr. Garson, S.D.; John Jackson, J.D.; W. Gardner, Org.; John Taylor, I.G.; Edwin Jackson, S.S.; J. A. Rattray, J.S.; and John Taylor, Tyler (re-elected). A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M. The following visiting brethren were present: Bros. Lieut.-Col. Gough, G. Std. Br., Deputy Prov. G.M. Staffordshire; R. Young, P.P.G.S.D.; J. Callow, P.P.G. Treas.; Broadbridge, P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. W. McTear, W.M. 86; W. R. Robinson, P.M. 1335; Newsome, P.G.S.B., P.M. 1353; and W. Tyrer, P.P.G.S., P.M. 86. At the conclusion of the proceedings a banquet was held in the Fleece Hotel.

WIGAN.—Lindsay Lodge (No. 1335).

—The regular monthly meeting of the members of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, King-street, on Wednesday, the 5th inst., when the following were present: Bros. J. D. Murray, W.M.; H. T. Byrom, S.W.; A. H. Crossby, J.W.; W. Johnson, Sec.; S. A. Oliver, P.M., Treas.; W. Wall, J.D.; J. Browne and H. Boucher, Stwds.; Jno. Marsden, I.G.; J. E. Barlow, I.P.M.; C. E. Beazer, P.M.; C. B. Holmes, P.M.; H. T. Folkard, H. Riddlesworth, R. Halliwell, W. M. Wyld, W. Rigby, and G. G. Gatham. Visitors: Bros. Jno. Preston, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C. 178; Jas. Ashurst, W.M. 178; T. D. Swift, 178; Wm. Dean, J.W. 178; C. J. W. Stork, J.W.; 1353; W. Drinkall, J.D. 1051; and H. McElenny, 384.

The brethren met at six o'clock for a cup of tea, and the lodge was opened at seven o'clock. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. G. G. Gatham answered the necessary questions and retired. The lodge having been opened in the Third Degree Bro. Gatham was duly raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by the W.M. Bro. H. T. Byrom, the S.W., was then unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. S. A. Oliver again re-elected as Treasurer. The W.M. then proposed that the sum of 40 guineas be voted from the funds of the lodge to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution. This was duly seconded and unanimously agreed to by the brethren. "Hearty good wishes" having been tendered by the visitors, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony, and at the social board a most enjoyable evening was afterwards spent.

LIVERPOOL.—Prince Arthur Lodge (No. 1570).

—The annual assembly for installation purposes of the brethren attached to the above lodge, took place at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Tuesday, the 18th inst. The W.M. elect, W. Bro. David Morris, and the very large attendance proved his personal popularity as well as the prosperity of the lodge. The chair was taken by Bro. W. P. Vines, W.M., supported by Bros. Henry Worthington, P.M.; A. G. Morrison, P.M.; D. Morris, S.W.; W. Bennett, J.W.; J. Hunter, Sec.; W. Vines, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; and others. Among the numerous visitors were Bros. Major Jos. Balmer, P.P.G.D.C.; Robert, Ing, P.M. 594; W. Brackenbury, P.P.G.A.D.C.; G. Godfrey, W.M. 673; R. G. Bradley, J.W. 249; Lewis Peake, W.M. 1035; W. H. Bucknell, P.G.A.D.C. Staffordshire; J. P. Bryan, P.G.O.; Hy. Jones, P.M. 1289; W. Savage, P.M. 1609; Thos. Hatton, P.M. 203; and others. The W.M. elect was presented by Bros. A. Morrison and H. Worthington, P.M., and the preliminary part of the installation ceremony was performed by Bro. W. H. Bucknell, and the remainder by Bro. Thos. Hatton, both of whom performed their duties admirably, considering the short notice. Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.M.; P.G. Std. Br. of England, who was to have installed, being absent through illness. The following officers were invested by the W.M., Bro. D. Morris, for the ensuing year: Bros. W. P. Vines, I.P.M.; W. Bennett, S.W.; J. Hunter, J.W.; H. S. Alpass, P.G. Std. Br., Treas. (by proxy); H. Worthington, P.M.M.C.; A. Morrison,

P.M., A.M.C.; T. Senar, Sec.; G. Woodward, S.D.; J. Baird, J.D.; J. Stock, I.G.; A. Jackson, S.; and J. Malcolm, Tyler.

Dinner was afterwards served in good style by Bro. Casey, the House Steward. During the evening a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M. by the W.M. on behalf of the lodge.

INSTRUCTION.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting of this lodge was on Monday, the 17th inst., at the Fountains Abbey Hotel, 111, Præd-street, Paddington, W. There were present Bros. F. Swain, W.M.; S. J. Humfress, S.W.; C. S. Mote, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511, Preceptor, Treas.; H. Dehane, I.P.M. 1543, Sec.; H. Perdue, S.D.; W. J. Mason, J.D.; W. Middleweek, I.G.; W. Death, Stwd.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., W.M. 1425; F. T. C. Keeble, P.M., W.M. 1426; J. H. Wood, A. Hardy, E. F. Ferris, E. J. Brown, J. R. Phillips, D. Hart, M. J. Green, R. Cullen, G. Simpson, J. J. Thomas, C. Breitbart, J. M. Chasman, H. Robinson, C. R. Wickens. Visitor: Bro. H. P. Gilbert, 1838.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were confirmed. The lodge called off and on. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Brown being candidate. The Second Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Read. Bro. Gilbert was elected a joining member, and Bro. Humfress W.M. for Monday, Jan. 8, 1884. Ten guineas out of the lodge funds was voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution to be placed on Bro. Chalfont's list. The lodge was closed, and adjourned until Jan. 8th, 1884. A ballot was then taken, being the twelfth since March.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE.—No. 1614).

A meeting of this lodge was held on the 13th inst., at the Cranbourne Hotel, 1, Upper St. Martin's-lane, W.C. (next door to Aldridge's), when the following were present: Bros. Fowles, W.M.; Ralph, S.W.; Ford, J.W.; Read, S.D.; G. Coleman, J.D.; B. Solomon, I.G.; W. H. Richardson, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Secretary; W. H. Gulliford, W.M.; S. Jacobs, P.M.; W. C. Smith, Hyams, E. W. Smith, Mogford, and T. A. Dickson.

The lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Richards, Preceptor, having worked the First Section of the Lecture, Bro. L. Jacobs, P.M., offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Bros. Fowles and W. C. Smith then worked the Second and Third Section of the Lecture respectively. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Fowles worked the First Section of the Lecture. Lodge having resumed to the First Degree, Bro. Ralph was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and he appointed his officers in rotation. He afterwards called attention to the very handsome pedestals which graced the lodge. He had only just heard they were indebted to the liberality of Bro. Ford for them. A unanimous vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to Bro. Ford for his great kindness; and Bro. Ford having replied, Bro. Read offered to supply a brass plate, with suitable inscription, to be placed on the W.M.'s pedestal, and the thanks of the lodge were unanimously voted to him. It was decided that a Past Master's collar and jewel be bought, and also that the other collars and jewels belonging to the lodge be cleaned and repaired. Bro. Richardson, Preceptor, proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for the very able and efficient manner in which the W.M. had discharged his duties for the first time in this lodge; and this having been carried unanimously, the W.M. returned thanks. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed in due form.

WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).

The above lodge has just taken up its quarters at the Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate-street, near the Aldersgate Railway Station. At the inaugural meeting on Monday last Bro. H. J. Lardner, W.M. of the mother lodge, presided, and was supported by over 20 brethren, including nearly all the officers of 1623 and many brethren. The First and Second ceremonies were ably rendered, and at the conclusion of the business it was unanimously resolved to make an effort, now the brethren have secured such a convenient place to meet in, to restore the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction to its wonted condition of good working. Two arrangements tending in that direction have been made, viz., to have the annual supper early in February and to invite Bro. G. H. Stephens, S.W. 1623, to work the Fifteen Sections at the end of that month. Brethren are cordially invited on Monday evenings at seven o'clock. Bro. W. Pennefather, P.M., is the Preceptor, and Bro. J. King, J.D. 1623, Hon. Sec.

Royal Arch.

NORTHAMPTON.—Northampton Chapter (No. 360).—A regular convocation of this prosperous chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, on the 6th inst., when there were present Comps. H. J. Atkins, M.E.Z.; S. J. W. Sanders, H.; G. Robinson, P.Z., acting J.; J. U. Stanton, P.Z., acting S.E.; J. Kellett, P.Z., acting S.N.; G. Ellard, P.S.; H. Brown, 1st A.S.; Butler Wilkins, P.Z., D.C.; R. Croft, Org.; Cotton, P.Z.; Hart, Bouverie, Cockerill, Wetherell, Sampson, Todd, Curral, Jones, Clayson, Dorman, Manfield, and others.

The chapter having been opened in due form by the Installed Principals, the companions were admitted, when the minutes of the last meeting were read and duly confirmed. A ballot was then taken for Bro. J. Emison, 1911, and he was declared duly elected, and he being in attendance was then exalted to the Supreme Degree of a R.A.M. by the M.E.Z., who performed the ceremony throughout, including the lecture on the pedestal, he being most efficiently supported by the Second and Third Principals, the P.S., and the other officers of the chapter, all of whom discharged their respective duties in such a manner as to elicit the warmest commendations from the companions present. Comp. Croft most ably presided at the harmonium, and under his and Comp. Hart's superintendence the choral part of the ceremony was most effectively rendered. The election of officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, and the following were declared by the M.E.Z. duly elected: Comps. S. J. W. Sanders, Z.; J. Bingley, H.

G. Ellard, J.; G. Robinson, P.Z., S.E.; J. Kellett, P.Z., S.N.; J. U. Stanton, P.Z., Treas.; Butler Wilkins, P.Z., D.C.; H. Brown, P.S.; G. H. Percival, 1st A.S.; J. J. Hart, 2nd A.S.; and Dean and Kirby, Janitors.

The M.E.Z. then proposed that Comp. M. A. Boémé, P.Z., who has left the province, be elected an honorary member of the chapter, in consideration of his long and valued services to Freemasonry in the town and province, which was carried with acclamation. Comp. Stanton, then proposed that the sum of twenty guineas be voted from the chapter funds, and given to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and the amount handed to the M.E.Z., who has been appointed Steward to represent the province at the forthcoming festival. The proposition was duly seconded and carried unanimously. Comp. Atkins returned thanks for the liberal grant which the chapter had just placed to his list, and stated that he trusted the amount which he should take up from the province would be such as to maintain the position which it had always held with the Masonic Charities.

The Chapter was then closed in due form, and the companions adjourned to the lower hall, where an excellent repast was provided by Mrs. Forth, of the Peacock Hotel.

During the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and the companions separated after a most enjoyable meeting.

ALDERSHOT.—Aldershot Camp Chapter (No. 1331).—The regular monthly meeting of this chapter was held on Monday week last when there were present Comps. Major Douglas, P.G.P.S., M.E.Z.; Clisam, H.; Hall, J.; Robertson, S.E.; Hitchens, S.N.; Captain Croisdale, P.P.G.P.S., as Treas.; Adnett, Org.; Harrison, Weibkin, Russell, Taylor, and others.

The chapter was opened by the Principals and the companions admitted and the minutes of the last convocation read and confirmed. There being no ceremonial business the M.E.Z. said he would take this opportunity of reading the bye-laws of the chapter, after which the Treasurer would report upon the present financial condition of the chapter.

The Treasurer, Comp. Captain Croisdale, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S., then announced the state of the funds, showing the chapter to be in a fairly prosperous condition. There had been a slight decrease in the number of members which he attributed to the fact of its being a service chapter, with members coming and going from and to all parts of the globe; he however hoped they would not be in a hurry to make their chapter numerically strong, it was the duty of every chapter to exercise the utmost circumspection in recruiting and keeping up their numbers. Of course there would be no desire on the part of any of their members to exclude those who possessed the requisite qualifications founded upon ability and zeal for the Craft, yet it was desirable they should always bear in mind that each candidate they exalted at once became, as it were, a link in the chain of the whole system, and it was not so much quantity as quality which ensured real strength and stability.

After the transaction of other business of a formal nature, the chapter was closed in the usual manner.

Mark Masonry.

BON ACCORD LODGE.—This ancient Mark lodge held its December meeting on the 20th inst. at Red Lion-square, when there were present Bros. Ralph Gooding, W.M.; J. W. Fuller, S.W.; and D. M. Dewar, Asst. G. Sec., as J. W.; and the following P.M.s: Bros. M. Davis; E. B. Florence; J. P. Godfrey; Magnus Ohren, P.G.M.O., Treas.; George Cooper, G.S.D., Sec.; and Fredk. Binckes, G. Sec.; also Bros. G. C. D'Albiac, F. A. Manning, W.M., Bywater, Webster Glynes, Thos. Vincent, H. E. Francis, Zacharil, and W. G. Lemon. Visitors: Bros. A. M. Broadley, Past D.G. Master of the Mediterranean; T. F. Reade, Prov. G.M. of North Africa; Rev. A. Hall, Past G. Chap; W. A. Barrett, P.M. 224; Chas. Belton, W.M. 114; W. E. Stewart, 7; and Joseph C. Davies, 224.

The lodge having been opened in due form, Bros. H. L. de Montmorency, Spratling, and Wigner were balloted for and approved, and advanced to the Degree of M.M.M. Two other brethren were proposed for advancement at the next meeting.

All business being ended, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where an excellent dinner was served, and a very pleasant evening spent under the presidency of the W.M.

EXCELSIOR LODGE (No. 226).—The quarterly meeting of the above lodge was held on Friday, the 21st inst., at the Masonic Hall, Woolwich, Bro. A. Penfold, I.P.M., P.G.O. Kent, presiding, in the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. H. S. Law. Among the brethren present were Bros. C. Coupland, P.M., P.P.G.S.W. Kent; T. Holleyman, S.W., P.P.G.A.D.C. Kent; T. D. Hayes, J.O., P.G.J.D. Kent; W. Moulds, S.D., P.P.G.J.G. Kent; G. Kennedy, Sec., P.P.G.A.S. Kent; G. Spinks, M.O., P.G.S.B. Kent; T. Ovenden, J.D., P.G. Stwd. Kent; J. Bilton, J.D.; J. Whiteheart, I.G.; Topplestone, and C. Jolly, P.G. Org. Kent (Freemason) and others.

The lodge was opened, but neither of the candidates being present the lodge was closed in due form and the brethren adjourned to Bro. Capon's, the Earl of Chatham Arms, Thomas-street, where a few pleasant hours were passed in harmony and social converse.

BOLTON.—St. John's Lodge (T.I.)—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 13th inst., at the Commercial Hotel. Present: Bros. Wm. Cooper, P.P.G.D., W.M.; John Kenyon, S.W.; J. B. Taylor, J.W.; John Partridge, M.O.; Wm. Wadeson, S.O.; N. Nicholson, J.O.; Jas. Horrocks, P.M., P.P.G.D., Reg.; Thos. Morris, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; W. Court, Conductor; H. Tongue, S.D.; R. H. Phillips, Stwd.; T. Higson, Tyler; John Alcock, P.M., P.P.G.D.; John Harwood, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. Eckersley, Wm. Wood, T. Naylor, T. Forrester, John Priestley, James Allen, B. Topp, John Barrett, and Robert Jones. Visitor: Bro. J. D. Murray, P.M. 158, G. Std. Br.

The lodge having been opened in due form by the W.M., and the ordinary business transacted, the following brethren were balloted for and elected: Bros. Henry Broughton, Thomas Nightingale, and Enoch Hird, of 146; and A. Jones, 348, and the three latter brethren being in attendance

were advanced to the degree of Mark Master Masons by the W.M., who also instructed them in the working tools of the degree and delivered the traditional history. The W.M. read a letter from R.W. Bro. G. P. Brockbank, senior P.M. of the lodge and P.G.W. England, regretting his inability to attend to conduct the installation of the new W.M., having caught a severe chill on his recent journey to London to attend Grand Lodge, and informing the W.M. that Bro. J. D. Murray, P.M. 158 and G. Std. Br. England, had kindly consented to officiate in his stead. Bro. Murray accordingly assumed the chair, and the W.M. elect having been presented in due form, was forthwith installed, proclaimed, and saluted, and proceeded to appoint his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. John Kenyon, S.W.; John Partridge, J.W.; Wm. Wadeson, M.O.; Nathl. Nicholson, S.O.; Wm. Court, J.O.; J. Horrocks, Reg.; T. Morris, Sec.; Henry Tongue, Conductor; John Barrett, S.D.; T. Forrester, J.D.; R. H. Phillips, T.K.; J. F. Skelton, Org.; J. Alcock, D. of C.; and J. Eckersley, Stwd. Bro. G. P. Brockbank was re-elected Treasurer. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Murray for his kindness in coming to Bolton to assist in the business of the evening. "Hearty good wishes" were given from visitors, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

TORQUAY.—Jordan Lodge (No. 319).—This lodge assembled on Wednesday, the 19th inst., Bro. John Lane, W.M. in the chair. There were also present Bros. R.W. W. J. Hughan, P.G.W.; A. T. Blamey, S.W.; Walter Bradnee, J.W.; and a number of visiting brethren, including Bro. Chapman, P.M. 1402, P.P.G.D. Devon, who was proposed as a joining member. The W.M. advanced three candidates in a most pleasing manner, the ritual being exactly rendered, and the officers doing their duties exceedingly well. Although it was only the third meeting of the lodge, so thoroughly have Bro. Lane and his officers perfected themselves, that there was not a hitch, and the Degree was done justice to.

By desire of the W.M., an address on Mark Masonry was delivered by Bro. W. J. Hughan, and on concluding his short lecture, Bro. Lane proposed him as an honorary member, that the lodge might have a right to Bro. Hughan's services. The S.W. seconded the proposition and it was most heartily agreed to. This lodge attained its majority of twenty one members by the elections on the 19th, and bids fair to be one of the most prosperous and ably worked lodges in the Province of Devon.

The R.W. Bro. Colonel Davy was unable to be present.

Knights Templar.

DARLINGTON.—St. Cuthbert's Preceptory (No. 139).—The preceptory was opened by Sir Knight R. A. Luck, P.E.P., in the absence through illness of the E.P. Sir Knight Thomas Ness. Very Eminent Sir Knight Charles James Banister, Prov. Prior, and Eminent Sir Knight Col. James Monks, Prov. Sub-Prior were announced by the Captain of the Guard, and were received by the knights under an arch of steel and afterwards saluted. The V.E. Prov. Prior congratulated the members of the preceptory on the vast improvement and beautiful appearance of their rooms, the principal lodge room being panelled in wood all round, upon which the names or likenesses of the W.M.s of the different lodges are to be placed and at the East end the coat of arms of the Knights Templar. Stalls are also made upon a raised dais in oak and finely upholstered; the West, South, and North correspond, but not so elaborate, the whole having a beautiful effect. The lighting and ventilation is also perfect. The V.E. Prov. Prior and his Deputy intend visiting the several preceptories together occasionally, and the present visit was much appreciated by all present.

Business completed the sir knights assembled in the dining hall, under the presidency of the acting Preceptor and enjoyed the hospitality provided in honour of the eminent visitors. The loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and responded to in a way known only to Knights Templars.

Both visitors expressed their pleasure in being with the sir knights, and hoped to periodically attend the preceptories in the province.

A very happy evening was spent, and the sir knights separated, happy to meet, sorry to part, and happy to meet again.

Red Cross of Constantine.

KINGSTON-UPON-HULL.—De-la-Pole Conclave (No. 132).—A regular meeting of this conclave was held at the Masonic Rooms, Charlotte-street, Hull, on the 28th ult., under the presidency of the Eminent Sir Knight George Wilson, M.P.S. Amongst other sir knights present there were Eminent Sir Knights Preston and Auddell; Sir Knights Wm. Gillett, A. P. Wilson, Wing, Chessman, Wright, Cooper, Beevers, Highmore, and Matthews.

After the calling of the muster roll and confirmation of the minutes of the previous conclave, W. Bro. George L. Shackles, P.M. 1511, and Bros. W. A. Bennett, S.W., and J. Chappel, I.G. 1605, who had been elected at previous conclaves, were duly installed and proclaimed as knights of the Order.

A College of Viceroy was subsequently opened and Sir Knight A. P. Wilson, V.E. elect, was duly installed and inducted into the office of Viceroy of the conclave, the ceremony being rendered by E. Sir Knight James Richard Auddell, P.S., after which a Senate being called, E. Sir Knight Wm. Gillett, M.P.S. elect, was then enthroned. The newly-installed M.P.S. stated that owing to the lateness of the hour the investiture of the officers would be deferred until the following meeting, when the addresses to each officer would be delivered by E. Sir Knight A. P. Wilson, the newly-elected Viceroy.

The conclave was closed in ancient form, after which the companions adjourned to the refectory where a substantial and enjoyable banquet was served and the usual Red Cross toasts given and responded to.

"I am subject to inflammation of the throat and suffer greatly in cold weather from a cough. DR. LOCKE'S PULMONIC WAFERS relieve the cough, allay the inflammation, and give me ease at once." (Signed) J. Heron, High-street, Belfast. Asthma, Consumption, Bronchitis, Colds, Coughs, Shortness of Breath, Phlegm, Pains in the Chest, and Rheumatism are instantly relieved and rapidly cured by the Wafers, which taste pleasantly. Sold at 1s. 1d., 2s. 6d., 4s. 6d., and 11s. per box by all Druggists.—[ADVT.]



The Compton Comedy Company are now playing "The Road to Ruin," at the Strand, in which Mr. Compton is Charles Goldfinch. Many people like seeing the old boyish plays over and over again. All we can say is never can they have seen this one better played. Mr. Compton's ejaculation, "that's your sort," comes out fresh and recalls the memories of bye-gone days, but we emphatically say we have never seen this comedy more vivaciously played than now. Miss Virginia Bateman (Mrs. Compton) as Sophia Free love, is bright and produces the thorough sympathy of her audience in her rendering of the character, as do the rest of the company.

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On Thursday, in last week, that pretty little house, the Royalty, reopened under Mr. Cowper's management with a comedy, or as we prefer to term it a screaming farce in three acts, called "The Three Hats." The piece has been played for some time in the provinces, and this time country has judged rightly the London tastes, for "The Three Hats" is an exceedingly amusing piece, and from beginning to end keeps its audience in roars of laughter without any intermission. We have not seen a more thoroughly mirth provoking play for many a day. We believe under the name of "A False Alarm," in one act, it was played in London many years ago at a theatre in Holborn. It is adapted from the French "Les Trois Chapeaux." It is essentially the sort of play one naturally associates with the Criterion Theatre and Mr. Charles Wyndham. To explain its story would be very difficult, though it may be easy to follow on the stage, but the incidents are so bewildering from continual change that we shall not make any attempt at an explanation. Its name will tell that the fun is made out of the complications which arise by the interchange of hats between three men. Complications and misunderstandings arise out of this awkward state of events, and the skein becomes very interwoven, but is by a very ingenious contrivance thoroughly elucidated in the last act. To Mr. Owen Dove is owing much of the genuine fun derived from the farce. His make-up if a little overdone—seeing the Royalty is such a small theatre—is very comical; We think it would be better, too, whilst he is alone on the stage if he did not speak quite so much to the front of the house. Bro. Robert Brough, the original cause of the mischief, is ludicrous in his nervousness of being found out. Mr. Everard by his acting makes more out of the part than perhaps is necessary to the play, and thereby adds to its interest. The two ladies—Miss Cecil and Miss Hastings—have not much to do; but Miss Hastings seems to improve daily. The name she has made for herself lately at the Strand in "Silver Guilt" and "Vice Versa" she keeps up, and has now developed into a clever actress. "Deceivers Ever," Mr. Salaman's farce, precedes the play we have just noticed. It is well worth getting in time for; it is original, amusing, and well acted.

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The Alhambra did not change its piece at Christmas, nor has it any need to do so. The new spectacular opera, "The Golden Ring," has started on a career which must be a lasting and brilliant success. A glance round the house gives one the idea that the stage has been made larger and the auditorium smaller. There is now plenty of room for the displays for which the Alhambra is so celebrated. The ballets have room to be seen to perfection. The acoustic properties of the house are excellent, though it was predicted by some that a building composed almost entirely of metal would be bad for music, but the iron does not seem to give off any vibration of sound. M. Jules Rivière is now the bandmaster, Mr. Bertrand the ballet-master, and Bro. Holland the indefatigable manager as before. Bro. Sims and Mr. Fred. Clay, the joint authors of "The Golden Ring," seem to have worked together to please the ear more through the medium of music than singing, and the eye by spectacular display. The dialogue is short and nowhere tedious. They have clearly demonstrated that which we have always strived for, that we in England shall not be dependent on foreign nations for our theatrical amusements, and that we have amongst ourselves composers and authors quite as intelligent and original as there are on the Continent. Among the many pretty songs are the duet between Florian and the Princess, the address of the White Queen to her nymphs, Miss Beaumont's "Naiads and Nymphs," the ballad of the Princess (Miss Marion Hood), and the effective, unaccompanied chorus of fishermen and women of the nations in the scene at the Fisheries Exhibition. But side by side with the singers—Miss Constance Loseby, Miss Adelaide Newton, Bro. J. G. Taylor, M. Gaillard, Mr. F. Mervin, and Mr. Aynsley Cook—we must not forget to mention that branch of the entertainment which was once almost confined to the Alhambra—we mean the ballet, wherein Mdle. Pertoldi and Mdle. de la Bruyere are the chief dancers. At the close of the second act we have a storm and sunshine ballet, which are specially beautiful, and the dresses are throughout remarkable for their hand-someness and good taste. Bro. J. G. Taylor contributes the chief fun in the piece, especially when he disports himself as a "Masher" at the Fisheries. Miss Sallie Turner, who plays the Queen, gets many opportunities for her droll remarks. M. Gaillard's speech is so strongly marked with the French accent that he can scarcely be understood. Why cannot an Englishman be found for the part? Miss Marion Hood has wonderfully improved since her last appearance in London two years since. Miss Loseby sings with all her old vigour, and the rest of the company, Mr. Mervin, Mr. Cook, Miss Hamilton, and Mr. Honey, though having little chance to display their ability, give every satisfaction. The new theatre is built as fire-proof as it can possibly be, and though much like the old building, one is struck, on entering it, with its bright appearance, which is attributed to its being built of iron to render it incombustible, as was said on the opening night in the address:—

"For we are fire-proof from the roof to floor,
Stage, orchestra, seats, walls, e'en to each door.
All that we wish for now to get on fire,
Are your warm hearts, whose praise may ne'er expire."



Bro. Lieut. H. A. Davis, W.M. Burlington Lodge, has resigned his commission in the Volunteer Force.

The Toronto *Freemason* is urging the choice of a permanent Grand Master for Canada.

A religious war is said, by the Montreal *Herald*, to have been begun against our Order in Canada.

Bro. E. Baldwin, P.M. 40, P.Z. 40, 213, Prov. Grand Scribe E. Norfolk, was on Thursday, the 20th inst. unanimously elected W.M. of Sincerity Lodge, No. 943, Norwich.

Bro. J. C. Walford was chairman of the winter dinner of the City of London Tradesmen's Club, which was attended by Bros. J. T. Bedford, C.C.; J. Harvey, C.C.; and Horace Brooks Marshall, C.C.

Bro. Alderman Dodds, M.P., ex-Mayor of Stockton-on-Tees, introduced the Mayor to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales on the recent occasion of the Royal visit to the borough, on which occasion an address was presented, to which H.R.H. returned a suitable reply.

The members of the Mariners Lodge, No. 249, and numerous visitors were present at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, on Thursday afternoon, where the celebration of the centenary of the consecration of the lodge took place. A report of the highly interesting proceedings will be given in due course.

Bro. Lieutenant Henry Wright, J.W. 1827, has been presented by Captain Baptie with a massive gold pencil case in token of the appreciation of his zeal in connection with the Tower Hamlets Rifle Brigade and his having attended 200 drills in the year just closed. The presentation was made by Colonel Samuda, late M.P., at the annual distribution of prizes.

Bro. E. J. McIntyre, Q.C., M.P., G. Registrar, presided over a largely-attended meeting at Horsham on Wednesday evening last week, when Mr. Richard Harris, barrister, explained the clauses of the new scheme of the Charity Committee for the Free Grammar School, which was endowed about 300 years ago by Richard Collyer to educate sixty poor children of Horsham, whereas the scheme of the Commissioners did away with that, and required that parents should pay in advance from £6 to £24 per annum for their children's schooling. This it would be absolutely impossible for a working man to do.

We are sorry to have to report that Bro. James Stevens met with a somewhat serious accident on Wednesday, the 19th inst. In alighting from a tramcar opposite his house Bro. Stevens slipped, and received a severe scalp wound, which for some three hours bled so copiously as to create no small amount of alarm among the medical men in attendance. However, it is satisfactory to know that matters have since taken a favourable turn, and that our worthy brother is now on a fair road towards complete recovery. We trust he may be long spared to display his accustomed energy and ability in behalf of Masonry.

The following letter from Rājshihai was recently received by the authorities at the Calcutta Exhibition:—"Sir,—I have the honour to inform you that I have a man from whose forehead has sprung a regular horn. I intend taking down this man to the Calcutta Exhibition; please let me know what remuneration can I expect from you if I hand the man over to you."—Mr. Joubert has decided that this gentleman comes under the head of "horned cattle," so cannot be exhibited; the Exhibition being intended for the display of works of art and manufactures, specimens of *lusus nature* cannot be received.—*Daily News*.

The thirty-fifth annual assembly of the Freemasons in Liverpool and district in aid of the funds of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution—which takes place at the Town Hall, on Wednesday next, under the patronage of the Mayor and Mayoress—promises to be as successful and enjoyable as those of previous years. A numerous-attended meeting of the General Committee was held on Friday, the 21st inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, under the presidency of Bro. G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C., at which a strong staff of Stewards was appointed, Bro. J. W. Ballard being selected as the captain. It was announced that Bros. G. Broadbridge and R. Martin, the honorary secretaries of the "West Lancashire" had generously offered to defray the expense connected with the Stewards' badges for the hall. Bro. J. W. Collinson was unanimously chosen to supply the music on the occasion, and Bro. W. S. Vines will be the caterer.

The Grand Lodge of Kentucky adopted the following at its last annual session—*Whereas*: A number of Master Masons, after aspiring to Royal Arch Masons and Knights Templar, dimit from their symbolic lodge, therefore be it *Resolved*: That the Grand Lodge solicit the Grand Chapter and the grand Commandery to enact laws to prohibit the same. Concerning the above enactment, the New York *Dispatch* prints this endorsement—"There are not enough feathers, etc., in the lodges, to hold those who gallop through the Symbolic Degrees to reach the Commandery. Railroad them through the lodge, on fast time, so they can put on the glittering trappings of higher degrees and belong only to the parade corps. What care such for the lodge, for Masonic work or duty? Give them an opportunity to go on pilgrimage, to have a 'blow out,' a good time, or debauch, and the acme of Masonry has been reached and enjoyed. The lodge and its drudgery may go, or be relegated to toiling Craftsmen, whose inclination or means will not lead them to the higher degrees."

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—As winter advances and the weather becomes more and more inclement and trying, the earliest evidences of ill-health must be immediately checked and removed, or a slight illness may result in a serious malady. Relaxed and sore throat, quinsy, influenza, chronic cough, bronchitis, and most other pulmonary affections will be relieved by rubbing this cooling Ointment into the skin as nearly as practicable to the seat of mischief. This treatment, simple yet effective, is admirably adapted for the removal of these diseases during infancy and youth. Old asthmatic invalids will derive marvellous relief from the use of Holloway's remedies, which have wonderfully relieved many such sufferers, and re-established health after every other means had signally failed.—[ADVT.]

Selling intoxicating liquors is a Masonic offence in Ohio.

Alabama has the most original names to some of its lodges that are to be found in the world.

By order of the Grand Chapter the Illinois Chapters of Royal Arch Masons have abandoned the working of the Cryptic degrees.

Examining charters is not permitted in Pennsylvania or the District of Columbia, when visitors desire to enter lodges.

Bro. Sir Edmund Lechmere, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. Worcestershire, was a guest, on Founders' Day, at the Charterhouse.

R.W. Bro. Colonel Stanley, G.J.W., P.G.M. Lancashire, took part in the meeting to secure the Royal Agricultural Society's show to be held in 1885 at Preston.

Bro. the Lord Mayor has been spending Christmas at Chippenham, his own seat in Wiltshire, which he left on Thursday to resume his public duties in London.

The steam yacht Bulldog, belonging to the R.W.P.G.M. Norfolk, the Earl of Suffolk, is in the harbour at Monaco.

Bro. J. Perkins, C.C., P.M., presided at a dinner of the Parliamentary Finance Committee of the Corporation at the Guildhall Tavern. Bro. Perkins has just been elected Master of the Shipwrights' Company.

Bros. E. J. McIntyre, Q.C., M.P., Grand Reg.; W. Graham, Q.C., M.P.; and W. Macnaghton, Q.C., M.P., have been elected amongst others members of the Bar Committee. The meeting took place in the Middle Temple Hall.

Bro. T. H. Statan, P.M. and Sec. of the Great Northern Lodge, was presented with a testimonial at the meeting which took place at Freemasons' Hall on Thursday the 20th inst. We hope to give a report in our next.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales spent Christmas at Sandringham with his family, and on Christmas Eve distributed 1200 pounds of meat to 700 of the poor of the five villages surrounding his estate.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, W.M. elect No. 1, gave the customary St. Thomas Dinner to his Ward at the Mansion House, when there were present Bros. Ex-Sheriff Burt, P.G.D.; Alderman Waterlow, W. Lyon, Major Campbell, J.W. 21; W. J. Thompson, Sir W. T. Charley, Q.C.; and J. S. Tomkins, C.C.

The first anniversary banquet of the clerks and representatives of the firm of Messrs. F. Allen and Sons, was held on Saturday last, at the London Tavern, Fenchurch-street. We congratulate Bros. Allen upon the happy relationship which exists between employers and employed at their establishments.

A correspondent writes on the 22nd inst., "In your report in this week's *Freemason* of the installation meeting of the Enfield Lodge I notice that by some oversight no mention is made that the I.P.M., Bro. Alfred Bryant, was presented with a handsome P.M.'s jewel which had been unanimously voted him by the lodge as a token of esteem and appreciation of the excellent way in which he had carried out the duties of W.M. during the previous year. As Bro. Bryant is deservedly esteemed by the brethren of his own and neighbouring lodges I shall be glad if you can in some way mention this circumstance in your next impression."

We desire to acknowledge on behalf of both the Proprietor and Editor of the *Freemason* a courteous invitation to be present at the sixth reception of the Palestine Commandery, No. 18, Knights Templar, at the Metropolitan Opera House, New York, on the 15th prox. We regret that the distance from London is a bar to our acceptance of this and many other similar invitations from our brethren from the other side of the water, but we have hopes that some day we may be able to put in an appearance. This invitation comes in the usual tasteful form of artistic embellishment so general among American Masons, but we trust they will use any influence they may possess with the United States postal authorities to beless severe in their charges for transmission. Each packet appeared to be sufficiently stamped for the journey, and yet in each case a further demand was made for a sum of tenpence.

A highly successful vocal and instrumental concert was given on Tuesday, the 18th inst., at the Limehouse Town Hall under the direction of Bro. Louis Konig, 1319. The concert was organised to assist in defraying the cost of a new organ recently built by Bro. W. Bate, 1306, for the John Knox Presbyterian Church, Stepney. The Rev. Dr. Raitt, late pastor of the above church, presided, and Bro. Louis Konig was supported by the following talented artists in rendering a capital and highly varied entertainment: Madame Agnes Ross, Miss Berrie Stephens, R.A.M., Bro. Arthur Thomas, 1319; Mr. J. Borrett (a young and promising artist), Mr. Charles Rowcliffe, Mr. A. Sutton, solo conductor and accompanist, and Bro. Louis Konig. The piper lads from the Royal Caledonian Asylum also lent valuable aid, the stirring music of the bagpipes at intervals greatly enhancing the pleasures of a capital evening's amusement. The hall and proscenium was very tastefully decorated and arranged, and Mr. H. Woodington, the genial hall-keeper, deserves a word of praise for his services in this particular. Judging from the enthusiastic applause which greeted each member the whole of the programme was artistically rendered and heartily appreciated, and we trust the financial outcome will prove equally satisfactory.

Mr. Surrey, of 21, Great Queen-street, and 5, Newcastle-street, Strand, has just issued his usual "Almanack and Annual" for 1884. It is a very handy little publication which may comfortably be carried in the waistcoat pocket. It contains the customary information and is illustrated very neatly, while, as a matter of course, it contains the price list of Mr. Surrey's very excellent cigars, tobaccos, and other commodities.

"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.—[ADVT.]

Bro. Sir John Bennett delivered one of his political addresses at Acton last week.

Bro. Alderman Savory gave his inaugurative dinner at the Albion, and invited Bros. Aldermen De Keyser and Waterlow to meet his guests.

Bro. J. D. Allcroft, G. Treas., and Alderman Stone, P.G.J.W., attended the recent meeting of the Corporation of the Sons of the Clergy.

The M.W. Past Grand Master of Scotland and Lady Octavia Shaw-Stewart, arrived at Fonthill Abbey, Wiltshire, from Ardgowan, Greenock, last week.

T.R.H. The Duke and Duchess of Albany have spent some days at Hatfield House, as the guests of the Marquis and Lady Salisbury. Amongst the other guests were the Pro-Grand Master and Countess Carnarvon.

Bro. Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., addressed a letter to the *Times* on Wednesday on the London Water Supply, particularly referring to its being contaminated with sewage.

Bro. the Right Reverend the Bishop of Peterborough is now we are glad to say making a rapid approach to recovery, and has asked that thanks may be offered in the churches in his diocese.

E. Sir W. B. Mellish, of Cincinnati, Ohio, proposes to establish a journal devoted to the interests of Knights Templar of the United States. We wish him success in his enterprise.

Bro. Sir Watkin William Wynn, Prov. G.M. North Wales and Shropshire, who some time since sustained an injury to his foot, we are now glad to say, continues to make satisfactory progress towards recovery.

Bro. Alfred Best writes to the *Citizen* that there is no foundation for the rumour that the Post Office authorities have purchased the Queen's Hotel, St. Martin's-le-Grand.

The marriage of Bro. Cuthbert E. Peek, the only son of Sir H. W. Peek, Bart., with the Hon. Augusta L. Brodrick, eldest daughter of the Right Hon. Viscount Midleton, will be celebrated on Saturday, January 5.

Bro. G. R. Sims attended the meeting of the Aldersgate Club and gave a most interesting address on the poor of London. Bro. Brookman (Aldersgate Lodge), presided, and was supported by Bro. Altman and others.

Bro. Major Henry Mapleson, son of Bro. Colonel Mapleson, T.H.R.B., has been gazetted Colonel Tenth Auxiliary Artillery Corps, Lancashire Division, Royal Artillery.

R.W. Bro. Colonel the Marquis of Londonderry, P.G.M. Durham, has been entertaining the M.W. Grand Master and the Princess of Wales at Wynard Park, Stockton-on-Tees, for a week, when a select company were invited to meet their Royal Highnesses.

H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, P.G.M. Oxon, spent Christmas with Her Majesty at Balmoral. The Duchess of Albany and Princess Alice, her daughter, the Princesses Louise and Beatrice, and the Marquis of Lorne, were the other members of the family with the Queen.

Bro. Alderman Whitehead has been placed by the Lord Chancellor on the Commission of the Peace for the county of Westmorland on the nomination of Lord Hothfield, the Lord Lieutenant, who has also appointed the alderman a deputy-lieutenant of the county.

Arrangements are being made for the interment of the late Lady Louisa Percy (sister of the Duke of Northumberland, and aunt to the R.W. Bro. Earl Percy, Prov. G.M. Northumberland), in Westminster Abbey. The funeral will take place to-morrow (Saturday), and the remains of the deceased lady will be deposited in the Percy vault.

We take the following from a local contemporary. The matter was referred to in a paragraph in our last week's issue:—"The Free and Accepted Masons of Lancaster and many of their friends have been sorely disappointed by the refusal of the Mayor to allow the use of the Town Hall for a Masonic ball. We have not heard the grounds upon which his worship rests his objection to admit a respectable body of his fellow-townsmen within the municipal buildings, further than that the Field Naturalists had previously been refused. We can see no good reason why the hall should not be let to either of these bodies, provided they are prepared to comply with the conditions under which the corporation agreed it might be let. Surely townspeople and ratepayers have as strong a claim to the use of a building belonging to the town as strangers. And it will be within the recollection of our readers that the Town Hall was placed at the disposal of the officers of the militia, on two occasions, for their ball and the Archers' ball has also been held there. With these precedents in their minds, it is quite natural that the Freemasons should feel some disappointment on their application being refused. They were prepared to pay the same fee for the hall as was paid by the Militia and the Archers, and they have a much stronger claim to the privilege—if the granting of the hall is regarded as a privilege—than any outsiders could have. Not many weeks ago the late Mayor kindly granted the use of the Town Hall for the entertainment of a motley gathering of people representing the British Association. Why strangers should have so much more consideration than our own townspeople we are at a loss to understand. An immense sum of money has been expended in improving the Town Hall, and in adapting it for social gatherings such as the Freemasons and the Field Naturalists desired, but if the use of the spacious room now provided is to be restricted to Council meetings and gatherings of strangers, most people will be of opinion that a lot of money has been very foolishly expended. At all events, the public are entitled to some explanation of the grounds upon which the Mayor has acted. It is hinted that an "influence behind the Chair" is adverse to the letting of the hall. We hope that our chief magistrate will exercise his own judgment in matters of this nature, and discard all influences except such as flow from a desire to contribute to the happiness and general welfare of the burgesses. We may say here that the Freemasons' ball was intended for the benefit of one of the Masonic Charities connected with the Craft, a fact which ought to have had some influence in securing for them the most eligible building in the town."

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS, For the Week ending Saturday, January 5, 1884.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31.
(No meetings.)

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.
West Smithfield, Clarence Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
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.
Tredgar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., at 8.
Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High-st., Camden Town, 8.
Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney, at 7.45.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1.

Colonial Board, at 4.
Lodge 9, Albion, Freemasons' Hall.
" 166, Union, The Criterion, Piccadilly.
" 172, Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall.
" 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 765, St. James, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
" 1298, Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Islington.
" 1381, Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington.
" 1472, Henley, Three Crowns Hot., North Woolwich.
Chap. 1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand, Guildhall Tav., E.C.
Mark 1, St. Mark's, SA, Red Lion-sq., W.C.

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.
Domestic, 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 Bldgs., 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.
Ravensbourne, George Inn, Rushey Green, Lewisham, 7.30.
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, JANUARY 2.

Lodge 463, East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Greyhound
Hot., Croydon.
" 1687, Rothesay, Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's Inn.
" 1707, Eleanor, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1827, Alliance, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
Chap. 55, Constitutional, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
" 1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.

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.
Burgoyne, Victoria Hot., 35, Charterhouse-st., E.C., at 7.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
Temperance in the East, G. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.
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, JANUARY 3.

Lodge 45, Strong Man, M.H., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
" 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 231, St. Andrew's, Freemason's Hall.
" 538, La Tolerance, Freemason's Hall.
" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
" 1288, Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury.
" 1360, Royal Arthur, Lecture Hall, Bingfield-rd.,
Wimbledon.
" 1445, Prince Leopold, City Arms Tav., St. Mary Axe.

" 1672, Mornington, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.
Chap. 181, Universal, Freemason's Hall.
" 1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
Mark 244, Trinity College, 13, Maudeville-pl., W.

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.
Ebony, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.
Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at 8.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham, at 8.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Southern Star, The Pheasant, Stangate, S.W., at 8.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Leopold, Old White Hart, Borough High-st., at 7.30.
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., Lime-
house, 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 Vic-
toria-st., at 6. (Emulation Working.)
St. Michael's, Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement, at 8.
Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerken-
well, 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, JANUARY 4.

Consecration of St. Botolph's Lodge, No. 2020, Albion,
Aldersgate-st.
Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st.,
Woolwich.
" 1815, Penge, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Chap. 3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Tavern.
" 1489, Ezra, Metropolitan Asylum, Balls Pond-rd., N.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Stability, M.H., Masons' Avenue, at 6.
Robert Burns, North Pole, 387 Oxford-st., W., at 8.
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.
Unions Emulation (for M.Ms.) F.M.H., at 7.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford, at 8.
Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.
Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
Clapton, Lord Stanley, Sandringham-rd., Hackney, 8.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill, at 7.30.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-st., Hammersmith, W., at 8.
Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich, at 8.
Wm. Preston, St. Andrew's T., George-st., Baker-st., W.
Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.
Ubique, Guardsman Coffee Tav., Buckingham Palace-
road, at 7.30.
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich
Old Kent Mark, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7.
St. John's, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W., at 8.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5.

General Committee Boys' School at 4.
Lodge 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1622, Rose, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
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.

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Lodge 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.

" 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverstone.
Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
Merchant's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2.

Lodge 287, Unanimity, Dog and Partridge, Stockport.

" 1013, Royal Victoria, M.H., Liverpool.

" 1335, Lindsay, M.H., Wigan.

" 1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh.

" 1620, Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tuebrook, L'pool.

Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3.

Lodge 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.

" 1384, Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes.

" 1070, Starkie, M.H., Southport.

" 1473, Bootle, Assembly Rooms, Bootle.

" 1505, Earl of Chester, M.H., Lymm.

Chap. 758, Bridgewater, M.H., Runcorn.

" 1393, Hamer, M.H., Liverpool.

Harmonic L. of I., Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.

Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4.

Lodge 680, Sefton, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.

" 1375, Architect, Town Ha., Withington.

" 1387, Chorlton, M.H., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.

" 1561, Morecambe, M.H., Morecambe.

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