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THE meeting of Grand Lodge on Wednesday last was a very full one indeed. The Earl of LATHOM presided. H.R.H. the GRAND MASTER was unanimously re-elected amid enthusiastic cheers. Bro. JOHN DERBY ALLCROFT was proposed as Grand Treasurer by Bro. LETCHWORTH and seconded by Bro. KNYVETT, and Bro. HORACE B. MARSHALL was proposed by Bro. KEEBLE and seconded by Bro. KEMPTON; and in the result Bro. MARSHALL was elected by a considerable majority. For the rest of the business transacted we refer to our report.

THE great controversy as regards the election of GRAND TREASURER is now closed “pro tem,” and Bro. H. B. Marshall has been elected. We cannot say honestly that we deem many of the incidents of the recent controversy likely to raise our Order in the eyes of its members, or even of the outside world. But there is a time to speak and a time to be silent, and we feel, as regards much that has taken place, “the least said the soonest mended.” The *Freemason* has not taken any part,—editorially or formally,—in the recent contest for the Grand Treasurership, whatever the private opinion of publisher or editor might be. They might agree or disagree, they might be completely in unison, or as wide as the poles asunder, but so long as the *Freemason* professedly did not use its editorial columns to convey an opinion for any one side or the other, whatever appeared in other portions of the weekly issue were the allowed outcome of needful intelligence for the Craft. Some persons confuse what appears in any portion of its pages and what is printed in its editorial columns. All else that is recorded in its successive issues is so recorded “for information,” and the *Freemason* is in no way bound by particular statements, just as it is not affected by the views of individual correspondents. During the last few weeks it has given to both sides fair play and full hearing. Under ordinary circumstances, much that has appeared must have been submitted to the unsparing influences of editorial supervision and excision; but for fear of being accused of not being fair, the *Freemason* has preferred to allow what must, we fear, be admitted to be very deplorable personalities. We say no more here, as we do not wish to revive a now past controversy, but we cannot but express a regret, sincere and sustained, that when Freemasons write in the Masonic Press they will sometimes seem to forget that Freemasons, professing to be a Brotherhood of goodwill, kindly feeling, and brotherly love, should always keep these points before them, and never forget to write in a gentlemanly tone and forbearing temper, a Masonic and fraternal spirit.

THE last Roman Catholic deliverance against Freemasonry is a characteristic one. The Roman Catholic Bishop of ELPHIN is credited with “charging” his clergy and flock as follows: “We have evidence that the Freemason and Orange lodges are actively at work in our midst plotting the extermination of our people, fostering disunion, provoking outrages—in a word, undermining the very foundations of social order; and what is most lamentable, these lodges are not only sanctioned but directed in their evil work by public officials, by Justices of the Peace—nay, even by ministers of the Protestant Church. No wonder we should have Ribbonmen, Fenians, and Invincibles. They are the counterpart of the Orangemen and Masons; and so long as the latter vicious brood are authorised, or even tolerated by the Government, the former will continue to live in despite of the Government.” It does not seem to occur to the Right Reverend libeller of a most loyal body of men, the Irish Freemasons, that whereas the Freemasons are legalized by the laws of the land, the societies he speaks of so glibly are disloyal, illegal, and traitorous associations. They are the outcome of revolutionary secret societies, as opposed to our uniformly loyal body, the Freemasons; and though ostensibly the Roman Catholic Church in Ireland condemns them, there is too much reason to fear that many Roman Catholic priests and civilians, as in the great rebellion, are also members of these hateful and dangerous associations. Were the whole

matter not so disheartening and saddening in the one aspect of the revival of savagery and barbarianism amongst ourselves as in Ireland, by a most detestible and cowardly secret conspiracy, we might smile at the audacious statement that these illegal murderous associations were the counterpart of loyal, peaceable, well-conducted Freemasons in Ireland. Since we wrote the above Mr. SEXTON has called attention in the House of Commons to this absurd deliverance. He sought to make capital out of the reckless words of an ignorant man. We do not see he took much by his move.

WE have said nothing in the above leaderette about Orangemen. But, from the same grave authority—our old friend and contemporary the *Leeds Mercury*,—we publish another paragraph relating, alas! to a loyal body of men. We are not Orangemen ourselves, and know nothing of them; but we have no reason now to believe, as Lord CHURCHILL says, that there is any illegality in their procedure or organization. The facts contained in the following paragraph are to us absolutely incredible: “In reference to the discussion in Parliament as to the Orange Society and the efforts of the Parnellite Members to obtain a Government inquiry into the constitution of that body, an Ulster constable of the Royal Irish Constabulary, in a letter to the *Freeman's Journal*, states that during an experience of 12 years when prosecuting Orangemen he has distinctly seen on many occasions the accused make secret signs to the Orange magistrates on the bench, the result being an acquittal or dismissal of the case. Roman Catholics, on the contrary, when brought before the Orange magistrates, get, he says, the full benefit of the law.” We shall be glad to publish from any Irish correspondent a denial of such, to us, seemingly most absurd allegations.

THE recent insane proceedings of certain American Fenians will cause all through Great Britain a feeling of great indignation. To say nothing of the almost inconceivable criminality and base folly of such maniacal efforts, the cruelty and barbarianism displayed are a disgrace to our age and civilization. Only let us realize the possible murder of innocent victims by such overhanded and despicable wickedness, to bring before us what can be the state of mind of these wretched men, who thus think they can defy law and order and affect the peace and prosperity of our country. We should be glad if we could hear from some, whose violent words have had much to do with these efforts of lawless aggression, an effective denunciation of crimes which shock the common feelings of us all, and constitute a sad stigma on the boasted enlightenment and education and right thinking of the age in which we live.

THE results of the gathering for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Festival for 1884 are very remarkable. Indeed, the returns are most striking, and testify in marked manner to patient and untiring efforts on the one hand and the real, living, abiding Charity of English Freemasons on the other. The more we study the analyzed returns the more we must feel how very hard everyone must have worked to bring about so goodly a total, and we feel bound to say that while we think the best thanks of the subscribers are due to the many energetic and zealous Stewards, so on the other hand they are equally merited by the Executive of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. We trust that the admirable energy displayed by the friends of this excellent Institution may be imitated by the friends of the Girls' School, and that we may have an equally striking and satisfactory result to announce at our second Charity Festival for 1884. Among the notable contributions in London we are pleased to observe Bro. THOMAS OWEN, Great Northern Lodge, No. 1287, £202 7s. 6d.; Bro. B. KAUFMANN, King's Cross Lodge, No. 1732, £188 15s.; while Bro. T. B. DANIELL, Merchant Navy Lodge, No. 781, brings £172 15s. We also think it well to notice Bro. J. W. WALKER, Perfect Ashlar Lodge, No. 1178, £160 2s.; Bro. JAMES TERRY, an unattached Steward, produces £145, and Bro. F. J. WRAY, Wanderers Lodge, £141 18s. 6d., while Bro. GEORGE KENNING, Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657, is credited with £126; Bro. CHARLES HEDGLEY, Covent Garden Lodge, No. 1614, £120 15s. And here we may well stop, the more so as the figures have been already fully analyzed, and the mere repetition of such “addition” is apt to prove trying and wearying. We are pleased to record the gift of the unavoidably absent CHAIRMAN of £210, though we regret to observe that only 13 lodges are represented from No. 1800 downwards in London, while from No. 1 to 200 43 lodges sent up Stewards. London contributes £8259 13s. for 1884. As regards the Provinces, which send up £6097 18s., the list is headed by some good old staunch comrades of East Lancashire, among whom our esteemed friend Bro. J. L. HINE has long acted as the head of the Charity Committee, with the admirable donation of £640 2s. 6d., whilst Somersetshire, under that admirable worker, Bro. ELSE, closely follows with £505; Essex, under its new head, an energetic

and able DEPUTY GRAND MASTER, and a zealous Charity Committee, appears with £400 in round numbers; but our good old friends of West Yorkshire, £352 5s., and the remarkable return of Leicestershire and Rutland for £350; Warwickshire, £350; and Bristol with £293, deserve notice. We cannot pass over Surrey with £244, West Lancashire with £234, Berks and Bucks with £222 15s., or Middlesex with £213 11s., or even Suffolk with £201. We regret to observe that only 12 lodges from No. 1800 are represented.

THE meeting at York of the Rosicrucian College was, we feel sure, a very pleasant one for those who were privileged to be present. The catalogue of the Masonic collection of books, medals, jewels, MSS., and curiosities exhibited is a very striking one, and speaks much for the kindness of the contributors, and the knowledge and zeal of the collectors. We hardly ever saw a more suggestive catalogue or one that abounds in every page with subjects of deeper interest to Masonic Students, one that says more or speaks more fully in respect of the æsthetic value and the archaeological importance and the intense realism of all such Masonic exhibitions.

As Freemasons we are all friends to education, and the spread of those influences of instruction, cultivation, civilization which are of such vital importance to the individual man, and tend so much to the peace and progress and happiness and safety of the body politic. We hear often to-day from two classes of eager combatants, that education is extended in insufficient rapidity, and that we are overdoing it and overeducating our people. But what shall we say of certain figures which the "Century" for February contains (page 790), which are new, we think, to most of our readers, as they are to us, that there were in the United States in 1880 nearly five millions of people who could not read, and six and a quarter millions of people who could not write. At such statistics as these we really must pause to think.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

ELECTION OF GRAND MASTER AND GRAND TREASURER.

The Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday in the large hall of Freemasons' Tavern, when over 800 brethren were present. The throne was occupied by the Earl of Lathom, R.W. Deputy Grand Master. The Grand Officers present were Bros. General Brownrigg, C.B., acting as Deputy Grand Master; Sir Michael Hicks Beach, M.P., as Past Grand Master; the Earl of Milltown, G.S.W.; and Victor Williamson, P.G.W., as G.J.W. Also

Bros. Rev. H. G. Morse, Grand Chaplain; Rev. W. Oswald Thompson, Grand Chaplain; John Derby Allcroft, Grand Treasurer; Aeneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., M.P., Grand Registrar; Sir John B. Monckton, F.S.A., Pres. Board of Gen. Purps.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; T. W. Tew, J.P., G.S.D.; Ralph Gooding, G.S.D.; Frank Green, G.J.D.; T. H. Devonshire, G.J.D.; Horace Jones, G. Supt. of Wks.; Sir Albert W. Woods (*Garter*) G. Dir. of Cers.; T. Dolling Bolton, Deputy G. D. of C.; Raymond H. Thrupp, A.G.D.C.; Lieut.-Col. James Peters, G.S.B.; Lieut.-Col. A. C. Foster Gough, Grand Standard Bearer; Edgar Bowyer, Grand Standard Bearer; W. G. Cusins, Grand Organist; H. G. Buss, Asst. Grand Secretary; L. F. Littell, Grand Purst.; W. Stephens, Asst. Grand Purst.; Henry Sadler, G. Tyler; Hugh D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal; R. Southey, P.D.G.M. S. Africa; John Havers, P.G. Warden; Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, P.G. Chap.; Rev. J. E. Cox, P.G. Chap.; Rev. Thos. Cochrane, P.G. Chap.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chap.; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G. Chap.; Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G. Chap.; Rev. C. W. Spencer-Stanhope, P.G. Chap.; Rev. J. E. Moore, P.G. Chap.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.D.; J. Sampson Peirce, P.G.D.; Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; H. J. P. Dumas, P.G.D.; James Glaisher, P.G.D.; E. J. Barron, P.G.D.; Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; J. H. Scott, P.G.D.; J. E. Saunders, P.G.D.; H. C. Levander, P.G.D.; F. A. Philbrick, P.G.D.; F. P. Morrell, P.G.D.; Henry Mawdsley, P.G.D.; Raphael Costa, P.G.D.; Peter de Lande Long, P.G.D.; Brackstone Baker, P.G.D.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.; T. Fenn, P.G.D.; R. Grey, P.G.D.; C. W. C. Hutton, P.G.D.; Major J. Penrice, P.G.D.; C. A. Murton, P.G.D.; John Gibson, P.G. Supt. of Works; Magnus Ohren, P.G.A.D. of C.; C. C. Dumas, P.G.A.D. of C.; J. Lewis-Thomas, P.G.A.D. of C.; R. Turtle Pigott, D.C.L., P.G.A.D. of C.; George Burt, P.G.A.D. of C.; John Messent, P.G.S.B.; J. F. Collins, P.G.S.B.; C. Greenwood, P.G.S.B.; G. Toller, jun., P.G.S.B.; W. F. Nettleship, P.G.S.B.; C. E. Willing, P.G. Org.; C. S. Jekyll, P.G. Org.; W. Clarke, P.G. Purst.; S. G. Foxall, P.G. Purst.; Jas. Brett, P. G. Purst.; Thomas Cubitt, P.G. Purst.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G. Purst. Amongst others present were Bros. George Kenning, P.G.D. Middx.; N. B. Headon, P.M. 1426; A. M. Broadley, P.D.D.G.M. Malta; E. M. Lott, P.M. 1929; Capt. Colvill, P.G.S.W. Cornwall; Frederick Binckes, Sec. R.M.I. Boys; T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B. Middx.; Capt. Nicols, P.M. 1974; Rev. H. Cummings; F. R. Keeble, W.M. 1426; G. Dawson, P.M. 1853; Col. Radcliffe, P.G. Steward; H. J. Lardner, P.G.O. Surrey; W. Lake, P.G. Reg. Cornwall; G. P. Festa, P.M. 1900; H. Dehane, P.P.G.S.D. Essex; John J. Hohnen, P.M., D.G. Purst. Bombay; James Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I.; W. T. Rickwood; Freeman, P.G.S. Sussex; J. L. Mather, Swanborough, Hamer, Staley, Spratling, Venn, Godson, Southwood, Thurkle, G. M. Taylor, Morgan, Garrod, Donald M. Dewar, and others.

Grand Lodge having been opened in form, Grand Secretary read the minutes of the December Communication, which were put and confirmed.

Major HARDING, in proposing the re-election of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as M.W. Grand Master for the ensuing year, said since the period when his Royal Highness first became Grand Master of the Order the progress of Freemasonry—as had been frequently observed in other places—had been enormous. Not only had the numbers increased both of lodges and members, but the definite principles of the Craft had been widely extended. The contributions to the Benevolent Fund and the Educational Institutions had been such as to show that the Craft had really increased. It would be unnecessary for him, speaking as he was to the motion which he had the privilege to place before the brethren to give expression to his

belief that much of this unbounded prosperity was due to the hearty loyalty of the Grand Master to the Craft, and his devotion to the true principles of the Order. He felt sure that there was not one brother in Grand Lodge who would deny the hearty warmth, the uniform courtesy and urbanity which had ever been the characteristics of his Royal Highness in this Grand Lodge. He could assure the brethren of the pleasure with which he made this motion, and he was sure it would receive at the hands of the brethren an appreciation such as would not only give entire satisfaction to every member of Grand Lodge, but he would go further, and say that that satisfaction would be extended to the heart of every Craftsman throughout the length and breadth of the dominions of her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen. (Loud cheers greeted Bro. Harding several times in the course of his address.)

Bro. BAYLIS seconded the motion, and stated after the way in which it had been proposed he was sure it was not necessary for him to add any words. He was sure that every brother would give his hearty support to the motion.

The Earl of LATHOM in putting the motion said it needed no words of his after the ample and eloquent speech of the proposer in support of the motion. He was sure the brethren would carry it with acclamation.

The motion was carried unanimously and with loud cheers.

Sir Albert W. Woods (*Garter*), G.D. of C., then proclaimed his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, with all his titles, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Freemasons.

Bro. LETCHWORTH said he rose with great pleasure to propose their Very Worshipful Brother John Derby Allcroft for re-election to the office of Grand Treasurer. It must, he thought, be within the recollection of all present there that evening that this time last year Grand Lodge saw fit to elect Bro. Allcroft to the office of Grand Treasurer in the room of their very respected and distinguished Bro. Col. Creaton, who had most worthily filled that office for the very short period of three years. He said short period because, although by a wise provision in their Constitutions, the election to the office of Grand Treasurer, no less than that of the M.W.G.M., was an annual one, it had not previously been the custom to challenge the re-election either of one or of the other. Indeed, he found that between the year 1813, the date of their Union, and 1879, when Col. Creaton was first elected there were but four Grand Treasurers, who held office for periods averaging 16 years. He would not attempt to disguise the fact that the opposition which that time last year was offered to the re-election of Bro. Creaton was a source of deep and sincere regret to very many in that Grand Lodge; but he thought he was justified in affirming that one and all recognised in Bro. Allcroft a fitting and worthy successor, eminently qualified, both by social position and Masonic worth, to uphold the dignity and command the respect which had always attached to the office he then so worthily filled. As Grand Lodge was aware the re-election of their Grand Treasurer had again been challenged, and another candidate proposed in his stead. It was but fair to Bro. Allcroft to state that he was too keenly sensible of what was due both to Grand Lodge and to himself to seek by any action or influence of his own their suffrages and support. But there were many there who believed that it would conduce neither to the dignity of their Order, nor to the harmony of their brotherhood that Grand Lodge should annually become the arena for party conflict and factious rivalry. In that view a strong appeal had been addressed to Bro. Allcroft, and it was in response to that appeal that he had again permitted himself to be put in nomination. He would not occupy their time that evening by recapitulating Bro. Allcroft's many claims to their support which that time last year were so strongly and so successfully urged. Neither would he outrage Bro. Allcroft's feelings by referring to those many acts of princely, though unostentatious benevolence, which had characterised his private life, no less than his public career. The name of Bro. Allcroft was too well known, his character too highly respected to need words of eulogy from him. In regard to the worthy brother who had been nominated in opposition to Bro. Allcroft he desired to speak with the utmost respect. For he had been informed, indeed it had been loudly proclaimed, that he too had contributed a large sum of money to the Masonic Charities. He knew full well there were no surer means by which a Mason's heart could be reached and his sympathy gained than by the exercise of that Masonic virtue—Charity, but he trusted the time would never come when the measure of a brother's claim to either of the two high offices that Grand Lodge could bestow would be the length of his purse. He was well aware of that restless passion for change which was characteristic of the times, but he most earnestly, though no less respectfully, entreated the brethren present, dispassionately to consider whether in the best interest of the Craft, which he was sure they all desired to promote, it was expedient, or desirable, that the custom and traditions of Grand Lodge should be wantonly abandoned and ignored, and that a high and dignified office should annually become the subject of factious contention and dispute.

Bro. KNYVETT, Past Grand Steward, in seconding the motion said he rose to second the nomination which had been so ably proposed by Bro. Letchworth, feeling that he represents a large portion of the Craft who, like himself, deprecate an annual change of Grand Treasurer. He would not detain Grand Lodge beyond a few words, but in those few words he would urge it with all earnestness to pause before taking this new departure, a departure so fraught with elements of discord. He feared that each returning election would find us confronted with rival candidates, the ill-effects of which have been painfully foreshadowed in the controversy of the last few months, or what would be worse the nomination might fall into the hands of some energetic brother who have time and opportunity to canvass rather than the selection of the Craft at large. Surely, brethren, this would

not maintain the dignity of the office or promote the peace, harmony, and welfare of the Craft, which in his humble opinion is of far greater importance than that of conferring an honour on any brother, however deserving, or however well merited that honour might be. He had much pleasure in seconding the nomination for the re-election of Bro. Allcroft as Grand Treasurer.

Bro. KEEBLE, W.M. 1426, proposed Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, P.M. 1743, S.W. 1745, J.W. 137, M.E.Z. designate 1773, and patron of "our noble Institutions." It was not his intention to take up the time of Grand Lodge by giving the qualifications of Bro. Marshall. He placed his qualification for the office of Grand Treasurer entirely on the ground of his being a member of Grand Lodge, and he (Bro. Keeble) claimed his right as a member of Grand Lodge to nominate any brother fully eligible for the office. But he took this opportunity of announcing that he placed his proposition upon this qualification. The supporters of Bro. Marshall had not thought it necessary or desirable to canvass London or the provinces to obtain support—(oh, oh, from the dais)—and he took this opportunity of protesting in Grand Lodge against what he considered an insult to Grand Lodge—the going outside the lodge on that question. (Hear, hear, and cheers.) It was quite unnecessary to do more than look round at that vast assembly to feel what the result of the next few minutes would be.

Bro. KEMPTON, W.M. Great Northern Lodge, in seconding the proposition said he did it on the ground that the departure of last year from the usual custom was on the perfect understanding that the collar of Grand Treasurer should be transmitted annually. (Hear, hear, and no, no.) On no other ground should he have voted against Col. Creaton. Within 12 months of that time they were asked to alter their convictions and for what reason? He had heard no reason from the proposer of Bro. Allcroft that would justify them in doing so. (Hear, hear.) The Craft generally took a great interest and felt a very great pride in having at their disposal the collar of Grand Treasurer—(loud cheers)—and as the proposer of Bro. Allcroft had said and urged that there should be no contest in Grand Lodge he would appeal most earnestly to him now to withdraw his candidate—(cheers, hear, hear, no, no, and great laughter)—in fact let it be that there should be but one candidate, and that candidate, Bro. H. B. Marshall—(renewed laughter)—whom he hoped Grand Lodge would elect unanimously. (Hear, hear.)

The Earl of LATHOM put the two motions and on a show of hands declared it was impossible for him to see which candidate had the show in his favour.

A division was called for and Grand Secretary read the rules for a division.

Grand Lodge then divided; but as the Scrutineers could not agree as to the result, the Earl of Lathom directed the supporters of Bro. Marshall to move to his right, and the supporters of Bro. Allcroft to his left. When this had been done,

The Earl of LATHOM said he had no hesitation in saying that Bro. Marshall had been elected.

The announcement was received with loud cheers.

The Earl of LATHOM next said that, by the command of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, he rose to propose: "That the sum of 50 guineas be granted to the family of the late James Cross, and a similar sum of fifty guineas to the family of the late Thomas Cattermole, two of the crew of the Albert Edward lifeboat, at Clacton-on-Sea, which boat was presented to the National Lifeboat Institution by Grand Lodge in the year 1877; these two men, after having assisted, the first in saving 116 and the second 33 lives, having lost their own in the discharge of their duty on the night of the 23rd January last, whilst in their boat, endeavouring to rescue the crew of a vessel in distress, leaving their families, consisting respectively of a widow and six children and a widow and three children, entirely destitute." He might add that a small local collection had been set on foot at Clacton-on-Sea, to which the Most Worshipful Grand Master had subscribed personally, and the National Lifeboat Institution had given £450 to the two families. The Most Worshipful Grand Master on Tuesday presented medals to the crew of the boat, and he (the Earl of Lathom) had no doubt the brethren would see with his Royal Highness that these sums would be worthily bestowed. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART, in seconding the motion, said he wanted to know, and he thought a little information should be given to Grand Lodge on one point with regard to the Albert Edward lifeboat being put out to its proper service. He went down accidentally to Clacton-on-Sea, and was told, without making any enquiry, by a man in charge, that the boat was called out one Wednesday about four o'clock. The man said if they had two lifeboats there was plenty of work for them to do. The lifeboat went out, but they did not see it come back, as it was taken down to Sheerness. If a wreck had taken place that night at Clacton there was no lifeboat there, as she went on towage service. A little intimation should be given by Grand Secretary to the men in charge that the boat should be used for the purpose of saving life only.

The motion was carried.

The following grants, recommended by the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, were confirmed on the motion of Bro. JOSHUA NUNN, President, seconded by Bro. JAMES BRETT, Senior Vice-President:

A Brother of the Enfield Lodge, No. 1237, Enfield ...	...	...	£50	0	0
A Brother of the Angel Lodge, No. 51, Colchester ...	...	...	50	0	0
A Brother of the Percy Lodge, No. 198, London ...	...	...	150	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Frederick Lodge of Unity, No. 452, Croydon ...	...	...	75	0	0
A Brother of the Great City Lodge, No. 1426, London ...	...	...	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Lodge of Perseverance, No. 345, Blackburn ...	...	...	50	0	0

The following report of the Board of General Purposes was adopted: "To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

"The Board of General Purposes beg to submit a Statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts, at the meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 15th day of February instant, shewing a Balance in the Bank of England of £5458 13s. 10d., and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £100, and for Servants' Wages £100, and Balance of Annual Allowance for Library 13s. 8d. (Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON, President.

"Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., 19th February, 1884."

The report of Bro. R. P. Harding, Auditor of Grand Lodge accounts of receipts and disbursements during the year 1883 was adopted.

Grand Secretary read the application from a body styling itself "The Grand Lodge of Victoria, Australia," requesting their recognition by the United Grand Lodge of England as a regular Grand Lodge.

Bro. A. J. MCINTYRE, O.C., G.R., said the letter that had been read from a brother who assumed to himself the title of the Grand Master Mason of Victoria had been read to Grand Lodge, and he should not attempt to occupy the time of Grand Lodge very long in pointing out what seemed to him to be very adequate reasons why the application that was made by the brother on behalf of the self formed Grand Lodge should not be acceded to by Grand Lodge. At the present time the district of Victoria was occupied by the jurisdiction of the United Kingdom. The Grand Lodge of England had a District Grand lodge, there was a number of lodges, amounting, he believed to 74. Grand Lodge of Ireland had a District Grand Lodge, its District Grand Master and all the proper officers for carrying on the district there and had 16 lodges under its jurisdiction. The Grand Lodge of Scotland had under its jurisdiction six lodges and had also its District Grand Master and all the officers required to carry on the business of Masonry and see that Masonry was properly organised. But among some Masons it appeared from the letter written by the self-styled Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason of Victoria that a notion prevailed among them which seemed to be common to some of the districts of America. This brother alluded to the foundation of lodges in America; but he did not explain to Grand Lodge very clearly what had been laid down by the Americans in the practice of their Constitutions. The notion there seemed to be that if in any district there was no Grand Lodge of that district, although there might be and very frequently was a District Grand Lodge, any three lodges joined together might form themselves into a Grand Lodge of that district, and claim exclusive jurisdiction over the whole of that district; they might elect their M.W.G.M.; he might appoint his officers; and he and his Grand Lodge might be a properly constituted body in that province. Now, in the present case, they had got beyond the number three lodges. The number of lodges under the three Constitutions amounted to 96; but out of all these all that wanted to form themselves into a District Grand Lodge were one English, one Scottish, and two Irish. Let Grand Lodge see what the result would be if they were recognised as a Grand Lodge. The supreme authority was the only authority that was regular and could form new lodges and empower those lodges to initiate, pass, and raise Masons. It would assume authority over the whole of Victoria, so that no future lodges could be formed under the three Grand Lodges of the United Kingdom. The time might come when the district would feel it had sufficient strength, but the lodges and the Masons generally should express that opinion, and when that time came Grand Lodge of England would be inclined to recognise such a District Grand Lodge. Whenever this had been done Grand Lodge had always insisted that those lodges who had received their warrants from Grand Lodge of England should be protected by the Grand Lodge of England, and should continue to hold their warrants under the Grand Lodge of England, and exercise all those functions so delegated to them. If this District Grand Lodge of Victoria were to be recognised 73 lodges of the English Constitution, 14 of the Irish lodges, and five of the Scotch lodges would be irregular. It would be most disastrous to Masonry to have a supreme Grand Lodge formed by these four dissenting lodges, while the great majority of the lodges holding under the English, Scotch, and Irish Constitutions would be considered irregular. He trusted Grand Lodge would see that the time had not yet arrived when this so-called District Grand Lodge of Victoria should be recognised, and he moved it be not recognised.

Bro. F. A. PHILBRICK, O.C., P.G.D., in seconding the motion said it would be intolerable if a small minority—a very small minority—were able to rule the great majority of the lodges.

The motion was carried.

On the motion of Bro. JOHN A. RUCKER, President of the Colonial Board, seconded by Bro. GRIFFITHS SMITH, Vice-President, the appeal from the Reunion Lodge, No. 1936, Blenheim, New Zealand, against certain comments made by the Colonial Board when cancelling the exclusion of Bro. Wm. Benjamin Earll from the lodge, relative to the conduct of Bro. Christopher J. W. Griffiths, of the same lodge in the same matter, was dismissed.

On the motion of Bro. J. SAMPSON PEIRCE, P.G.D., in the absence of Col. Creaton, Grand Lodge voted £70 from the Fund of General Purposes, to be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, to supply the residents of the Institution with coals during the winter season.

Grand Lodge was then closed in form and adjourned.

CONSECRATION OF THE RAYMOND THRUPP LODGE, No. 2024, AT HAMPTON COURT.

On Tuesday last the consecration of what we feel assured will prove a highly successful and important lodge in this province, now numbering 33 lodges under the genial rule of Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., and named after our esteemed and indefatigable Bro. Raymond Thrupp, D.P.G.M. of the province, took place. When the proceedings commenced a little after four o'clock, a goodly number of brethren were present, including the consecrating officer, Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., the Prov. Grand Master; with Bros. Wm. Roebuck, P.G.S., P.P.G.S.W., as S.W.; Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G.C., D.P.G.M. Surrey, as J.W.; R. Lawssitt, as Chap.; and H. C. Levander, P.G.D., Prov. G. Sec., as D. of C.

The ceremony of consecration was most admirably performed throughout, the musical portions of the ceremony, under the direction of Bro. G. Jinkinson, 1319, being artistically and carefully rendered. The consecration ceremony over, the chair was taken by Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp, and Bro. C. Graham was duly installed in a most impressive manner, which delighted

all present, as first W.M. of the lodge; he himself afterwards, in a manner worthy of imitation, and proving that nothing on his part will be wanting as regards the working of the lodge during his year of office, investing his officers as follows: M. Mildred, S.W.; J. Sadler Wood, J.W.; Raymond H. Thrupp, Treas.; and Bro. J. W. Baldwin, Sec. Votes of thanks were passed to the Consecrating Officers, who were unanimously elected honorary members of the lodge. The names of several candidates for initiation and joining were given in for next meeting.

The brethren adjourned to a banquet, which did great credit to the host, Bro. Sadler. The customary toasts were given by the W.M. in an appropriate manner, and duly responded to, being interspersed with some admirable singing by Bros. Jinkinson, H. Prenton, H. Hallams, and H. Dutton.

THE RECENT FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

There are sundry lists outstanding, so that we are not yet in a position to give the ultimate total of the amounts subscribed on the 26th ult. to the Benevolent Institution. However, additions have been made to several of the items then announced, while the following fresh lists have been received: London—Unattached, Bro. Abner Torkington, £40; Chapter 3, Comp. John Webb, £13 11s.; Chap. 749, Comp. Jno. Godwin, £22 1s. Provinces—Warwickshire, Lodge No. 938, Bro. W. B. Marshall, £31 10s. These raise the total to date to £14,476 13s. 6d., namely, London £8310 11s. 6d.; Provinces, £6166 2s.

The following letter, which speaks for itself, has been addressed by Bro. Allcroft to the brethren who acted as Stewards at the Festival. It is a fitting conclusion to a most successful episode in the history of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution:

108, Lancaster Gate, W., 27th February, 1884.

Dear Sir and Brother,—Being confined to my room by illness, I was prevented last evening from presiding at the Festival of our Benevolent Institution, and having the pleasure of meeting the Stewards and large number of brethren there present.

The Secretary was so good as to telegraph to me the large amount announced as the result of the exertions of the Stewards. I wish I could then and there have thanked you all, and congratulated you on the increased means for help to our poorer brethren thus placed at the disposal of our Committee. Pray accept, as an imperfect substitute, this written expression of my feelings of thankfulness, and also of joy at the increasing amount of contributions flowing in to our Masonic Charities.

"All praise to the Most High."

Believe me to remain, with fraternal regards,

Yours faithfully,

JOHN D. ALLCROFT, Grand Treasurer.

LODGE DUTIES.

A LECTURE DELIVERED BY BRO. T. B. WHYTEHEAD, P.M. 1611, PROV. S.G.W. N. AND E. YORKSHIRE.

(Concluded from page 98.)

It is not every brother received into Masonry who can qualify himself to occupy the Master's chair, and in some cases, even where the brother is most worthy, deficiencies exist of an insuperable character. It is a common remark, when the health of a newly-initiated candidate is proposed, to say that the assembled members hope to see their brother soon occupying the Chair of the Lodge, and no doubt the ambition to occupy that distinguished position is in the highest degree laudable. Yet I have no hesitation in saying that the qualifications necessary to fit a man for the Chair of K.S. are many and are possessed collectively by few. Let us run through the personal characteristics that we are annually told should belong to every ruler, and then let us ask ourselves in how many cases are these existing in the person of the candidate presented for installation? He should be of good report, true and trusty, and held in high estimation by his brethren and fellows, well skilled in the noble art, exemplary in conduct, courteous in demeanour, easy of address and steady and firm in principle, and well skilled in the ancient landmarks and Constitutions of our Order. How many Worshipful Masters, of the many hundreds annually installed, come up to this level? You will probably say that it would be impossible to find a succession of men answering to such a description, and that if these qualifications were rigidly insisted upon there would be an end of the whole thing; and I grant you that very few men who are placed, year by year, amongst our rulers in the Craft answer to the pattern laid down. Still, if we cannot find perfection in this world, even in our Craft, we can at any rate strive to come as near it as we possibly can, and even if an amiable and lovable brother who has been elected to the Chair has not all the virtues named, he may have a sufficiency to render him a fairly successful Master. Yet, brethren, there is one qualification, the last I have named, which every brother may acquire. Most of the qualities mentioned are gifts of the Great Architect, or the result of early training; but there is one which is in every brother's hands. I allude to the knowledge of our landmarks and Constitutions, an acquaintance with which, I very much fear, is a most exceptional accomplishment. I fearlessly say that it is the absolute duty of every brother, before he takes the Master's gavel in his right hand, to master our Book of Constitutions, and make himself fairly well acquainted with the laws and regulations which govern our Society. It is not only from a sense of duty that he should do this, but because of the feeling of security and comfort that such a knowledge will assuredly impart to him whilst in the execution of the duties of his important trust. Nothing derogates more from the influence and position of a Master than an exhibition of ignorance of Masonic law; and the spectacle of a Master who is compelled on every trifling point that arises in his Lodge to appeal right and left to the Past Masters, or even, as I have sometimes myself witnessed, to Visiting Past Masters, is in the highest degree pitiable. I am afraid that a very wide degree of ignorance exists as to our Constitutions, and I hope that the issue of the present revised code will induce more interest to be taken in their study. The numerous instances constantly occurring of Lodges and brethren transgressing our laws proves how limited is the knowledge respecting them; and although the brethren below the Chair may be pardoned for not possessing an intimate knowledge of the Constitutions, there can be no excuse whatever for the Master of a Lodge, who knows quite well that he will be, for his year of office, the interpreter of the rules of the Order, and the source to which every member of the Lodge should be able to look for assistance and instruction.

Lodges differ in town and in the provinces, but, as a general rule, I think it should be the duty of every Master to lay himself out to secure the personal esteem and Masonic friendship of every member of his lodge. None but those who have had considerable experience in the Craft, and who have gone through the chair, have any notion of the influence for good that may be exercised, and grow up, around an amiable and discreet Master, who has done his best to secure the confidence of the members of his lodge. If he succeeds in his endeavours he may be able to prove himself a friend in need to some distressed brother in a way least expected by him. A Master will often find it in his power to exercise the very highest gifts of charity. A friendly word of counsel, a judicious hint of warning, a kindly whisper of advice, will sometimes come with more force from the Master of a lodge than from a parent or a relative. Masonic troubles and misunderstandings may be chiselled away, even family discords may be harmonised. In my own brief knowledge, I have known of several cases in which a kind and wise word, coming calmly from a brother Mason, has averted serious trouble. But this cannot be done unless the brother who interferes is known intimately to his brethren, and so I say that if a Master desires to pass a useful and pleasant year, and to carry away with him some happy reminiscences of his official career, he should cultivate the acquaintance of the members of his lodge. And this may very easily and properly be done without infringement of any of the social obstacles that always have existed, and always will exist in all countries, races, and ages of history. Masonry, let it be remembered, does not interfere with society as it exists. It rather accommodates itself to the condition of the society in which it is found. "We meet on the level and part on the square" is a hackneyed phrase, but none the less true. When we meet upon the chequered floor we are all equal; there is no distinction of rank, save in Masonic excellence, and it is an un-Masonic lodge in which the members pay respect to social position rather than to personal worth. As Masons, we may pride ourselves upon the fact that many of our members of high social position in the outer world are also men of high mental attainments and moral character, and are well worthy of the high positions in which we rejoice to place them. Amongst these are men who have suddenly been called upon to occupy important posts in the Craft without previous service or experience; and greatly to the credit of such brethren be it said that I do not remember an instance in which such a brother has failed us. In every case the choice of the brethren has been more than justified. Yet although these illustrious brethren meet with us upon the level floor, and accord us the cordial and fraternal grip in all heartiness and good fellowship, when we leave the lodge we resume our respective positions, feeling all the better and all the stronger for the knowledge that we possess the mutual respect and esteem of one another.

It is a matter of sincere regret when a brother aspires to the chair of a lodge when he is both by nature and training quite unfitted for such a position. He may be an excellent fellow at heart, and in the body of the lodge would no doubt prove a pleasant and useful Craftsman. Such a brother's ambition, blameless though it be, is very inconsiderate, not to say selfish, and places his brethren upon the horns of a dilemma. They must either sit upon his aspirations and run the risk of offending his sensibilities, or they must do their lodge an injury. I have already said that first impressions are everything, and no lodge can expect to secure good candidates, that is, men of education and ability, or, if enrolled, can hope to keep them, if the Master of the lodge be a man of little or no culture, or whose manner or appearance is inconsistent with the dignity of the chair. I am quite sure that instances are within the knowledge of all of us where brethren have occupied the chair in lodges, who, on the face of it, have been utterly unqualified, and who, having attained the object of their selfish ambition, have been completely careless as to the lodge and its members. A year under such a Master means five years' retrogression to any lodge, because the remembrance of his faults and follies will hang round the chair long after he has left it to more suitable men.

The amount of real and genuine interest taken in Freemasonry by any Master may usually be gauged by the attention he pays to his lodge after he leaves the chair. The man who simply goes in for the sake of sticking P.M. after his name will seldom be seen except at banquets, or when any great Masonic gun is likely to be present. On such occasions he will in all probability be the busiest of the busy, and a stranger would deem him to be the most active and useful member of the lodge. But show me the brother who does not work in fits and starts. Let me know the Past Master to whom the working brethren refer in time of difficulty, who is constantly seen in his place on the dais, and who has always got his eye open for the interests of the Craft in general and his own lodge in particular. When you point out that brother I will then show you a genuine Mason, whose Masonry has not been of a selfish character, and who has done, and will again do, honour to his lodge.

Masters and Past Masters have alike two objects to keep in view—the happiness of their brethren and the prosperity of their lodge, and the two cannot be divorced. If a lodge is prosperous its members will be proud to belong to it. If it falls into difficulties or becomes a field for bickerings and petty and unworthy strife, its good members will avoid it and its bad members will get worse. Almost everything depends upon the firmness and discretion of the Master and those who have preceded him. If the Master is weak, acts feebly, and is blown about by every wind of doctrine, the unruly members, of whom there are sure to be a sprinkling in every lodge, will soon get the whip hand of him and will make his Masonic life a burden to him, and will render the lodge unbearable for quiet members. On the other hand, if a Master be rude, tyrannical, or rash, he may soon drive away all his peaceable subjects, and leave himself to rule over bare benches. Everything depends upon discretion and unanimity amongst lodge rulers.

And now, brethren, I have given you some of my ideas roughly upon *Lodge Duties*, and I will bring my sermon to an end. Not that I have exhausted the subject—far from it. The points that arise in my mind that might be used to illustrate the subject in its many bearings are innumerable; but I will not weary you, lest you should take a prejudice against Masonic sermonising. I hope you will agree with me in the necessity for pointing out sometimes to Masons, in different language to that which has been stereotyped upon our memories, some of the multifarious duties they owe to one another and to their Lodges. You may perhaps think that so much moralising is but barren talk. I hope it is not so, but that we shall each of us endeavour to use his influence to bring about in our Craft a revival of interest, not only in our history and kindred subjects, but in the actual teachings and doctrines of the Order. Depend upon it, if Masonry is to be elevated, if we are to save ourselves from falling into disrepute, or from sinking into a mere friendly society of mummers, we must exercise in our persons, as well as enforce upon others, the more diligent observance of our *Lodge Duties*.

A NEW LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

On Tuesday evening last a meeting was held at Bro. Henton's, the Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., for the purpose of arranging preliminaries with the view of forming a lodge of instruction under the warrant of the New Cross Lodge, No. 1559, the W.M. of which having given his sanction for the use of the name. Bro. Ernest Smith, P.M., Sec. 1559, was voted to the chair, and after briefly explaining the object of the meeting, he proposed that Bro. Hiram Henton, W.M. 1559, should be elected Treasurer. This was seconded and carried unanimously. Bro. Hy. Wild, 1559, proposed, and Bro. W. Court, W.S. 1559, seconded, the nomination of Bro. Ernest Smith, P.M., Sec. 1559, as Secretary. This was likewise carried without dissent. A book of bye-laws was then drawn up and passed.

The lodge will be formally opened at eight o'clock on Tuesday evening next, upon which occasion Bro. Koester, P.M., will work the ceremony of installation, and it is hoped that all members of the mother lodge will unite in bringing as many Masonic friends as they can to do honour to the occasion. The officers of No. 1559 are particularly requested to attend.

AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE.

The Alexandra Palace Lodge of Instruction, No. 1541, which holds its weekly meetings at the Station Tavern, Camberwell New-road, and of which Bro. J. R. Stacey is the able Preceptor, has again given proof of the desire of its members to carry into effect the great principle of Charity, which has been well described as "the brightest ornament which can adorn our Masonic profession," for at the last meeting a ballot took place for three Life Governorships to the Masonic Institutions, proving that while deriving instruction themselves they keep the benefit of those who need their assistance steadily in view. Last year the same lodge contributed four Life Governorships to the Masonic Charities in like manner, and this is all done in a very simple and excellent way, and somewhat novel in its arrangement. Each member pays a small annual sum, which not only covers the ordinary expenses, but leaves a good margin to be devoted to the cause of Charity. Every member is eligible to obtain these prizes, but to become so it is necessary that he should attend a certain number of meetings of the lodge during the year, thus proving his desire to obtain instruction, as well as having a chance of possessing a rich reward for having done so. This plan has been considered less objectionable than the common practice of paying a weekly contribution for the same object, although there is no doubt that during several years past substantial benefits to the different Charities have been derived therefrom. It is satisfactory to state that after the three ballots above referred to had been paid for a good balance remained behind on which the future charitable superstructure will be built, to be again dispensed in like manner.

South Africa.

CONSTITUTION OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF NATAL.

This important event in the annals of Colonial Mark Masonry took place on Wednesday evening, the 30th January last. The R.W. Bro. R. J. Finnemore, whose appointment as Grand Master of the new province we announced in a recent issue, performed the ceremony in the Masonic Hall, Smith-street, Durban, amongst those present being Bros. Archdeacon Garde, Dr. Schulz, T. Cook, G. Russell, S. Marriott, A. J. Keeler, G. Leask, G. E. Attwood, M. H. Emanuel, W. Sellwood, P. G. Sandford, J. Crowe, M. W. Frye, Tuckett, F. Pay, and others.

The Provincial Grand Master having opened the proceedings by a short speech, called upon Bro. Russell to read the patent from the Right Hon. Lord Henniker, which appoints him "to be Provincial Grand Master of Mark Master Masons in the Province of Natal for the period of three years from the date hereof, or until such time as a successor shall have been duly appointed and installed in his stead, with full power and authority to constitute and regulate lodges within his province subject to the approval of the Grand Master, and to do every other act appertaining to the office in accordance with the constitutions of Mark Masonry." Bro. Finnemore then took the oath of office and was duly installed, afterwards appointing his officers as under:—

Bros. Wesley Francis	...	D.P.G.M.M.
" E. S. T. Stantial	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" Thomas Cook	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Jesse Smith	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" A. J. Keeler	...	Prov. G.S.O.
" B. Ireland	...	Prov. G.J.O.
" Ven. Archdeacon Garde, M.A.	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" M. H. Emanuel (unanimously elected)	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" E. H. Wiltshire	...	Prov. G. Reg. of Mks., Sec.
" G. Leask	...	Prov. Asst. Sec.
" G. Russell	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" W. Sellwood	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" S. Marriott	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" G. O. Matterson	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" W. F. Stanton	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" P. G. Sandford	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" W. Sink	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. Roseveare, J. Crowe, and Dr. J. Schulz	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" E. L. S. Torguis	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" F. Pay	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

After appointing a committee to frame bye-laws and other private business, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed, and a meeting of the Port Natal Mark Lodge, 288, was held, at which candidates were received, and other ordinary lodge business transacted.

The brethren afterwards assembled at supper, at which the Prov. Grand Master presided. The meeting was regarded in every way successful and satisfactory. The Prov. Grand Master announced his intention at some future date to deliver a lecture upon the origin and meaning of Mark Masonry.

New Zealand.

LYTTELTON.—Canterbury Kilwinning Lodge (No. 585 S.C.)—On the 29th November last a very large number of brethren paid a visit to the above lodge, to witness the installation of the following officers for the ensuing year: Bros. S. Neall, R.W.M.; J. T. Brice, S.W.; J. Jory, J.W.; H. Field, Sec.; J. Grubb, Treas.; W. Brown, S.D.; T. Dyer, J.D.; W. Brown, I.G.; F. Arnold, Tyler. After the ceremony had been performed by R.W. Bro. James Hill, D.G.M. Canterbury, in a most impressive manner, he was requested by the R.W.M., Bro. Neall, to present to Bro. J. Grubb a small token of the esteem in which he was held by the lodge, in the shape of a Past Treasurer's jewel, he having held that office for the last seven years.

The D.G.M. in making the presentation desired to congratulate Bro. Grubb on being the recipient of so handsome a jewel, and would also say that from his own personal knowledge of Bro. Grubb he did not think that the esteem in which the members held him at present would ever be forfeited. He would wish to remark that the jewel had been raised by private subscription from the members, and not taken from the lodge funds.

Bro. Grubb in acknowledging the presentation said he accepted with great pleasure the high appreciation and handsome token which they had presented to him that evening, and desired to most heartily thank the members for it. In reply to the very flattering speech which the D.G.M. had made, he could only say that he had to the best of his small ability carried out his duties, and as long as he had health he hoped to do it in the future. He again thanked the brethren, and hoped that many years of prosperity and happiness would be granted to both the D.G.M. and the lodge.

After the close of the lodge the brethren adjourned to the banquetting hall, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and honoured. The R.W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Hill, D.G.M.," said he was sure that all present would agree with him when he said that the installation service as performed that evening by the D.G.M. was in every degree a perfect lesson in the working of the lodge, and he sincerely hoped that he might be spared for many years to perform that ceremony annually for them.

The D.G.M., Bro. Rev. J. Hill, replying to the toast of his health, most heartily thanked the brethren for the very enthusiastic manner in which they had drunk his health; and in reply to the high encomiums which the R.W.M. had heaped upon his head, he could only say that he had always endeavoured to thoroughly and consistently perform his duty in whatever position he was placed in the Craft. As the representative of the Canterbury district, he could only say that his duties that evening had been particularly pleasant to him, as he had been for many years a personal friend of Bro. Neall, and had both passed and raised him, and had that evening placed him in a position which he felt confident he would fill with credit to himself and honour to the lodge. The following toasts were then proposed: "The R.W.M.," "The Officers," "The Visitors," and the Tyler's toast, the proceedings terminating with "Auld Lang Syne."

SYDENHAM.—Crown Lodge (No. 675 S.C.)—The annual installation meeting of this very prosperous lodge was held in the Sydenham Masonic Hall, on Thursday, December 20th. The R.W.M., Bro. J. C. Watson, D.G.J.W., presided, and was well supported by a large number of Past Masters. There was a very large number of brethren from the three constitutions present, including representatives from almost all the lodges in the district. The ceremony of installing the various officers was performed by Bro. Rev. James Hill, P.M., D.G.M. of Canterbury, the following being the officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Chas. Louison, D.G. Stwd., R.W.M.; J. Wendelken, W.S.M.; L. A. Elerig, D.G. Bible Bearer, W.D.M.; J. Glen, W.S.W.; E. Eastwood, W.J.W.; G. F. Heath, S.D.; A. Webb, J.D.; S. Penrose, I.G.; Rev. Isaac Zachariah, Chap.; and J. Young, Tyler.

At the close of the ceremony of installation, Bro. Chas. Louison, R.W.M., performed the pleasing duty of presenting Bro. J. C. Watson, I.P.M., D.G.J.W.; with a very handsome Past Master's jewel. In making the presentation Bro. Louison said that the jewel which he had the pleasure of presenting that evening had been subscribed for privately by the members, in order that they might show the very great respect which they bore to Bro. Watson, who might almost be called the father of the lodge, as he had been one of the chief founders of it, and had been its first R.W.M., and in every way had shown his great zeal for the advance of Freemasonry by the manner in which he had worked for the lodge during his term of office, not only never being absent from a single regular meeting, but not even once missing a lodge of instruction; indeed, he might say that but for the manner in which Bro. Watson had worked the lodge would never have reached the flourishing position it had. Bro. Watson having suitably replied, the R.W.M. said that another very pleasing duty had devolved upon him, viz., that of presenting Bro. G. E. Dalton, P.S., with a very handsome Secretary's jewel, and in doing so he could only reiterate what he had said of Bro. Watson.

This being all the business the lodge was duly closed. After the closing of the lodge the brethren adjourned to the banquetting hall, where a marvellously well served banquet was partaken of and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts duly honoured.

The R.W.M. proposed "The Health of the D.G.M.," who in reply, after thanking the brethren for the very hearty manner in which they had received the toast of his health, said it was always a pleasing duty to him to attend at any ceremony in a Masonic lodge, in this case it was particularly so, as he looked upon this lodge as one of his favourite children, inasmuch as he had consecrated it. One of the most pleasing features of the evening to him, next to the installation of the R.W.M., was the fact that he had the honour of installing as Chaplain of this lodge a brother who was born at Jerusalem, he meant the Rev. Isaac Zachariah.

Several other toasts were proposed and duly responded to, the brethren separating at a late hour.

Canadian papers say the coloured Masons of the United States are organising a Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, with all its ritual and paraphernalia.

Obituary.

BRO. JOSEPH LAVENDER, P.M., P.Z.

It is with very great regret we announce the death of Bro. J. Lavender, P.M., P.Z., who had been a member of the Masonic fraternity for not far short of 40 years. Bro. Lavender was initiated in the Bedford Lodge, No. 157, then No. 183, on the 6th May, 1846, and was elected W.M. in 1852. In June, 1863, he joined the Maybury Lodge, No. 969, as a founder, and in November 1879, the Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657. He was installed in the Cyrus Chapter, No. 21, on the 22nd November, 1853, and was elected to fill the First Principal's chair in 1860. Of these lodges and chapters Bro. Lavender was a member at the time of his decease. He was also an active member of the Higher Degrees. It should also be recorded that he was an annual subscriber to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls and a Life Governor and Hon. Vice-President of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

BRO. THOS. RALPH AUSTIN, M.D., D.D., LL.D.

The *Vincennes News* announces the death, on the 5th ult., after many weary months of patient suffering from disease of the heart, of Bro. Thomas Ralph Austin, M.D., D.D., LL.D., rector of Vincennes, Indiana, U.S. America, and eldest brother of Mr. E. Austin, proprietor of the *Clifton Chronicle* and Bristol correspondent of the *Times*. Our transatlantic contemporary, in an article headed "Brief Sketch of a Man celebrated in Letters, in Medicine, and in Masonry," after tracing the career of the deceased as a medical man till after the Rebellion, when his health being somewhat impaired by his arduous labours as Acting Medical Director of the West, states that he prepared himself for the service of the Church, and was in due time ordained to the Protestant Episcopal ministry. The *News* then adds, "Dr. Austin early in life connected himself with the Masonic Fraternity, and was ever after a profound devotee of that ancient and honourable Order. We have been unable to obtain any detailed account of his Masonic career, but enough is known to show that it was brilliant and successful. In May, 1861, he became Grand Master of the Masons of Indiana, and six years later, on the second day of May, he reached the acme of Masonic progression—the 33rd, 14 days later receiving the honour of an appointment to be the active member of that high degree for Indiana. This honour he wore with dignity until loss of health compelled him to relinquish it last September. As a lecturer on Masonic subjects Dr. Austin acquired a reputation co-extensive with the country, his 'Solomon's Temple' being especially admired by the Craft and by the general public, which was charmed by its classic style and fervent oratory. He has also written largely and published extensively on the same subject, his works being much esteemed by Masons throughout the country."

FUNERAL OF THE LATE BRO. DR. PARRY, P.M. 1086.

On the afternoon of Wednesday, the 27th ult., the mortal remains of the late Dr. D. L. Parry, Stonycroft, near Liverpool, were consigned to their last resting place in the Necropolis, in the presence of a very large concourse of sympathising mourners and friends. Our deceased brother, who was cut off in the flower of his age, was highly esteemed for his personal qualities and professional abilities. He was also a prominent member of our Order, having been W.M. of 1086 for the year 1883. A large number of the brethren of that lodge and others in the city attended at the cemetery. Among the mourners who accompanied the body from the deceased's residence were Bro. Dr. Williams, father-in-law of the deceased; and Bros. J. Hoult, G. Carroll, and C. Buchanan. Among the numerous assembly of Masonic brethren were Bros. W. Wilkinson, W.M.; John Lunt, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; W. Roberts, S.W.; Rev. Dr. Hyde, Chap.; F. Ewart, Sec.; J. P. McArthur, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; R. Hall, G. Morris, B. Copeland, R. Davidson, J. Pennington, J. Maybrick, G. Hanmer, P.M., Treas.; J. Unsworth, R. Leatherbarrow, M. Williamson, F. Mausley, R. E. Roberts, R. Beckett, W. D. Walker, T. Lewis, G. Evans, T. Maxwell, W. Templeton, and F. S. Halpin, all of 1086; Bros. J. Croxton, Treas. 1756; W. Lothian, 249; W. Pye, 249; R. A. Lambert, 249; R. G. Bradley, J.W. 249; H. Marshall, S.W. 1756; W. Hawksworth, 1609; W. J. Campion, 1609; E. Graham, 1609; J. Jones, 216; J. Prescott, 1713; J. Barlow, Sec. 1713; Lewis Peake, W.M. 1035; J. J. Smith, S.W. 1035; J. P. Bryan, I.P.M. 1035, P.G.O.; E. Jones, 1086; E. Johnston, P.M. 203 and 1756; J. Neill, 1356; W. Thomason, 1620; W. Crane, P.M. 1299 and 249; Dr. Price, W.M. 155; Capt. E. Hoblyn, 1724; Dr. G. G. S. Taylor, P.M. 786; J. G. Bales, 1182; R. Hetherington, 63 (Scotland); T. Saxon, 241; E. B. Williams, 216; W. Ladyman, P.M. 1570; W. P. Vines, P.M. 1570; Dr. W. H. Fitzpatrick, G. Ray, Dr. R. Parker, Dr. Lewis, 203; W. Deyes, 241; and others. The burial service was impressively read by Bro. the Rev. Canon Hyde, LL.D., Chaplain 1086, who afterwards addressed the mourning relatives and members of the Walton Lodge at the graveside in a few earnest and comforting words, and referred to the many excellent and endearing qualities of our late brother, and the loss which the Walton Lodge had experienced by his removal.

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BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Broad Arrow," "Court Circular," "Jewish Chronicle,"
"Allen's Indian Mail," "Victorian Freemason," "Masonic Re-
cord of Western India," "Time," "Citizen," "City Press,"
"Liberal Freemason," "Masonic Home Journal," "Keystone,"
"Records of Grand Lodge of Connecticut, Vol. XI., No. 2," "The
Tricycling Journal," "Sutton's Catalogue of Grass and Fern
Seeds," "Natal Mercantile Advertiser," "Voice of Masonry,"
"La Chaine d'Union," "Masonic Review," "Cape Times,"
"Hull Packet,"



SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 1884.

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.]

ELECTION OF GRAND TREASURER.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Now that the question of who shall be Grand Treasurer for the current year is settled, let us hope that the worthy brother who has been elected will receive a hearty welcome on the dais, even from those who framed and signed the once famous circular. Let them receive their defeat with grace, and remember that the popular voice will always be heard at last, however strongly those in actual power may strive to stifle it.

If the threat which a Past Grand Chaplain made a few days since, that Bro. Marshall should be black-balled for Grand Officers' Mess if elected Grand Treasurer, is carried out, it will be time for the people once more to raise its voice and ask why the middle classes of society, the very strength and backbone of Craft Freemasonry, are not adequately represented on the dais and rewarded more frequently with the purple.

The absence from the voting last night of the majority of those who signed the circular shows very plainly how the signatures were obtained and how feeble was the attempt to upset a sound principle.—Yours fraternally,
SEMICIRCULAR PROTRACTOR.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have no desire to prolong a controversy which has already become sufficiently embittered; but I do wish again to enter my protest against the "extreme virulence and violence" exhibited by "Obsta Principiis," who appears to exist in what both you and he would probably speak of as a "normal" atmosphere of abuse. I have before described him as a "pestilent correspondent," and I should not have been far wrong had I further described him as ignorant, insolent, and much given to a "melancholy display of unfraternal bitterness and rowdy vulgarity." He is mainly responsible for the present ferocity of the discussion, for it was he who began to fling mud at his opponents, whom he designated a clique, caucus, cabal, and roundly charged with an attempt at "impudent dictation" to Grand Lodge, and all because they think one thing and he another. It is not I and others, who have been ready and anxious from the very first to argue the question on its merits, who have reason to fear an "appeal to the wisdom, fairness, and common sense of Grand Lodge." Any objectionable words which have figured in my letters have been quoted from "Obsta Principiis."

I am happy to say I can read a few lines of Latin without troubling "Paccioli," and it is because I have some slight knowledge of the language—you must forgive the unavoidable egotism—that I was able to suggest another way of rendering "Obsta Principiis" than that intended in the lines of Ovid. But I do not parade my knowledge on every possible and impossible occasion in all the glory of inverted commas.

I flatter myself also that I can write two consecutive sentences in my mother tongue without contradicting myself. In his last letter "Obsta Principiis" says in his concluding paragraph, "The circular . . . explains the views of those who signed it better than I can pretend to do." It is alike the defence of our position and the justification of our proceedings." The words I have italicised are the key to the contradiction. "Obsta Principiis" cannot pretend to explain the views of the "circularisers," as they have been called, and then, in the same breath, he tells us what the circular is which he and his brother signatories have put their names to.

If, as has been frequently said, imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, I may claim that your correspondent has paid me a very great compliment. In my first letter I remarked that under the circumstances Bro. Allcroft would have good reason for exclaiming "Save me from my friends." He now puts these words into the mouth of Bro. Marshall.

As to the matter of age, it will be time enough for "Obsta Principiis" to boast of his seniority, when he has shown that he possesses even an elementary acquaintance with the amenities which should be part and parcel of such a correspondence as this.—Fraternally yours,
TENAX PROPOSITI.

BRO. WHILE AND OBSTA PRINCIPIIS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I note an amusingly irrelevant allusion to your very humble servant in a letter signed "J. While," professing to be an answer (?) to a very able letter of Bro. John Havers. I think, however, that for many reasons it is alike more dignified and more Masonic for me not unnecessarily to prolong a sufficiently unseemly wrangle. Suffice it to say then, whether my style be cumbersome or not matters really very little, as long as I make your readers understand both what I mean and what I say. I should not myself have selected Bro. While's peculiar collocation of words as a representation of a very classical or cultivated standard of English writing. There may, however, be something very valuable, and even Masonic and important, in those dreadfully long-winded epistles, those depressing combinations of "bunkum and boredom," but that is, of course, a matter of taste, and I leave the question and the discussion where they are.

But I must say this, We owe to Bro. While, and to Bro. While alone, the importing into the pages of the *Freemason* a tone of bitter, reckless, vulgar personality. The words which originally roused his ire—"cabal," "caucus," &c.—are words of common currency, and were used to express the point which grated and pressed on the minds of many zealous Freemasons. The humble joke about the

famous dinner,—for nothing was said about another point connected with it,—hardly deserved the animus and violence displayed in reply. It was called a "good dinner." I have heard it was a good dinner, whoever paid for it, and there was surely no harm in saying it was a good dinner, unless indeed Bro. While, who does not seem to have been invited, which was, I have no hesitation in saying, a very improper omission, is prepared to contend that it was *not* a good dinner. If there is any other expression I made use of which was and appeared to be too hard, it certainly was used inadvertently by me. We have each and all said more than others will have cared to read and remember, and I feel for one, that as the "Gods bring to an end everything here," so we may now rejoice to think that our controversy is closed "pro tem."—Fraternally yours,
OBSTA PRINCIPIIS.

A NEW WORD.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

When you wrote the editorial note to the letter of your correspondent "The Queen's English," that the printers had "followed copy" in printing "sacerdotalism" with a "d" for the "t," it was within your power to have stated the fact that the error was one due to the fingers, and not to a lack of knowledge, as it was written, as you knew, with the "Type-writer, and "literals" are as liable to occur with that instrument as in the setting up of type at "case." I can leave the small mind of "Obsta Principiis" to make whatever capital which can be found in this "literal," and I shall throw no "d" at him; but I will take the opportunity of saying that I quite agree with you in reprobating the violence of his productions. It is bad enough, surely, by the sin of my finger to have coined a "new word" (which no one could pronounce as spelt by mischance); without having a flood of abuse, in dog Latin, cast at others under the shadow of an anonymous name. This person has evidently been reading his own letters, for in his calling of names—the abuse of which he only was guilty, and the making of false statements, of which he was convicted—consist the "degradation" of your columns.—Yours faithfully and fraternally,
JOHN WHILE.

[The correspondence on the subject of the Grand Treasurer must now be considered closed.—Ed. F.M.]

THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION ANNUITIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In a leader of your issue of the 23rd inst., respecting the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, I am credited with the proposal to lower the annuities. Permit me to say the notice of motion referred to does not in any way apply to the present annuitants; neither is it intended to make any alteration in the amount of annuity for those to be elected at the General Meeting in May next. Therefore my notice of motion cannot be a reduction of amounts the annuitants are in receipt of.

There are at the present time one hundred and twenty-six needy and deserving candidates patiently waiting the result of the next election, which, when it is over, will leave nearly a hundred of them to linger and hope on for another twelve months, the majority then to meet with a similar disappointment. Extending the number to be elected is apparently a more equitable system, and calculated to meet the needs of the continual increasing number of aged brethren or their widows seeking aid from the funds of the above mentioned Institution.—I am, faithfully and fraternally yours,
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To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution has again been a decided success, as the report in your columns of Saturday last fully sets forth. There is, however, one phase that I should like to point out, and which I think should be at all times most carefully guarded against, lest it should to an extent damp the energies of some who express their willingness. I refer to the criticisms with regard to the quality (financial) of the Stewards' list. Most of your readers will have read the decision of one (whose name the majority of us reverence) with regard to "the widow's mite." Our Stewards' list should be estimated somewhat in the same way, for to some of our lodges, if financial position be regarded, the modest five guineas is as great a donation as the 300 from a lodge more wealthy. Possibly this annual acute criticism may have a tendency, not to stir up, but, on the other hand, to deter many from accepting the position of Steward, they having a reluctance to enter the lists merely as competitors, also a wish to avoid castigation should their amounts be deemed but small. To propagate a desire in the heart of every English Freemason to contribute something annually to our Masonic Charities should be our constant care, and in order that such may be accomplished it behoves us not to undervalue small donations coming from those who are not possessed of great abundance. "If thou hast much, give plentifully; if thou hast little, do thy diligence gladly to give of that little."

You mention one lodge as having sent in a very small donation. It certainly is small, but there may be good reasons to account for it. Possibly a larger amount was anticipated when the worthy brother sent up his name as accepting the position of Steward. Be the cause whatever it may, I think that lodge has broken the ice, and possibly at our next festival many lodges who have not yet figured in the Charity lists will take courage and come to the front, if even with only a small donation. From your leaderette it appears that in 1883 the number of lodges in London was 329, in the Provinces 1023, making a total of 1352. Of this number 504 contributed, the balance therefore which did not was 848. Had each of that number, instead of withholding, remitted only five shillings, an additional sum £212 would have been the result. Many possibly could have sent the sum of one guinea; if so the amount would have been increased still more. With an apology for trespassing on your space, and with a belief that you do not, in your zeal for digesting "charity of the purse," intentionally wish to overlook charity "of thought and pen," I must close, expressing a firm conviction that small donations and plenty of them shew that "unity is strength," so forcibly exhibited in
March 4th.

A BUNDLE OF STICKS.

PROVINCIAL GRAND SECRETARIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The letter of "Companion" in your last issue is so utterly absurd that one would feel disposed to let it pass by unnoticed were it not for the fear that it might fall into the hands of, and mislead, some of the younger members of the Craft.

In the first place the suggestion that Secretaries of large provinces should not be paid, displays so much ignorance of the question that I feel sure "Companion" has never been inside a Provincial Grand Secretary's office, or he would have a better idea of the duties and responsibilities of that officer. I should like to know where "Companion" would find a man who would, without payment, devote seven or eight hours a day in personal interviews with brethren, replying to correspondence (many letters such foolish ones as I should fancy "Companion" would write), writing up records and returns, attending election and other meetings in London, travelling frequently 20 or 30 miles to lodges on important business, &c.

As to the clerical work being done by, and information obtained from, an accountant, let me remind "Companion" that the Provincial Grand Secretary is the local expounder of Masonic law, to whom many disputed points are referred for decision. He is therefore expected to be well versed in the Constitutions and landmarks of the Order. Would "Companion" like to leave this to an accountant's clerk (probably a non-Mason) or an annually appointed brother? In addition to this I venture to assert that if the work of a Prov. Grand Secretary was performed by a paid professional accountant (even at the lowest scale of charges), instead of being a small remuneration it would amount to such a sum that no province in England could pay it. In some of the small provinces I know that Secretaries are not paid. I have the honour of the acquaintance of several, both paid and unpaid, but I fail to see that "higher social standing" suggested by "Companion."

The manner in which "Companion" speaks of "monopoly of patronage" and such like seems to me to be strong evidence that he is one of those who have lately been writing about provincial promotion, and who thinks by this "change of front" to gain that notice which his previous letters have failed to elicit.—I am, yours fraternally,
P.P.G.D.C.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

"Companion" is confident that he has solved a difficulty which has embarrassed probably all Provincial Grand Masters, viz., the annual selection of provincial officers. His proposal is to do away with salaried Provincial Secretaries, make the office an annual and honorary one, and have the clerical work done by an accountant at a small remuneration.

I am well acquainted with the province of West Yorkshire, and know the duties of the Provincial Grand Secretary. I frequently visit his office and can vouch that he and his assistant are fully employed in discharge of their duties, or more than nine months in the year. More than 5000 summonses for provincial meetings go out during the year; the work in connection with the Charity Committee is very great; the correspondence also occupies the Secretary, at least, half a working day throughout the year; of necessity, all returns are examined and registered, all cash passes through his hands to the Treasurer; this requires great experience and intimate knowledge of every lodge in the province. How then could the work be got through with a fresh Secretary every year? What accountant could discharge these duties satisfactorily? As to the "monopoly of patronage," I can answer for our own excellent chief and his indefatigable deputy. The duty of selecting officers is one which they discharge personally and approach with anxiety, although in their case they have but 66 lodges and 800 qualified Past Masters from whom the appointments are made.

Would "Companion" carry his suggestion further and have Grand Secretary changed annually, and the appointment an annual one, with an accountant to do the work? Would brethren of a very much higher social "standard" then fill the office in Grand Lodge?

My conviction is that Provincial Grand Masters and their Deputies know their brethren sufficiently well to enable them to select their officers, and Masonic worth is not overlooked as well as social standing.—I am, yours faithfully and fraternally,
P.G.W. WEST YORKS,
AND TWENTY YEARS A P.M.

A MIS-QUOTATION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

On reading the last number of your valuable paper, I was very much surprised to see the following lines:

"Money's but the guinea stamp;
The man's the man for a' that,"

given as a quotation in the letter of Bro. Simpson, P.G. Chap., and it astonished me beyond measure to find that so erudite a Mason could make such a mistake. Our poet brother Burns, notwithstanding his indifferent education, never wrote such doggerel as those lines; what he did write was as follows:

"The rank is but the guinea stamp;
The man's the gowd for a' that."

Yours faithfully and fraternally, G. SHANKS, K.M.
March 4th.

THE OLDEST FREEMASON IN ENGLAND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

A Manchester contemporary, in last Saturday's issue, announced the death of one who was presumably the oldest Freemason in England, one Bro. Joseph Newton, who died at Richmond, Yorkshire, last Friday week. The deceased brother was Tyler for one or more lodges for 57 years, having been appointed when the Duke of Sussex visited Richmond in 1827. This lengthened period of association with the Craft is, however, eclipsed by a brother now living, Bro. Collier by name, who was initiated in the Lodge of Loyalty, No. 320, Mottram, Cheshire, on the 5th December, 1821, passed 2nd January, 1822, and raised 6th February the same year. This veteran in Masonry was installed W.M. of the lodge in 1837, and has been Tyler to it since 1837. My statement can easily be verified by any P.M. in the Lodge of Loyalty.—Yours fraternally,
R. R. LISENDEN, J.W. 317.

47, Bridge-street, Manchester, March 3rd.

KING SOLOMON AND FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Owing to the miscarriage of last week's *Freemason*, I was unable to refer to the note of "Masonic Student," who appears to be ignorant of the fact that the marks as "fresh as paint" were found to be "Phœnician" marks. The discovery of these marks at so early a period of the excavations raised the hopes of Masons high indeed, they expecting a glorious feast to follow; but, alas! we found those hopes dashed amongst the "hidden mysteries of nature and science." The proof set up by "Masonic Student" disproves the position he assumes, and the "fact" remains that Masonry, as known at present, has no reference to either King Solomon or Jerusalem. Supposing the opposite to be correct, how is it that these few marks stand alone? They stand alone "and thus bear a silent and unconscious witness,"—not to Masonry, but to Phœnicia. It is pleasing to slumber, as we have experienced, under the impression of Scott's delightful legends, but in the present case, where legends are vaunted "as true and cherished tradition," and students wrap themselves up in sublime and mystical wisdom, there is little probability "that the whole Crux of Masonic legend will ever be solved." Antiquity is Masonry's pride; let us therefore search, and search diligently, to establish a granitic basis for our pride.—Yours fraternally,

R. W. HOLLON, 236.

[We do not think Bro. Hollon is right on the point of the marks!—Ed. F.M.]



CONSTITUTIONS OF THE ANTIEN FRATERNITY OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS. Published, under the authority of the United Grand Lodge, by Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, as Grand Secretary.

By a very commendable arrangement a copy of the revised Book of Constitutions, large size, is now being sent out to the Worshipful Masters of Lodges; and in a short time the revised edition of 1884 will be for sale to the Craft. We think it right to mention the appearance of these revised Constitutions, not only as an "era" in the Masonic history and life of the Grand Lodge of England, but as deserving study and gratitude by all English Masons. There can be no doubt that the revision is a great improvement on the older forms. We are inclined to be "laudatores temporis acti," and to object to a change, and to be adverse to alteration. But, as we have often said, the codification of subjects is better, the reference is easier, and the study and interpretation of this code of laws, so important for our fraternity, are rendered more facile and simple and satisfactory. One little point, seemingly insignificant in itself, will be a gain to all who have to refer to declaratory and penal clauses—we mean the numbering of the "rules," and the reference to such numbers instead of the pages in the index. One or two special alterations call for notice. Provincial Masons will be glad to see that the old vexed questions of duration of Provincial Grand Lodges, and their laws, &c., is now settled. Formerly the Prov. Grand Lodge ceased with the death of the Prov. Grand Master; the power of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master fell too. The provincial bye-laws required, strictly speaking, approval and confirmation by the new Prov. Grand Master, and the Grand Registrar became "ipso facto" the Prov. Grand Master "pro tem." Now all is changed. The powers of the D. Prov. Grand Master do not fall with the decease of the Prov. Grand Master, but he can convene and rule over the Prov. Grand Lodge until a successor is appointed and installed, and thus the life of the Prov. Grand Lodge does not cease, and its laws are binding and enduring until altered or repealed. All Past Masters subscribing to lodges in the province are members of Provincial Grand Lodge. As regards Past Masters, the old law is still wisely maintained. To be Past Master of a lodge the brother must have presided one year, though Past Masters in a lodge are able, in the absence of Past Masters of the lodge, to take the Master's chair. Another point is definitely decided. A Warden cannot rightly perform an initiation or confer a degree. A very important change has been made, which enables the Grand Master, Prov. and District Grand Masters, on petition, to grant a dispensation for the election and installation of Worshipful Master, and either of which important proceedings may now lawfully be held a week before or a week after the day fixed in the bye-laws for either duty. The certificate of the Provincial Grand Secretary in respect of petitions for relief is found to work well, and will be a great help to the Board of Benevolence. The minimum charge for initiation is now five guineas; but that is inclusive of registration and certificate fees, which in London amount to £1 7s. 6d. and in the provinces to 17s., so that £4 8s. remain for the lodge, a little increase financially. Lodges still have the needful power to affix a maximum. We are glad to hail the appearance of our revised Constitutions. May we take the liberty of suggesting that a large paper copy, like that of the 1815 Constitutions, be also issued?

BOOK CATALOGUES.

Mr. E. W. Stibbs, 32, Museum-street, has put out a catalogue, No. 41, of very interesting and some curious and important works. We observe several very interesting and valuable works of the Aldine Press, Greek and Latin Classics, voyages and travels, biography, history, poetry, the drama, as well as books on South Africa, specimens of the private presses of Lee Priory and Strawberry Hill, and numerous specimens of the Italian and Spanish languages. There are many prizes for book collectors too numerous to mention here, but which diligent study of the catalogue is certain to discover. "Verbum Sat."

Once more we take up the monthly magazines and con them over, we confess somewhat wearily and a little disappointed. The "staying quality" of much of our serial literature is not great, and every now and then there comes over us, patiently plodding or mentally bored, a feeling of "padding, padding, padding," yes, alas, "toujours perdrix."

"The English Illustrated" greets us this month with the really affecting conclusion of "Julia," a very prettily

told story with a good sound moral to boot. We are also struck with "Sir Joshua Reynolds," "An Unsentimental Journey through Cornwall," "Shakespeare in the Middle Temple," and "The Armourer's Prentices" progresses "more so." The artistic character of the magazine is clearly advancing. It is still, however, not yet up to the "Century."

"Longman's," which next appears, has a very sensational and almost painful story, "A Strange Experience." "Jack's Courtship" and "Madam" progress. We cannot say we are struck with the remaining articles.

"The Century" is full of effective and interesting matter. We refer specially to the articles "Gustave Courbet," "Lieutenant-General Sheridan," "Merinos in America," "How Edwin Drood was Illustrated," "Dante," "The Cruise of the Alice May," and "Keats." "A First Love Letter" is very prettily and touchingly told, and "An Average Man" and "Dr. Sevier" will find readers. Artistically the illustration cannot be surpassed, and they are certainly not equalled by any existing magazine.

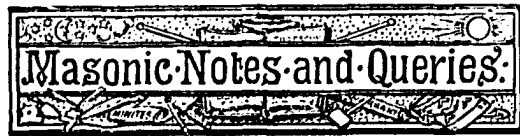
"Temple Bar" has a very touching story, "Gracie," and "Phœbe" has its strong parts. "Peril" and "Zero" are moving on; the latter especially seems to be portending a sensational ending. "The Ministers of the Second Empire," "Mario," and "Edouard Pailleron" will have much attraction for a large circle of readers.

"All the Year Round" is, according to our view, not up to the mark this month. "Robin a Ree" is a pleasant little sketch, though an oft-told tale. "Between Two Stools" is cleverly conceived and finished. "One Dinner a Week" has a seasonable reminder for us all. "A Drawn Game" is quite of the new style, somewhat spasmodic and full of contrasts. "An Unfinished Task" ends well after all. "Chinese Gordon" will be much welcomed and read.

"The Bibliographer" has interesting articles on "Early Manuscripts," "Some Magical Works," "News and Newspapers," "A Bibliographical Career."

"The Antiquary" contains "Inter alia," "History and Development of the House," "The Prisons of Venice," "Church Bells of Bedfordshire"—all most readable.

We have thus run over a slight portion of the ground covered by our serial literature every month, and when we remember the "forces" represented in "Blackwood," "Macmillan," "Good Words," "Fraser," "The Gentleman's," "The Quiver," "The Nineteenth Century," and "The Fortnightly," we must see how for various digestive powers mental and abundant food is provided by diligent caterers. Let us hope that the assimilating process is alike healthy and nutritious.



306] THE ROSICRUCIAN EXHIBITION AT YORK.

The "Catalogue of Exhibits," so effectively compiled, demands a few passing words of notice and remembrance. We must all be struck with several items and matters of abiding interest. No. 18, 24-inch gauge and square, 1663, with names of brethren engraved on it; No. 37, old engraved Masonic emblems; No. 38, circular marble table, engraved Masonic emblems; No. 40, old tracing cloth, early eighteenth century; No. 41, pewter sagon (Dutch) of a Masonic Guild, 1694, emblems on shield, engraved with names of Master, Wardens, and brethren; photograph of passport granted by Grand Master of Malta; Mark Mason's leather apron, printed from engraved plate, with red border; office jewel of R.W.M., and ancient head of J.W.'s column, early eighteenth century oval silver pierced M.M.'s jewel; silver ring, square, and compasses, on oval plate; double-glass flask, temp Queen Anne; Rosicrucian illustration (*Spectator*, May 15th, 1712); old snuff box, with emblems of Rose Croix Degree, about 1700. I feel sure if Bros. Whytehead and Cumberland will give a full description of these articles in this column or in the *Freemason*, they will both or either confer a very great pleasure and favour on many others besides

MASONIC STUDENT.

307] I am quite astonished to note the character and extent of the exhibits at the Masonic Hall, York, on the 20th ult. It is marvellous how such a lot could be collected mainly by one brother in a few weeks, and so well catalogued. I consider the catalogue is a great boon, and most useful for all of us Masonic Students, as it informs us of the locality and owners of many great curiosities of the Craft. I see it is published at one shilling, so if any desire copies they should lose no time in forwarding their application and stamps to Bro. T. B. Whytehead, South Parade, York. I trust there are still some left for disposal. I cannot now stay to give any fair idea of the nature and extent of the exhibition, but suffice it to say that from the valuable MSS. and books owned by the "York" Lodge, under the care of their excellent Treasurer, Bro. Todd, to the least important of the treasures sent, the collection evidently is by far the best as respects number and value of exhibits ever attempted and obtained in this or any other country. The management has been perfect. Though the exhibition was only over late on the 20th, I had my little lot returned to me on the 23rd. This speaks volumes for the perfect system and dispatch of those at the helm! I daresay the Editor of the *Freemason*, who was one of the exhibitors, will have more to say on the subject, so I will conclude by stating it is my intention as soon as possible, to correspond with many of the brethren for more information as to their Masonic curios.

W. J. HUGHAN.

MASONIC BOOKS.

I recommend all collectors of Masonic books to send to A. Claudin, 3, Rue Guénégaud, Paris, for his last catalogue. They will find there several very interesting Masonic works, and at most reasonable prices.

BOOKWORM.

"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.—[Advrt.]

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Saturday last at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Dr. Ramsay in the chair. There were also present Bros. W. Roebuck, A. F. Godson, Robert Berridge, Henry W. Hunt, Raynham W. Stewart, Edgar Bowyer, Rev. Richard Morris, D.D. (Head Master), Alfred Williams, Don M. Dewar, Arthur E. Gladwell, Geo. Cooper, Geo. P. Gillard, Thos. Cubitt, Charles Belton, Richard Tyrrell, H. Hacker, Frederick Adlard, Abner Torkington, W. Paas, J. L. Mather, C. F. Matier, W. Maple, H. S. Goodall, W. H. Saunders, John Palmer, George Motion, F. Binckes, Sec., and H. Massey (*Freemason*.)

The minutes of the former monthly meeting were read and confirmed.

On the suggestion of Bro. A. E. GLADWELL and the motion of Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART, P.G.D., a grant of £5 made to one boy on the last occasion was ordered to be made in money and not in an outfit.

The minutes of the House Committee and Audit Committee were read for further information.

Two petitions were examined, and the boys therein named were placed on the list of candidates for the October election. A request by one boy who has obtained a situation for a larger grant than the £5 outfit was deferred for from information. In another case £10 was granted.

The Committee then adjourned.

THE HUGHAN TESTIMONIAL.

At a meeting of the Committee held on Wednesday last at Freemasons' Tavern, Bro. Tew, G.D., in the chair, the Hon. Secretaries reported the receipt of a number of additional subscriptions, and it was resolved that communications should be addressed to the Worshipful Masters asking them to bring the subject of the testimonial before the members of their respective lodges. Other suggestions were made to promote the object the Committee have in view, and a hope was expressed that a sum somewhat commensurate with Bro. Hughan's services to Freemasonry would be the result.

DINNER TO THE G COMPANY 21st MIDDLESEX RIFLES.

Bro. Capt. Henry Edgar Bowyer, son of Bro. Edgar Bowyer, G. Std. Br., having recently been promoted to the captaincy of his company, signalled the event by entertaining the officers, non-commissioned officers, and privates of the company, together with a number of his personal friends, at a dinner in the Venetian Saloon, Holborn Restaurant, on Saturday evening last. Covers were laid for over 160, and nearly that number availed themselves of the hospitable invitation.

The chair was occupied by Capt. Bowyer, who was supported on his right and left by Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Major Foster, Capt. J. S. Collins, Capt. H. B. Deane, Rev. Dr. Maguire, Rev. J. H. Rose, Bro. the Rev. W. H. W. Caseley, Lieut. J. A. Mackenzie, H.A.C.; Bros. Edgar Bowyer, Peter de Lande Long, Robert Grey, Lieut.-Col. J. Peters, Raynham W. Stewart, John Messent, George Kenning, James Terry, T. Hastings Miller, C. F. Hogard, Rev. Harbourn, C. F. Matier, and others.

The CHAIRMAN in a brief speech gave the toast of "The Queen and of the Prince of Wales," both of which, as might have been expected in an assembly of this kind, were responded to most loyally.

The Rev. Dr. MAGUIRE proposed "The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces," apologising as a man of peace for undertaking the duty. In a few eloquent words he spoke of the great deeds of our Army and Navy, and alluded in feeling terms to the events that had just occurred in the Sudan. Before sitting down he took occasion to congratulate the Chairman on his early but well deserved promotion. As an old resident in Clerkenwell, he had known him and his family for many years, and knew nothing but good of them.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, Capt. J. S. COLLINS, and Lieut.-Col. PETERS responded.

Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE next proposed "Prosperity to the 21st Middlesex Rifle Volunteers," and in the course of a most interesting speech gave a complete history of the corps from its formation in 1798 to its disbandment in 1814, and its resuscitation as a Volunteer Corps in 1859. As an old soldier Col. Clerke offered them some excellent advice and concluding by offering Capt. Bowyer his hearty congratulations and best wishes for the prosperity of the company under his command.

Capt. COLLINS also responded.

Capt. H. H. DEANE then gave "Prosperity and Success to G. Company." He spoke in the highest praise of the company and its officers, and congratulated them on having such an energetic and capable young officer as Capt. Bowyer to command them.

The CHAIRMAN responded in a very practical speech, in which he dwelt on the merits of the corps, urging each and all to keep up the good name it had acquired, and assuring them that his best energies would be devoted to its advancement and prosperity.

The toast of "The Non-Commissioned Officers," proposed by Capt. J. S. COLLINS, and responded to by Colour-Sergeant HAMPSTON, and Quartermaster-Sergeant ALDRICH followed; and the Rev. J. H. ROSE, in a humorous speech, gave "The Staff of the Regiment," which was replied to by Capt. J. S. COLLINS.

Colour-Sergeant HAMPSTON proposed "The Health of Bro. Edgar Bowyer, who responded, and then proposed the toast of "The Visitors," expressing the great pleasure it afforded him to see many old friends supporting his son on that occasion.

This was responded to by Bros. PETER DE LANDE LONG, R. GREY, Lieut.-Col. PETERS, JAMES TERRY, and W. ROBSON, Esq.

Next came the toast of "The Press," proposed by Bro. W. H. W. CASELEY, and acknowledged by Bro. W. LAKE (*Freemason*).

"The Ladies," proposed by Major FOSTER and responded to in a very happy manner by W. HICKS, Esq., closed a very enjoyable evening.

The evening was enlivened by some excellent songs, and the whole proceedings reflected the greatest credit on the organisers of the feast and on the kindly hospitality of the host.



Craft Masonry.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—This old lodge met at Anderton's Hotel on the 26th ult., when there were present among others Bros. Clark, W.M.; Jordan, S.W.; Fromholtz, J.W.; Carter, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; McMullen, I.G.; Hudson, W.S.; Hakim, A.W.S.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., I.P.M.; E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; Charles Dairy, P.M.; Rumball, P.M.; Morrison, P.M.; Heaphy, P.M.; Cobham, P.M.; and Longstaffe, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. Hughes, 87; Evans, 172; Selman, 389; White, 1107; Wilson, 1366; Willis, 1449; Hudspohl, 1669; Rushton, 1677; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the I.P.M., by the permission of the W.M., raised Bro. Kundry to the Third Degree. Previously to the lodge being closed a petition of a distressed brother of this lodge to the Board of Benevolence was recommended and signed. It was then suggested by Bros. Dairy and Walls that a club should be established in connection with the lodge for the purpose of erecting Life Governorships of the Masonic Charities by the payment by the members of a small weekly or monthly sum.

The members then adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual toasts followed. "The Health of the W.M." was given by the I.P.M., and the W.M. having replied, then proposed "The Health of the Visitors," coupled with the names of Bros. Hughes, Evans, and Selman, who responded. "The Past Masters," replied to by Bro. Walls; "The Treasurer and Secretary," by Bros. Carter and Stuart; and "The Officers," by Bros. Jordan and Fromholtz, brought the proceedings to a conclusion.

LION AND LAMB LODGE (No. 192).—The installation meeting of his old lodge was held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Thursday evening last. There were present Bros. J. G. Chillingworth, acting W.M.; H. Stevenson, S.W.; Barclay Perkins, J.W.; Henry Legge, Treas.; George Abbott, Sec.; W. Medwin, S.D.; James Smith, Org.; Thomas Cohu and W. Williams, Stwds.; S. Lucas, W. Rickwood, and George Kenning, P.Ms.; R. J. Dart, John Quay, J. Belphege, Thomas Barker, Wm. Hobbs, Thomas Agutter, T. Barker, and H. Davis. Visitors: J. Lucas, 79; T. Tekall, 1426; J. Dale, 1613; F. Bland, 1613; J. Gibbs, 1613; S. J. Humfress, 733; C. Wickens, 733; F. Dewsbury, 1599; N. B. Headon, 1426; J. Weston, 1613; F. King, 1615; W. W. Westley, 186; S. Dyer, B. Groner, 1613; J. R. Foulger, 1613; Charles Rean, W. Whitely, 252; R. Burleton, 863; and C. J. Spurgeon, 1613.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed and the report of the Audit Committee received and adopted. Bro. Rickwood, P.M., then proceeded to install the W.M. elect, Bro. H. Stevenson, the ceremony being very ably performed. The W.M. then invested his officers.

The brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent banquet, under the presidency of the W.M., and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—This distinguished lodge held its installation meeting at the Freemasons' Hall on the 14th ult. Having a great deal of work to get through, the lodge was called at three o'clock, when the following brethren were present: Bros. R. G. Shute, W.M.; J. Neilson, I.P.M.; W. Williams, J.W.; E. Thurkle, P.M., Treas.; J. J. Cantle, P.M., Sec.; D. Ferguson, S.D.; R. H. Rogers, J.D.; J. B. Colwill, D. of C.; E. Austin, I.G.; J. Kift, Org.; G. F. Williams and J. J. Johnson, Stwds.; J. Williams, P.M.; L. Cornelissen, P.M.; Cowell Helden, H. M. Cook, C. H. Bull, A. J. Taylor, H. D. Benton, H. Ridgley, J. Longden, J. R. Long, C. Rawley Cross, W. Russell, A. Volter, F. Purnell, T. Pink, B. Brett, C. Smith, G. Whitaker, W. W. Anderson, A. Solomons, J. Purnell, T. Paulton, and T. Biggs. Visitors: Bros. C. W. Side, P.M. 1507; E. Farwig, P.M. 180; A. E. Taylor, P.M. 1201; T. G. Smith, P.M. 194; S. Carrington, P.M. 1314; E. T. Crowe, W.M. 1828; T. J. Bird, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., W.M. 1897; H. W. Davey, J.W. 173; C. Veal, P.M. 889; J. J. Thomas, I.G. 753; A. J. Beesley, 1692; S. Hawkins, 1695; H. Taylor, 1642; R. Thorn, 1777; W. Oldrey, 1642; B. Bell, 1201; F. C. Dixie, 453; and J. Flood, 1642.

The minutes, balance-sheet, and Auditors' report having been read and confirmed, Bro. Shute, W.M., proceeded to pass Bro. H. D. Benton to the Second Degree. Bro. Williams, P.M., then entered the chair, and in a most impressive manner performed the ceremony of installation for the benefit of Bro. W. Williams, the W.M. elect. Bro. Williams, P.M., has several times performed this ceremony with great credit to himself, but it must be admitted that on this occasion he even surpassed all his former workings. After the board was closed and the new Master saluted, the following officers were invested: Bros. R. G. Shute, I.P.M.; D. Ferguson, S.W.; R. H. Rogers, J.W.; E. Thurkle, P.M., Treas.; J. J. Cantle, P.M., Sec.; E. Austin, S.D.; J. B. Colwill, J.D.; G. F. Williams, I.G.; J. Kift, Org.; J. J. Johnson, D. of C.; Cowell Helden, W.S.; C. R. Cross, A.W.S.; and J. Woodstock, Tyler. The newly-installed Master, after the ballot had been taken, initiated into Freemasonry, in a manner showing he was master of the duties he had undertaken, General W. W. Anderson, Abraham Solomons, and Joseph Purnell, after which Bro. J. Williams, P.M., delivered the three addresses; this innovation was made that the three candidates might receive the benefit of this important portion of the installation ceremony. On the W.M. rising for the second time, Bro. Cantle called the attention of the W.M. and brethren to the very handsome present of a set of tracing boards made to the lodge by Bro. F. Purnell, when Bro. J. Williams, P.M., proposed, and Bro. D. Ferguson, S.W., seconded, that the thanks of the lodge be presented to Bro. F. Purnell and entered upon the minutes for his very handsome and useful present, and they hoped the G.A.O.T.U. would spare him for many years to assist in using them and working the beautiful ceremonies. Bro. F. Purnell acknowledged the compliment in a short but suitable speech.

The lodge being closed in perfect harmony the brethren

adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where a very recherche banquet was prepared for them, to which the brethren did full justice. Upon the cloth being cleared the Worshipful Master proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. In proposing "The Health of the Initiate" the Worshipful Master said they had that night been favoured with three; the first, General Anderson, who had done good suit and service in his country's cause, thereby placing him in the high rank he now held; the other two were men engaged in business, and from the attention they had paid to the ceremonies that evening he felt sure that the lodge had three excellent members added to the list.

In responding to the toast Bro. General Anderson said he had many times wished to be a member of the Order, but circumstances had prevented him; now the opportunity had occurred and he had been initiated he should do his best to perform the duties incumbent upon him.

Bros. Solomons and Purnell also spoke a few words to the purpose.

Bro. Shute, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," saying he did so with great pleasure. The W.M. had worked through every office except that of S.W. He was a brother thoroughly qualified to fulfil the office he had been installed in, and he (the I.P.M.) asked the brethren to join him in wishing him every happiness and many years of good health to meet them in the lodge.

In response the Worshipful Master said his position that night far exceeded his expectations, but the brethren having been pleased to place him as Master of the lodge he should do his utmost to discharge the duties of his office with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the members. The next toast he had to propose he was sure would meet with the approbation of all present, as the manner in which he had been installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. Williams, P.M., the Installing Master, would meet with the admiration of all who took any interest in Masonic ceremonies.

Bro. Williams having thanked the W.M. and brethren for their appreciation of his services, "The Visitors" was given by the W.M., who said they had many of great importance in the Craft amongst them that night, and of those he would name Bros. Farwig, Bird, and Bell. The Creation Lodge always liked to have visitors with them, as their presence expressed that unanimity of feeling that should always exist amongst Masons.

Several of the visiting brethren responded to this toast, expressing the gratification they had felt at seeing a W.M. so beautifully installed, and be afterwards able to perform his portion of the work in such an excellent manner.

In proposing "The Health of the P.Ms." the W.M. said he had a very pleasing duty to perform in pinning on the breast of Bro. Shute, I.P.M., a Past Master's jewel that had been unanimously voted to him by the lodge, and hoped that he might live long to wear it.

Bro. Shute, I.P.M., thanked the brethren most cordially on behalf of the P.Ms., and more particularly for the great honour they had conferred upon him by their presentation of the handsome jewel that night.

"The toast of 'The Treasurer and Secretary' was then given, and those officers having replied, the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

The pleasures of the evening were greatly enhanced by the excellent programme of music placed before the brethren, Miss Matilda Roby, Madame Godolphin, Bros. Arthur Thompson, Arthur Thomas, Jas. Kift, and J. Ion Cantle being the artists.

BOLTON.—Anchor and Hope Lodge (No. 37).

A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 3rd inst., at the Swan Hotel. Present: Bros. John Booth, W.M.; F. W. Pacey, S.W.; J. W. Poyntz, J.W.; Rev. J. H. Gibbon, Chap.; G. P. Brockbank, Sec.; J. Hardcastle, S.D.; W. H. Lomax, J.D.; Johnson Mills, D.C.; Jas. Naylor, I.G.; R. Nightingale, Stwd.; J. W. Roiley, Tyler, Thos. Higson, Asst. Tyler; W. Golding, Mather, Gillibrand and Robinson. Bro. J. Handley, 1012, was a visitor.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the proceedings of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, lodge proceeded to the Second Degree, when Bro. Jas. W. Mather was passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft by the W.M., the working tools of the Degree being explained by the S.W., Bro. Pacey. Closed to the First Degree. A circular was read from the Prov. Grand Master urging the brethren to greater zeal in support of Masonic Charitable Institutions. The Secretary announced that he had attended as a Steward to represent this lodge on the occasion of the festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in London, and that six other Stewards representing lodges in Bolton were present on the occasion. The thanks of the lodge were awarded to Bro. Brockbank for representing this lodge on the Board of Stewards. "Hearty good Wishes" were expressed by the visiting brother. A portion of the ancient rules and charges having been read by the Senior Warden the lodge was closed.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.—Lodge of Industry

(No. 48).—The last regular meeting under the presidency of Bro. John Moulton as W.M. was held at the Industry Masonic Hall on Monday, the 25th ult., when there was a good muster of members and visitors. The lodge was opened by the W.M., supported and assisted by the following brethren: Bros. J. G. Smith, I.P.M.; John Wood, P.M.; R. Whitfield, P.M.; M. Corbett, P.M., Treas.; R. F. Cook, P.M.; J. Beveridge, P.M.; W. Garbutt, S.W.; A. Rhagg, J.W.; W. M. Pybus, Sec.; A. Simpson, as S.D.; W. Dalrymple, J.D.; W. Brown, I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; W. F. Raeburn, S.S.; T. Thompson, J.S.; Joshua Curry, Tyler; J. W. Porter, H. F. Dryden, S. Jopling, W. Whitfield, W. Stafford, H. L. Russell, J. Bulmer, John Snowden, R. Tate, R. Brason, C. Case, G. H. Cawthorne, W. Richardson, C. R. Gourlay, E. Liddell, W. F. Brown, J. Davison, J. Patterson, W. Richardson, W. F. Carmon, G. G. Davidson, C. McNamara, I.P.M. 97; T. Atkinson, I.G. 80; G. Lawson, P.M. 40; J. C. Lawson, S.W. 424; J. E. Reed, J.W. 424; H. Nixon, 424; W. Smith, 424; R. Wilson, 424; J. Duckitt, P.M. 481; J. Cook, P.M. 481; J. Spearman, P.M. 481; W. Mathieson, 481; M. Watson, 481; R. Vaughn, 1626; T. Spedding, 1163; R. G. Symonds, P.M. 1427; J. C. Moore, W.M. 97 (Freemason); and others.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed the ballot was taken for Mr. Wm. Richardson who was duly elected and initiated into the mysteries by Bro. John Moulton, W.M. The working tools and the charge of the degree were explained by Bro. Adamson Rhagg, J.W. Then followed the annual election, when Bro.

W. Garbutt, S.W., was chosen as W.M.; Bro. M. Corbett was re-elected Treasurer; Bro. R. Ferry, Org.; and Bro. J. Curry, Tyler. The Finance Committee were also selected.

Other formal business was transacted, and after "Hearty good wishes" of the visiting brethren were tendered the proceedings closed. The brethren adjourned for refreshments and the remainder of the evening was occupied with the usual Masonic toast list. Bro. J. C. Moor, W.M. 97, responded for "The Visitors;" Bro. W. Richardson replied for "The Initiate;" Bro. J. Moulton replied for "The W.M.;" Bro. W. Garbutt for "The W.M. elect;" and Bro. J. G. Smith for "The Officers." Songs and part songs were sung by the musical talent, and the meeting terminated.

BOLTON.—St. John's Lodge (No. 221).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 21st ult., at the Commercial Hotel, at six o'clock in the evening, there being present Bros. Edwin Melrose, W.M.; John Isherwood, I.P.M.; Peter Bradbury, S.W.; Chas. Crompton, J.W.; James Walker, S.D.; J. R. Haslam, Org.; W. Siddorn, I.G.; W. Higson, Tyler; Cuerden and Briscoe, Stwds.; G. Ferguson, P.M., Prov. G. Supt. of Wks.; T. W. Morris, P.M.; Jabez Boothroyd, P.M.; Swarbrick, Forrest, Bradley, Crompton; and Bro. A. Wild, 37, a visitor. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the preceding meeting read and confirmed. Bro. William Crompton was raised to the Degree of Master Mason by the I.P.M., Bro. Isherwood, the traditional history being delivered by Bro. Boothroyd, P.M., who also explained the working tools of the Degree. Lodge being lowered, Bro. Morris, P.M., Charity representative, addressed the brethren advocating the claims of the East Lancashire Benevolent Institution upon the brethren, his remarks being supplemented by Bros. Geo. Ferguson, P.M., Prov. G. Supt. of Wks., who impressed upon the brethren the necessity of systematic Masonic Benevolence in support of the Charities, especially their own local institution. The officers undertook to bring the matter under the immediate personal notice of every brother of the lodge and also to canvass for contributions and report at a subsequent meeting.

"Hearty good Wishes" were expressed by the visitor, and a portion of the ancient charges having been read by the Senior Warden, the lodge closed in peace and harmony.

CHORLEY.—Ellesmere Lodge (No. 730).—A meeting of emergency of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, on Saturday, the 1st inst., the following brethren being present: Bros. Irving, W.M.; P. Yates, I.P.M.; James Corbett, P.M. 1032, as S.W.; J. B. Whitnell, P.M. 730, as J.W.; James Lawrence, P.M. 730 and 1032, Prov. S.G.W. (Mark); J. M. Kerr, P.M., Prov. G. Stwd. West Lanc.; W. Blackledge, P.M. 286; A. Hall, P.M. 1032; James Brindle, S.D.; L. Eccles, J.D.; Geo. Tootell, I.G.; John Bradshaw, Sec.; Thos. Sharples, J. Willis, Joseph Smith, T. F. Jackson, and Geo. Yates.

The meeting being one of emergency the only business was the initiation of Mr. John Lawrence, who is shortly returning to sea. The ballot being unanimous in his favour he was duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry by his uncle, our esteemed Bro. Jas. Lawrence, in his usual able and impressive manner, the W.M. having vacated the chair in order that the nephew might be admitted and initiated into the Craft by his kinsman, who is an ornament to Masonry in the district.

The lodge was then closed and the brethren retired for a short time for refreshment and then separated.

DERBY.—Aboretum Lodge (No. 731).—The usual monthly meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, on the 13th ult. Lodge was opened by the W.M., the following brethren being present: Bros. J. Bland, W.M.; George Cay, I.P.M.; C. Webster, S.W.; J. Copstick, J.W.; W. Whittaker, P.M., Treas.; W. Cooper, P.M., Sec.; Edgar Horne, S.D.; J. W. Briggs, Org.; E. Holden, Tyler; J. Walker and S. Taylor, Stwds.; J. Smith, P.M.; G. T. Wright, P.M.; T. R. Gee, P.M.; Thomas Cox, P.M.; J. Brown, P.M.; J. Taylor, P.M.; J. Jones, W. Forman, J. Melrose, Thomas Day, L. J. Greensmith, J. Ascott, F. Hall, W. Knight, F. Sale, W. W. Haywood, G. Sutherland, and T. E. Yeomans, W.M. 506. Visitors: Bros. C. D. Hart, W.M. 1085; J. D. Wragg, S.D. 1739; J. H. Clarke, I.G. 253; A. J. Waller, J.W. 802; and H. J. Poole, Belfast, 609. The Chaplain, J. D. of C., and I.G. were unable to be present through illness and other causes.

The minutes of the last regular lodge having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. E. H. Clave, who was elected, and subsequently initiated by the W.M., ably assisted by his officers. The J.W. gave the charge to the new initiate. On the ballot being taken for the W.M. for the ensuing year the S.W., Bro. C. Webster, was unanimously elected, and briefly thanked the brethren for the honour they had conferred upon him. The Treasurer, Bro. Whittaker, P.M., was re-elected, as also was the Tyler, Bro. E. Holden. Bro. W. Todd, of the St. George's Lodge, Doncaster, was proposed as a joining member. A small committee, to whom was to be left the selection of a suitable jewel for presentation to the retiring W.M., whose year had been such a successful one, having been appointed "Hearty good wishes" were given by the visitors and the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards met in the lower hall for refreshment, and after thanks had been returned the W.M. gave the usual toasts. To that of the "Prov. Grand Lodge," W. Bros. John Smith, P.G.S.W.; and W. Whittaker, P.M., P.P.G.R., suitably responded; after which that of "The W.M." was proposed by the S.W., who regretted it was the last time Bro. Bland would preside over them. He wished him the best of health, and would bear testimony that his working had been beyond all praise. "The Initiate" was cordially welcomed by the brethren, and a suitable response having been made, "The Past Masters of the lodge" was honoured, and acknowledged by Bros. T. R. Gee and G. Cay. Bro. G. T. Wright then proposed "The W.M. elect, Bro. C. Webster," which was most heartily received. He believed they had put the right man in the right place; he had watched his progress from the first, and trusted he would have a good year. The W.M. elect in response thanked the brethren very sincerely for the honour conferred upon him, and assured them that everything possible would be done by him to make them happy and prosperous. Bros. Poole, of Belfast, and Hart, W.M.

1085, responded for "The Visitors;" and "The Officers" and Tyler's toasts brought another happy meeting to a close.

LANCASTER.—Rowley Lodge (No. 1051).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 3rd inst., in the Masonic Rooms, Athencum. There was only a moderate attendance. Bro. J. H. Irwin occupied the chair of K.S., supported by Bros. Aldous, I.P.M.; Captain Turner, S.W.; A. Kershaw, J.W.; H. Longman, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Works, Sec.; W. Drinkall, S.D.; B. Greyson, as J.D.; and R. Stanton, as I.G.

The lodge having been opened with the usual formalities and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. William Capstick, and proving unanimous he was admitted and initiated into the mysteries of the Craft, the working of the degree being gone through in an impressive and admirable manner by the W.M., who also delivered the charge to the initiate. The working tools were given by Bro. Kershaw, J.W. Communications were read from Grand Lodge, after which the proclamations were made, eliciting "Hearty good wishes" from the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed in accordance with ancient custom.

BATTLE.—Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).—The brethren of the above lodge met at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, 21st ult., when Bro. A. D. Womersley, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. J. B. Sargent, I.P.M.; B. H. Thorpe, P.P.G.S.D., P.M., S.W.; J. F. Richardson, J.W.; R. Hughes, Sec.; B. Tree, acting S.D.; C. Armstrong, J.D.; J. Fielding, Org.; W. C. Till, acting I.G.; Jesson, Tyler; Bros. W. Lamborn, P.P.G.P., P.M.; C. Martin, T. J. Walder, W. T. Jordan, R. Davidson, H. Foster, W. A. Raper, Major Robertson, J. M. Farr, P.P.G.S.B. Essex. Visitor: Bro. F. Duke, 40.

The minutes of the last lodge were read and confirmed and the bye-laws read. There being no business the lodge was closed.

ECCLES.—Victoria Lodge (1345).—The installation meeting was held and St. John's Festival celebrated at the Cross Keys Hotel on Thursday, 22nd ult. A goodly number of brethren, whose names we have been unable to procure, put in an appearance on the occasion. The installing Master was Bro. Benjamin Taylor, P.M. of this lodge, and 935, P.P.G. Treas., whose ability has long been recognised and thoroughly appreciated in and around Manchester by members of the Craft. Bro. Taylor's performance on this occasion was no exception to the rule of "always well done," and in due course Bro. W. J. Chadwick, W.M. elect, was installed into the chair of K.S. with all proper rite and ceremony. The following brethren were invested officers for the year: Bros. J. Pearson, S.W.; W. Hall, J.W.; Benjamin Taylor, Treas.; C. T. Hibbert, Sec.; H. Heath, S.D.; J. W. Ogden, J.D.; C. A. Sumner, I.G.; A. Taylor, Org.; E. O. Stuart and H. Rowlands, Stewards. After the addresses had been delivered and some further business transacted the lodge was closed.

The brethren subsequently celebrated the Festival of St. John with a banquet, the preparation and serving of which fairly eclipsed all the host's (Bro. Pearson) previous efforts. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, Bro. James Andrew, P.G.D.C., replying on behalf of the Prov. Grand Officers of West Lancashire, and Bro. Richd. Timperley, P.P.G.S.D., on behalf of East Lancashire. The toast of "The Masonic Charities" was proposed and warmly commented upon by Bro. Benjamin Taylor and responded to by Bro. Charles Haywood, P.G.S.W.

Bro. Wm. Corner, jun., I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and in doing so remarked that he was glad to see his friend Bro. Chadwick placed in the chair of K.S., as he knew him to be a good man and Mason, and at the end of his year it would be found he was well worthy of their confidence, and that the lodge had prospered under his presidency, and the charitable institutions, which they all had so much at heart, had received his support.

The Worshipful Master returned thanks to Bro. Corner for his kind remarks, and to the brethren for so heartily drinking his health. He said he would have preferred to have gone less quickly to the position he now occupied; but since he was there by the wish of his brethren, he would do his utmost to merit their confidence. Before sitting down the W.M. proposed in eulogistic terms "The Health of Bro. Wm. Corner, jun., I.P.M.," and presented him in the name of the brethren with a handsome P.M.'s 18-carat gold jewel, manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 47, Bridge-street. Bro. Corner returned thanks in suitable terms, and other toasts were proposed and responded to, a pleasant evening being spent by the brethren.

SUNDERLAND.—Fenwick Lodge (No. 1389).—The regular meeting of this lodge took place recently in the Masonic Hall, Park-terrace. The W.M., Bro. T. Pinkney, opened the lodge in due form, and was supported by Bros. M. Douglas, P.P.G.D., acting as I.P.M.; R. Hudson, Prov. G. Sec.; J. C. Moor, W.M. 97; J. Nelson, W.M. 80; C. McNamara, Prov. G. Std. Br.; M. Frampton, Prov. G.S.B.; R. Kinmond, Prov. G. Purst.; W. Beattie, P.M.; A. T. Munroe, P.P.G.S.B.; and others.

Bro. Sparks, who had been initiated into Masonry on the last regular meeting, was passed to the degree of a F.C. by the W.M., Bro. T. Pinkney. "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed the lodge was closed. The brethren afterwards adjourned to refreshment, at which Bro. Pinkney presided, and was supported by the Prov. Grand Sec., Bro. Hudson, and others. The loyal and Masonic toasts having been proposed, the W.M. proposed the toast of "The R.W. Provincial Grand Master, the Marquess of Londonderry," coupled with the name of Bro. Hudson, Prov. G. Sec.

Bro. Hudson in reply said: I thank you for the kindly way in which you have spoken of the Provincial Grand Master and Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge. I believe our Grand Master is anxious to do his duty and he will not shirk any work which falls to his lot. We have a consecration of a new lodge at Crook on the 5th March, and he has expressed his anxiety and willingness to perform the work himself. With one exception he has always performed all the work himself, and he desires me from time to time to report to him the proceedings of all the lodges in the province, and I hope I do it impartially. Since last lodge meeting most of us have had the opportunity of joining in the Grand Lodge at Durham, under auspices which the present

generation may not see again. The occasion of the visit of His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany was a memorable one, and one that will be remembered with gratification by us all; not the least important part of it was that assembly of ours in the ancient pile at Durham, and the sermon of Bro. Tristram. I desire you to consider it carefully; it will well repay your perusal. On behalf of the Provincial Grand Master and Officers I have pleasure in responding to the toast.

Other toasts were afterwards given.

HAMPTON.—Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 21st ult., at the Lion Hotel. Among those present were Bros. T. Moody, W.M.; Davey, S.W.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., acting J.W.; W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middx., Sec.; Spearing, S.D.; H. Hollands, I.G.; J. C. Jessett, P.M., W.S.; R. Eales, A.W.S.; Hiscoc, I.P.M.; and others. Bro. F. Walters, P.P.G.D. Middx., was a visitor. Apologies for absence were read from Bros. E. Hopwood, P.M.; T. W. Ockenden, P.M.; H. Jones, J.W.; H. Wheatley, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Mr. Gregoire Kundury was impressively initiated into Craft mysteries by the W.M. No other business presenting itself the members adjourned to the banquet.

Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts followed. Bro. Wall responded upon behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers." "The Health of the W.M." was warmly proposed by the I.P.M. Bro. Moody having responded, then gave "The initiate." This toast having been drunk with acclamation, Bro. Kundury briefly replied. Bro. F. Walters acknowledged "The Health of the Visitor." Bro. Hiscoc replied upon behalf of "The Past Masters," and Bros. Davey, Spearing, Jessett, and Eales responded to the toast of "The Officers." The proceedings then terminated.

LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—The usual monthly meeting of the members of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 26th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, but the attendance was not so large as usual, only about 50 being present. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. L. Shrapnell, and amongst those who gave him official support during the afternoon were Bros. W. Savage, I.P.M.; R. Burgess, S.W.; J. M. Boyd, J.W.; J. B. Mackenzie, P.G.S.D., Treas.; O. W. Sanderson, S.D.; J. Orr Marples, I.G.; H. Round, S.S.; E. H. Allen, A.S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The attendance of members embraced Bros. Tudor Rogers, J. H. Light, J. Galloway, W. C. Fane, D. Fleming, E. Graham, L. Hughes, T. Irvine, H. Fineberg, J. Fineberg, W. Briscall, W. Hildyard, A. Beddoe, G. E. Carroll, J. Rawsthorne, J. Chambers, D. A. Wood, J. Ballard, A. Hines, P.M. 1052; B. Hughes, J. B. Macpherson, D. Cumming, Eaton Batty, I. Jacobs, W. E. Stone, E. Bramhall, F. J. Stimson, and Owen Dacroy. On the list of visitors were Bros. J. W. Wemsley, 292; J. Sillitoe, P.M. 605; R. Robertson, 786; F. H. Rainbow, 1393; R. Courtneidge, 481; D. Marshall, S.W. 1756; P. Macmudron, P.P.G.S.D.; and J. Busfield, 216.

After the minutes of the previous meeting and two emergencies held during the month had been confirmed, Bros. Harris, Fineberg, Dr. Irvine, and W. Briscall were passed, and Bro. John Galloway raised, the work being admirably performed by the W.M. and his principal officers. At the conclusion of business the brethren adjourned to dinner served in the banqueting-room, and in the course of the evening a most enjoyable musical programme was given by Bros. Eaton Batty, J. Busfield, A. Beddoe, W. E. Stone, J. B. Macpherson, W. Savage, and F. J. Stimson, the accompaniments being admirably played by Bro. Burgess. During the proceedings Bro. Savage, I.P.M., on behalf of Bro. J. Fineberg, presented Bro. Mackenzie with a valuable Past Master's jewel as a mark of the esteem cherished for him by Bro. Fineberg. The pleasing personal compliment was suitably acknowledged by Bro. Mackenzie.

MANCHESTER.—Avon Lodge (No. 1633).—The annual monthly meeting was held at the Denmark Hotel, Greenheys, on the 27th ult. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the next business was the conferring the concluding portion of the Second Degree (he having previously taken the first portion in the Enoch Lodge, No. 11) and raising to the Third Bro. Frederick Michael Maccabe (one of the Two Macs), who has made such a signal success in the pantomime "Jack and Jill," at the Princes Theatre, and Bro. Maccabe having been completed a Fellow Craft, Bro. Wm. Bostock, P.M. (by permission of the W.M.), took the chair and raised him to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., with that precision and impressiveness for which he has achieved a reputation. Bro. S. D. McKellen, P.M., presented the working tools. The following brethren were present: Bros. Wm. Byway, W.M.; A. T. Forrest, S.W.; W. Craven, J.W.; A. B. Whittaker, P.M., Treas.; Charles Swinn, Sec.; W. Lyon, S.D.; W. T. Allitt, J.D.; Jas. Boylan, I.G.; Geo. Burrows, Tyler; Wm. Bostock, P.M.; Thos. Cavanah, P.M.; W. H. Leigh, P.M.; Geo. McFarlane, P.M.; J. H. Squirrell, Henry Owen, W. F. Farrington, and Driver. Visitors: Bros. F. M. Maccabe, 11; Michael Frulier, 1993; H. Ditchfield, 1009; R. Evans, 993; Robt. Dottie, P.M. 1161; Arthur Ricketts, 1609; W. H. Peak, P.M. 993; and R. R. Lisenden, J.W. 317 (*Freemason*).

The lodge was at this stage lowered and called off, the brethren adjourning for tea, after which they resumed labour. Bro. George McFarlane, P.M., presiding, when Bro. Driver (who had previously been interrogated) was then admitted and passed to the Second Degree. The working tools were presented and explained at length to the candidate by Bro. A. B. Whittaker, P.M., who also delivered the charge. Some discussion took place concerning Bro. Owen's notice of motion to revise the bye-laws, and eventually a Committee was appointed to consider the matter, and after "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed the lodge was closed.

On the Friday following, a lodge of emergency was held, for the purpose of initiating Mr. Joseph Maccabe (the youngest of the Two Macs). Most of the officers were present, and several visitors, including Bros. John Roberts, P.M. 204, Prov. G.D. of C. East Lancs.; John Fallows, P.M. 993; Alfred Lewtas, 1588; Samuel Ayland, 1134; Arthur Ricketts, 1609; F. M. Maccabe, 1633; and T. F. Doyle, 1609. The lodge having been opened in the usual manner, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and

confirmed, Bro. Wm. Bostock took the chair of K.S., and initiated the candidate into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. The lodge was then closed and a social half-hour spent by the brethren. "The Health of the Initiate" was proposed and suitably acknowledged.

INSTRUCTION.

LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE (No. 22).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, 3rd inst., at Bro. McDiarmid's, the Cambria Hotel, Cambria-road, Loughborough Junction, when there were present Bros. Banks, W.M.; Westley, S.W.; Warren, J.W.; Sherring, S.D.; Salmer, J.D.; Perkins, I.G.; also Bros. Johnson, Preceptor; Hook, Boyce, and others. After preliminaries the First Section of the First Lecture was worked by Bro. Westley, assisted by the brethren. The W.M. then very ably rehearsed the ceremonies of initiation and passing, with Bro. Hook as candidate in the First Degree and Bro. Boyce in Second Degree. Bro. Westley was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. After "hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—This lodge held its weekly meeting on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at the Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's-gate, under the presidency of Bro. Swain, W.M., assisted by Bros. Mount, S.W.; Mason, J.W.; Hunt, Preceptor (pro tem.); Dutton, S.D.; C. Taylor, J.D.; Chretien, I.G.; Bassington, Treas.; Cross, Sec.; Cobham, Dairy, Bull, Woods, Orpe, Forscutt, Bond, Skinner, Collens, Stroud, Balchin, and Power.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Forscutt having offered himself a candidate for the Second Degree was duly examined and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree and the ceremony of passing rehearsed in a very efficient manner. Bro. Orpe answered the questions for the Third Degree. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree and the ceremony of raising rehearsed by the W.M. in his usual fluent and impressive way. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. Lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

At a meeting of the Faith Masonic Charities Association held afterwards the ballot proved in favour of Bro. Bassington.

STAR LODGE (No. 1275).—This very strong and prosperous lodge, held at the Five Bells, New Cross, was on Saturday, the 23rd ult., the scene of a large gathering of brethren assembled to hear Bro. J. Terry, P.P.G.S.W. Norths and Hunts, &c., the esteemed Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, rehearse the consecration and installation ceremonies. Some 130 brethren were present, including Bros. Waterman, P.M.; Medcalf, P.M.; Catterson, P.M.; Penney, P.M.; Lover, P.M.; Andrews, P.M., Preceptor; Grammar, P.M.; Belliss, W.M.; Lincker, W.M.; Youngman, W.M.; and others.

The lodge was opened precisely at seven p.m. by Bros. Terry, as W.M.; Youngman, S.W.; Waterman, J.W.; Skudder, S.D.; Beavis, J.D.; and Thomas, I.G. It is needless to state Bro. Terry's rendering of the ceremonies was, as usual, perfect, and elicited the warm applause of all present. A most cordial vote of thanks was tendered and ordered to be recorded on the minutes, and Bro. Terry in acknowledging the same expressed the great pleasure he felt in at any time visiting the Star Lodge, where he was always received with so much warmth and fraternal good feeling. He could not help congratulating the lodge on the admirable arrangements made for the convenience and comfort of the brethren, also the good order that had been maintained during the rehearsal of the ceremonies.

Several new members were enrolled, and "Hearty good wishes" having been tendered, the lodge was closed, and some of the brethren adjourned to the adjoining room and partook with Bro. Terry of an excellent cold collation, laid out by Bro. Bear, P.M., the esteemed host, in a very gratifying manner, and thoroughly enjoyed by all present. The chair was occupied by Bro. Andrews, the Preceptor of the lodge. The toast of "Bro. Terry" was enthusiastically received and happily responded to. "The Chairman" and "The Vice-Chairman" were also duly honoured, as was "Bro. Walter Martin, the much-respected Secretary," who received most hearty and well-deserved applause.

Thus another grand night in the annals of the Star Lodge passed away, leaving happy remembrances with all those present. The floral and other decorations were superintended by Bro. Andrews, in his usual tasty style, while the whole of the arrangements were under the direction of the Secretary, Bro. Walter Martin, who was ably and kindly assisted by Bro. Wm. Eaton, a member always ready to do his best for the benefit of the Star Lodge. We might state this lodge of instruction has through its association, which is just fifteen months old, contributed largely to the Charities during that time, some 400 guineas having been subscribed.

ROYAL ARTHUR LODGE (No. 1360).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, on the 28th ult. Present: Bros. G. King, P.M. and P.Z., as W.M.; J. Squire, P.M., P.G. S.B. Surrey, S.W.; T. Taylor, P.M., J.W.; J. Walton, S.D.; Hurn, J.D.; J. Roffey, I.G.; W. H. Wingfield, Sec.; Magee, P.M.; J. W. Squire, J. O. Carter, O'Connell, Sibley, Johnson, Lomath, Ollerhead, E. Standen, G. Cranmer, Chapman, T. Laws, P.M.; Hullett, Shelly, James, and Pool.

Lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. E. Standen was presented to Bro. King, to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. E. Standen duly installed according to ancient custom. The W.M. having been saluted in the usual form, he appointed and invested his officers, and the addresses, &c., having been given, lodge was resumed down to the First Degree. Bros. G. Cranmer, J. Lomath, and Chapman were elected members. A cordial vote of thanks, to be recorded on the minutes, was passed to Bro. King, P.M., for the very excellent and efficient manner he had worked the ceremony of installa-

tion. Bro. King having suitably responded, and "Hearty good wishes" having been given, lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

The brethren afterwards dined at Bro. Palmer's, the Freeman Arms, Merton-road, where an excellent repast was provided. The evening was enlivened with some excellent songs and recitations from Bros. Roffey, Johnson, Squire, Cranmer, and O'Connell, Bros. J. O'Connell and W. H. Wingfield acting as accompanists on the piano-forte. The brethren separated soon after 11 o'clock, after having spent a very happy and enjoyable evening.

CLAPTON LODGE (No. 1365).—On Friday, the 20th ult., the Fifteen Sections were worked at the Lord Stanley, Sandringham-road, Hackney, N., Bros. J. Pinder, P.M. 15, 1662, 1997, &c., W.M.; W. D. Church, 1365, S.W.; A. McMillan, P.M. 1365, J.W.; C. Diamond, 1327, Sec.; and number of other brethren being present. The working was as follows: First Lecture—First Section, Bro. H. R. Moon, 1685; Second, Bro. F. Kimball, J.W. 1445; Third, Bro. C. Diamond, 1327; Fourth, Bro. T. Clark, S.W. 1178; Fifth, Bro. M. Christian, J.W. 860; Sixth, Bro. W. Gush, W.M. 1541; Seventh, Bro. J. A. Powell, 186. Second Lecture—First Section, Bro. F. Carr, W.M. 1607; Second, Bro. D. Moss, J.W. 1275; Third, Bro. A. McMillan, P.M. 1365; Fourth, Bro. W. Gush, W.M. 1541; Fifth, Bro. D. Moss, J.W. 1375. Third Lecture—First Section, Bro. Geo. Ferrar, J.D. 1524; Second, Bro. J. A. Powell, 186; Third, Bro. M. Christian, J.W. 860.

A hearty vote of thanks, to be recorded on the minutes, was passed to Bro. Pinder, on the motion of Bro. Finch, seconded by Bro. Church, for his kindness in taking the chair on this occasion; and Bro. Pinder having returned thanks then proposed, and Bro. Finch seconded, that a similar compliment be paid to the brethren for their kindness in coming to work the sections.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 3rd inst., at the Fountains Abbey Lodge, 111, Praed-street, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. C. S. Mote, W.M.; J. Cruttenden, S.W.; A. Hardy, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas. and Precept.; H. Dehane, I.P.M. 1543, P.P.G.S.D. Essex, Sec.; H. P. Gilbert, S.D.; W. J. Mason, J.D.; W. Middleweek, I.G.; M. J. Green, Stwd.; W. H. Chalfont, W.M. 1425; Capt. A. Nicols, I.P.M. 1974, P.P.G.D.S. of W. Punjab; H. Purdew, W.M. elect 834; S. Smout, jun., I.P.M. 1642; C. R. Wickens, J. Laurence, S. J. Humfress, D. Stroud, and Joseph Greenway. Visitors: Bros. T. Friend, 1974; and R. P. J. Laundry, 511.

The lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer and the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was called off and on, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Humfress being candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree and Bro. Humfress was passed. Bro. Laurence gave the lecture on the tracing board. The questions leading to the Third Degree were answered by Bros. Cruttenden and Laundry. Lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bros. Friend and Laundry were elected joining members, and Bro. Cruttenden was elected W.M. for next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting was held at The Cranbourne, 1, Upper St. Martin's-lane, on the 21st ult. There were present Bros. Ford, W.M.; Z. Mordecai, S.W.; D. Mordecai, J.W.; G. Coleman, S.D.; B. Solomons, J.D.; G. H. Reynolds, I.G.; W. H. Richardson, P.M.; Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Sec.; W. H. Gulliford, P.M.; W. C. Smith, E. L. Cleaver, 1974; Frank Gulliford, Fowles, Skinner, Hyams, T. A. Dickson, and Head.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the preceding meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. F. Gulliford as candidate, and Bro. Fowles worked the Second Section of the Lecture. Lodge was called off, and resumed, and opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. W. C. Smith worked the First Section of the Lecture. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. E. L. Cleaver, 1974, was elected a joining member. Bro. Z. Mordecai was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation.

Bro. G. Reynolds, Secretary, presented the lodge with a cable tow and a sharp instrument, hoping that the brethren would accept of the same, and that they would remain in the lodge for many years and be useful, but remarked that according to an old proverb he would like a penny-piece in return from the lodge funds to prevent the good feeling between the brethren and himself being severed.

Bro. W. H. Richardson, Preceptor, proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes of the lodge to Bro. G. Reynolds for his useful present, as that completed all the working tools, and with the other prior presents made their lodge of instruction perfect, and also that a penny-piece be given to him from the lodge funds. Seconded by Bro. T. A. Dickson, and carried unanimously.

The supper committee announced that the supper would take place at the Criterion, on Thursday evening, the 13th inst. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed according to ancient custom, and adjourned.

EARL OF LATHOM (No. 1922).—The weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 27th ult., at the Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, there being present Bros. Forster, W.M.; Johnson, Preceptor; Eidmans, S.W.; Sims, J.W.; Treacher, S.D.; Spencer, J.D.; Baker, I.G.; and Paton, Sec.; also Bros. Parkhouse, Norden, Edgley, Smith, C. Evans, Sutton, G. Evans, Gardner, Mackie, Marsh, and Thomson.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Parkhouse acting as candidate. Bro. Johnson worked the Second Section of the Lecture. The W.M. rose for the first time, Bro. Marsh, P.M. 28 and 192, P.P.G. Purst. Middx., was elected a member of the lodge. Bro. Marsh replied and hoped to be present at many of the meetings of the lodge. The W.M. rose for the second time. Bro. Eidmans was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting and was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time. A cordial vote of thanks was then accorded to the W.M., the same to be entered on the minutes, for the able manner in which he had performed his duties as Master that evening, also for his handsome present of a box to the lodge

wherein to keep the furniture, another vote being also accorded to Bro. G. Evans for his handsome present of the Wardens columns. Bros. Forster and Evans replied and hoped that now the lodge was fully equipped many more of the South London brethren would join them. The bye laws were then read and after one or two alterations the same were adopted and ordered to be printed. All Masonic business being ended the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

Royal Arch.

JERUSALEM CHAPTER (No. 185).—This old chapter met at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on the 21st ult. Among those present were Comps. Davis, M.E.Z.; Stewart, H.; Ellborn, J.; Davage, P.Z.; S.E.; T. Davis, S.N.; Cleghorne, P.S.; Harfeld, P.Z.; Treas.; Harris, 1st Asst.; Holbrook, P.Z.; Wagner, P.Z.; Robinson, P.Z.; Mander, P.Z.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., P.Z.; Moss, I.P.Z.; and others. The visitors were Comps. Proudman, 1507; Smout, 1642; and Rogers, 1642.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, a portion of the Royal Arch ceremony was rehearsed. The annual election of officers for the year ensuing then took place, resulting as follows: Comps. Stewart, M.E.Z.; Ellborn, H.; T. Davis, J.; Davage, S.E.; Cleghorne, S.N.; Harris, P.S.; Harfeld, Treas.; and Parkinson, Janitor. Previously to the convocation being closed a Past Principal's jewel was unanimously voted to the M.E.Z. for the very admirable way in which he had carried out the duties of the chapter. The companions then adjourned to the banquet which was well served. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts followed.

BURY BRIDGE.—Prince Edwin Chapter (No. 128).—The annual installation festival was held at the Bridge Inn on Monday, the 18th ult. The chapter was opened by Comps. John Loftus, M.E.Z.; Edmund Whittam, H.; and Squire Holt, J.; there were also present Comps. W. S. Barlow, P.Z.; S. Horrocks, P.Z.; J. Senior, P.Z.; John Holt, P.Z.; F. Wood, S.E.; J. Rixson, S.N.; T. Mellor, P.S.; S. Wood, Treas.; J. Comfort, R. Darlington, and P. Bibby, Janitor; and Comps. C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds, P.G.S.B., Prov. G.H., and J. H. Sillitoe, P.Z. 116, 645, 1387, Prov. G.J., as visitors.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Comp. Sillitoe installed Comps. Whittam as Z., Squire Holt as H., and F. Wood as J.; the following officers being also invested by the M.E. Companion: Comps. J. Rixson, S.E.; T. Mellor, S.N. (the P.S. elect was unavoidably absent); S. Wood, Treas.; and P. Bibby, Janitor. At the conclusion of the ceremony a vote of thanks was most cordially proposed and passed to Comps. Royds and Sillitoe for their attendance and services. It is worthy of note that the veteran Treasurer, Comp. Wood, has been a continuous subscriber to this chapter for nearly half-a-century, and that his youngest son was installed as J., another son having already passed through the Principals' chairs. Our worthy companion, who lives at Southport, is a very regular attendant at the meetings, travelling more than 30 miles to and fro, and discharges the duties of his office, which he has held for many years, in a most efficient manner. The chapter was closed in due form, after which the companions adjourned to refreshment.

OLDHAM.—Tudor Chapter (No. 277).—The members of this chapter assembled at the Union Club on Tuesday, the 19th ult., for the purpose of installing the Principals and investing the officers for the ensuing year, when the Three Principals, viz., Comps. Edwards, M.E.Z.; Abraham Clegg, H.; Wm. Bagnall, J., were supported by Comps. H. L. Hollingworth, P.Z.; John Greaves, P.Z.; H. Braddock, P.Z.; Henry Thomas, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N.; Walter Potts, S.E.; John Lees, T. H. Duckworth, T. S. Glover, T. Wood, F. H. Smyth, R. Holden, and S. A. Thorpe, Janitor; and Comps. J. H. Sillitoe, Prov. G.J., and John Chadwick, Prov. G.S.E., as visitors. After the chapter had been opened and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, Comp. Sillitoe installed Comps. A. Clegg as Z., Bagnall as H., and Greaves as J.; and also invested the other officers as follows: Comps. Duckworth, S.E.; R. Holden, S.N.; John Lees, P.S.; Glover, 1st Asst. Soj.; Wood, 2nd Asst. Soj.; H. L. Hollingworth, P.Z., Treas.; and S. A. Thorpe, Janitor.

A vote of thanks was passed to Comp. Sillitoe for his attendance and able services, after which the chapter was closed and the companions adjourned to a recherché banquet which reflected the greatest credit upon the club caterer.

The usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts being disposed of, the M.E.Z., Comp. Clegg, proposed "The Health of the Grand Superintendent of the Province, Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie," and expressed the hearty thanks of the chapter for the honour which was about to be conferred upon them by holding the Provincial Grand Chapter under their banner on the 27th of March inst.

The M.E.Z. next proposed the toast of "The Second and Third Prov. Grand Principals, Comps. Royds and Sillitoe and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers." He regretted that Comp. Royds was unable to attend, and Comp. Chadwick had left to catch a train, but they had their esteemed Third Prov. Grand Principal amongst them, and they were all deeply indebted to him not only for his attendance but also for the very admirable manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation that evening. The toast was received with applause, and

Comp. Sillitoe on rising to reply was warmly greeted. He said that he had been with Comp. Royds at Bury on the previous evening, and he expressed his regret that an important engagement prevented his attending that meeting. They all knew that Comp. Royds was a most enthusiastic and energetic Mason; he spent a vast amount of time and travelled long distances to attend meetings of the various chapters in the province; in fact, no matter in what part of the province he (Comp. Sillitoe) was visiting he was not surprised to meet Comp. Royds. As to their Prov. G.S.E., Comp. Chadwick, he was most indefatigable in his endeavours to promote the interests of every degree in Freemasonry throughout the province, and he was highly and deservedly esteemed by every Mason with whom he came in contact. Speaking for himself he (Comp. Sillitoe) was ready at any time to assist the chapters in their working, and more especially so in Oldham where he had

many business as well as Masonic friends. He then urged the companions to devise some means whereby they could make an annual grant per member to the East Lancashire Educational and Benevolent Institution, and before sitting down he proposed "The Health of the Three Newly-Installed Principals," which was heartily responded to. Other toasts followed and the evening passed off pleasantly.

CHELMSFORD.—Essex Chapter (No. 276).—A convocation of this chapter was held on the 25th ult. at the White Hart Hotel, when there were present Comps. Vero W. Taylor, P.Z., M.E.Z.; E. Shedd, H.; Andrew Durrant, J.; Rev. F. B. Shepherd, Scribe E.; A. Goodchild, M.D., P.Z., S.N.; J. P. Lewin, P.S.; A. Mead, A.S.; A. Sarrell, Janitor; R. G. Kellett, J. Cavill, D. M. B. Wheeler, and F. Whitmore, P.Z. Visitors: Comps. Joshua Nunn, P.G.D.; T. J. Ralling, Prov. G.S.E. Essex; and W. Soman, J. 51.

The chapter having been opened and the minutes of the last convocation read and confirmed, Bros. F. G. Sutherly and A. G. Maskel were exalted. Much regret and sympathy was expressed in consequence of M.E. Comp. Rev. S. B. Barnes's resignation from the chair on account of ill-health and no hopes of his recovering the use of his limbs from paralysis. The following were elected officers for the ensuing year: Comps. E. Shedd, M.E.Z.; J. Robbins, H.; J. P. Lewin, J.; A. Durrant, Treas.; Rev. F. B. Shepherd, Scribe E.; A. Goodchild, N.; and A. Sarrell, Janitor. Chapter was closed in ancient form and the companions adjourned to Bro. Haxell's comfortable dining room, and a pleasant evening was spent.

MANCHESTER.—Chapter of Affability (No. 317).—The installation meeting was held on the 25th ult. in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, when there were present Comps. W. Nicholl, Z.; J. E. Steward, H.; J. Wilson, J.; J. W. Edwards, Treas.; Charles Oldham, P.S.; J. W. Almond, 2nd Asst. Soj.; James Dawson, P.Z.; John Bladon, P.Z.; H. L. Rocca, W. R. Sowter, John Smethurst, P.Z.; H. R. G. Bayley, Abraham Wild, and James Sly, Janitor; and Comps. Clement R. N. Beswicke-Royds, Prov. G.H., and John R. Lever, Z. 1496, as visitors.

The chapter was opened in the usual manner, and the minutes of the last convocation read and confirmed. As announced on the circular, Comp. James Dawson officiated as Installing Companion, and the Three Principals elect—Comps. J. E. Steward, Z.; Jas. Wilson, H.; and Charles Oldham, J.—were individually and collectively presented to him, and subsequently installed into their respective positions with Comp. Dawson's usual care and correctness; and the Three Principals having been saluted in the usual manner, the following companions were invested officers: Comps. R. R. Lisenden, S.E.; W. J. Cunliffe, S.N. (by proxy); J. W. Edwards, Treas.; J. W. Almond, P.S., who appointed J. G. Elderton, 1st Asst. Soj., and Abraham Wild, 2nd Asst. Soj.; and J. Sly, Janitor. Comp. Dawson afterwards delivered the addresses, and concluded the ceremony with prayer. Before the chapter closed a telegram was read by Comp. Nicholl, P.Z., from Comp. W. J. Cunliffe sending "Hearty good wishes" from the Royal Arch companions in Tunis, and a letter expressing regret at his inability to attend was read from Comp. J. H. Sillitoe, Prov. G.J. Five brethren were proposed for exaltation at the next meeting, and the balance-sheet was reported upon by Comp. Chas. Oldham—one of the Auditors—and adopted, a vote of thanks being accorded to the Auditors. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed from Grand and Prov. Grand Chapters, and the chapter was closed in peace and harmony. The companions afterwards dined together, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

WINDSOR.—Windsor Castle Chapter (No. 771).—A regular convocation of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 21st ult. Ex. Comp. G. H. Powell, P.P.G.N., in the absence of Ex. Comp. W. C. Cox, P.P.G.D.C. (Mayor of Maidenhead), presided as M.E.Z., and was supported by Ex. Comps. R. G. Burton, P.P.G. Swd. Br., H.; L. Bryett, Prov. G. Std. Br., J.; R. Roberts, P.P.G.P.S., I.P.Z.; W. S. Cantrell, P.P.G.S.B. P.Z., acting Scribe E.; G. W. Dixon, Prov. G.N., P.Z., acting Scribe N.; James Stevens, P.Z.; H. H. Hodges, P.P.G.R., P.Z.; and Comps. J. Ashby, P.S.; R. Nicholson, 1st A.S.; C. W. Seymour, 2nd A.S.; A. H. Kennedy, Stwd.; W. Morris, D.C.; and J. Rutland, Org. There were also present Comps. the Rev. H. F. Oliver, W. H. Harrison, A. Turner, T. Page, H. J. Stollery, J. Goddard, H. D. Marshall, and others. The visitors were Ex. Comps. N. B. Headon, M.E.Z. 145; L. Poulter, M.E.Z. 591; and C. Nowell, P.P.G.J., Janitor.

The chapter having been opened by Principals and Past Principals present the companions below the chairs were admitted, and the minutes of the previous convocation were confirmed. Bros. R. W. Mann, 1894, and F. W. Plant Martin, 1765, being in attendance were balloted for, and on approval duly exalted into the Supreme Degree in most efficient style, the ceremony being accompanied with appropriate music. The addresses from the chairs of Z., H., and J. were admirably given by their several occupants. Propositions of candidates for exaltation at next convocation were received. Ex. Comp. James Stevens, senior P.Z., offered to represent the chapter as Steward at the ensuing festival of the Girls' School, and in the course of the evening was promised support by several companions.

Chapter was then closed and subsequently the companions dined together at the Castle Hotel. Ex. Comp. Powell being unfortunately prevented by the state of his health from presiding, Ex. Comp. Roberts most ably supplied his place at table. After dinner short speeches and harmony prevailed. Amongst the special toasts were those of "The M.E.Z." (in his absence) and his locum tenens in chapter, for both of whom Comp. Roberts returned thanks; "The Exaltees," in response to which the newly-exalted Comps. R. W. Mason and Plant Martin spoke with much earnestness and an evident feeling of gratification with their introduction into Royal Arch Masonry; and "The Visiting Companions."

Ex. Comp. Headon in responding to the latter toast expressed the great pleasure his visit had afforded him. He said he had been frequently invited but hitherto circumstances had prevented his attendance. The good repute of the chapter and the fame of the splendour of the temple wherein its ceremonies were performed had often reached him, and at last he had been able to assure himself that neither had been exaggerated. Having broken the ice the companions might be assured he would now plunge into the

pleasant depths before him, and undoubtedly accept all future opportunities for witnessing a repetition of the admirable exposition of the beautiful ritual of the Royal Arch he had that evening been permitted to attend. Comp. Headon's kindly remarks were received with much satisfaction.

With the toast of the Past First Principals the name of Ex. Comp. James Stevens, senior P.Z., was coupled with expressions of pleasure at his attendance after a long absence, and hearty congratulations on his recovery from his late severe accident. Special reference was made to each of the companions who had occupied the chair of M.E.Z., and particularly those who had so materially assisted in the resuscitation of the chapter in 1872 and its progress since that date; and in returning thanks for his colleagues and himself Comp. Stevens congratulated the members generally on the proud position of the chapter, which was quite as much due to the individual interest evinced by them as to any labours of himself and other P.Zs. in the past. He trusted the present prosperity would continue and that for many years yet he might be spared to witness its progress. No better or more acceptable recognition of Past Principals could be given there or in any other chapter than an earnest desire "all round" to uphold the principles of the Order and make the work of the chapter satisfactory in every respect.

A pleasant evening having been spent in thorough harmony the companions separated at the usual closing hour as it struck from the old Curfew Tower of the Royal Castle.

WARRINGTON.—Gilbert Greenall Chapter (No. 1250).—The third anniversary of this prosperous chapter was held on Tuesday, the 26th ult., in the Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street. After the minutes of the last convocation had been read and confirmed, E. Comp. P. J. Edelsten, P.P.G.S.B., P.Z., 148 and 1250, proceeded to install the Three Principals, viz., E. Comps. T. H. Sutton, M.E.Z.; J. H. Galloway, H.; and S. Mallhead, J., in accordance with the usual rites and ceremonies of the Order, and which was done in a very efficient and impressive manner. The M.E.Z. then invested the following officers: Comps. W. Richardson, I.P.Z.; W. Taylor, S.E.; J. Shillcock, S.N.; A. G. Webster, P.S.; R. Heaton, Treas.; and Thomas Domville, Janitor. The retiring M.E.Z. was then presented with a P.Z.'s jewel, in recognition of the services rendered by him to the chapter during his year of office, and which was acknowledged in suitable terms. The chapter being duly closed the companions afterwards sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Comp. Speakman, under the presidency of the M.E.Z. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and responded to, and after spending a most pleasant evening the companions separated in peace and harmony.

Mark Masonry.

MANCHESTER.—St. Andrew's Lodge (No. 34).—The installation of Bro. Wm. Nicholl took place on Thursday, the 28th ult., in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street. Present: Bros. J. E. Lees, W.M.; Wm. Nicholl, S.W.; J. M. Sinclair, J.W.; H. L. Rocca, M.O.; W. R. Sowter, S.O.; Alfred Outram, Sec.; George Hunt, S.D.; E. P. Stubbs, J.D.; H. C. Miller, P.M.; Prov. G.D.; T. R. Peel, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; W. H. Hopkins, P.M., P.P.G.M.O.; A. Stamm, S. Kelly, A. Sloman, Julius, Arensburg, P.M., and R. R. Lisenden (Freemason). Visitors: Bros. J. D. Murray, G. Swd. Br. England; Edward Simpson, P.P.G. Reg. of Marks; and Cecil Quennell, 114.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and a copy of the balance-sheet was handed to each member, and the Auditors' report on the same was adopted. Upon the invitation of Bro. Nicholl, W.M. elect, Bro. J. D. Murray presided as Installing Master, and Bro. Nicholl having been duly presented, was forthwith inducted into the chair with all due rite and ceremony, and with Bro. Murray's well-known ability. The brethren afterwards saluted their new Master in the customary manner. The following brethren were invested officers for the ensuing year by Bro. T. R. Peel: Bros. J. M. Sinclair, S.W.; H. L. Rocca, J.W.; W. R. Souter, M.O.; A. H. Jeffries, S.O. (by deputy); A. Outram, J.O.; H. C. Miller, P.G.D., Treas.; George Hunt, Sec.; S. Kelly, Register of Marks; W. J. Cunliffe, S.D. (by deputy); E. P. Stubbs, J.D.; R. R. Lisenden; and Kirk, Tyler. Bro. Peel subsequently delivered the whole of the addresses, and the lodge was shortly afterwards closed in peace and harmony. Later on the brethren dined together, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed, a very pleasant evening being enjoyed by all.

SUNDERLAND.—Union Lodge (No. 124).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Park-terrace, on Thursday evening, the 28th ult. Bro. Thomas William Watson, W.M., presided, and with the officers and brethren of the lodge received a visit from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Masons. The deputation consisted of Bros. R. B. Reed, Prov. G.S.W.; M. Corbett, W. Liddell, J. Wood, J. S. Pearson, and F. Maddison, Prov. and Past Prov. Grand Officers. The other officers and brethren present were Bros. F. Maddison, acting I.P.M.; W. Coxon, S.W.; R. Kinmond, J.W.; M. Frampton, Treas.; J. R. Pattison, acting Sec.; H. S. Hallvorsen, S.D.; H. Pinkney, J.D.; M. F. Dodd, M.O.; C. McNamara, S.O.; J. C. Moor, acting J.O.; H. Wrightson, I.G.; J. Brown, Tyler; R. Hudson, Prov. G.S.D.; W. Logan, J. Dobson, G. Porteous, R. Whitfield, and Fleet Surgeon Evans.

The lodge having been duly opened, several telegrams and letters were received from the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. the Rev. Canon Tristram, and the Provincial Grand Secretary, and others unable to attend the lodge. The brethren received the Prov. Grand Officers in due form. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, and Bro. W. Coxon, S.W., was unanimously elected. Bro. M. Frampton, P.M., was re-elected Treas., and Bro. Brown, Tyler. Bro. H. W. Emerson, P.M. 661, was proposed for membership, and Bro. B. Levy, P.M., was proposed as a rejoining member. "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed the lodge was duly closed. The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting room where a substantial repast was provided, at which Bro. T. M. Watson, W.M., presided, and Bro. W. Coxon, S.W., occupied the vice-chair. The toast of "The Prov.

Grand Master and Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge" was cordially received, and was responded to by Bro. R. B. Reed. The toast of "The W.M. elect, Bro. Coxon" was afterwards given and received with enthusiasm. The proceedings afterwards terminated.

HASTINGS.—East Sussex Lodge (No. 166).—The usual quarterly meeting of this lodge was held at the Castle Hotel, on Tuesday, the 19th ult. The W.M., Bro. the Rev. E. F. Cave-Brown-Cave, P.P.G. Mark Chap., presided, supported by Bros. F. Rossiter, Prov. G.D. of C., S.W. and Treas.; E. W. J. Hennah, Prov. G.S. of W., J.W.; W. H. Russell, Prov. G. Stwd., M.O.; T. W. Markwick, S.O.; the R.W. Prov. G.M.M., T. Trollope, P.M., acting J.D.; F. Duke, Secretary; C. W. Duke, Grand Stwd., P.P.G.S.W., P.M., acting S.D.; Henry Kimm, acting J.D. (Freemason); F. H. Hallett, Prov. G. Org., Org.; J. B. Foord, I.G.; Leslie, Tyler; T. H. Case, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, several letters of apology for non-attendance were put in. Bro. Major Robertson was elected a joining member. Ballots having been successful in the case of three candidates, viz., Bros. Brisco, Rev. Saunders, and C. Tomes, the two former brethren were very ably advanced by the W.M. to the Degree of M.M.M. The election of Master for the ensuing year then took place, resulting in the unanimous return of Bro. F. Rossiter, S.W. Bro. Hennah, J.W., was elected Treasurer, and Bro. W. Leslie reappointed Tyler. Other matters having been disposed of, the lodge was closed till the 20th May, when the installation takes place.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—Royal Kent Chapter (No. 8).—A convocation of the members of this chapter was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, on Friday, the 22nd ult. The chapter was opened by Ill. Bro. S. F. Bousfield, M.W.S., assisted by the officers. The Grand Marshal presented Ex. and P. Bro. J. S. Wilks, M.W.S. elect, to the M.W.S. for installation, who performed the ceremony with great care, after which the M.W.S. appointed his officers. Ill. Bro. Charles James Banister, S.G.I.G. 33°, and I.G. N.E. Dist., was received in due form. Ex. and P. Bro. Charles D. Hill Drury was unanimously elected a joining member, and two candidates duly elected for perfection. The Ill. and Ex. and Perfect brethren dined together in the banqueting hall under the presidency of the M.W.S., spending a very happy evening. Ill. Bro. Banister was unable to be present at the banquet.

LANCASTER.—Philips Chapter (No. 52).—The usual meeting of this chapter was opened in due form by the M.W.S., Ill. Bro. W. W. Cottam, assisted by the officers of the chapter. Ill. Bro. C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds, S.G.I.G. 33°, I.G. N.W. Dist.; and Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, S.G.I.G. 33°, I.G. N.E. Dist., were announced and received under an arch of steel. Two candidates being in attendance were perfected to the satisfaction of the illustrious brethren. The M.W.S. elect, Bro. J. C. Barber, was presented to Ill. Bro. C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds, who installed him into the chair with great care and solemnity, after which the officers for the year were appointed. A very satisfactory balance sheet was presented. The brethren expressed themselves much pleased at the visit of their old friend, Ill. Bro. Banister, the state of whose health, however, would not permit him to remain through the evening.

Knights Templar.

LEEDS.—Fidelity Preceptory (No. 114).—An emergency meeting of this preceptory was held on the 19th ult., at the rooms, Carlton-hill. The preceptory was opened in due form in the presence of Sir Knights John Barker, E.P.; R. Wilson, P.E.P., as Constable; Gibson, P.E.P., as Marshal; R. W. Moore, Sub-Marshal; J. D. Kay, Em. Sub-Prior West Yorks, as Prelate; H. E. Green, Recorder; G. H. Locking, as C. of L.; and C. L. Mason, P. Sub-Prior West Yorks. The ballot was taken for Comps. F. Waddington, 289, and H. C. Pickersgill, 837, which being unanimous they were both installed knights of this Order by the E.P. This being all the business the preceptory was closed in due form and the sir knights adjourned to refreshment.

DARLINGTON.—St. Cuthbert's Preceptory (No. 139).—The preceptory was opened on Tuesday, the 19th ult., in due form by the E.P., Sir Kt. Thomas Ness, assisted by his officers. The E.P. elect was presented by Sir Knight R. A. Luck, P.E.P., Prov. G. Ch., to Sir Knight C. R. Fry, P.E.P., Prov. G. Marshal, for installation, which was given most impressively. Sir Knight John James Wilkes, E.P., being enthroned, was saluted and proclaimed, and afterwards appointed and invested his officers for the year. The Auditors presented the Treasurer's account, which was very satisfactory. V.E. Prov. Prior, Sir Knight C. J. Banister, was received under an arch of steel and saluted. He expressed himself as greatly pleased with the excellent working. After the preceptory was closed, the sir knights adjourned to the King's Head Hotel, where an excellent banquet was prepared and enjoyed by the sir knights under the presidency of the E.P. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly responded to.

Red Cross of Constantine.

PREMIER CONCLAVE.—A meeting of this prosperous and distinguished conclave was held at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, on the 3rd inst. Among those in attendance were Sir Knights E. H. Thillay, M.P.S.; Shirley, V.E.; T. C. Walls, S.G.; Dr. Mickley, I.G.; T. Cubitt, P.M.P.S., Treasurer; John Mason, P.M.P.S., Recorder; H. J. Lardner, Dr. Pridmore, Dames, W. Lake, Massa, I.P.M.P.S.; Marsh, P.M.P.S.; H. A. Dubois, P.M.P.S.; Macartney, M.P., P.M.P.S. Sir Knights Lewis Thomas, P.M.P.S. 2; and Professor Lott, P.M.P.S. 8 (Jersey), were visitors.

The minutes of the previous conclave having been read and confirmed, Sir Knight Shirley was unanimously elected M.P.S., T. C. Walls, V.E., and T. Cubitt, Treasurer. A

Past Sovereign's jewel was unanimously voted to Sir Knight Thillay in recognition of his services during the past year.

The sir knights then adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where a banquet was partaken of. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts followed. "The Health of the Grand Council" was coupled with the name of Sir Knt. Macartney, M.P., who responded. The toast of "The Grand Senate" was responded to by Sir Knt. Walls. "The Health of the M.P.S." was warmly proposed by Sir Knt. Massa, and was duly acknowledged by the M.P.S. "The Visitors" followed, coupled with the names of Sir Knts. Thomas and Lott, who fluently replied. "The Past Sovereigns" was responded to by Sir Knts. Massa and March, "The Treasurer and Recorder" by Sir Knts. Cubitt and Massa, and "The Officers" by Sir Knts. Shirley, Walls, and Daves. The proceedings, which throughout were most successful, then terminated.



Miss Portescue has again taken her place on the stage, she forming part of the cast at the reproduction of Mr. W. S. Gilbert's popular play "Dan'l Druce," at the Court, on Thursday evening.

A massive silver cup was presented on Friday night last by the company at Drury Lane to Bro. Augustus Harris, in commemoration of the 100th performance of the pantomime "Cinderella." The cup is very handsomely chased, and bears on one side the names of the most prominent subscribers to the presentation.

On Monday Mr. Edgar Bruce brought out his new play, at the Prince's, with the same cast as have been playing since the opening of this theatre. The new piece is by Messrs. Jones and Herman, the authors of the "Silver King," and entitled "Breaking the Butterfly," being founded on Ibsen's "Norah," which produced a perfect sensation on its production in Scandinavia in 1880.

"Confusion," at the Vaudeville, reached its 250th performance last week, with not the slightest signs of wavering. Originally put on in the slow season, it has proved a piece the public like, a practical example that managers are not always—generally not—the best judges of the public taste. We suppose that no one is more surprised than Bro. Thorne at its continued success. Its one drawback is that it keeps Bro. Thorne from the stage, as there is not a part for this favourite comedian.

The International in Holborn has again reopened under Mr. C. Howard's management. For a fortnight the "Danites" by Bret Harte has been the chief attraction, a piece always welcome in town or country. On its withdrawal a new burlesque, "The Mad Princess," will be produced, which we hear has many points in its favour. Some of the company are well known on the stage and therefore this hitherto unfortunate house may, like one near it, yet prove a success.

Mr. Wilson Barrett has stated that "The Silver King" was the most lucrative of his dramas, but "Claudian," its successor, has beaten it by far. Though he expected the stalls would respond to it well, he was not prepared that it would meet a similar and successful fate from the pit and gallery, but such is the case, and the Princesses is doing the best business it has ever done yet. This clearly proves that the people are right for high class classical plays, well written, well acted, and well mounted such as "Claudian" is. Of Miss Emmeline Ormsby, Messrs. Denenlain and Blake have recently produced some very tasteful and life-like portraits with neutral backgrounds. Miss Ormsby is taken in costume in various attitudes assumed by her in "Claudian," which do the utmost credit to both sitter, artist, and publisher.

"Falka" at the Comedy passed its hundredth performance three weeks since, and seems, if anything, to be gaining in public favour. It is one of the most lively and tuneful of comic operas of recent years, whilst one of its principal features is that a number of artistes have accorded to them leading parts, instead of its centreing on one. Bro. Ashley has introduced many new witticisms since November into his part of Tancred, Miss Violet Cameron sings sweeter than ever, Miss Wadman and Mr. Hamilton receive still more applause, and Mr. Penley and Mr. Kelleher are droller than we have seen them in anything else. "Falka" also has a plot running through it of interest. Bro. Dove Keighley, the coadjutor of Bro. D'Albertson, looks ably after his audience and their personal comforts.

A statement made a short time since on the very best authority that the Pandora in Leicester-square was about being opened as the Phoenix, by Bro. Henderson, under Bro. Morton's management must be cancelled. The management had decided to call it the Queen's; but having found that this title was not open to them, it has been finally named the Empire Theatre, and will open at Easter, still under Bro. A. Henderson. The entertainment will be composed of spectacular opera and grand ballet, with novel effects of "mise-en-scène" on the most gorgeous scale, and supported by a company of artistes, ballet, chorus, and variety performers such as has never appeared in London before. Bro. Henderson and Mr. H. B. Farnie being responsible for the stage. A characteristic feature of the Empire Theatre will be the unrivalled accommodation for every class of visitor in the front of the house. Not only will the stalls, private boxes, and circle be the most luxurious in the metropolis, but the point of view from all parts of the house, and the acoustic qualities of the building, are absolutely unrivalled. The foyers, promenades, terraces, vestibules, and saloons are quite unequalled, and the situation of the theatre is the most central and accessible in London. We need only add to ensure the comfort of the public that Bro. H. J. Hitchin's is appointed acting manager, and in his hands nothing will be left to be desired.



A portrait bust of Bro. Sir Erasmus Wilson, which is destined to be placed in the library of the College of Surgeons, is being produced by Mr. Brock.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor was entertained at a banquet by the W.M. and brethren of the Alliance Lodge, No. 1827, on Thursday evening. We hope to give a report in our next.

By the kind invitation of Bro. Charles Du Val about 50 of the girls from the Girls' School will be present at his entertainment at the St. James's Hall, Piccadilly, on Monday afternoon.

Bro. J. D. Allcroft, G. Treas., will preside at Exeter Hall to-day (Friday) upon the occasion of the third annual gymnastic display and tug-of-war competition, under the direction of Professor G. L. Mello.

We omitted to state in our report of the Burgoyne Lodge last week that a Past Master's jewel, of the value of 10 guineas, was voted to Bro. Williams, the I.P.M.

The Gallery Lodge, No. 1923, will hold its first regular meeting under Bro. Thomas Minstrell's mastership to-morrow (Saturday), at Brixton Hall, at six o'clock in the evening. There are two raisings to be conducted, and the bye-laws to be read. A little supper at Kennington Oval will follow.

Bro. T. G. Vickery, 1657, solicitor, Church-court, Old Jewry, is a candidate for the clerkship of the Leather-sellers' Company. No gentleman could be better qualified to fill the office; joined with professional aptitude, he has a graceful and genial bearing which has won him many friends.

Bro. Hiram Henton, the W.M. of the New Cross Lodge, No. 1559, has granted the use of the warrant of that lodge to enable the New Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 1559, to be held on Tuesday evenings, at 8 o'clock, at the Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., from 8 to 10 o'clock. The ceremony of installation will be worked on Tuesday next, by Bro. Koester, P.M.

Bro. Major J. G. Shanks, K.M., P.M. 189, 1887, and of 12 Scotland, P. Prov. G.W. Devon, was recently the recipient of a very gratifying testimonial consisting of a handsome silver salver subscribed for by the principal inhabitants of Bensington, Oxfordshire, and presented to him in recognition of his valued and unremitting services as Honorary Secretary and Treasurer to the Charitable and Social Institutions of the neighbourhood (of most of which he was the originator), for upwards of four years.

In the church of St. Helen's, Bishopsgate, of which Bro. the Rev. J. E. Cox, D.D., P.G.C., is the vicar, the Lord Mayor, on the 29th ult., unveiled a stained glass window to the memory of Shakespeare, who was at one time an inhabitant of the parish, in which he brought out several of his plays. Bro. Cox delivered a very interesting address, in the course of which he referred to the church as the Westminster Abbey of the City, and Bro. the Lord Mayor congratulated our reverend brother on the occasion which had brought the company together.

A new lodge, to be called "The Abbey Lodge, Westminster, No. 2030," will be consecrated on the 10th inst. at the Town Hall, Westminster. Bro. Burdett-Coutts will be installed as first Worshipful Master by Col. Shadwell H. Clarke, Grand Secretary, assisted by Sir Albert Woods (Garter), and other Grand Officers, the other officers designate being Bros. W. H. Baker, S.W.; F. Seager Hunt, J.W.; and J. E. Shand, P.M. 1563, Secretary. A banquet will afterwards take place in the large hall, at which Bro. Burdett-Coutts will preside. The musical arrangements will be under the direction of Bro. H. R. Baker.

The R.W. Bro. Wm. Kelly, F.S.A., F.R. Hist. Soc., P.P.G.M. Leicestershire, will preside at the annual festival of the Union Lodge of Instruction (formerly the Union of St. John's Lodge, No. 279, John o' Gaunt Lodge, No. 523, Commercial Lodge, No. 1391, and Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1560), to be held at Freemason's Hall, Leicester, on Friday next, at 6 o'clock. A large attendance is anticipated. W. Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., having undertaken to deliver his Masonic lecture "Knobs and Excrescences," as a part of the interesting programme of the evening's business.

On Monday, at Marlborough House, the Princess of Wales, who has always taken a deep interest in the life-boat work, personally presented medals to two coxswains of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, as rewards for gallant services in saving life. The recipients of the decorations were Robert Legerton, the coxswain of the Albert Edward, the lifeboat presented by Grand Lodge and stationed at Clacton, who has assisted to save 91 lives, and Rowland Hughes, the coxswain of the Moelfre (Anglesey) lifeboat, who at the advanced age of 82 years is now retiring from the post, after 34 years' service having assisted to save 49 lives. Each of the men was personally presented with the medal by her Royal Highness, and they were congratulated by their Royal Highnesses the Prince and the Princess on their heroic services.

Freemasonry discusses no religious questions. It does not reject or receive any formulations of religious faiths, or any church-pronounced religious dogmas. Its members and brethren are free to adopt any faith, and to cherish any dogmas. But the Institution itself has no knowledge of them, and does not, therefore, enjoin her fraternity in any way concerning them. But it is of importance to note that to the student of Masonry the holiest truths of the holiest religion are laid on the points of the compasses, and quicken the vital parts which are folded within the breast of every true and faithful brother. The question Is Masonry religion? is one of easy answer, if Masonry be permitted to shine forth by the light which Masonry has, and is. For Masonry teaches, and true Masons feel and know that the "Secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him;" and that the "Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and to depart from evil is understanding."—*Masonic Review*.

A new Masonic Temple has been proposed for Cincinnati, although there is already one in that city.

Bro. Pearce Morrison, C.C., on Monday last presided at a dinner of the London Scottish Bicycle Club, held at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel.

The first Masonic Temple west of the Alleghenies, erected at Lancaster, O., where the Grand Lodge of Ohio was organised, has, by a vote of the City Council, been ordered to be demolished.

The Panmure Mark Lodge, No. 193, met on Monday evening at the Hall of Grand Mark Lodge, S.A., Red Lion-square, Bro. J. Walmsley, W.M., in the chair. Two Mark Masons were elected joining members, and five Craft Masons were advanced to the Mark Degree.

A memorial bust of Longfellow was unveiled in Poet's Corner, Westminster Abbey, on Saturday last, by Canon Protheroe, the Sub-Dean. Among those present were the daughters of the poet, by whom the bust, the work of Mr. T. Brock, A.R.A., has been pronounced to be an excellent likeness.

The D.D.G.M. and the G.D. of C. got lost in the snow storm while returning from Lambton Mills, where they had been attending a meeting of Mimico Lodge on Tuesday evening. They did not arrive in the city until a late hour in the morning. The D. of C. lost his valuable English setter dog, "Long Primer."—*Toronto Paper*.

Bro. The Duke of Portland recently visited the Guildhall Library, and was conducted through the museum by the librarian, who explained the various relics which it contains of the past history of London. The Duke expressed himself as highly pleased, and was especially surprised at the excellent advantages which the library freely affords to all visitors.

The three Masonic lodges in the Isle of Man holding warrants from the Grand Lodge of England, having appointed Committees to enquire into the advisability of making application to have the island formed into a province or district, the several Committees have met and agreed to a joint report. Our space will not admit of our giving the report this week, but we hope to do so in our next.

Like many other ancient institutions many extraordinary statements present themselves to one in the attempt to sound the origin of Freemasonry. Here are a few for example: That Adam and Eve held the first lodge in the garden of Eden; that Noah founded the Order after the flood; that Zoroaster founded Masonry in Asia; that our Saviour and the Essenians were Freemasons in Palestine; that the Caliphs were of the Craft, and divulged the secrets of the Order to the Knights of the Temple, &c.—*Toronto Mail*.

The Masonic Fraternity of Benares Lodge, No. 1746 (E.C.) "Fraternity and Perseverance" were well to the front during the visit of his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught on the 12th December. The arch on the north side of the boat-bridge over the Ganges, composed of evergreens, was very tastefully decorated with Masonic emblems on each side, and the lodge banner, suspended to a floral square and compass, hung from the arch centre. His Royal Highness seemed pleased to find that he was amongst the Craft even in Benares.—*Masonic Record of Western India*.

The recent retirement, through failing health, of Bro. Sir Michael Costa from all professional occupations affords an appropriate opportunity for the movement now in progress to present him with a handsome money gift in recognition of public services honourably pursued during a career of 53 years, prominent features of which were his fulfilments of the office of conductor at many Birmingham festivals, the Italian opera (at both houses), the concerts of the Philharmonic and Sacred Harmonic societies, and the Crystal Palace Handel Festivals. The testimonial, it is to be hoped, will soon reach an amount worthy of its object. The list of subscriptions already published comprises the names of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, H.R.H. the Crown Princess of Germany, and a large number of distinguished and eminent persons.

After the rain—the sunshine. So it was on Wednesday both as regards the weather and the state of affairs at the New Hall of the Mission in Salmons-lane, Limehouse. The prospect of giving another Irish stew dinner to the destitute children of this poverty-stricken district seemed so remote that Mr. Austin, the director of this hard-working charity, felt, "hoping against hope"; but providentially, almost at the last moment, he saw his way sufficiently to provide at least one more dinner. If however funds are not at once added to the all but exhausted resources of the Mission, this week's dinner must be the last till next winter. An earnest appeal is now made to every kind and charitable heart for help to keep these dinners going until at least we have seen the last of the "bleak wind of March," bitterly felt at the East end of London, and by none more than by the half-naked and half-starved crowd of youngsters who look forward to each coming Wednesday as "Irish Stew Day."

Bro. Charles Du Val, in his work entitled "With a Show through Southern Africa," relates the following curious Masonic incident as having occurred in Pretoria, while beleaguered by the Boers during the late war in the Transvaal: "A meeting of Freemasons was held under circumstances so entirely novel that it may be worth while to recount them. In the first place, the members of the Craft had to obtain permission from their various commanding officers or respective Ward Masters to attend the meeting. These passes, countersigned by the garrison adjutant, were granted at the bearer's own risk—the Masonic Hall of the town of Pretoria being the place of assembly. Slightly at variance with the motto of the brethren—'Peace, Love, and Harmony'—was their appearance, clad in the various costumes of war, many carrying their rifles and bandoliers; a group of horses standing outside the hall, while the Master and officers of the lodge went through the various rites of the ancient Craft in an apartment through which the breezes freely blew, entering a line of loopholes knocked out of the wall at the one side to escape by a similar set at the other—possibly the most novel system of ventilation that ever admitted the fresh air—to participate in the mystic ceremonies of the Free and Accepted ones, in either South Africa or wherever else the maul has resounded or the compasses been extended in open lodge."

Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon has accepted the office of High Steward of the borough of Newbury, which had become vacant by the death of the Earl of Craven.

Bro. Sir Thomas Brassey, M.P., K.C.B., has consented to preside at a festival dinner to take place at Willis's Rooms in June next, in aid of the Royal Alfred Aged Merchant Seamen's Institution.

A New York contemporary says "The Prince of Wales has been invested with the Mark Degree in the Grand Mark Lodge of England, and is now spoken of as the next Grand Mark Master Mason of that country!"

The Lodge of Joppa, No. 188, met on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of Bro. Bean, the W.M. Two brethren were passed to the Second Degree, and one brother was raised to the Third Degree.

Bro. W. Hopekirk, the Master of the Hair-dressers' Guild, presided at a meeting held at the St. James's Hall, when Mr. J. Lichenfeld read a paper on "Physiognomical Hairdressing." This term he defined as making the arrangement of the hair subservient to the natural proportions of the head, with due regard to outline, and to bring the coiffure in harmony with the lines formed by the features.

A daily newspaper, says the *Court Circular*, has been started in Paris which will change its politics every morning. One day the political article will be written by a Bonapartist, another day by an Opportunist, then by a Legitimist, and sometimes by an Intransigent. Each writer is to be at liberty to say exactly what he pleases. In like manner, the literary part of the paper will be surrendered upon alternate days to representatives of opposite schools. It is said that the journal is started with American capital.

Mr. Irving has evidently been appreciated by the *St. Louis Spectator*. "Never again," says he, "will a ranting star and a lot of sticks pass for a dramatic company. Never again can a cheap-john American manager make our people take John McCullough or Booth or Barrett or Tom Keene, supported by a gang of knock-kneed supers in tin helmets, and female boarding-house keepers in ten-cent cambrics, as a substitute for a full-grown, evenly-balanced theatrical performance. The strolling gangs of barn stormers, with one boss ranter as the 'main attraction,' must go."

Two following are the dinners, &c., held at the Freemasons' Tavern during the present week: Monday, Mar. 3rd—Lodge of Unions, Robert Burns Lodge, Lodge of Joppa, and Regularity Chapter. Tuesday, 4th—Royal York Lodge, Albion Lodge, Old Concord Lodge, and Anglo-French Ball. Wednesday, 5th—Grand Officers' Mess: Thursday, 6th—Old Acquaintance Musical Society, Johnson's Ball, Linnean Club, St. James's Chapter, St. Andrew's Lodge, Victoria Rifles Lodge, and Westminster and Keystone Lodge. Friday, 7th—London Inverness-shire Ball, Fidelity Chapter, British Chapter, Royal Kensington Lodge, and Odd Volumes. Saturday, 8th—Phoenix Lodge and Duke of Cornwall Lodge.

The thirty-fifth general meeting of the Railway Passengers' Assurance Company was held at the offices, Cornhill, on Wednesday. The report stated that the total amount of premiums received on all classes of business was £229,573 6s. 1d., compared with £228,074 1s. 5d. in 1882. The total income, including interest on investments, was £240,665 0s. 8d. Compensation had been granted during the past 12 months to 6600 sufferers. Of the claims, 58 had been for fatal and 6542 for non-fatal accidents, representing a total of £126,538 18s. 3d., at the rate of 55.11 per cent. on the premiums. The balance of the revenue account was £115,150 2s. 9d., from which it was proposed to declare a dividend of 5s. per share, retaining £90,150 2s. 9d. as a reserve. Mr. Harrie M. Farquhar occupied the chair, and moved the adoption of the report. He remarked that the past year had been singularly uneventful as regarded sensational accidents. The company had now greater competition to encounter, but it continued to hold its high position in the estimation of the public, owing to the fairness with which all engagements had been met. The report was unanimously adopted.

About six miles from Norwich, Conn., off the main road leading from Goshen to Bozrahville, is an old and very curious lodge room. The house itself, a dwelling-house, is said to date back to about 1740. It is a low, two-story structure. Bro. Joseph Metcalf reared it, with his own hands and good broad-axe. He lived in the lower part of the house, and his zeal for Masonry led him to fit up the upper story for a lodge room, in which the brethren in that then sparsely settled country might meet. For many years it was the single cradle of Masonry in the eastern part of the colony. Now it is tenanted by bats, and the old residents about the place think very appropriately too. The decorations in the lodge room, though somewhat faded, still show a great amount of painstaking work and loving labour on the part of the early artists. There are curtains, tents, and banners in gorgeous colours, but the most important of the decorations consists of a wooden tablet, 3 by 4 feet, framed into the wall over the mantel-piece, upon which are painted many symbols. The jewels of the officers form the border, and within are the pillars, the "All-seeing Eye," the square and compasses, the drawn sword, a pick-axe, trowel, skull and cross-bones, sun, moon, and stars, mosaic pavement, shepherd's crook, and pot of incense. The coffin and bee-hive are pictured faithfully, and, in short, all the work is well executed, except for the glare from the bright colours used. The paint is wonderfully well preserved. Other features of the tablet are a globe in the upper right-hand corner, winged spurs, and serpent, with palm leaves. In the lower left-hand corner is the most curious of all the decorations—a man's head with an arm sticking out of his mouth. This old room has for years been the object of numerous visits on the part of the Masonic Fraternity.—*Loomis' Journal*.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS, For the Week ending Saturday, March 15, 1884.

MONDAY, MARCH 10.

- Lodge 5, St. George's and Corner Stone, F.M.H.
 " 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 90, St. John's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 136, Good Report, Inns of Court Hot., High Holborn.
 " 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1366, Highgate, Gatehouse, Highgate.
 " 1571, Leopold, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
 " 1657, Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon H., Aldersgate-st.
 " 1670, Adelphi, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1790, Old England, M.H., New Thornton Heath, Croydon.
 " 1805, Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow-rd.
 " 2012, Chiswick, Bolton Hot., Chiswick.
 Chag. 53, Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 1118, University, Freemasons' Hall.
 Rose Croix Chap. 53, Holy Sanctuary, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LOGGES 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, Still 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.
 Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road, 7.
 Tredegar, 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, MARCH 11.

- Lodge 46, Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
 " 96, Burlington, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 180, St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle Tav., Leadenhall-st.
 " 211, St. Michael's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 235, Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
 " 255, Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey.
 " 548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
 " 917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1196, Urban, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1269, Stanhope, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
 " 1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
 " 1604, Wanderer's, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1614, Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly.
 " 1668, Samson, S. Air-st., Regent-st.
 " 1969, Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall.
 Rose Croix Chap. 71, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq., W.
 K.T. Precept. D., Mount Calvary, Freemasons' Tav.

LOGGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
 South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Waltham 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 Edgcombe, 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 8.
 New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-st., N.W., at 8.
 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
 Camden Chapter, Boston Hot., Junction-road, N., at 8.
 Earl of Carnarvon Chapter of Improvement, Ladbroke
 Hall, Ladbroke Grove-road, Notting-hill, at 8.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12.

- General Committee Benevolent Institution, at 4.
 Lodge 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
 " 15, Kent, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 87, Vitruvian, White Hart, Belvedere-rd., Lambeth.
 " 147, Justice, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
 " 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse.
 " 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.
 " 1228, Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
 " 1306, St. John, City Arms Tav., St. Mary Axe.
 " 1349, Friars, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.
 " 1610, Northern Bar, 33, Golden-sq., W.
 " 1629, United, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1694, Imperial, Pier Hot., Oakley-st., Chelsea.

- Lodge 1718, Centurion, S. Air-st., Regent-st.
 " 1986, Honor Oak, Moore Park Hot., Honor Oak.
 Chap. 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
 Mark 284, High Cross, Seven Sisters Hot., Tottenham.

LOGGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, Bishopsgate-st., S.
 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, Windsor Castle, Southwark-bridge-road, S.
 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.)
 Lonsborough, Berkeley Arms, John-st., Mayfair, at 8.
 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, Red Lion, York-st., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.
 Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury, at 8.30.
 Earl of Lathom, Station Hot., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.

THURSDAY, MARCH 13.

- Lodge 19, Royal Athelstan, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 238, Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall (worked in German language).
 " 263, Bank of England, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 657, Canonbury, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 879, Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., S.E.
 " 1076, Capper, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 1425, Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., W.
 " 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
 " 1598, Ley Spring, Red Lion Tav., Leytonstone.
 " 1599, Skelmersdale, M.H., Masons'-avenue, E.C.
 " 1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill.
 " 1708, Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley.
 " 1791, Creation, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1987, Strand, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden.
 Chap. 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
 " 907, Royal Albert, White Hart Tav., Abchurch-lane.

LOGGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Justice, Brown Bear, High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
 Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
 Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
 Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.C., at 8.
 The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue, 6.30.
 Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
 Ebury, 12, Ponsoby-st., Millbank, at 8.
 Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at 8.
 High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham, at 8.
 Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 Southern Star, The Pheasant, Stangate, S.W., at 8.
 Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
 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., Limehouse, at 7.
 Stockwell, Cock Tav., Kennington-rd., at 7.30.
 Victoria Park, Yorkshire Grey, High-st., Stratford, at 8.
 Guelph, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton.
 Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-st., at 6. (Emulation Working.)
 St. Michael's, Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement, at 8.
 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
 Upton, Swan Tav., Bethnal Green-rd., at 8.
 Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305, High Holborn, at 7.
 North London Chap., Alwyn Castle Tav., St. Paul's-rd., Canonbury, at 8.
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-vale, 7.30.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14.

- Lodge 33, Britannic, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 177, Domestic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1702, Sub-Urban, Abercorn Hot., Great Stanmore.
 " 1997, John Carpenter, Albion Hot., Aldersgate-st.

LOGGES 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.
 Ubique, Guardsman Coffee Tav., Buckingham Palace-road, at 7.30.
 St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.
 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.
 Pannure Chapter of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church
 st., Camberwell, at 7.

SATURDAY, MARCH 15.

- Lodge 715, Pannure, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 1329, Sphinx, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
 " 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
 " 1732, King's Cross, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1767, Kensington, South Kensington Hot., Queen's-gate-terrace.
 Mark 104, Macdonald, Guildhall Coffee Ho., Gresham-st.
 " 205, Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow.
 " 251, Tenterden, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

LOGGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8.
 Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
 Star, Five Bells, New Cross-rd., S.E., at 7.
 King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, 7.
 Alexandra Palace, Station Ho., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
 Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LAN- CASHIRE AND CHESHIRE,

For the Week ending Saturday, March 15, 1884.

MONDAY, MARCH 10.

- Lodge 89, Unanimity, Astley Arms, Dukinfield.
 " 104, St John's, Ashton Hot., Stockport.
 " 293, Sincerity, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
 " 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Mess Ro., Preston.
 " 613, Unity, M.H., Southport.
 " 703, Clifton, Royal Hot., Blackpool.
 " 721, Independence, M.R., Chester.
 " 941, De Tabley, Royal George, Knutsford.
 " 1021, Hartington, M.H., Barrow.
 " 1350, Fernor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1496, Trafford, Alexandra Hotel, Moss-side, Manchester.
 " 1588, Prince Leopold, M.R., Stretford.
 Chap. 148, Elias Ashmole, C.R., Warrington.
 Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, MARCH 11.

- Lodge 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 293, King's Friends, Lamb Inn, Nantwich.
 " 322, Peace, Warren Bulkeley Arms, Stockport.
 " 1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.R., Wigan.
 " 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton-le-Fylde.
 " 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.
 " 1713, Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, near
 Liverpool.
 Chap. 537, Lion, M.R., Birkenhead.
 " 613, Bridson, M.H., Southport.
 Stanley L. of I., 214, Great Homer-street, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12.

- Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
 " 323, Concord, Florist Hot., Stockport.
 " 430, Fidelity, Queen's Arms, Dukinfield.
 " 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1140, Ashton, Victoria Hot., Withington.
 " 1356, Toxteth, M.R., North Hill-street, Liverpool.
 " 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
 " 1403, W. Lancashire, Commercial Hot., Ormskirk.
 " 1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1715, Arthur John Brogden, M.H., Grange-over-Sands.
 Chap. 178, Harmony, M.H., Wigan.
 " 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.
 Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, MARCH 13.

- Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
 " 333, Royal Preston, Castle Hot., Preston.
 " 477, Mersey, M.R., Birkenhead.
 " 786, Croxteth United Service, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle-le-Woods.
 " 1035, Prince of Wales, Skelmersdale M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys, Eccles.
 Chap. 220, Harmony, Garston Hot., Garston.
 Mariners L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
 Ancient Union L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14.

- Lodge 1289, Rock, Rock Hot., Rock Ferry.
 Faith Encampment, 41, M.H., Wigan.
 Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

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