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THE nomination of three brethren for the Grand Treasurership suggests many reflections. The services and claims of these brethren are before the Craft, and it is not for the *Freemason* to seek to anticipate the eventual decision of Grand Lodge. There are those of us who will for one reason or other support one of the candidates, in preference to the other two, and we must leave it to time to demonstrate, who of these candidates will command a distinct majority of active and earnest supporters. One point, however, comes out clearly, which deserves notice and demands attention. It is the claim of the provinces to have a provincial brother elected as Grand Treasurer. We confess that we cannot see how such a claim can fairly be denied or properly refused. The provinces are in the great majority as respects the metropolitan lodges; they now send up even, if not over, returns as regards our great Charities; they possess in their members many brethren of undoubted rank, prestige, and ability, Masonic work and Masonic fame; and if the election on alternate years of a Grand Treasurer, for instance, should bring in a friendly provincial brother of suitable rank and antecedents, no one will have a right to complain, no one will be disposed to find fault, the least our good London brethren. We are ourselves not sorry to see a worthy provincial brother thus formally brought forward, as we think great good may come of thus asking Grand Lodge to depart from the stereotyped custom of selecting always a London brother. And though, for various patent reasons, the *Freemason* is neutral as between the merits of the opposing candidates, which is its true position on such matters, as it cannot properly seek to do more than keep the facts of passing history before its readers, without pronouncing an opinion in favour of any one in particular, or affecting to lift the veil from the future, yet we think it right, once for all, to say here, for fear of misconception, that we are entirely in favour of the principle of nominating, from time to time, provincial, qua provincial, candidates, for the approval and selection of Grand Lodge.

JUST now the irresistible visitor Death seems to be very busy in our ranks. Hardly a week passes but that we have to record in our pages the departure for the "great and silent land" of some worthy comrade, some well-known brother. It seems a very sad thing at times to realize now this ending for us all alike of earthly friendship and pleasant companionship; but so it is, and, as well instructed Freemasons, we bow with submissive resignation to the will, dispensation, and Providence of T.G.A.O.T.U. Two brethren in particular passed away last week, whom we shall many of us have well known, and very sincerely regret. We mean Bros. LEVANDER and H. J. SOUTHWOOD. In Bro. LEVANDER the Province of Middlesex loses a most effective officer, and the Craft universal a most worthy and accomplished member. His learning and his geniality [always went hand in hand, and few brethren had more mastered, alike in the abstract and the concrete, the generous, the sympathetic, and the elevating principles of Freemasonry. Bro. J. H. SOUTHWOOD is well-known by his connection with the John Hervey Lodge. He was a very valuable officer, and a very zealous Freemason, and his loss will be much felt by his brethren. They will both be missed much in their respective circles, and we are glad, as Craftsmen, to offer a sincere tribute of kindly regard and regret for their lamented and premature decease.

WE are glad in being able to confirm the assurance of a "Past Grand Officer" in our last, that no private meeting of Grand Officers, Past and Present, took place, to consider the nomination of a Grand Treasurer. At least, if such a meeting assembled, it is a "Caucus" unknown to the great majority of the Grand Officers, and therefore we do not credit the assertion for one moment, and deem our correspondent entirely misinformed on the subject. It would be in the most possible form for Grand Officers, qua Grand Officers, to do anything of the kind. There have been times, no doubt, within our memory, where meetings have led to meetings, but meetings composed of all

ranks members of Grand Lodge. In all societies where office is to be given away which ensures emolument or commands prestige, such meetings will take place, and there is something in the theory that we are not to be hurried into nominations without previous thought or weighing of claims. The result of the nomination on Wednesday week proves the incorrectness of our good correspondent, "Sky Blue's" ideas on the subject. We therefore are glad to repeat, that the statement of a private meeting of Grand Officers is a "Canard."

OUR distinguished Bro. Sir CHAS. WARREN claims all our good wishes in his arduous and distant mission. A very zealous Mason, he will on his return from Bechuanaland be installed W.M. of a new lodge, and we feel that it is something to have enlisted into the hearty work of our Order so good an officer and so great an authority on subjects which are so cognate to all our Masonic sympathies, traditions, and mystic lore.

THE arrangement which gives us a portrait of the PRO GRAND MASTER in the Great Hall is one which will meet with the entire approval of the Craft. No one has ever presided over Grand Lodge with more courtesy and tact, with a more evident desire to do justice to all, than has our very distinguished Bro. the Earl of CARNARVON, Pro Grand Master. His presence is always hailed with gratification and confidence, because we know we have for our Presiding Officer a "bright Mason," one well versed in the Constitutions, as well as in the traditional history of our Order. It was both fitting and expedient that his portrait should have a place found for it in the Great Home of English Freemasonry.

WE think it right to mention that at the meeting of Antiquity, No. 2 (emergency) and St. James's Chapter, No. 2, the regular meeting, the lamented death of Bro. Lieut.-Col. CREATON was mentioned in very feeling and affecting terms. A warm expression of the sense of the great loss Craft and Royal Arch Masonry had sustained, was placed on the minute books of each body, and a vote of condolence ordered to be transmitted in each case to the widow of our deceased brother. It is most emphatically true that Bro. CREATON will be a very missed man.

AS we observed some time back, if the "Quebec Question," as it is termed, came before Grand Lodge, the answer of our brethren would be short, clear, and decisive. We do not understand in English Freemasonry Masonic chicanery or Jesuitical quibbles. We know that Lord ZETLAND, a very wise, prudent, and conciliatory ruler, made a concordat with the Grand Lodge of Canada, which Concordat we have duly kept on our part. The Grand Lodge of Quebec,—a swarm from the Grand Lodge of Canada,—though it did not in its negotiations with the Grand Lodge of Canada formally deny the legality of Grand Master WILSON's original arrangement, after a time found its dignity hurt, and its jurisdiction menaced by these three originally recognized English lodges. It therefore proceeded to impugn the arrangement of the Grand Lodge of Canada in reference to these lodges, and has proceeded to "boycott" them, as far as it could do it. It menaces a complete suspension of all Masonic privileges; in fact, a Masonic Bull of anathema and interdict. The English Grand Lodge declines to give up its own children. In honour, law, and equity it is bound to stand by them, and will do so, come what may. With one word of friendly warning we conclude. As we have always pointed out, Lord ZETLAND's frank recognition of the Canadian jurisdiction, and practical abstention from official activity was *conditional*, as the context of his words shows, on a peaceful acquiescence in the loyal rights of the English lodges. If that concurrence is withdrawn, and, in addition, openly hostile menaces are made as against the English lodges, by which the proper and due exercise of their Masonic privileges is suspended or interfered with, the whole matter must, "ex necessitate rei," be opened out again, and some most embarrassing questions will arise, and other issues may be developed, little foreseen by some who have favoured and furthered this most untoward and unjustifiable agitation.

THE nomination of Bro. CAMA seems to be an outcome of a desire to proclaim the great truth of Masonic Cosmopolitanism. Bro. CAMA is a Parsee, and, for fear of misconception, it is well to observe, as we have had our attention called to the matter, that the Parsees as a body have always been loyal supporters, and are now, of the English Government in India, and and in the time of the great Mutiny remained perfectly faithful to the English "Raj." The munificent gifts of many Parsee millionaires for philanthropic objects are well known. Bro. CAMA's most liberal support of our great Charities is well known.

THERE are not many even of our most active lodges which take upon themselves the responsibility of sending representatives to the Festivals of all our three Institutions in one and the same year. This, however, is what the St. Martin's-le-Grand Lodge, No. 1538, has resolved on doing in 1885. Bro. GREGORY, P.M., has offered himself as a Steward for the Benevolent Festival in February next. The W.M., Bro. J. P. PARKES, will represent it at that of the Boys' School, and Bro. ROBERTSON, I.P.M., who, at the Boys' Festival in 1883, had the satisfaction of handing in the highest individual list, will do duty in May next for the Girls' School. We congratulate the lodge on this further evidence of its zeal for our Institutions.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Cambridgeshire was held under the banner of the Isaac Newton University Lodge, at the Lion Hotel, in Petty Cury, Cambridge, on the 20th inst., for the appointment of officers and the despatch of other business. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. J. Neal York, presided, and about 50 brethren from the various lodges in the province attended. The lodge having been opened, the report of the Masonic Charities' Association was read and confirmed. Although the Association had not many members, great assistance had been rendered to the Masonic Institution for Girls during the year 1883 by the W.D.P.G.M., Bro. J. N. York, then W.M. of No. 88, taking up £130 4s., which represented some 26 Life Votes; and during the present year by Bro. C. A. Vinter, of No. 441, taking up for the Institution for Boys the sum of £174 6s., which represented some 35 Life Votes. The Association contributed £15 15s. to Bro. Vinter's list. The report further stated:—

"The Association has now at its disposal some 287 Boys' votes and 124 Girls' votes, 16 Male votes, and eight Female votes for the Men and Widows' Institution; and the half-yearly votes at the command of the Committee are 72 Boys' and 42 Girls'; the annual votes for Men and Widows at present are 16 Males and eight Females. The Committee return their thanks to the lodges and individual brethren for contributing harmoniously and unreservedly all their votes for the benefit of the province in general, and hope the Masters, Past Masters, and brethren generally in the province will, in their respective lodges, do all they can to increase the number of subscribers to the Association, as it is only by unity of action and by liberal donations and subscriptions to the Masonic Charities that brethren in the province of Cambridgeshire can hope in the future to secure the election of any deserving case which may arise in the province."

The following officers were then appointed:—

Bro. Rev. J. H. Gray, 859 (Queen's College)	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" E. H. Jennings, 441	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. Wm. Cunningham, 859 (Trinity College)	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Rev. A. E. Wanton, 809	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" T. Nicholls, 88	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" B. Anningson, 859	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. Bonnett, 859	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" John Vail, 441	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" George MacCullum, 88	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" W. I. Pashler, 88	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" O. Papworth, 88	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" C. H. Peck, 809	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" S. H. Sharman, 441	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" F. Frier, 809	...	Prov. G.O.
" A. A. Weldon, 859 (Trinity College)	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" A. J. Burling, 809	...	Prov. G.A. Purst.
" C. A. C. Jones, 859 (Trinity Hall)	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" E. W. Swain, 441	...	
" Collier and Wood	...	Prov. G. Tylers.

The brethren afterwards proceeded to banquet, at which Bro. Dr. Anningson, W.M. of the Isaac Newton University Lodge, presided, and the evening was spent in true Masonic harmony.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF DORSET.

On Wednesday, the 19th ult., the annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Bridport, under the banner of St. Mary's Mark Lodge, No. 121, the officers and brethren of which had made admirable arrangements to receive it, it being the first occasion on which the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge had been held in that town. Bridport is situated at the extreme western borders of the province, and the railway arrangements are so inconvenient as to render it a matter of some difficulty for brethren residing in the eastern parts of the county to visit it and return the same day. A goodly number, however, showed their respect for the Order and for the Provincial Grand Mark Master by their attendance.

Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was opened by R.W. Bro. the Rev. W. Mortimer Heath, P.G.M., assisted by V.W. Bro. R. N. Howard, D.P.G.M., and the following: Bros. I. M. P. Montagu, P.G.J.W., P.G. Supt., and P.G. Prior of the Order of the Temple for Dorset, P.D.P.G.M., Grand Chancellor, S.G.C. 33°; C. J. Hambro, D.P.G.M. Dorset; W. S. Gillard, P.G. Steward; T. R. Charles, P.P.G.S.D.; A. Maclean, P.P.G. S.D.; A. Graham, P.P.G.O.; S. A. Vickery, P.G. Treas.; R. Cox, P.G.D. of C.; J. S. Webb, P.P.G. Inspector of Works; together with many other brethren of the province.

After the minutes of the last Prov. Grand Mark Lodge held at Portland, 1883, had been read and confirmed, the roll of lodges and officers was called over. The R.W. the PROV. GRAND MARK MASTER then addressed the brethren, and alluded in feeling terms to the great loss which the Order had sustained by the death of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, and of W. B. D. M. Dewar, both of which had occurred since the last meeting, while he mentioned, as a matter of congratulation, the acceptance by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales of the rank of P.G.M.M. In submitting certain financial details of the Charities of the Order, which had been given him by the kindness of W. Bro. F. Binckes, G. Sec., he dwelt especially on the institution of the Educational Branch of the Benevolent Fund, enlisting the sympathy of the brethren in its behalf, and recommending them to give it a cordial support. Referring more immediately to the Province of Dorset, he congratulated the brethren on the steady and satisfactory progress made. All the Mark lodges within his jurisdiction were in full work, and showing great activity, and he hoped that at some not distant time it might please the G.M.M.M. to hold a Moveable Grand Lodge within the province.

The Treasurer's accounts were received and passed, and Bro. S. A. Vickery re-elected to the office, after which the rest of the business on the

agenda paper was transacted, and the usual votes and resolutions submitted and passed, including a vote of thanks to the Treasurer for his past services.

The R.W. the P.G.M.M. appointed and invested the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year:

Bro. R. N. Howard	...	...	D.P.G.M.
" J. S. Webb	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" A. Graham	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" T. R. Charles	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" W. H. Hay	...	...	Prov. G.S.O.
" G. J. Brady	...	...	Prov. G.J.O.
" J. H. Bowen	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" S. A. Vickery (elected)	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" W. B. Morgan	...	...	Prov. G.R. of M.
" T. Giles	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" E. Nantes	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" L. Bartlett	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" A. Maclean	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" W. T. Dunman	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" R. Burns	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" C. James	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" R. Hodder	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" F. Turner and E. Mills	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" R. Simmonds (re-elected)	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The Prov. Grand Mark Lodge was closed at 1.45, and the brethren sat down to a banquet presided over by the R.W.P.G.M.M., at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received with much harmony and cordiality.

SOME ANCIENT YORK MASONS AND THEIR EARLY HAUNTS.

BY BRO. T. B. WHYTEHEAD, YORK.

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The Sotherons remain with us even unto this day, and have been engaged in commerce in York for centuries. This Wm. Sotheron was born in 1692, and was buried in Pontefract in 1762, and married a daughter and co-heiress of Edward Thompson, of Marston. The Sotherons for two or three generations at this period were booksellers and publishers at the sign of the Golden Bible, in Stonegate, and from them is descended the family owning Hutton Bonville. One of the family still carries on the bookselling business in Coney-street.

On December 8th a meeting was held at the Star Inn, and "Christop. Coulton, Thos. Metcalfe, Francis Lowther, George Coates and William Day" were admitted. Two of these persons, Coulton and Coates, were of Drake's party at the revival. Coulton was a brother of Samuel Coulton, a "Millener," who was an Alderman in 1725.

A private lodge was held again on the 24th December, at the Star Inn, when "Matthew St. Quintin, Thompson, Francis Thompson, William Hendrick and Rd. Bean" were admitted.

Matthew St. Quintin was a brother of Sir Wm. St. Quintin, Bart., of Scampston, in the East Riding. The old stock of the St. Quintin's has died out, although the name remains. The family was of great antiquity, and the baronetcy was created in 1642, but became extinct in 1795, for want of male heirs. Bro. St. Quintin lived in Micklegate, which indeed was at that time the aristocratic quarter of the City. The names of Bouchier, St. Quintin, Selby, Radcliffe, Bedingfield, Bathurst, Pierse, Fairfax, &c., are found amongst the owners of houses in this quarter, and these families always made the City their winter residence at a period when the old place was a sort of miniature London in the north.

I do not know who Bro. Bean was. There was a very wealthy family of the name, the principal member of whom John Beane, an innholder, lived in Micklegate, in the reign of Henry VIII., and from whom are descended the Whartons of Skelton Castle, but there is nothing to connect Robert Bean with the family.

On 27th December, 1725, a lodge was held at Mr. Philemon Marsh's in Petergate, when Charles Howard, Richard Thompson, and Leonard Smith were admitted, and, on the same occasion, visiting Bro. John Hann, and Isaac Scott were "admitted, and acknowledged as members."

I cannot identify Howard, but he may have been a member of the noble Yorkshire family of that name. One Charles Howard, of that House, who was born at the end of the seventeenth century, died in 1738.

Alderman Richard Thompson played an important part in York history. He was twice Lord Mayor, in 1708 and 1721, and was the son of Alderman Edward Thompson, who was Lord Mayor in 1683, and represented York in three Parliaments. These Thompsons were great wine merchants, and their town residence was the very handsome mansion in Lower Micklegate, opposite St. John's Church, and now the Queen's Hotel. The Eboracum Lodge, 1611, now meets at this house, and in some of the rooms, which are extremely handsome, the crest of the family—a cubit arm in armour, holding a truncheon of a broken lance—appears on the cornices. Bro. Richard Thompson's father purchased the estate of Sheriff Hutton Park, near York, and was the great great great grandfather of the late Leonard Thompson, of Sheriff Hutton Park; whilst his brother, Sir Stephen Thompson, was the great, great, great grandfather of Sir Henry Meysey Thompson, Bart., of Kirby Hall. Both these heads of Houses were sons of old Richard Thompson, of Kilham, from whom is also descended the present Lord Wenlock, of Escrick.

This was a very important meeting, for it is recorded as follows:

This day, Dec. 27, 1725, being the festival of St. John the Evangelist, the Society went in procession to Merchants' Hall, where, after the grand feast was over, they unanimously chose the Worshipful Charles Bathurst, Esq., their Grand Master, Mr. Johnson, his Deputy, Mr. Pawson and Mr. Drake, Wardens, Mr. Scourfield, Treasurer, and Jno. Russell, Clerk for the ensuing year.

This is the first record we have of a regular election to office, and it was on the next anniversary that the Junior Warden delivered his famous oration, which went through at least two editions, and of which several original printed copies still exist.

At a meeting held on the 31st December of the same year, "at Mr. Luke Lowther's, at the Starr, in Stonegate," some "gentleman" was made, but unfortunately the Secretary has neglected to secure the new member's signature, so that we are quite in the dark as to who he was. He was some one of consideration, for the word "gentleman" is used as distinguished from "person."

Meetings continued to be pretty frequent at this time. On the 5th of January following there was a meeting held at "Mr. Jno. Colling's, at ye White Swan, in Petergate," when Thomas Preston and Martin Crofts were admitted. The White Swan was at this period a large and important house. It still stands, and evidences of its great extent are visible. In 1725-6 it covered a very large block of ground at the corner of Petergate and Goodramgate, and had a large frontage to the former street, as well as to Goodramgate, but in 1771 a portion of it was pulled down to widen the latter street, and the old back entrance to the hotel became the front, whilst the old front into Petergate was converted into shops, only leaving a side entrance.

Thomas Preston was probably the nephew of a Thomas Preston who was Organist of York Minster in 1675, and an ancestor of the Prestons of Askham Bryan, near York. Martin Croft most likely was a member of a family of wine merchants who flourished in York at that time, and from whom came the family of Crofts, of Stillington, near York.

On the 4th February, 1725-6, at the Star Inn, Sir William Milner, Bart., was sworn in. This was the first Baronet of the family, and was the son of William Milner, Mayor of Leeds in 1697. He represented York in Parliament for several years. The present Baronet, Sir F. G. Milner, who is M.P. for York, is the great great grandson of the initiate at the Star, and is a Mason, having been made at Oxford in the Churchill Lodge, and being now the W.M. of the Eboracum Lodge at York.

Another meeting was held at the White Swan, on the 2nd of March, when John Lewis was sworn. He was a person of consideration from the manner of the entry, but I cannot identify him.

No less than four gentlemen were made Masons at the next meeting which was held at the Star, in Stonegate. Their names were Robert Kaye, W. Wombwell, Wm. Kitchingman, and Cyril Arthington. The Kayes were even at that date an important family, and this was most likely a son of the baronet who represented York in Parliament. Wm. Wombwell was born in 1700 and married into the Standish family; he was a collateral ancestor of Sir George Wombwell, of Newburgh. The Kitchingmans were an old Leeds family, one of whom settled at Carleton, near Thirsk, and died in 1714, aged 84, leaving 23 children; this seems to have been one of them. Cyril Arthington was a scion of a very ancient West Riding race. He was related to the Wombwells, the Fairfaxes, and the Hawkesworths, so that the four candidates had evidently made up a friendly expedition to take the degree. Two days afterwards there was another meeting at the Star, when J. Kaye, a brother of Robert, was admitted.

On the 4th of May a meeting is recorded at Mr. James Boreham's, and for the first time the Society is designated that of "Free and Accepted Masons." On this occasion Charles Quarles, Richard Atkinson, and Samuel Ascough were admitted. The latter was a City official, for I find it recorded in an old MS. of the period that on the 12th May, 1726, "Samuel Ascough was chosen the City's Husband, or Receiver, in the room of Thomas Harrison, who failed in the business."

(To be continued).

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF WORCESTERSHIRE.

This province was formed at Worcester on Monday, the 8th inst., by Bro. the Earl of Kintore, G.M.M., assisted by Bros. Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.W.; R. Berridge, P.G.M.O.; F. Binckes, G. Sec.; Hogard, G. Steward; Matier, P.G.J.W.; Walker, D.P.G.M. Gloucester; Homfray, D.P.G.M. Monmouth, and others. The Lechmere Lodge, No. 59, was opened by Bro. H. Wilson, W.M., in the presence of about 50 brethren, and the G.M.M. having been announced, was received and placed in the chair. Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened, Bro. A. F. Godson was introduced, and duly obligated and installed by the Grand Master as first Prov. Grand Master of Worcestershire. Bro. Godson then appointed his officers as follows:

Bro. Pidcock	...	...	...	Prov. D.G.M.
" Lingham	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" Taylor	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Green	...	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" Chadwick	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.O.
" G. R. Green	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Wilson	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Lucy	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" W. B. Williamson	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" Lamb Smith	...	...	...	Prov. G.R. of M.
" Rowe	...	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" Buck	...	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. B.
" Comber	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. B.
" Smith Carington	...	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" Ottley	...	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" A. Green	...	...	...	Prov. G. Stwd.
" Smith and Dugard	...	...	...	Prov. G. Tylers.

After the usual votes of thanks a Committee was appointed to draw up bye-laws, and it was announced that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales had consented to receive an address from the Freemasons of the province at his visit to Worcester on the 20th inst.

Lodge having been closed, the brethren dined together at the Star Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. Godson.

The brethren present consisted, besides those mentioned, of Bros. Phillips, Warrilow, T. H. Smith, Patten, and Treadwell from P.G. Lodge of Warwickshire; Humphries, Staffordshire; Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart., Williamson, Hodgkiss, Sarjant, Hulme, Joseland, Underwood, Perrins, Swete, Slade, and Marsh, of No. 59; Elgood, Brettell, Lees, Perry, and Bland, of the Godson Lodge, No. 330; Marchant, Blinkhorn, E. Stephens, H. Marchant, Norton, Davis, Cullwick, Caldwell, and C. Stephens, of St. Ethelbert's Lodge, No. 243; W. Rowe, 28; E. Mallard and Ball, 115; Smith, Knott, and Dugard, Tylers.

CONSECRATION OF THE GRAND STEWARDS' LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.

This event followed immediately after the regular communication of Mark Grand Lodge on Tuesday the 2nd inst. The ceremony was personally carried out by the Earl of Kintore, G.M.M.M., who was assisted in his duties by his Grand Wardens, Lord J. H. Taylour, G.S.W., and Sir Charles J. Palmer, G.J.W.; the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, Dean of Battle,

G. Chap., who delivered the oration customary on these occasions; Bro. R. Berridge, G.D. of C.; and the other Grand Officers. At the conclusion of this part of the proceedings, the ceremony of installing Bro. Charles E. Soppet, P.G. Stwd., as W.M., was rendered with equal impressiveness, after which the following brethren were appointed and invested: Bros. R. P. Spice, P.G.S., S.W.; W. E. Stewart, G.S., J.W.; George Powell, P.G.S., M.O.; Jas. Eustace Anderson, P.G.S., S.O.; T. W. Murley, P.G.S., J.O.; W. C. Gilles, P.G.S., Treas.; W. March, P.G.S., Reg. of Mrks.; C. F. Hogard, G.S., Sec.; F. W. Driver, G.S., S.D.; H. Faija, P.G.S., J.D.; E. H. Thiellay, G.S., D.C.; J. S. Cumberland, P.G.S., G.J.O., I.G.; and John Tomkins, P.G.S., Stwd.

The usual complimentary votes having been passed, and such business as required attention dispatched, Bro. Soppet closed the lodge, and having resigned the chair to the Earl of Kintore, G.M., Grand Lodge was closed, and the usual banquet followed.

It may not be out of place, however, to furnish here the names of the Grand and Past Grand Officers who were present and took part in one or both meetings of Grand Lodge. They were omitted last week, and are as follows, namely:—

Bros. the Earl of Kintore, M.W.G.M.; W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Past Grand Master; A. F. Godson, P.G.M.M.M. Worcester; Lord Egerton of Tatton, R.W.D.G.M.; A. M. Broadley, P. District Grand Master of the Mediterranean; Col. Lord J. H. Taylour, G.S.W.; Sir C. J. Palmer, Bart., G.J.W.; Henry Venn, Grand Master Overseer; Wm. Roebuck, P.G.M.O., as G.S. Overseer; S. G. Kirchoffer, P.G.J.O., as G.J. Overseer; Very Rev. Dean Edward R. Currie, Grand Chap.; F. Davison, P.G.W., Grand Treas.; Frederick Binckes, P.G.W., Grand Sec.; Charles W. Duke, G.S.D.; Edward L. Shepherd, G.J.D.; Charles Stephens, D.P.G.M., Prov. G.M. Berks and Oxon; Robert Berridge, P.G.M.O., G.D. of C.; Controller S. G. Bake, as Grand Sword Br.; B. R. Bryant, G. Std. Br.; W. March, P.G.S., as G. Std. Br.; Herr Wilhelm Ganz, Grand Org.; Percy Wallis, P.G. Stwd., as G.I.G.; John Lane, F. W. Driver, J. Inglis, and Capt. Hy. Stephens, Grand Stwds.; C. T. Speight, Grand Tyler. J. Lewis Thomas, P.G.D.; C. S. Lane, P.G.D.; Alfred Williams, P.G.D.; W. Jas. Hughan, Rep. G.C. Pennsylvania, P.G.W.; C. F. Matier, Rep. G.C. Illinois, P.G.W.; F. C. E. De Crespigny, P.G. Chap.; George Powell, P.G.S.; George Cooper, P.G.S.D.; Capt. Thomas Hargreaves, P.G.S.D.; O. H. Pearson, P.G.S.O.; W. C. Gillis, P.G.S.; H. L. Loveland, P.G.S.D.; Henry Faija, P.G. Steward; T. C. Walls, P.G. Swd. Br.; P. de E. Collin, P.G.D.; Richard Eve, P.G.M.O.; A. B. Cook, P.G.M.O.; M. Mildred, P.G.S.; W. J. Meek, P.G.S.; Thomas Cubitt, P.G.S.O.; Charles H. Driver, P.G.I. of Works; James Stevens, P.G.J.O.; J. G. Povekin, D.P.G.M.M. Kent, P.G. Swd. Br.; Edwin M. Lott, P.G. Organist; John Tomkins, P.G. Steward; Capt. N. G. Phillips, P.G.W.; Henry Lovegrove, P.G.I. of Works; Charles Frederick Hogard, G. Steward; J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G.M.O.; Geo. F. Tuckey, P.G. Steward; George J. McKay, P.G.S.D.; Baron de Ferrieres, M.P., P.G.M.O.; and Chas. Pulman, P.G.I.G.

After the consecration a banquet was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street. The chair was occupied by Wor. Bro. Chas. E. Soppet, P.G. Stwd., the newly-installed W.M., and who was supported by the Right Hon. the Earl of Kintore, the M.W.G. Master; Bros. Lord Egerton of Tatton, the R.W.D.G. Master; W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G. Master, and a large number of other distinguished brethren, who had accepted the W.M.'s invitation to honour the new lodge and its founders.

After the repast, which was well served, and gave great credit to Bro. Dawkins, grace was sung, and the CHAIRMAN proposed, as the first toast, "The Queen and Mark Masonry." This was duly honoured, and the National Anthem sung, Miss Ada South taking the solo part.

"The Health of the M.W. Grand Master" was next proposed in a neat speech by the W.M., and received with very hearty applause.

The GRAND MASTER, in acknowledging, alluded to the great pleasure and satisfaction it had given him to be present and assisting in the ceremony of forming a Grand Stewards' Lodge, which he was sure would not only be of great use, but be a distinguishing feature in Mark Masonry. He augured that from the manner the W.M. had commenced his career in it, and from the strong support it had already received, every indication of prosperity was shadowed forth, and it had his best wishes for its success and prosperity.

"The Health of the Past Grand Masters" having been proposed and received, M.W. Bro. BEACH, Past Grand Master, responded, and in a very forcible speech drew attention to the progress Mark Masonry had made during the past few years, and congratulated the W.M. and founders of the new lodge on their entrance into a new position in the Masonic world.

The M.W. the GRAND MASTER then proposed "The Health of Bro. Soppet, the Newly-Installed W.M.," and in doing so congratulated him on his appointment, and also the brethren who had chosen one as their first Master whom he was assured would study, not only the interest of the Grand Stewards' Lodge, but also the degree to which they all belonged and were so much attached. The toast was enthusiastically received, and

Bro. SOPPET, in reply, thanked the Grand Master for the very flattering manner in which he had spoken of him. It was a source of satisfaction that the choice of the first Master was unanimous, and, in fact, so were all the arrangements up to the present time. He offered from himself and the other founders of the lodge their thanks and kindest wishes to those who had attended the ceremony and helped to strengthen their hands. Before resuming his seat he wished to propose a toast which would commend itself to them all, and in which all felt an interest; this was "Success to the Mark Benevolent Fund;" and whilst asking from the brethren a strong and steady support for all Masonic Charities, this one to Mark Masons must ever have a peculiar claim. With this toast he would couple the name of Bro. Binckes, a veteran in the service of Charity, and Grand Secretary of their Order.

Bro. BINCKES, in rising to respond, was heartily received, and gave a full and effective review of the work connected with the Fund, remarking that so well had it been supported that they had been able to provide for all their candidates, and that the liberality of the brethren had at the last Festival produced the sum of £832. Whilst thanking those who had rendered valued services in the past, he would still urge the brethren to renewed efforts for the next Festival, for which already 39 Stewards had given their names. He had the great pleasure and privilege to announce that the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, Lord Egerton of Tatton, had kindly consented to preside, and trusted that not only would the number of Stewards be very much larger than at any previous occasion, but that a very substantial increase on the amount subscribed last year would be realised.

"The Health of the Visitors" was then proposed by Bro. BINCKES, coupled with the names of Bros. C. S. Lane, Jas. Terry, and D. P. Cama, each of whom suitably responded.

The other toasts were "The Treasurer and Secretary" and "Other Officers of the Lodge."

The Tyler's toast brought to a conclusion a most enjoyable and pleasant evening, enlivened at intervals by the vocal efforts of Miss Ada South, Miss Eliza Thomas, Bros. A. Weston and T. Tremere, under the efficient charge of Bro. E. M. Lott, P.G. Organist.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1884.

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To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am sorry to see the letter signed "Temperance," in the *Freemason* for November 20th, as I consider he fails to note the point at issue. We, as members of such lodges, simply claim to put what we like on the refreshment table, and exclude what we do not desire. Surely there is no harm in so doing. It is simply a matter for the members to say, and not for those outside the lodge. To exclude intoxicating liquors, save in one instance (739, Birmingham), is no portion of the bye-laws and will not be at any time, for it is in the hands of the majority to decide, being a matter regulated by custom, &c. I am what is known as a life total abstainer, but never find that any obstacle to Masonic enjoyment, and though I do not believe in legislating for lodges of teetotallers, I am glad to support the new movement objected by Bro. "Temperance," because I think it will do good; for it has the support of many good brethren, who are not abstainers, even of influential brewers and others, who see that it is for the interest of the society to have such lodges started, not in opposition to the others, but to work in harmony and good fellowship. I do not think our Bro. "Temperance" would complain of his reception on visiting our new lodges. I commend the Editorials of the *Freemason* to his careful perusal relative to this subject.—Yours fraternally,
W. J. HUGHAN.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

As a member of a "so-called Temperance lodge," it is only reasonable to suppose that I take some interest in the correspondence now current in the *Freemason* upon this subject. Judging from the letter signed "Temperance," in your impression of the 29th ult., it seems to me that the subject of "Temperance Lodges" is somewhat misunderstood by our brother, and not fully comprehended even by our worthy Bro. Tew. We must exercise great care lest in these discussions we violate one of the fundamental principles of our honoured Craft, viz., that of true Charity. Unfortunately, it is a fact that the designation, "Temperance," is a misnomer. Temperance and teetotalism are not, as our respected Bro. Tew reminds us, synonyms; and it would be more correct to call our "Temperance lodges" "Teetotal lodges," and I do not think any member would raise an objection. The error of "calling Teetotal Societies Temperance Societies," was started as soon as such associations were formed, some 60 or more years ago, long before any "Temperance Lodge" was opened (so far as I am aware), so that Teetotal Masons are not responsible for the incorrect use of the term.

Our brother goes on to assume that at Temperance Lodges every brother who enters is "compelled to abstain from alcoholic beverages." This is rather like (to use a vulgar phrase) "putting the cart before the horse." My experience is that candidates are abstainers before joining our brotherhood. It seems to me, sir, that it is only a natural consequence that Teetotal Masons should band together in lodge. It is no new thing for lodges to be formed for and entered only by brothers of a certain profession, and so on; at the origin of Freemasonry, as the very name denotes, individuals of one business only were admitted to the Order. "Birds of a feather will flock together," in Masonic lodges as well as elsewhere, and for many reasons it is well it is so.

I cannot see the force of "Temperance's" assertion that "there ought to be no room in our Fraternity for any such exclusionists." Masonry is nothing if it is not exclusive—that is, to this extent—the members of any lodge have a right to admit whom they choose by vote; but I have yet to learn that any "so-called Temperance lodge" has expelled, or dare expel, a brother "because he was not despotically opposed to the use of alcoholic liquors." If I were to change my views of teetotalism, and drink in moderation, I should not deem myself guilty of any breach of rule or doctrine of my lodge, much less should I expect expulsion.

Our Brother "Temperance" surely let his pen slip when he intimated that Freemasonry is "used for proselytising purposes." I will not be so uncharitable as to think he really meant to cast such a slur on his teetotal brethren.

Our brother finishes his letter by expressing a "doubt" the authorities are not violating the fundamental principles of Freemasonry when they issue warrants for the constitution of teetotal lodges. I may be in ignorance, but I do not know that such was done. To the best of my belief no lodge is constituted as a teetotal lodge and forbidden to

admit other members than abstainers; but, as I said before, it is only natural that abstainers should unite in the same lodge as elsewhere (the great wonder to me is that "so-called Temperance lodges" were not instituted 40 years or more ago). However that may be, far be it for me to presume to sit in judgment upon the decisions and actions of Grand Lodge.

I do not attempt to defend teetotalism, of which our Brother "Temperance" does not appear to entertain the highest regard. Total abstinence has become such a power in the world for good, and its beneficent results so apparent, that to attempt its defence in these enlightened days would not only be an entirely superfluous business, and a waste of your valuable space, but an insult to the knowledge of facts and common sense of your readers.

Apologising for the length of my letter, I remain, dear Sir and Brother, fraternally yours,
2nd December. OMNIA EXPLORATE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The antagonism to lodges on temperance principles is unworthy of Masons.

Surely a lodge may regulate its own supper table as best promotes the unity and harmony of the brethren composing it?

What is this dreadful catastrophe that is to happen to the Craft if it does not "keep up its old reputation" in a matter which must be after all of secondary consideration? The butcher who leaves his lodge because the Stewards find they can buy meat better elsewhere has no difficulty (if in a prosperous position) in finding in large towns one or more lodges willing to endorse his petition, and although he generally takes half a dozen members from his mother lodge (a most serious matter of itself), yet he succeeds in obtaining a warrant without much difficulty. Why should the meat and drink question rise up at the very name of one of those virtues with which, if we are Masons at all, we ought to be well acquainted, and lodges hold meetings to see how they can best suppress an effort to establish a temperance lodge?

I am not an advocate for restriction on what is known as lodge hospitality. Where it holds its proper place in the minds of brethren, temperance will invariably be practised. I have a very strong objection to the ventilation of crotchets of any kind at a Masonic gathering, and should certainly (though I never heard of such in any lodge) tolerate teetotal crotchets least of any in my own lodge. Neither am I a teetotaler, but object because I think such questions out of place quite as much as political and religious discussions.

However, I am glad to see that you, sir, admit that these temperance brethren have an undoubted right to form lodges on temperance principles, and seeing that they threaten no landmarks, and interfere with no existing lodges (though I can quite understand that they will in time if such intolerance spreads), I am surprised that anyone should deny that right.

In Yorkshire there is a common saying, "Freemasonry consists of three great accomplishments—eating, drinking, and staying out at nights." Goodfellowship cannot be made impossible in a temperance lodge, and I object to the inference that Masonic lodges cannot thrive without "good eating and drinking." It is, moreover, immaterial to me what virtues Freemasonry includes in its morality if they are not practised. I know many brethren who are total abstainers, both in my own and other lodges. They have the greatest respect for the opinions of others, even on this vexed question, are enthusiastic Masons, and, I believe, good men. In the lodge or supper room they would scorn to introduce teetotal or other crotchets likely to be offensive to others.

I speak of these as I have found them, but as a matter of fact the founders, or at least the active promoters of temperance lodges, are not the teetotalers. I find them to be men of long standing in the Craft, and who, not being teetotalers, are willing to make personal sacrifices, which, whilst enabling abstainers to enjoy their lodge in a manner more agreeable to their mind, will also show the outside world that our grand Institution is not responsible for the conduct of individual members, and that its rites can be practised, and its work well done, without depending upon the attractions of the "knife and fork degree."

I strongly approve of temperance lodges personally, on three grounds:

- 1st. Because their primary aim is the good of the Craft.
 - 2nd. Because there are abstainers in every lodge in a large town, and are required, just as reasonably as musical lodges are formed; and,
 - 3rd. If only that they will enable many good and highly cultured men to join our Order, who then would. I think it is the duty of every Mason to encourage this new departure, which can never assume alarming proportions.
- Yours truly and fraternally, J. RAMSDEN RILEY.

Bradford, Dec. 2nd.

MASONIC MENDICANCY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The correspondence which has been going on of late in your columns with respect to mendicant Freemasons has interested me, as I too have not been altogether free from the unwelcome visits of these persons, whose desire it is to lay claim on one's charity, on the ground that they are brethren in distress.

It is hard to shut up our bowels of compassion against one who from some unforeseen calamity of misfortune may be reduced to penury and distress and claims our assistance, we cannot, I am sure, feel other than impelled towards practising a virtue we at all events once professed to admire, and to turn him away without some temporary assistance seems a hard measure.

Such were my thoughts a few weeks ago when a person calling himself Bro. John Bell paid me a visit at my place of business. He said that he was initiated in Lodge No. 444, meeting at Star Cross, Devon, and of which he was still a member, that he had sought employment from that town to London, and begged of me to do something for him.

I promised him that I would communicate with the lodge named, and on his calling again in a day or two would give him employment if his statement as made was authenticated. I wrote to the Secretary stating the case, and enclosing a stamped envelope addressed to myself for his reply, but whether that worthy brother has ought else to do, or cannot bring himself to tell the truth of a brother "whose case I stated to him," I know not, certain it is I have not received a reply.

If brethren will act in this way, and when appealed to, refuse to give a brother's letter the attention which ordinary courtesy demands, we are likely to have these mendicants prowling about, and the claim they appear at first sight to possess must remain unrefuted.—Yours fraternally,

THOMAS PALMER, S.D. Lodge 73.

Lower Camden, Chislehurst, Dec. 8th.

Herewith is a copy of my letter:

"Grange Mills, Bermondsey, 15th Oct., 1884.

"To the Secretary Lodge of Union, No. 444, Star Cross, Devon.

"Dear Sir and Brother,—A person in apparently very reduced circumstances has applied to me for help, his sole introduction being that he calls himself a Mason. I would willingly relieve any poor and distressed brother who seeks my assistance, but having once been imposed upon I fight shy in the future, and make inquiries first. This person says his name is John Bell, that he is a member of the Lodge of Union, No. 444, meeting at Star Cross, in the county of Devon.

"Will you have the kindness to say whether you know such a person, and whether he is still a member of your lodge."

THE PRESTONIAN LECTURE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In your issue of 4th October you published a letter from "G. L. H.," asking for information upon the above subject.

I am now in a position to give that brother answers to some of his enquiries.

1. Lord Zetland, G.M., in Grand Lodge on the 20th April, 1857, stated that "he should request the W.M. of the Royal York Lodge, No. 7, to nominate some brother to deliver the lecture for the present year."

2. In January, 1858, the lecture was commenced by the W.M. of the Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, and continued by the S.W. at the same meeting as far "as time would permit."

3. In the "Freemason's Magazine" of January 27th, 1858, the editor complains that "the Prestonian lecture—of which so much had been heard—was delivered in a private lodge, without the slightest notice being given to the Craft that such an event was to take place;" and then gives a history of the institution and revival of the lecture, complaining also of the manner in which the G.M. had caused its revival as failing to lend due importance, and to give proper publicity to its intended delivery.

4. On the 17th February, 1858, the W.M. of the Grand Stewards' Lodge "informed the brethren that having been appointed by the M.W.G.M. Prestonian Lecturer, he should appoint a special evening for the Prestonian lecture." On the 17th March he announced that the lecture would be delivered on the 21st April, 1858, and it was so delivered to an audience of "between forty and fifty brethren assembled in the Temple, by Bro. Johnstone," the W.M. of the Lodge. The lecture was delivered in two parts, taking about 35 minutes each, and complaint was made that the lecturer "read too much and spoke too little."

5. The "Freemason's Magazine" for May, 1858, states that "Bro. Thiselton, the Secretary of Lodge No. 2 (Antiquity) has been appointed Prestonian Lecturer," and accordingly the lecture was delivered by him at a meeting of the Lodge of Antiquity on the 27th October of that year.

6. Upon this occasion an introductory address was delivered, in which it was mentioned that Bro. Stephen Jones, P.M. of the Lodge of Antiquity, was the first Prestonian Lecturer, being so appointed by the Duke of Sussex, then G.M. and W.M. of the Lodge of Antiquity. Bro. Jones was reappointed annually for several years, and subsequently Bro. Laurence Thompson was nominated Lecturer, and he delivered the lecture once in each year till his death. Bro. Thompson was the last surviving pupil of Preston. Upon Bro. Thompson's death, no other Lecturer seems to have been appointed till 1857, and I am unable to find trace of any appointment, or of any lecture having been delivered since October, 1858.

Upon these points I would note:

1. No payment to the Lecturers in 1857 and 1858 is recorded in Grand Lodge accounts for those years, nor even in 1859.

2. No entry appears in Grand Lodge accounts of the receipt of the dividends on the £300 Consols left by Preston, as far as I am able to ascertain.

And I would venture to enquire:

1. In whose names do the Consols stand?
2. What is done with the dividends?
3. Is any Lecturer now appointed?
4. Has any Lecturer been appointed, or and lecture delivered since 1858?
5. Were the three lectures delivered in that year paid for or not?
6. Where can the lecture be found in manuscript or in print?
7. Can you furnish a brief outline of it, or refer me to any book in which such an outline is given?

I am, yours fraternally,

S. M. M. C. O.

[Our correspondent is in error on one point. Bro. Henry Warren, P.G.S., well-known to us all, was the last, as far as we are aware, officially recognized Lecturer. He delivered the lecture several times, as well in the provinces as in London. We have, however, reason to believe that up to the decease of our lamented Bro. John Hervey other brethren were appointed, and received the interest of the trust, though whether they delivered the lecture we know not. They may have delivered a lecture privately in a lodge. Since that period, as we understand the matter, the interest has accumulated of the £300.—Ed. F.M.]

MASONIC EMBLEMS AMONG SAVAGES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Bro. Fenn, in his letter of the 29th ult., has thrown considerable light on this difficult question, and has induced me to follow up the subject somewhat more closely. The Creek, Chickesaw, Choctaw, and Cherokee Indians formed a group of tribes ranging over the greater part of Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi, with Northern Florida. Of these the first three were united by blood and language; the Cherokees belonged to a different stock, but were joined with the others in a federation, of which the Creek tribe was leader.

During the War of Independence these tribes took different sides—the Creeks joined the Americans, while the

Cherokees sided with the English. Of the other two tribes I have no information; but it is certain that all four were compelled to submit to the United States Government in 1785-6—that is, about seven years before the appointment of Bro. W. A. Bowles as their Provincial Grand Master, which office he held, according to contemporary calendars, from 1792 to 1806.

After 1800 we find these four nations being gradually removed from their old haunts to the Indian territory, where they now reside, and, according to late reports, are the most settled and civilised of the aboriginal races.

We must now turn to the Tuskarora tribe, from whom came the Masonic emblems which gave rise to this correspondence.

This nation originally inhabited the centre of North Carolina; but in 1712 moved north into New York State (where they are now), and joined that powerful federation of tribes which we know as the Iroquois nation. If the Tuskaroras, the Creeks, and their allies all received Masonry from a common source, it must have been before the exodus of the former tribe in 1712, and long before the advent of Bro. Bowles in about 1775, when he first took up his abode among the Creeks; nor have we any reason to believe that the Tuskaroras and the Creeks ever came into contact, as their territories were, at least, 150 miles apart. The balance of probability goes to show that the Creeks and Tuskaroras became acquainted with Masonry from independent sources.

My attention has lately been called to the following passage from the "Freemasons' Magazine" for 1858, p. 555:—"The Rev. Leander Ker, G. Chap. of the G. Lodge of Kansas, in his report on foreign correspondence, states that he was informed 'by a worthy brother Mason and a worthy Minister of the Methodist Church, who had been for many years a missionary among the Chippeway Indians, that he found Masons among the Chippeways, and was himself in their lodges; and that their signs, tokens, and passwords were the same as ours, and that they could not tell when, or by whom, Masonry was introduced among them, but it was beyond the memory of their fathers.'"

This tribe inhabit the country about Lakes Michigan and Superior, a tract about 250 miles from the present settlement of the Tuskaroras, and, at least, 800 miles from the Creeks.

From these facts I think we may infer that we have, at least, three independent centres of Masonry among the American Indians; but when or how the Craft was introduced is lost in obscurity.—Yours fraternally,
Oxford, December 4th. B. P. LASCELLES.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

To the Editor of "The Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Will you very kindly answer me the following question? If possible in this week's issue. A motion affecting the funds of a lodge was brought forward after due notice and carried. At the next lodge meeting the minutes of the previous lodge were put for confirmation, when the brethren who had voted against the motion on the previous occasion, moved to strike out the portion of the minutes referring to the motion.

It was submitted by a brother that it would be out of order to again discuss the subject matter of the motion, but that if the minutes as recorded were a faithful record of what taken place, it was the duty of the meeting to confirm, and that then a brother could at the proper time give notice of motion to rescind the resolution which had been carried. This was contested by several members.

Will you please give your opinion upon this point, and very much oblige.—Yours fraternally,

SECRETARY.

28, Broomwood-rd., Wandsworth Common,
December 10th.

[The two views have been always warmly contested, but what happened in Grand Lodge in December, 1883, when certain distinct resolutions passed at previous special communications were non-confirmed, will incline many to regard the usual "confirmation of minutes" as affecting the business of which they are the record, rather than the question whether or not they are a correct account of that business.—Ed. F.M.]

BOYS' AND GIRLS' INDUSTRIAL HOMES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Sir,—I venture to ask you to allow me to bring the present pressing needs of this old established Charity under the notice of your numerous readers. Owing to the great distress now prevailing, the applications for relief are most urgent and numerous, and unfortunately we cannot adequately meet them, our funds being abnormally low. Our operations are not confined to any creed, district, or nationality, —want being the only qualification needed,—the deserving poor never being refused assistance. Upwards of 2000 persons are benefited weekly. The Treasurer, Wilfrid A. Bevan, Esq., 54, Lombard-street, will thankfully receive contributions, or they may be forwarded to—Your obedient servant,
PEREGRINE PLATT, Secretary.



463] THE POET MASON.

Perhaps Bro. Whythead can tell me if there is any trace of the Poet Mason's membership of the York Lodge? He was Prebendary of York and Rector of Aston. In 1775, he says to Horace Walpole: "Though I am a Freemason, I am not a Grand Master, and therefore cannot myself call the lodge you wish me to call."

MASONIC STUDENT.

464] BRO. HUNTER'S "LODGE OF JOURNEYMEN

MASONS, No. 8."

Is this for sale? I fail to find any notice of the fact in the review of the 8th ult., and, if within my means, am desirous of obtaining it. G. W. M. SPETH.

465] THE LIBRARY OF THE GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

The few works mentioned at random by Bro. D. Murray Lyon (*Freemason* 22nd ult.) show the value of this collection. Will he kindly advertise the catalogue when completed? as, if for sale, I am a purchaser, as would probably

be every Masonic student in England, Germany, and America. Many thanks for his kind answer.
G. Wm. SPETH.

466] THE BATTLE OF THE GRADES.
The brother signing himself "The Third Degree" will oblige me by giving from Bro. Hunter's capital history of the "Lodge Journeymen" any extracts from the original records which give the "quietus to the monograde theory," understanding as I do by the term *one degree* prior to say 1717. I believe there were three *grades*, but not *separate degrees*, prior to the period mentioned, and so do Lyon and Gould.
W. J. HUGHAN.
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"Third Degree" (461) has been, I am afraid, misinformed. This is the one subject on which, so far, Bro. Gould and I have agreed to fundamentally differ. At our last interview I failed to convince him, and he, I believe, flatters himself (wrongfully) that he has shaken my convictions. His views will no doubt be developed in the coming Vol. IV. of his *Op. Mag.*; mine, as I am very busy on other subjects, I hope to dilate on in a few months' time. Meanwhile, I say it in all humility, although it looks conceited, I agree with no one.
G. W. SPETH.



Craft Masonry.

OLD FORTITUDE AND CUMBERLAND LODGE (No. 12).—This lodge met on Monday, the 1st inst., at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street. Present: Bros. W. J. Bedell, W.M.; Georges Pigache, S.W.; C. F. Peall, J.W.; Dudley Rolls, P.M.; Treas., H. Snellgrove, P.M., Sec., W. B. Kidder, P.M.; R. Combs, Sidney Rolls, and Marsh, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. Dr. Ramsay, P.M., P.G.W. Middx.; C. Barsane, W.M. 66; and J. E. Shand, P.M. Sec. 1563 and 2030. Lodge was opened and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, and Bro. Nicholson was duly passed to the Second Degree. Bro. Georges Pigache, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, who expressed his sense of the great honour conferred in electing him as W.M., and expressed his regret that his father-in-law, Bro. D. Nicols, P.M., was prevented by indisposition from attending, but hoped that he would be able to be with them at the installation meeting.

Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, after which some capital songs and recitations by Bros. Pigache, Kidder, and Peall brought a pleasant evening to a close.

STRONG MAN LODGE (No. 45).—A meeting was held on the 4th inst., at Masons' Hall, Tavern, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street. Present: Bros. John Smith, W.M.; H. T. Nell, S.W.; L. S. Fountaine, J.W.; H. Follett, P.M. and Treas.; John N. Heale, Sec.; R. E. Hunt, S.D.; H. J. Dean, Org.; G. G. Symons, P.M. and D.C.; F. C. Herbert, I.G.; T. C. Cubbon, Stwd.; E. Mallett, Tyler; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M.; G. G. Symons, P.M.; W. H. G. Ball, P.M.; W. A. S. Humphin, P.M.; Herbert, Bolt, Carter, Kelsey, King, Mace, Smethurst, Docwra, Liddall, Madan, Wood, Liddall, jun., and Willats. Visitors: Bros. E. Snelling, J. S. Rutter, Hy. Lovegrove, W. G. Broad, and R. W. Willats.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Messrs. W. H. Liddall and C. S. Madan, which proved unanimous in their favour. These gentlemen, with Mr. L. Docwra, were then regularly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry according to ancient custom.

Other business matters having been disposed of, the brethren sat down to an excellent repast provided by Bro. S. Wood. A most enjoyable evening was spent, enlivened by good songs from several of the brethren under the able management of the Organist, Bro. H. J. Dean.

LION AND LAMB LODGE (No. 192).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 4th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel, E.C. Present: Bros. H. Stevenson, W.M.; B. Perkins, S.W.; H. Medwin, J.W.; H. Legge, P.M., Treas.; George Abbott, P.M., Sec.; W. Dowland, S.D.; Thomas Fisher, J.D.; W. Williams, I.G.; Thomas Cohu, P.M., Stew.; W. T. Dyer, Tyler; A. Gutter, A. G. Darnell, Ley, and Marke. Visitors: Bros. Gibbs, J.W. 1613; Reid, 1334; Bolton, J.W. 1314; Marsh, 29; McKay, W.M. 720; Cotton, 1613; and Burgess, 2048.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Marke was raised, and retired, when the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the said brother was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. A letter was read from the Grand Secretary approving the recent alteration in Bye-law V., increasing the lodge dues from three to four guineas per annum. There being no further business the lodge was closed in due form, when the brethren adjourned to banquet, and the usual Masonic toasts were honoured, and a pleasant evening spent.

UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1789).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 21st ult., at the Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street. Present: Bros. Luckhurst, W.M.; Wade, P.M., S.W.; Gibson, J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; Capt. Butterworth, Treas.; P. Coughlan, Sec.; Green, sen., S.D.; C. White, P.M., J.D.; Glover, I.G.; Wray, P.M.; Ascott, P.M.; Hume, McCullagh, Green, jun., Stephens, Taylor, J. Purnell, and Bessell.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Taylor being a candidate for the Third Degree answered the usual questions, was entrusted, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The Preceptor, assisted by Bro. Wray, P.M., worked the 1st Section of this Lecture. Bros. Boulton, P.M., J. Gibson, and P. Coughlan were unanimously elected as Preceptor, Treasurer, and Secretary for the ensuing year; and Bros. Wade, P.M.; Green, sen.; and J. Glover, were elected as a Committee to audit the accounts. These brethren having replied, the W.M. rose

for the first time, and Bro. Bessell, 218 (I.C.), was unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. Bessell having replied, the W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Wade, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. It was also proposed, seconded, and unanimously carried that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Luckhurst for the very able and efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of W.M. for the first time in this lodge. The W.M. having replied, and nothing further offering, the lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

A meeting of the above lodge was held on the 28th ult., at the Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street. Present: Bros. Wade, W.M.; Gibson, Treas., S.W.; Green, sen., J.W.; P. Coughlan, Sec.; Glover, S.D.; A. Hayes, J.D.; Taylor, I.G.; C. White, P.M.; F. Purnell, and King.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was then received and adopted. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Glover, candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Purnell, a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, answered the usual questions and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The ceremony of raising was then rehearsed, Bro. Purnell, candidate. Bro. Gibson was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 8th inst., at the Bolton Hotel, Duke-road, when there were present Bros. Geo. Everett, P.M., P.Z., W.M.; Chas. Everett, S.W.; George Gardner, J.W.; F. Lawrence, P.M., P.Z., M.D., Treas.; H. Price, Sec.; R. Harvey, S.D.; J. Sadler Wood, J.D.; W. Gomm, D.C.; H. Furze, acting I.G.; Ricehman, Org.; Broad, Tyler; J. Welch, E. Bayly, J. Brown, C. Notley, C. Coward, C. Packer, H. Fruen, J. H. D. Meyer, C. Hopkins, A. H. Strong, R. Wimpey, and C. Hughes. Bros. Smither and Brittain were present as visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken, which proved unanimous, in favour of a joining brother. Bros. Packer and Meyer were passed to the Second Degree, and Bro. Notley raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., both ceremonies being performed in the W.M.'s well-known efficient manner. This being election night, the brethren unanimously voted the S.W. to fill the chair as Worshipful Master for the ensuing 12 months. Bro. F. Lawrence, the Treasurer, was re-elected, and Bro. Broad appointed as Tyler. Auditors were then elected, and the Audit meeting fixed for the 29th inst. Bro. Geo. Gardner then rose and proposed that a Past Master's jewel be presented to the outgoing Master, at the same time expressing the great satisfaction the brethren must feel at having had the valuable services of so well-known and efficient an officer to govern and assist them during the first year of their existence, which was seconded by Bro. C. Everett, and cordially received and agreed to. Bro. G. Gardner, J.W., then announced that he had given his name as Steward for the Benevolent Institution, and he should be pleased to represent the lodge; he was unanimously voted to do so. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed, and the brethren proceeded to the banquet, which was enlivened by excellent vocal and instrumental music by Bros. Furze, Brown, Smither, and others, and thus ended one of the pleasantest evenings this lodge has ever held, and augurs well for the future.

ABBAY LODGE (No. 2030).—The ordinary December meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, at the Town Hall, Westminster, under the presidency of Bro. W. Burdett-Coutts, W.M. The attendance of members of the lodge and visitors was very large, there being some 80 brethren present. All three ceremonies were on the business paper for performance. The lodge met punctually, and was immediately opened, and the W.M. at once commenced his work after reading and confirmation of the minutes. Bros. Talbot, Davies, Dexter, Dick, and Holland were raised to the Third Degree; Bros. J. E. Smith, H. H. Bridgeman, and Z. A. Berry were passed to the Second Degree; and Messrs. Sydney Hodges, Alfred Walter Hillier, and George White were initiated.

Bro. Spinks, who during the W.M.'s first year is acting as Past Master, afterwards stated that the City of Westminster Lodge had invited the Master and officers of the Abbey Lodge to the installation meeting of the City of Westminster Lodge, and he said he believed this was the first time that this brotherly and friendly act had been performed by an English lodge. He hailed the advent of such a custom with the greatest delight, as he thought it would lead to the binding together of lodges and brethren even closer than they were before, and he could assure the brethren of the City of Westminster Lodge that the officers of that lodge would be invited to the next installation meeting of the Abbey Lodge.

The Worshipful Master next introduced the subject of a Stewardship of the Abbey Lodge for the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, but after some little discussion an understanding was arrived at that the lodge should take up only one Institution for a year. The W.M. was Steward for the Girls' School last year, and for the Boys' School this year. The brethren before the lodge was closed, on the motion of the S.W., seconded by Bro. Spinks, voted two guineas to the Christmas entertainment of the annuitants in the Benevolent Institution at Croydon.

The lodge was afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to the large hall, where a splendid banquet provided by Bros. Bertram and Roberts awaited them. The customary toasts followed.

The Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., responded for "The Grand Officers," and said he looked forward to the time when Bro. Burdett-Coutts would take his place in Grand Lodge, which he had not done as yet, being so few years a Mason. He hoped to see him taking a prominent part in the proceedings of Grand Lodge. When he did he would personally appreciate Lord Carnarvon and Lord Lathom. If Grand Lodge had been present that evening it would have been pleased with the working of the Abbey Lodge. From the W.M. downwards all the officers did their work well, and if all lodges did the same it would tend to raise the Craft to the high degree of excellence and power which it ought to maintain. This was really being done by the lodges quietly and unobtrusively, and it reminded him of the building of King Solomon's temple, which was done without noise of instruments or iron, as was described by Heber—

No hammer fell, no ponderous axes rung;
Like a tall palm the mystic fabric sprung;
Bro. Spinks proposed "The W.M.," and said every one must acknowledge the excellence of the style of the Worshipful Master in the delivery of the ritual. They had all reason to be proud of their Worshipful Master, both for his work and for the way he carried out that Masonic duty—Charity—the corner stone of the fabric, the bright jewel that adorned the whole erection. He was sure Bro. Burdett-Coutts was proud of being Master of the lodge. Nobody could possibly help being proud of being first Master of a lodge whose success was without example in the history of Metropolitan lodges or in the wide range of English Freemasonry. Having had less than a twelve-month's existence it had 55 or 56 members; the W.M. had initiated 24 or 25; raised and passed 23 or 24.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said it was extremely difficult for him to express the great feelings of appreciation he had of the way in which his name had been received by the brethren. He hoped the working would always be a great object in the lodge. It had been a certain amount of labour to him to get it up, for which he did not take to himself any credit; but he advanced it as a proof of his love of the work, and his respect for the institution. He was very much indebted to his officers, because the greater part of the excellence of the work was effected by them. With respect to Masonic Charity, the lodge had done well, and the contributions to his list as Steward for the Girls' School were most hearty and loyal. He was proud to reflect upon the extraordinary success of the lodge which had been referred to by Bro. Spinks. Although it was not unprecedented, it was unusual, and he did not know to what to attribute it, except to the fact that in Westminster there was a combination of circumstances which showed there was a necessity for such a lodge. This had been proved by the fact of such a large number of brethren wishing to join, and of gentlemen wishing to be initiated. He hoped he would be excused if he ventured to think that the name he bore had to a certain extent created a prejudice in favour of the lodge. He was sorry to have been absent from the last meeting of the lodge, and he was grateful to Bro. Spinks for having then done his work. He (the W.M.) was then in Ireland with the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, and the visit was interesting for many reasons. The Baroness had long before been connected with Ireland by her good works. On this, their first visit to that country, he was glad to say the Baroness was received, even in those parts with which she had not been personally connected, most cordially. When they went down to the south-west, through a bleak and Atlantic-beaten coast, which stood like a sentinel facing towards the west, nothing but 3000 miles of the ocean between it and America, the Baroness met with a reception which was one of the most extraordinary things he had ever seen. He had seen her received in London by crowds stretching from Piccadilly to St. Paul's with one continuous shouting and cheering, by a provincial town in the North, with 100,000 cheering; but that was nothing to the warmth and enthusiasm and devotion which was shown by those wild, uncouth inhabitants of the south-west of Ireland. There was certainly a cause for it, for four or five years ago she set on foot a system of assisting the people. Off the coast was an enormous quantity of mackerel, which vessels from England, Scotland, and France were sent to catch. These vessels took the fish, which were really a fortune, and the inhabitants of the Irish coasts of which we were speaking, rough, hardy, and brave men, were compelled year after year up to five years ago to sit idly looking on at these foreigners taking away the harvest of the sea because they had no boats to go out to sea in. The Baroness started a system of providing them with boats on strictly commercial principles. The consequence was that a town that seven or eight years ago was in an extremely destitute condition was now practically on the high road to prosperity. Companies had sprung up; fishermen had themselves in that short space of time been able to make sufficient money to improve their dwellings and buy lands, and also to buy boats for themselves. Yet all the time they had done this they had been absolutely scrupulous in paying back their loans, and at the present time there was not a single £5 note outstanding. The W.M. then proceeded to say that he hoped the lodge would cherish the traditions of the Craft and those feelings of social sympathy which seemed to him the most charming element in these meetings. He again appealed to the brethren to support the Charities.

The other toasts of "The Initiates," "The Visitors," "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast followed.

CHICHESTER.—Lodge of Union (No. 38).—A meeting was held on the 4th inst. at the Council Chamber, when there were present Bros. Oliver Lloyd, W.M.; Lord Algernon Gordon Lennox, S.W.; Barrett, J.W.; Rev. H. M. Davey, P.M., P.P.G.C., Chap.; J. St. Clair, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., Treas.; J. H. Hawes, Sec.; H. E. Breach, S.D.; G. C. Inkpen, J.D.; G. Smith, P.M., P.P.G.D., D.C.; W. Doman, I.G.; Beatson, Tyler; the Earl of March and Kincarn, M.P., P.M., P.G.W.; R. G. Raper, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; O. N. Wyatt, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; J. M. Percival, P.M.; F. W. Gruggen, P.M., Prov. G. Stwd.; H. Heather, A. Swann, E. F. Gower, G. Kemp, G. Turner, John Fielden, T. Partington, and C. F. Charge. Visitors: Bros. C. Yule, P.P.G. Org. Oxon; A. Lambert, P.P.G. Org. Lincoln; and H. R. Law, 908.

Mr. H. H. Moore having been unanimously accepted, was initiated into Freemasonry. The brethren being called on to appoint a Steward to represent the lodge at the coming Festival of the Girls' School, at which the Prov. G.M. for Sussex, R. W. Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., will preside, Bro. Raper, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., was unanimously requested to act. Labour being ended, the brethren, at the invitation of the W.M., adjourned for refreshment.

SUNDERLAND.—Phoenix Lodge (No. 94).—On Wednesday, the 3rd inst., the installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall. The W.M., Bro. John Dixon, presided, and was supported by the following visitors and others: Bros. J. Potts, P.P.G.D.; M. Frampton, P.P.G.S.B.; A. T. Muuro, P.P.G.S.B.; T. Binks, W.M. 240; J. H. Morton, P.M. 240; J. E. Nelson, W.M. 80; J. H. Leech, P.M. 97; J. J. Clay, P.G. D.D.C.; W. M. Bell, P.P.G.A.D.C. Northumberland; J. C. Moor, P.G.J.D.; J. Deans, J.W. 2039; H. Simpson, J.D. 949; J. Riseborough, P.P.G.P.; J. G. Kirtley,

W.M. 949; J. D. Todd, P.M.; J. Hudson, P.M.; G. Wanless, P.M.; E. Sutherst, P.M.; W. Whinham, P.M.; and T. Henderson, P.M. 94.

The W.M. elect, Bro. J. A. Rainbow, S.W., Prov. G. Stwd., was installed as W.M. by Bro. M. Frampton, P.P.G.S.B., by whom the ceremony was well performed. The newly-installed W.M., Bro. Rainbow, afterwards invested the following officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. Dixon, I.P.M.; T. G. Garrick, S.W.; Wm. Dawson, J.W.; J. D. Todd, P.M., Sec.; John Scarborough, S.D.; C. Hunter, J.D.; J. W. Ord, I.G.; G. Wanless, P.M., D. of C.; W. Whinham, P.M., Org.; I. Friedman, J. G. Harris, and J. W. H. Swan, Stwds.; and J. W. Brown, Tyler.

The annual banquet was afterwards held at the Empress Hotel. The W.M., Bro. Rainbow, presided, and he was supported by Bros. J. Potts, J. Dixon, J. E. Nelson, M. Frampton, J. J. Clay, J. G. Kirtley, W. Liddell, T. Henderson, W. M. Bell, J. Dobson, and others. In the course of the proceedings of the lodge, Bro. J. Hudson, P.M., presented to the lodge a framed portrait of Bro. Dr. Tipping Brown, who was for 12 years Master of the lodge a century ago. The portrait was the gift of Bro. J. S. Cumberland, York, through the Prov. G. Secretary, Bro. R. Hudson. It was agreed that the thanks of the lodge be given to Bro. Cumberland for his valued gift.

RICHMOND.—Lennox Lodge (No. 123).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 4th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Newbiggin-street, when there were present Bros. Hy. Proctor, I.P.M., acting W.M.; R. B. Hall, S.W.; P. J. Heslop, J.W.; J. W. Smith, P.M., Treas.; J. March, Sec.; J. C. Denham, S.D.; J. Gibson, J.D.; R. Spence, I.G.; G. W. Anderson, Stwd.; Wm. Grieve, Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. Procter, Smith, Greathead, Robinson, Roper, and Rogers; Bros. Close, Hogg, Watson, Scholes, Binks, Robinson, Alderson, Grinton, Metcalfe, Greathead, Whitelock, and Pearson.

Bro. Hall, S.W., was duly elected W.M. elect for the ensuing year, and Bro. Smith, P.M., Treas. Wm. Harry Vane Milbank, Esq., of Birmingham Park, in the county of York, was duly elected for initiation. Bro. Hogg was duly raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., the ceremony being ably conducted by Bro. Rogers, P.M., P.P.G.J.W. North and East Yorkshire.

YORK.—York Lodge (No. 236).—At a regular meeting of this lodge, held at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, on Monday night, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. G. Garbutt, Bro. Wm. Draper, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year; Bro. Jos. Todd, P.M., P.P.G.R., was re-elected Treas.; and Bro. Calvert was re-elected Tyler. The installation of the W.M. and the banquet will take place on Monday, the 15th inst.

LEEDS.—Fidelity Lodge (No. 280).—On the 4th inst., this lodge had the honour of installing in the chair Bro. Wm. Lawies Jackson, one of the representatives in Parliament of this important borough, in the presence of a large and influential assembly of the Craft, amongst whom were the R.W.D.P.G.M., Bro. Few; Bros. W. H. Brittain, P.P.G.W., Mayor of Sheffield; Lieut. Col. Hartley, P.P.G.W.; J. Wordsworth, P.P.G.W.; H. Smith, Prov. G. Sec.; R. Wilson, P.P.G. Treas.; C. L. Mason, P.P.G. Treas.; R. Martin, P.P.G. Treas. W. Lanc.; T. T. Callow, P.P.G. Treas. W. Lanc.; Edwin Woodhouse, W.M. 2069, ex-Mayor of Leeds; and many other eminent Masons, all of the Leeds lodges being represented, as well as a great number of visiting brethren.

The ceremony was a most interesting one, and admirably rendered by Bro. Alfred Williamson, I.P.M., and its solemnity and beauty were much enhanced by the introduction of music sung by an efficient choir from the "Freemason's Liber Musicus," a work to which Bro. Hughan's admirable letter in the *Freemason* a few months ago, drew attention to its varied character and great value, and is edited by a P.M. of this lodge, Bro. Dr. Spark, P.P.G.O., the eminent Organist of the Leeds Town Hall. This work is now published in a cheap and portable edition, which it is hoped will lead to its being generally adopted by the Craft, as our services are so admirably adapted for the judicious introduction of music. Immediately after the ceremony, the Festival of St. John was held, which was attended by about 100 of the brethren.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Affability (No. 317).—The usual monthly meeting was held on Thursday, the 4th inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street. Present: Bros. W. J. Cunliffe, W.M.; J. R. Lever, P.M., acting S.W.; R. R. Lisenden, J.W.; W. Nicholl, P.M., Treas.; John Garside, Sec.; James Wilson, P.M., acting S.D.; W. B. Akerman, I.G.; G. C. Fröhling, Org.; Abraham Wild and Edward Smith, Stewards; J. Sly, Tyler; James Dawson, P.M.; John Bladon, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; John Smethurst, P.M.; Isaac Pearson, C. V. Auger, S. Hamer, Thomas Sumner, E. B. Wormleighton, A. Rothneyer, C. J. Rex R. Tomlins, J. Smith, F. Warburton, E. J. Chesworth, and G. Wihl. Visitors: Bros. E. T. Allison, 163; Thos. Whalley, I.G. 323; J. Milligan, 1459; Wm. Marshall, 667; and Walter Seymour, Canongate Kilwinning Lodge, Edinburgh.

The lodge was opened at six o'clock, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Ebenezer Wormleighton being in attendance, and desirous of taking his Third Degree, was examined as to his proficiency in the Second, and having satisfactorily answered, withdrew. At the request of the W.M., Bro. James Dawson, P.M., took the chair of K.S., and upon Bro. Wormleighton's re-entrance into the lodge, raised him to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., in that able manner for which he has the reputation. This being the night of election, the choice of the brethren fell upon the S.W., Bro. J. W. Edwards, who was declared unanimously elected. Bro. Edwards, however, being unfortunately seriously indisposed, was consequently not present, and thereby prevented from acknowledging the confidence the brethren had reposed in him, but his partner in business, the W.M., returned thanks on Bro. Edwards' behalf. Bro. William Nicholl, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer and Charity Representative, and Bro. Sly, Tyler. After some other lodge business had been discussed, the visitors expressed "Hearty good wishes," and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

WAKEFIELD.—Wakefield Lodge (No. 495).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Tuesday last, in its own hall, when Bro. Albany Charlesworth, of Chapelthorpe Hall, was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. W. Glover, P.M. Bro. T. W. Tew, D.P.G.M. for West Yorkshire, was present, as well as several Provincial Officers. Bro. Statter, the father of the lodge, was also present, Bro. W. Wood, H. France, W. B. Alderson, and many more.

Sixty sat down to the banquet, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

HARTLEPOOL.—St. Helen's Lodge (No. 531).—The annual festival and installation of this old lodge took place on Thursday, the 4th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Regent-square, in the presence of a large number of distinguished brethren and visitors. The lodge was opened by the W.M., assisted by his officers, and after the confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting the ceremony of installation commenced, Bro. Matthew Harrison, S.W., being the Master elect, and Bro. John Hunter, jun., P.M., P.P.G.J.W., the Installing Master. A board of Past Masters was formed, including Bros. John Horsley, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; F. H. Bennett, P.M., P.G.J.D.; J. W. Cameron, P.M. 764, P.P.G.S.W.; J. T. Belk, P.M. 1848, P.P.G.S.W. for N.E. Yorks.; W. Cooper, P.M. 602, P.P.G.R. N.E. Yorks.; H. J. Watkin, P.M. 602, P.P.G.R. N.E. Yorks.; A. Knowles, J.P., P.M. 509, P.P.G.S.D. Durham; W. Gregory, W.M. 764; T. Metcalfe, W.M. 1862, and other distinguished brethren. The new W.M. having been installed, was saluted by the brethren in the usual form, and then proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year. The following appointments were made: Bros. J. Hunter, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., I.P.M.; F. Hockaday, S.W.; J. Wetherell, J.W.; E. Mixey, J.W. 23, Sec.; W. Shaw, Treas.; E. C. Jobson, S.D.; G. Patrick, J.D.; W. Belk, I.G.; H. Kirby and J. Boulton, Stwds.; T. J. Johnson, P.M., D.C.; and W. Hutchinson, Tyler.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the W.M., on behalf of the lodge, presented a splendid jewel of office to the Treasurer in recognition of his long services to the lodge and the high esteem in which he is held by the brethren. A beautiful jewel was also presented to the Organist, to mark the appreciation of his aid in the efficient rendering of the ceremonies.

After several candidates had been proposed for membership, and "Hearty good wishes" expressed by the visitors, the lodge was closed in due form and the brethren adjourned to Bro. Humble's, Cleveland Hotel, where a banquet had been prepared in mine host's best style, to which about 50 sat down. On the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, interspersed with songs, glees, and instrumental performances by the musical brethren, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. During the evening telegrams of congratulation were exchanged with the Lees Lodge, No. 509, and the Marquis of Ripon Lodge, No. 1389, who were also celebrating their annual festival. Letters and telegrams were also received from Provincial Officers and brethren at a distance who were unable to attend. The jewels were manufactured by our esteemed Bro. G. Kenning, and evoked universal admiration. Such a gathering has not been known in Hartlepool for several years, and the festival of the mother lodge of the district for 1884 will be long remembered as a red letter day in the local annals of Freemasonry.

NEWBURY.—Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, (No. 574).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 5th inst., at the Temperance Hall, when there were present Bro. E. P. Plenty, W.M.; W. H. Belcher, S.W.; M. H. C. Palmer, J.W.; A. Burns, Treas.; H. S. Hanington, Sec.; F. C. Fidler, S.D.; J. A. Johnston, J.D.; W. Knight, D.C.; R. Hickman, I.G.; J. Legg, Tyler; R. Ravenor, P.M.; W. T. Toms, P.M.; G. Boyer, P.M.; S. G. Hunt, P.M.; J. T. Nundy, F. J. Harrold, W. Graham, J. Newbery, and E. Head.

After a brother had been raised, the S.W., Bro. W. H. Belcher, was elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. H. S. Hanington said he should be pleased to represent the lodge at the Festival of the Benevolent Institution in February next. The discussion for providing a Masonic Hall was adjourned to the January lodge. Bro. Burns, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer of the lodge.

SOUTHPORT.—Lodge of Unity (No. 613).—The celebration of the annual festival in connection with the above lodge took place on Monday, the 1st inst., at the Masonic Hall, when there was one of the largest and most influential gatherings ever witnessed here. The chair was taken by the W.M., Bro. George Duxfield, and there were present amongst others, many who had taken high honours in Masonry. The W.M. elect, Bro. Herbert Kidson, was presented by Bro. Sutton, P.M., and Bro. T. Adam, P.M., the installation ceremony being most effectively performed by Bro. Duxfield, the retiring W.M., who was afterwards presented with a handsome P.M.'s jewel. The following officers were appointed and invested for the ensuing year: Bros. George Duxfield, I.P.M.; Davies, S.W.; Cross, J.W.; Gale, S.D.; M'Feeter, J.D.; Dale, I.G.; Cory, Treas.; H. Hawkins, Sec.; Gardener, Org.; and G. Rockliff, Tyler.

Advantage was taken of this occasion to present the Mayor of Southport, Bro. G. Pilkington, W.M. 1070, with a very handsome robe of his Mayoral office, made of purple silk, trimmed with black velvet, and subscribed for by the members of 613, 1313, 1070. The presentation was made by Bro. Hope, P.P.G.C. W. Lanc., and feelingly acknowledged by Bro. Pilkington.

The members to the number of 100 afterwards adjourned to the Prince of Wales Hotel, where, under the superintendence of Bro. Wilkinson, manager, was provided a sumptuous banquet, served up in the excellent style for which this hotel is noted. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the evening was enlivened by some capital vocal and instrumental music.

LIVERPOOL.—St. John's Lodge (No. 673).—The ordinary monthly meeting of the members of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Tuesday evening, the 2nd inst., and the proceedings were rendered especially interesting by a presentation to the I.P.M., whose services to the lodge and Craft generally are very cordially recognised. Bro. S. W. H. Halse, W.M., presided, and amongst the chiefs of the lodge present were Bros. G. Godfrey, I.P.M.; T. Clark, P.P.G.S. of W.; H.

Burrows, P.M.; T. Roberts, P.M.; W. Brackenbury, P.P.G.S.D.C.; C. Marsh, P.M.; Dr. T. Clarke, S.W.; C. Robeson, J.W.; D. Jackson, P.M., Treas.; R. Owen, Sec.; J. T. Callow, P.P.G. Treas., D.C.; C. Cockbain, S.D.; J. B. Parker, J.D.; T. H. Stillings, I.G.; J. Maccabe, Stwd. The list of visitors included the names of Bros. W. Goodacre, P.G. Sec.; J. M. King, W.M. 823; D. Cangle, W.M. 249; M. Callaghan, W.M. 1393; and J. H. Tyson, W.M. 1182.

After the usual business of the lodge, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, and during the evening Bro. G. Godfrey, I.P.M., was presented with a handsome clock and ornaments, as a mark of the esteem of the brethren and in recognition of his valuable services to the lodge. The brethren also presented a valuable bracelet, through their I.P.M., to Mrs. Godfrey.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD.—St. Barnabas Lodge (No. 948).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Linslade. Present: Bros. W. T. Hammond, W.M.; A. S. Morling, S.W.; B. T. Fountaine, P.M., J.W.; B. T. Fountaine, Treas.; H. Poynter, P.M., Sec.; McCubbin, P.M., S.D.; Howard, J.D.; Bailey, I.G.; Gibbs, Tyler; King, P.M.; and English. Bro. Dale, Chiltern Lodge, Dunstable, was a visitor.

The W.M. raised Bro. English in his usual perfect style, after which the brethren dined together, Bro. Miller, the host, catering in his usual satisfactory manner.

ULVERSTON.—Furness Lodge (No. 995).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 2nd inst., at the Masonic Temple. Present: Bros. John Jenkins, W.M.; Rev. C. W. Bardsley, M.A., S.W.; John Swan, J.W.; Rev. L. R. Ayre, M.A., P.P.G.C., Chap.; J. Griffiths, Treas.; W. H. Todd, Sec.; F. J. Blacklock, acting S.D.; C. Watson, S.S., acting J.D.; Rev. F. G. McNally, M.A., P.M., D.C.; S. Grundy, I.G.; J. S. Witham, J.S.; John Robinson, Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. J. Case, P.G.S.D.; R. Casson, J. Grundy, W. Harrison, and J. Spidding; also Bros. Rev. R. B. Billinge, Rev. E. Heath, S. Pollitt, J. P. Ashburner, C. Pennington, J. Metcalf, Joseph Todd, W. M. Maud, and William Braithwaite.

Bro. Rev. C. W. Bardsley, M.A., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. J. Griffiths was re-elected Treas. Bro. John Robinson, for the 21st time, was elected Tyler. The installation will take place on the 29th inst., to be followed by a banquet at the County Hotel. On the motion of the Sec., £5 5s. was voted to the West Lancashire Educational Institution to qualify the Treasurer as Life Governor. The Secretary proposed Mr. Thomas Brown Nyren as a fit person to be a Mason. The lodge was then closed.

COCKERMOUTH.—Skiddaw Lodge (No. 1002).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., the W.M., Bro. Thomas Mason, in the chair. The minutes of last meeting having been confirmed, Bro. Overend was duly passed to the degree of a F.C. by Bro. Col. F. R. Sewell, P.M., P.P.G.S.W. Bro. Rev. Thwaites was balloted for as a joining member and approved. Bro. E. L. Waugh, S.W., was unanimously chosen as the W.M. elect for the next year; Bro. H. Peacock, Treasurer; and Bro. Hewson, Tyler (for the eighth time). The usual business of the evening having been transacted, and "Hearty good wishes" given, the lodge was duly closed. This was a very agreeable meeting, and the greatest number of members present than at any previous meeting held this year.

JERSEY.—Prince of Wales Lodge (No. 1003).—This lodge held its twenty-first anniversary at the Masonic Temple on the 13th ult. The principal business of the evening was that of installing Bro. F. Pearce, the W.M. elect, and appointing and investing the officers for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was performed in a very effective manner by Bro. Dr. John Le Cronier, D.P.G.M., assisted by the following Board of Installed Masters: Bros. Col. Ramsay, Past Dist. G.M. for Punjab, India; J. O. Le Sueur, P.P.G.S.W.; P. E. Sohler, P.G. Sec.; L. C. J. Livermore, W.M. 244, P.P.G.O.; O. Dodge, W.M. 245, P.P.G.R.; T. Baudains, W.M. 758, P.P.G.S. of W.; P. Blampied, P.M. 245, P.P.G.D. of C.; T. W. M. Bichard, P.M. 1807, P.P.G.S. of W.; G. Rogers, P.M., P.P.G.P.; G. J. Renouf, P.M., P.G. Treas.; H. M. Walden, P.M., P.P.G.R.; J. G. Pallot, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; P. Bois, P.M., P.G.R.; E. Kelly, P.M., P.G. Std. Br.; J. T. Baal, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; and H. M. Bartlett, P.M., P.P.G.P.

The following officers were appointed and invested for the ensuing year: Bros. F. Vincent, S.W.; T. Baudains, J.W.; G. J. Renouf, P.M., Treas.; P. Bois, P.M., Sec.; F. Mauger, S.D.; W. Carcand, J.D.; G. Walters, D. of C.; E. Dowden, Org.; W. F. M. Simon, I.G.; D. Walmsley and W. Vardon, Stwds.; and G. Rogers, P.M., Tyler. A vote of thanks was given to Bro. Dr. Le Cronier for the very able manner in which he had conducted the ceremony of installation. It was also unanimously resolved that a Past Master's jewel be presented to Bro. J. G. Pallot for services rendered by him in previous years as W.M. and for several years as Secretary. The report of the Auditors of the lodge accounts for the past year was read, and showed an increase of 20 per cent. in the lodge amount, while the sum of £15 had been given severally to cases of urgent relief, and no less than 25 guineas will have been sent forthwith to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution as part of the result of the labours of the lodge for the past year, being equal to 5s. for each subscribing member of the lodge sent to these most laudable Institutions.

At the close the brethren present—85 in number—sat down to a splendid banquet, provided by Bro. G. Rogers, Guardian of the Masonic Temple, where, as usual, he provided everything in a manner to give entire satisfaction. Among the several toasts which were proposed during the evening that of "Bro. Dr. Le Cronier, the Installing Master," and "Bro. F. Pearce, the W.M.," were received in a most hearty manner.

The toast of "The Past Masters of the Lodge" was responded to by Bro. G. J. Renouf, and Bro. Col. M. Ramsay most ably responded to the toast of "The Distinguished Visitors."

"The Prosperity of the Masonic Charities" was also proposed, and was responded to in a very suitable manner by Bro. J. O. Le Sueur, P.P.G.S.W.

Several songs were given during the evening by various brethren, among whom we may well mention the names of Bros. Livermore, Adams, Spooner, Vincent, Coombs, and

that of Bro. Fentum, P.G.O., for piano accompaniment. The banquet table was decorated with flowers in a most tasteful manner, through the kindness of Bro. H. Elliott, which contributed sensibly to this most enjoyable festival.

LOUGHBOROUGH.—Howe and Charnwood Lodge (No. 1007).—The annual festival of this now once more flourishing and highly popular lodge held at the Bull's Head Hotel, but very largely composed of brethren residing in the neighbouring county town of Leicester, was held on Tuesday, the 25th ult., and was the occasion of one of the largest and most influential gatherings of the Craft ever witnessed at such an event in the province of Leicestershire and Rutland, many brethren having travelled long distances from other provinces as a mark of respect to the W.M. elect, Bro. Charles Oliver, of Leicester, a brother of Councillor George Oliver, P.M., who was himself installed into the same chair two years ago, whose period of office was one of the most happy and prosperous in the recent history of the lodge, and who since he first joined it after the installation of the late General Burnaby, M.P., has throughout taken such an active interest in promoting its welfare. During the past year the lodge has been ably presided over by Bro. Walton Wilkinson, of Leicester, the newly-installed W.M. having filled the chair of S.W., and his unanimous election to the chair of King Solomon was a source of gratification to all the brethren. All the Leicester lodges were strongly represented at the ceremony, as well as various other lodges in different parts of the provinces, including Bro. T. Oliver, of the Bute Lodge, Cardiff, who takes the immediate charge and supervision of his brother, Councillor George Oliver's numerous branch boot and shoe establishments in all the principal towns of South Wales and the South and West of England. Bro. George Oliver, jun., the newly-initiated son of Bro. Councillor Oliver, was also among those present, illustrating the devotion of the family to the Craft, and the true brotherly love which prevails amongst them. As will be seen from the list which we give below, there was a very large attendance of P.M.'s, including W. Bro. S. Partridge, the extremely popular newly-appointed Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and his successor in the office of Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. the Rev. C. Henton Wood. The following is a complete list of those present so far as the Tyler's book enabled us to obtain it, though a number of brethren neglected to sign the book:

Bros. S. S. Partridge, D.P.G.M. Leicestershire and Rutland; C. H. Wood, P.G. Sec. Leicestershire and Rutland; F. R. W. Hedges, Sec. Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; F. Amatt, P.P.G.P., P.M., Treas. 1007; W. Vial, P.P.G.O., P.M., D.C. 1007; T. Cooke, P.M. 1007; B. Wood, P.P.G.P., P.M. 1007; G. Oliver, P.P.G.P., P.M. 1007, Treas. 1391; R. L. Gibson, P.P.G.P., P.M. 1007; W. Wilkinson, P.G. Std. Br., I.P.M. 1007, 279; C. Oliver, W.M. 1007, D.C. 1391; Rev. J. Bird, M.A., P.P.G.C., P.M., Chap. 1007, 1560; J. Vaughan, P.M. 85; 279, 1007; C. J. Wilkinson, P.P.G.P., P.M. 1391, 1007; W. Millican, P.P.G.S.W., P.M. 1560; J. G. F. Richardson, P.P.G.S.B., P.M. 1560; R. Michie, P.G.S.D., W.M. 279; J. D. Harris, W.M. 1560; G. Matt, P.P.G.P., W.M. 1391, 1007; T. A. Wykes, P.P.G. Treas., P.M. 523; E. Watson, P.P.G.J.D., I.P.M. 1391; J. S. Clarke, P.M. W.S. 399; J. Bland, P.M. 731; H. Nicholson, P.P.G.O., 523; A. Chamberlain, P.P.G.O., P.M. 1391; T. B. Saxton, P.G.O. Org., 1391, Org. 1007; E. Horne, P.P.G.O., 731, 1039; J. H. Marshall, S.W. 1007, S.D. 279; E. P. Steeds, J.W. 1007, 1391; A. E. Preston, Sec. 1007; R. S. Clifford, S.D. 1007; C. Lowenstein, J.D. 1007; W. Hamerton, I.G. 1007; T. F. Corcoran, and C. Pensotti, Stwds. 1007; W. E. Cooke, 1007; G. C. Oliver, 1007; G. Bass, 1007; J. F. Hodson, 1007; W. D. Silverthorne, 1007; T. Sprigg, 1007; W. M. Richards, 1007; W. Goode, 1007; W. Armstrong, 1007; H. Walker and G. Bishop, Tylers 1007; R. Rowley, S.W. 279; J. Spurway, I.G. 279; W. H. Bastick, 279; S. Wand, 279; W. H. Lead, 279; H. Eagle, 279; C. Bennis, 279; G. Newsome, J.W. 523; W. H. Barrow, Org. 523; J. B. Waring, I.G. 523; W. Bream, Stwd. 523; T. Spearpoint, 523, S.W. 432; J. L. West, 523, Sec. 432; W. H. Chamberlain, 523; J. G. Parr, 523; H. Cooper, 523; R. Curtis, 523; G. Brocklebank, 523; J. Harrison, S.W. 1391; J. E. Beazley, J.W. 1391; Rev. W. R. Hurd, Chap. 1391; J. G. Bower, I.G. 1391; A. S. Bott and G. A. Anderson, Stwds. 1391; G. Jessop, 1391, S.D. 2028; O. Jones, 1391; T. H. Heward, 1391; Ferrers and Ivanhoe, 779; A. Ferguson, 1391; W. Beeson, 1560; T. Oliver, 960; J. Waters, 960, 87; S. Parkes, S.W. 419; J. Parkes, 419; H. Hall, 526; J. Crowhurst, 455; W. Johnson, 731; H. Horne, 731; H. Carr, J.W. 1085; H. Simpson, S.D.; and Tanser and Bloxam, Tylers.

The lodge was opened by the retiring W.M., Bro. Walton Wilkinson, and after the transaction of the usual preliminary business, the ceremony of installation was very ably and effectively performed by C. J. Wilkinson, P.M. After his installation Bro. C. Oliver invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. W. Wilkinson, I.P.M.; J. H. Marshall, S.W.; E. P. Steeds, J.W.; the Rev. J. Bird, M.A., P.M., Chap.; F. Amatt, P.M., Treas.; A. E. Preston, Sec.; R. S. Clifford, S.D.; C. Lowenstein, J.D.; W. Vial, P.M., D.C.; T. B. Laxton, Org.; W. Hamerton, I.G.; T. F. Corcoran and C. Pensotti, Stwds. In the name of the lodge the W.M. presented a very handsome I.P.M.'s jewel to Bro. W. Wilkinson, the retiring W.M.

The remainder of the business of the lodge was then transacted, and later in the evening the brethren, numbering upwards of 80, sat down to a grand banquet under the presidency of the new W.M. Host Widnall, of the Bull's Head Hotel, even excelling himself in his always admirable catering.

The repast being over, the W.M. in brief, but appropriate terms, proposed the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," and "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," which it is unnecessary to say were both drunk with the usual Masonic loyalty.

Bro. Amatt, P.M., proposed "The M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, and the Grand Lodge of England, which was also very cordially drunk.

Bro. Vaughan, P.M., proposed "The R.W. Prov. Grand Master, the Earl Ferrers, and the Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge," coupled with the names of W. Bro. S. Partridge, Deputy Prov. G.M., and Bro. Michie, P.G.S.D. Bro. Vaughan remarked that he was quite sure it was a source of the greatest gratification to every brother

in the province to find Bro. Partridge promoted to the high rank which he now so worthily held, that of Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and they would all heartily congratulate Bro. Michie, too, upon his recent appointment to provincial office.

W. Bro. Partridge on rising to respond was greeted with much enthusiasm. He acknowledged the toast in brief, but appropriate terms, and expressed the pleasure it had afforded him to witness the very complimentary manner in which the Howe and Charnwood Lodges had that day received the representatives of the Prov. Grand Lodge. He also thanked the brethren for their very kind congratulations of himself, and hoped he should be able satisfactorily to discharge the duties of the office to which he had been so generously appointed.

Bro. Michie also briefly responded. Bro. Walton Wilkinson, I.P.M., next proposed "The Health of the new W.M., Bro. Charles Oliver," of whom he spoke in the highest terms of regard both as a Mason and in his private capacity.

The Worshipful Master, on rising to acknowledge the toast, was greeted in the heartiest possible manner. He sincerely thanked the brethren of the Howe and Charnwood Lodge for the distinguished honour they had that day conferred upon him, and trusted that at the expiration of his year of office he should be able to congratulate himself that he had, at least, done his best to merit the confidence which they had all so kindly placed in him. He had the satisfaction of feeling that whenever he required it he might fully rely upon the assistance of the experienced body of Past Masters who belonged to the lodge. He also took that opportunity of acknowledging the great additional compliment which had that day been paid to him by the attendance of such a numerous gathering of brethren from other lodges, both in and out of the province.

The Worshipful Master, in very eulogistic terms, then proposed "The Health of the Installing Master, W. Bro. C. J. Wilkinson, P.P.G.P., P.M.," special reference being made to the very able and impressive manner in which Bro. Wilkinson had now for several years acted in the same capacity at the Howe and Charnwood festivals.

Bro. C. J. Wilkinson briefly responded, and expressed the gratification it always gave him to render to the Craft any services in his power.

Bro. the Rev. John Bird, P.M., briefly proposed "The I.P.M. and Past Masters of the Lodge," which was suitably responded by Bro. W. Wilkinson, I.P.M.

Bro. Vial, P.M., P.P.G.O., proposed "The Visiting Brethren," coupled with the names of Bros. Bland, S. Parkes, and T. Oliver, each of whom acknowledged the compliment.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Officers of the Lodge, expressing the utmost confidence that they would each in their various capacities afford him every assistance in conducting the business of the lodge during his year of office.

Bros. Marshall, S.W., and Lowenstein, J.D., acknowledged the toast.

Bro. the Rev. W. R. Hurd proposed in very complimentary terms "The Musical Brethren," which was drunk with much enthusiasm, and acknowledged in appropriate terms by Bros. Laxton and Wykes.

The proceedings during the evening were enjoyably varied by some excellent vocal and instrumental music, recitations, &c., Bro. T. B. Laxton, Prov. G. Organist, having specially arranged a capital musical programme, which was very elegantly printed in a separate form, surmounted with the arms of the Howe and Charnwood Lodge—those of Earl Howe. The menu, which was also very artistic, bore on the back an excellent cabinet-sized photograph of the new W.M. The musical party consisted of Bros. Henry Nicholson (flute and piccolo), T. A. Wykes (bassoon), and Barrow (piano). These brethren gave at intervals very charming performances of selections of English and Scotch airs, and a special selection from "The Pinafore." The vocalists were Bros. T. B. Laxton, J. Herbert Marshall, S.W.; E. P. Steeds, J.W.; and A. E. Preston, Sec. Bros. George Matt, W.M., and J. B. Waring each gave recitations, and it need hardly be said that the efforts of all these brethren were very greatly enjoyed. The Leicester brethren returned by a special train leaving Loughborough at 11 o'clock p.m.

NEWNHAM-ON-SEVERN.—Royal Forest of Dean Lodge (No. 1067).—A meeting of this lodge took place on the 2nd inst., at the Town Hall. Present: Bros. A. Parker, W.M.; J. Shaw Carleton, S.W.; J. S. Bradstock, J.W.; Rev. Dr. Lynes, P.M., Chap.; S. W. Woods, Treas.; M. F. Carter, P.M., Sec.; S. W. Hadingham, S.D.; G. W. Roberts, J.D.; R. Macartney, I.G.; Job Webb, Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. R. J. Kerr, T. Cadle, J. Davies, and W. C. Heane; Bro. A. C. Bright, F. G. Washbourn, W. Jones, T. H. Deakin (after initiation). Visitor: Bro. Josiah Smith.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Mr. Thomas Hedges Deakin was duly initiated. Bro. Josiah Smith, M.M. 1021, proposed by Bro. John Davies, P.M., seconded by Bro. W. C. Heane, P.M., was balloted for as a joining member. The Treas. presented his report for the year ending June, 1884. The Secretary moved that a donation of £10 10s. be given by the lodge from its funds to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The lodge considered the propriety of providing the necessary articles required for use on the supper table; and appointed a committee to consider the whole arrangements for providing the supper, and report to the lodge at the next meeting.

KIRKBY-LONSDALE.—Underley Lodge (No. 1074).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 5th inst., at the Masonic rooms. Present: Bros. W. Robinson, W.M.; Palmer, S.W.; Greenbank, P.M., as J.W.; Canon Ware, Chap.; George Wormwell, Sec.; Rallinshaw, P.M., as J.D.; D. H. Birse, I.G.; Remington, Tyler; Atkinson, P.M.; Bryan, Charles Waller, Chas. Edwin Robinson. Visitor: Bro. Christopher Ninskill, 129.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year then took place; also the election of Treasurer and Tyler, and the appointment of Audit Committee. The Rev. Samuel Montague Stable, was initiated. Bro. Edward Armitage, of Trinity College, Cambridge, was elected W.M. for the ensuing year.

BOCKING.—Lodge St. Mary (No. 1312).—The annual festival of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 2nd

inst., when Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., was installed as W.M., the ceremony being performed, with his usual ability, by Bro. Vero Taylor, P.M., P.P.G.W. The officers for the ensuing year are as under: Bros. R. G. Kellett, I.P.M.; John Hutley, S.W.; James Fuller, J.W.; W. Neville Tufnell, P.M., P.P.G.W., Treas.; Thos. Malyn, P.M., Sec.; George Copus, S.D.; Charles Brown, J.D.; H. C. Suckling, I.G.; and Metson, Tyler. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Vero Taylor for his kindness in attending and performing the ceremony, which was suitably acknowledged by Bro. Taylor. Bro. Kellett was re-elected to represent the lodge on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee. The brethren subsequently sat down to banquet at the White Hart Hotel, the repast being excellently served by the host.

In the course of the evening "The Health of the W.M." was heartily drunk, and pleasure was expressed by all that Bro. Nunn, who is a very old Mason, and has done signal service to the Craft for many years as President of the Board of Benevolence and in other ways, had consented to be the W.M. for the ensuing year.

The Worshipful Master, in responding, said having come to reside in the neighbourhood, he was pleased to do anything he could to promote the good of Freemasonry.

Among the brethren present, in addition to those already mentioned, were Bros. T. J. Ralling, P.M. and Sec. 51, P.G. Sec.; F. A. White, W.M. 1437, P.P.G.R.; John J. C. Turner, P.M. 51, P.P.G.O.; F. R. Hales, W.M. 650; and E. Haiden, P.M. 817; and the following members of the lodge: Bros. J. J. Cavill, P.M., P.P.G.D.; E. H. Inman, P.M.; Isaac Clayton, T. R. Moore, and G. Pophrey.

WOOLSTON.—Clausentum Lodge (No. 1461).—This lodge held its annual installation last week, Bro. A. J. Brown, the S.W., being placed in the chair, the Board of Installed Masters comprising Bros. T. P. Payne, W.M. 130; G. O. Longland, W.M. 359; J. D. Barford, W.M. 394; J. R. P. Sharp, W.M. 1112; T. Walton, W.M. 1780; Henry Lashmore, I.P.M. 394; and the following P.M.'s: Bros. G. Cross, W. Berry, W. Horton, P.G.P.; R. R. L. Rosoman, J. Methven, Capt. R. W. Evans, W. H. Chapman, G. J. Tilling, W. Bowyer, and D. O. Hobbs. The installation ceremony was admirably conducted by Bro. Tilling, to whom the thanks of the lodge were accorded for this special duty, as well as for the general interest he manifests in the affairs of the lodge. The newly-installed W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. D. O. Hobbs, I.P.M.; R. Bell, S.W.; M. F. Curtis, J.W.; Rev. W. S. Ffrench, Chap.; Bowyer, Sec. (re-appointed); G. J. Tilling, Treas. (re-elected); J. W. Danells, S.D.; E. T. Wise, J.D.; W. J. Miller, I.G.; E. Waters, D.C.; J. T. Wells, Org.; W. H. Mitchell and W. H. Smith, Stwds.; and C. Henley, Tyler.

A vote of thanks was passed to the retiring W.M., and several of the visiting brethren tendered to his successor their "Hearty good wishes" for a pleasant term of office, and their appreciation of the efforts made by the brethren of the Clausentum Lodge to extend the practice and influence of Freemasonry, at the same time congratulating them on having at last attained the object of many years' desire, in the shape of a handsome and convenient habitation. At the subsequent banquet, excellently served by Bro. Henley, the resident Tyler, the usual Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured.

MORECAMBE.—Morecambe Lodge (No. 1561).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on Friday evening, the 5th inst., in the lodge room at the King's Arms Hotel. There was a fair attendance of members and visitors, amongst the latter being Bros. Capt. Hall, P.M. 281; H. Longman, P.M. and Sec. 1051; T. Bayley, W.M. 281; J. Ellershaw, P.M. 1353; H. Johnston, 333; and others.

The lodge having been opened with the usual formalities, Bro. Capt. Gornett, P.M., P.P.G.S.W. Lancashire, occupying the chair. The W.M. elect, Bro. Thomas Atkinson, S.W., was presented by Bro. W. Longmire, and duly installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. Ellershaw, Bro. Longmire giving the address to the Master and Wardens, and Bro. Poole that to the brethren, the working tools being presented by Bro. Capt. Gornett. The newly-installed Master subsequently appointed his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. T. Longmire, I.P.M.; W. E. M. Tomlinson, M.P., S.W.; James Brown, J.W.; William Duff, P.M., Sec.; William Stephenson, Treas.; J. F. Willan, S.D.; J. L. Gorton, J.D.; Henry Baxter, I.G.; W. W. Wilde, P.M., D.C.; John Schofield, Stwd.; and Thomas Wilkinson, Tyler. The usual banquet was afterwards held, under the presidency of the newly-installed Master, at the King's Arms Hotel, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—An emergency meeting of the members of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, last Friday afternoon, under the direction of the W.M., Bro. R. Burgess, who was supported by Bros. J. H. Shrapnell, I.P.M.; W. Savage, P.M.; W. W. Landbrook, P.M., D.C.; J. M. Boyd, S.W.; C. W. Sanderson, J.W.; J. B. Mackenzie, P.P.G.S.D., Treas.; J. Orr Marples, S.D.; H. Round, J.D.; W. Parkes, I.G.; E. H. Allen, S.S.; J. Fineberg, J.S.; J. Rawsthorne, Tyler; T. Burnside, W. Hildyard, J. Ballard, J. H. Light, D. Cumming, B. Hughes, J. Galloway, M. B. Haman, H. Fineberg, A. E. Richardson, Walter Hatton, Eaton Batty, and other. There were also several visitors present. The emergency was called for the initiation of Dr. Frederick Joseph Roberts, the ceremony being performed in an almost faultless manner.

After dinner an excellent musical programme was given by Bros. Eaton, Batty, A. E. Richardson, J. R. Wood, W. Savage, J. B. Mackenzie, J. Fineberg, H. Fineberg, J. O. Marple, E. H. Allen, and R. Burgess, W.M.

EYE.—Hartismere Lodge (No. 1663).—This lodge held a regular meeting on Wednesday, the 26th ult., at the Masonic lodge room, White Lion Hotel. The W.M., Bro. Henry J. Barnes (Mayor of Eye), was supported by the following officers, members, and visitors: Bros. H. W. Cullum, S.W.; E. Symonds, J.W.; Fra. Woolnough, P.M., P.P.G.J.W. Suffolk, Sec.; W. T. Phillips, S.D.; C. H. Scriven, J.D.; F. W. Gill, I.G.; Sydney Bishop, Org.; J. Martin and T. W. Gaze, Stwds.; W. Daking, P.M. 225, P.P.G. Reg. Suffolk; H. Gedney, P.M.; Lord Henniker, P.M., P.G.J.W. England; C. J. Fisher, P.M.; J. Beddingfield; A. Cannon, P.M. 376; J. Hunt, S.D. 376; J. Flatman, P.M. 1741; W. G. Rice, S.W. 1741

F. J. Burrage, 1741; G. W. Webb, 1741; C. Cooke, 959; D. D. Steele, 959; and C. Ship, Tyler.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. H. Martin and Mr. W. H. Tacon, both of whom were unanimously elected. The W.M. read a letter from Mr. Tacon, regretting his inability to attend that evening through pressure of business. Mr. Ellis Ashmead Bartlett, M.P. for Eye (who had been elected at a previous meeting of the lodge), and Mr. H. Martin were then initiated into the mysteries of the Craft, the ceremony being performed by Bro. W. Daking, P.M. 225 and 1663, P.P.G. Reg. Suffolk, assisted by Bro. A. Cannon, P.M. 376, and Bro. John Flatman, W.M. 1741. Lodge was then closed with the usual expressions of "Hearty good wishes," and the brethren then retired to the banquet room, and partook of a very excellent dinner, under the presidency of the W.M., who, after the cloth was removed, gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, "The Queen and the Craft."

Next came "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England." This toast was received with great Masonic applause.

In rising to propose "The Health of the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M.; the Earl of Lathom, Dep. G.M.; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. touched upon the honour Lord Henniker, one of the Past Grand Lodge Officers of England, had conferred on them that evening by attending the lodge and taking part in the proceedings. They all knew he was the father of the lodge, and took great interest in the welfare of its members.

"The Health of the Prov. Grand Master of Suffolk, Lord Waveney; the Deputy Grand Master of Suffolk, Rev. C. J. Martyn; and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," was received in the usual manner, and duly responded to by Bros. Fra. Woolnough, P.M., and Wm. Daking, P.M.

"The Health of the W.M." was given by Bro. H. W. Cullum, S.W., in very kind and flattering terms.

The W.M. gave "The Health of the Newly Initiates," expressing the great pleasure it gave him to receive Bro. Ellis Ashmead Bartlett among them, also Bro. H. Martin, who responded in appropriate terms, expressing their great delight and surprise at the beautiful ceremony, which had been so impressively conducted, and thanked the brethren for giving them such a kind and hearty reception.

The toast of the evening followed in very appropriate terms from Bro. F. Woolnough, P.M., who proposed "The Visitors," and called on Bro. John Hunt, S.D. 376, to respond for the Ipswich party, and Bro. F. J. Burrage for the Diss party.

Bros. Hunt and Burrage responded, expressing their great pleasure at the very excellent working of the lodge.

The W.M. proposed "The Officers of the Lodge," calling on Bro. H. W. Cullum, S.W., to respond, which he did in splendid style, expressing the pleasure it gave the officers to work under such an excellent W.M. as Bro. Henry J. Barnes.

Bro. C. Fisher gave "The Health of Bro. Daking," who had worked the initiations that evening, also Bros. Cannon and Flatman, who had assisted.

Bro. Cannon, in reply, stated that Bro. Daking initiated him into Freemasonry many years since, and nothing gave him more pleasure than to come down to Eye and assist in the great work of making "great and good men Masons."

The Tyler's toast brought a very successful meeting to an end, which had been much enlivened by some very beautiful songs well rendered by Bros. D. D. Steele, 959; Phillips, Ship, and Martin, 1663. Bro. C. Cooke presided at the piano, and the thanks of the W.M. and members of the lodge were tendered these brethren for their very able services. Bro. Sidney Bishop presided at the organ in the lodge, and added much to the impressive ceremony.

LIVERPOOL.—Kirkdale Lodge (No. 1756).—The annual installation meeting of the members of this lodge took place on Wednesday, the 26th ult., at the Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, where there was an attendance of about 130 brethren, comprising upwards of 30 Prov. G. Officers (Present and Past), W.M.'s, and P.M.'s. The present proud position of this spiritedly conducted lodge is largely owing to the enthusiasm of those brethren who have been closely identified with it from the commencement, and the great amount of truly charitable work accomplished through its instrumentality during the past year does all concerned infinite credit, and suggests to others the precept "Go and do likewise."

The chair at the commencement of the proceedings was taken by Bro. C. Bargery, W.M., and among those present were Bros. R. E. Mitton, I.P.M.; J. Grierson, P.M.; J. Ferguson, P.M.; E. Johnston, P.M., D.C.; J. Croxton, Treas.; Dr. D. Hendry, J.W.; G. Marsden, Sec.; and others. Among the visitors were included Bros. W. Goodacre, P.G. Sec., P.P.G.R.; W. Wilkinson, W.M. 1086; E. Cattrall, W.M. 203; W. C. Erwin, P.G.A. Sec.; J. Pilling, W.M. 1393; F. B. Bramham, W.M. 1299; M. Davis, P.M. 249; J. J. Smith, W.M. 1035; C. Birch, P.M. 203; W. Parry, W.M. 1505; H. Burrows, P.M. 673; W. M. Roberts, S.W. 1086; W. Longbottom, P.G. A.P.; J. L. Tunstall, S.W. 1035; T. Roberts, P.M. 673; W. Blunsum, J.W. 594; A. Bucknall, P.M. 667; R. Armitage, S.W. 1620; J. E. Jackson, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. W. Ingham, D.C. 1020; J. M. King, W.M. 203; W. Roberts, S.W. 1086; L. Peake, I.P.M. 1035; J. Boyle, P.M. 823; J. P. Bryan, P.G.O.; J. T. Callow, P.P.G. Treas.; J. B. M'Kenzie, P.P.G.S.D.; Rev. Dr. Hyde, 1086; J. D. Hounsell, S.W. 203; D. Morris, W.M. 1570; G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C.; H. Ashmore, P.M. 823; and Councillor J. Houlding, P.P.G.R.

The W.M. elect, Bro. Henry Marshall, was presented by Bros. E. Johnston, P.M., and R. Mitton, P.M.; and the retiring Master, Bro. Bargery, performed the installation ceremony in a most satisfactory manner, being assisted by Bro. E. Johnston, P.M. The following officers were appointed and invested for the ensuing year: Bros. C. Bargery, I.P.M.; Dr. D. Hendry, S.W.; J. Croxton, J.W.; G. Marsden, Treas.; R. J. Britten, Sec.; W. T. Warhurst, S.D.; W. A. Mossman, J.D.; J. Molyneux, I.G.; J. Pendrigh, C. Johnson, and J. Morton, Stwds.; E. Johnston, P.M., D.C.; and J. Hough, Org. Bro. E. Watson was re-elected Tyler. The new W.M. then initiated three gentlemen into the Order in an efficient manner, after which the brethren dined together in the large hall, the catering being entrusted to Bro. W. S. Vines, P.P.G. D.C., of the Canton Hotel, who gave complete satisfaction.

An excellent musical programme was given by Bros. Quayle, Child, Hobart, Lewis, and Bryan.

PENDLETON.—Albert Victor Lodge (No. 1773).—The installation of Bro. J. W. Almond took place, and the St. John's festival celebrated, at the Town Hall, on Friday, the 20th ult. Present: Bros. Chas. Oldham, W.M., J. W. Almond, S.W.; John Kay, J.W.; E. W. Winterbottom, P.M., Treas.; F. H. Dale, Sec.; T. H. Brown, S.D.; Geo. Stead, J.D.; W. H. Meakin, Org.; W. J. Moffatt, I.G.; B. W. Sefton, D. D. Kitchen, and W. H. Lawless, Stewards; Wm. Kirk, Tyler; J. Harrop, P.M.; Samuel Moore, P.M.; Samuel Statham, P.M., P.P.G.T.; Wm. Hardcastle, J. M. Graves, T. Threefall, J. Jones, R. H. Bury, P. Keevney, C. Sandiford, J. H. Hardcastle, and F. Townson. Visitors: Jas. McLaren, P.M., P.S.G.W.; John Bolland, P.M. 126, 1504, 116; Evan Williams, P.M. 325; N. Nicholson, P.M., Sec. 1723; R. Durbury, P.M. 146; James Redguay, P.M. 336; R. W. West, P.M. 1077; J. Stevens, 2; and R. R. Lisenden, J.W. 317 (Freemason).

The lodge was opened at four o'clock, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The usual preliminaries prior to the W.M. elect being presented to the Installing Master were observed with more than the customary precision and exactness, after which the M.Ms. retired, and Bro. Almond was inducted into the chair of K.S. by Bro. Charles Oldham, I.P.M., and subsequently proclaimed to and saluted by the M.Ms. on their re-admission to the lodge. The working tools in the several Degrees were presented to the W.M. by Bro. Joseph Harrop, P.M. Bro. Samuel Statham, P.M., P.P.G.T., invested the officers as follows: Bros. John Kay, S.W.; F. H. Dale, J.W.; E. H. Winterbottom, P.M., Treas.; T. H. Brown, Sec.; Geo. Stead, S.D.; W. J. Moffatt, J.D.; P. Keevney, D.C.; B. W. Sefton, Org.; W. H. Meakin, I.G.; D. D. Kitchen, Steward; and W. Kirk, Tyler. The address to the W.W. was delivered by Bro. Charles Oldham, P.M.; to the Wardens by Bro. S. Moore, P.M.; and to the brethren by Bro. W. Hardcastle, P.M., who concluded the ceremony. The work from first to last was exceptionally well done and was a pleasure to witness, there being no undue haste, each brother performing the part allotted him with care and correctness. After "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed the lodge was closed in peace and harmony, and the brethren repaired to the dining room to celebrate the festival of St. John.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and the I.P.M., Bro. Charles Oldham, was presented with a handsome Past Master's gold jewel, manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

The toast of "The Masonic Charities," was ably treated by Bro. S. Statham, P.M., P.P.G.T., and responded to in an exhaustive speech by Bro. Wm. Hardcastle, P.M.

Some capital glees and songs were sung during the evening by Bros. Dale, Moffatt, and Harrop, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

INSTRUCTION.

ST. GEORGE'S LODGE (No. 140).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 9th inst. at the New Cross Hall, Lewisham High-road, when there were present Bros. Forsyth, W.M.; Rogers, S.W.; Burton, J.W.; Brown, Preceptor; Richardson, Sec.; Cash, S.D.; Shepherd, J.D.; Smith, I.G.; Johnson, P.M.; and Nuding.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Sturdee having been passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, the W.M. then rehearsed part of the ceremony of installation, and announced that the whole of the ceremony would be worked on the following meeting night, and Bro. Rogers was then unanimously elected to occupy the chair at the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—The weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., when there were present Bros. March, W.M.; Mount, S.W.; Masefield, J.W.; Bassington, Treas.; Cross, Sec.; Lovegrove, S.D.; Swain, J.D.; Wilton, I.G.; Stroud, Cobham, and Weeks.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Stroud being the candidate. After the ceremony, Bro. Lovegrove gave the charge very impressively. Bro. Bassington was afterwards duly raised, and the S.W. was unanimously elected as W.M. at the next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. It was proposed, seconded, and carried "nem. con." that the Secretary write a letter of condolence to Bro. Cottebrune, the Preceptor, on the sad bereavement he has sustained, and that the letter be entered on the minutes. The lodge was then closed.

A meeting of the Masonic Charities Association was then held, and the ballot fell to Bro. W. H. Wilton.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).—A meeting was held on Tuesday evening, the 9th inst., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Hill, when there were present Bros. Williams, W.M.; Stephens, S.W.; Humfress, J.W.; Baker, Treas. and Preceptor; Thomas, Sec.; Harvey, S.D.; Scattergood, J.D.; Hutchings, I.G.; Stallibrass, W.S.; Green, Holcombe, Hunt, Coleman, Mellier, H. Curtis, E. J. Walford, E. Walford, Davie, Wickens, and Wall.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last lodge were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Coleman being the candidate. The ceremony of passing was next rehearsed, Bro. Curtis being the candidate. The First, Second, and Third Sections of the Lecture was then worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Coleman having been elected a joining member, Bro. Stephens was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed in due form and perfect harmony.

BURDETT-COUTTS LODGE (No. 1278).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 4th inst., at the Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road. Present: Bros. R. Pringle, W.M.; Powell, S.W.; Saint, J.W.; Harley, Sec.; Smith, S.D.; Oxley, J.D.; Pryce-Jones, I.G.; A. W. Fenner, P.M., Preceptor; and Rose.

Lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony

of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Rose acting as candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sections of the First Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Rose answered the questions leading to the Second Degree. It was proposed by Bro. Fenner, seconded by Bro. Powell, that Bro. Saint be W.M. for the next meeting, and carried unanimously. Nothing further being offered, the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on the 8th inst. at the Fountains Abbey Hotel, 111, Praed-street, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. J. Laurence, W.M.; C. J. Morse, S.W.; J. H. Wood, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas., Preceptor; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; W. J. Mason, S.D.; W. Death, J.D.; H. Gilbert, I.G.; C. J. Laundry, Stwd.; Capt. A. Nicols, P.M. 1974, P.D.G.S. of W. Punjab; W. H. Chalfont, I.P.M. 1425; J. Lichtenfeld, H. Robinson, G. A. Laundry, W. Middleweek, A. Hardy, R. E. Cursons, M. J. Green, A. P. Lake, J. Cruttenden, H. Windeatt, J. F. Cliburn, J. Hutchings, J. Stephens, and H. Curtis. Visitor: Bro. J. H. Huxtable, 1135.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed. The First and Second Sections of the First Lecture were worked by Bros. Read and Laurence, assisted by the brethren. Bro. J. H. Huxtable was elected a member, and Bro. Morse W.M. for next meeting.

Votes of condolence were passed to Bro. Cottebrune on the death of his daughter; and the family of Bro. J. Linscotton, of 1642.

PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 1445).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Printing Works, No. 202, Whitechapel-road, E., on the 8th inst. Present: Bros. Myers, P.M., Preceptor; McDonald, Deputy Preceptor; Twiner, W.M.; Holdorn, S.W.; Dale, J.W.; J. Robson, Hon. Sec.; Winkley, S.D.; C. Robson, J.D.; Heath, I.G.; Dominy, Tyson, Richardson, and Cundick, P.M.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. C. Robson being the candidate for passing was questioned and entrusted. The ceremony of passing was ably rehearsed by the W.M. Bro. McDonald, worked the 6th and 7th Sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren; and afterwards worked the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sections, assisted by the brethren.

WANDERERS LODGE (No. 1604).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., at the Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer-street, Westminster, when there were present Bros. Fraser, W.M.; Folson, S.W.; Hayes, J.W.; Brindley, acting Preceptor; Gibson, Treas.; Musson, Sec.; Coleman, S.D.; Mimms, J.D.; Bowen, I.G.; Hiel, Balchin, Kettlewhite, J. Purnell, and Hume.

The lodge being opened in due form, and minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Gibson being the candidate. Bro. Hiel was afterwards passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. Folson worked the First Section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Kettlewhite, 1841, was elected a member, and after the S.W. had been elected W.M. for the ensuing week, a vote of thanks was unanimously recorded to the W.M. for the very able manner he had performed the duties of the chair for the first time. The lodge was then closed in due form and perfect harmony.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent Garden, W.C., on the 27th ult., when there were present Bros. J. Jacobs, W.M.; G. Coleman, S.W.; Ford, J.W.; W. Stroud, S.D.; Vaughan, J.D.; Mullin, Fowles, acting as Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Sec.; Ingram, H. Robinson, J. Woodward, R. Sillico, G. H. Reynolds, R. Head, Frank Gulliford, and T. A. Dickson.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Fowles worked the 2nd Section of this Lecture. Bro. Ingram offering himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. was pleased to work the ceremony. Bro. T. A. Dickson having offered himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, the usual questions were put and well answered. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of F.C. Bro. Sillico, 1586, was unanimously elected a joining member, being proposed by Bro. G. Reynolds, Preceptor, and seconded by Bro. Mullin. Bro. G. Coleman was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. Bro. G. Reynolds, Secretary, proposed that the ceremony of installation be rehearsed in this lodge of instruction on Thursday evening, the 8th prox., and that Bro. G. Coleman, the W.M. of the mother lodge, be asked to take the chair on that occasion. Seconded by Bro. Fowles, and carried unanimously. Bro. G. Coleman, S.W., in reply, said it would afford him great pleasure to occupy the chair on that evening, and thanked the brethren heartily for the honour they had conferred on him. Bro. G. Reynolds, Secretary, then asked the brethren for a vote of thanks to Bro. Fowles, to be recorded on the minutes, for his kindness in acting as Preceptor, which was carried unanimously, and the lodge was close in ancient form with peace and harmony.

UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1789).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 5th inst., at the Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street. Present: Bros. Brindley, W.M.; Wade, P.M., S.W.; Glover, J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; P. Coughlan, Sec.; Hiel, S.D.; Gibson, Treas., J.D.; McCullagh, I.G.; Green, jun., Bunce, Curtis, and Edwards.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Green candidate. Bros. Bunce and Edwards were candidates to be passed to the Second Degree, and having answered the usual questions were entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bros. Bunce and Edwards candidates. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and after the bye-laws were read the W.M., assisted by the brethren, worked the First Section of this Lecture, after which Bro. J. Curtis, 1604, was unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. Green, sen., W.M. Rothsay, was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

Royal Arch.

ALDERSGATE CHAPTER (No. 1657).—A meeting of the above chapter was held on Monday last, at the Castle and Falcon Hotel, Aldersgate-street, when there were present Comps. Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, M.E.Z.; Alfred Brookman, H.; Frederick Crockford, J.; E. Y. Jolliffe, S.E.; John Larkin, 1st A.S.; Arthur B. Hudson, 2nd A.S.; George Kenning, Treas.; John Derby Allcroft, P.Z., Past Grand Treas.; Samuel White, Horace Brooks Marshall, Grand Treas.; John L. Mather, W. H. Froom, Dr. A. GreatRex, P. Saillard, George Rawlinson. Visitors: Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; W. Alexander Barrett, H., P.Z. 1706; and Walter V. Morgan, H. 259.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. Bro. Edwd. Wm. Stillwell, of the Grand Masters Lodge, No. 1, was exalted to the Degree of Royal Arch.

The chapter being closed, the companions dined together under the gavel of the M.E.Z., Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette.

MARLBOROUGH.—Methuen Chapter (No. 1533).—The regular convocation of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., when the following companions were present: Comps. Deputy-Surgeon-General T. Ringer, M.E.Z.; the Rev. John A. Lloyd, H.; J. Campbell Maclean, J.; A. Plummer, I.P.Z.; E. B. Merriman, S.E.; H. Tarrant, P.Z. 355, acting as S.N.; Geo. Pike, P. Soj.; A. Risdon, A. Soj.; Lord F. B. Bruce, J. Chandler, P.Z. 335; and Brooks-Hill.

The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The installation of the Principals was then proceeded with, when E. Comp. the Rev. John A. Lloyd was duly installed in the chair of M.E.Z. by the retiring M.E.Z., Dep. Surgeon-General T. Ringer. E. Comp. J. Campbell Maclean, P.Z. 355, was obligated and placed in the chair of H. by E. Comp. A. Plummer, P.Z., acting H.; and E. Comp. George Pike, J. 355, was obligated and placed in the chair of J., by E. Comp. J. Chandler, P.Z., acting J. The newly-installed M.E.Z. then proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Comps. Lord H. B. Bruce, Treas.; E. B. Merriman, S.E.; H. Bevir, S.N.; A. Risdon, P. Soj., who appointed Comps. W. S. Bambridge and R. Merriman as his assistants; the former being also appointed Organist. Comp. E. B. Merriman read the Treasurer's report, in the absence of the Treasurer, Lord Henry B. Bruce. The report was unanimously adopted, and was considered highly satisfactory, as it showed a balance to the credit of the chapter in its first year of existence. The bye-laws having been finally adopted, and there being no other business, the chapter was closed in peace and harmony.

YORK.—Eboracum Chapter (No. 1611).—On Tuesday evening the companions of this chapter elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Comps. G. Simpson, Z.; M. Millington, H.; T. B. Whythead, P.Z., J.; A. T. B. Turner, Treas.; J. Kay, S.E.; J. Blenkins, S.N.; W. Brown, P.S.; A. T. B. Turner and W. Lackenby, Auditors. The installation meeting will be held in February.

Mark Masonry.

THISTLE LODGE (No. 8).—The installation meeting of this old Mark Lodge was held on Friday, the 5th inst., at Freemasons' Tavern. Bro. William James Collens, W.M., presided, and there were also present Bros. G. P. Festa, S.W.; Henry Von Joel, E. Valeriani, J. W. Figg, Treasurer; C. A. Cottebrune, P.M., Secretary; R. Shaw, S.D.; G. F. Edwards, I.G.; G. Coop, D.C.; J. Lewis Thomas, P.M.; E. Farwig, P.M.; John Butler, W. A. Shaw, Joseph Parker, H. G. Penney, D. Stroud, G. Gardner, Edmund B. Cox, George W. Harrington, Fredk. Green, W. Fendick, E. Belhomme; and visitors: Bros. J. Terry, S.W. 315; W. Hirst, Old Kent Lodge; John L. Mather, W.M. Old Kent Lodge; W. Fisher, S.W. 181; W. March, S.O. 173, P.G.S.; George Mickley, P.M. 97; H. Massey, P.M. 22; and H. Higgins, J.O. 181.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, and the reading and adoption of the report of the Audit Committee, the W.M. advanced Bros. Walter Joseph Wall, of Craft Lodge 1743; Felix Bohers, of the same Craft Lodge; and W. J. Mason, of Craft Lodge 1328, to the Mark Degree. The work was admirably done. At the conclusion of this ceremony, Bro. John Mason, P.M., P.P.G.M.O., W.M. elect, was presented to the W.M. for installation. The W.M. thereupon installed Bro. John Mason as Master of the lodge. The officers appointed were Bros. G. P. Festa, S.W.; Von Joel, J.W.; Webb, M.O.; Valeriani, S.O.; Shaw, J.O.; Figg, P.M., Treas.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.M., Sec.; Edwards, Register of Marks; Fredk. Green, S.D.; G. Coop, J.D.; E. B. Cox, I.G.; Fendick, W.S.; D. Stroud, D.C.; and Woodstock, Tyler. The W.M. undertook the Stewardship of the lodge for the next Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet at Freemasons' Tavern, provided under the superintendence of Bro. E. Dawkins, manager. After the banquet was concluded, the W.M. proposed the usual toasts.

After the toast of "The Queen and Mark Masonry" had been proposed and drunk,

The W.M. gave "The Grand Master of the Order, the Earl of Kintore; and the Deputy Grand Master, Lord Egerton of Tatton." He referred to the ceremony performed at Grand Mark Lodge on Tuesday last, when the Earl of Kintore not only did all his duties in Grand Mark Lodge, but afterwards consecrated the Grand Stewards' Lodge in splendid style. He had been surprised to see the Grand Master go through his work so well. He was quite sure the present Grand Master would be an honour to the position he held; he had performed his duties admirably since he had held the office of Grand Master.

Bro. James Lewis Thomas responded to the toast of "The Grand Officers."

Bro. Collens, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," who, he said, had been a member of the Thistle Lodge longer than he (Bro. Collens). The W.M., however, gave way to him, and it consequently took him some time to make up the leeway he thereby lost. At last Bro. Mason was in the

chair, and they would find he would occupy it in a way they would all admire.

The W.M., in his reply, said he was very gratified to receive the hearty welcome he had had at the hands of the W.M. and brethren, though he was sure he did not deserve it. Still he accepted it because it was a genuine expression. He had long thought he would like to occupy the position of W.M. of this lodge, but he had no idea he should be in the society of such a good, kind company as he had at that end of the table. He had been very happy at the other end. While he should be Master he should endeavour as far as he could to carry out the duties of the lodge, and at the end of his year he hoped some one would say he had not failed. He then strongly exhorted the other officers to support him, and said he should expect the officers would assist him. They would see he could not do all the work by himself. They must remember that this Mark Lodge was second to none, and he trusted they would take care that it should remain unrivalled by any Mark Lodge in London.

"The Advancees" and "The Visitors" were the next two toasts.

To the latter toast Bro. Charles Lacy responded. It was 15 years since he was advanced in this lodge, and he remained a member for eight or nine years, when he was a regular attendant at some inconvenience to himself. His engagements, however, compelled him at last to resign, though it was with much regret. He had not withdrawn from Mark Masonry, and he was exceedingly pleased to present himself again at his mother lodge, more especially to meet his old friend Past Master Figg.

Bro. James Terry also responded, and claimed that he had known Bro. Figg longer than Bro. Lacy had, as it was nearly half a century since he first became acquainted with him. It was a pleasure to see him restored to health, discharging his duties as Treasurer. Another pleasure was to see Bro. Mason installed as Master of the lodge. He and Bro. Mason had been connected together a long time now, and nothing could have given him greater pleasure than to see him in the distinguished position of Master of the Thistle Mark Lodge. He knew Bro. Mason to be thoroughly conscientious, and would not undertake a duty unless he could discharge it properly and efficiently. It was well for the brethren that they had such a Master. Martin Tupper said, "He that sitteth down on a thistle will rise up quickly," but the hospitality of the Thistle Lodge did not bear this out. It was a great treat to see how thoroughly happy all the brethren appeared to be. He was glad to find the W.M. was going up as Steward for the Mark Benevolent Fund, and hoped he would take up a good amount.

Bros. Mather and Mickley also replied.

When the toast of "The P.M.'s" was proposed, the W.M. presented Bro. Collens with a handsome Past Master's jewel.

Bro. Collens, in replying, said that in his year there had been nearly a dozen advances, and he hoped his successor would have two dozen. He also hoped that all the P.M.'s would do all they could for the benefit of the Master in the chair.

The toasts of "The Treasurer and the Secretary" and "The Officers" followed, which were responded to by Bros. Figg, Cottebrune, Festa, and Von Joel; and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

HULL.—Ancient York Chapter of Redemption. —This ancient chapter of the Rose Croix was held on the 4th inst. at the Masonic Hall, Prince-street. The M.W.S. having opened the chapter in due form, assisted by his officers, Bro. Thomas Marshall Wilkinson was unanimously elected a candidate for this Christian Degree. The M.W.S., Treasurer, and Equerry were elected. After the chapter was closed, the Ex. and Per. brethren spent a very happy evening. A letter was received from Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, S.G.I.G., 33°, and I.G. North-Eastern District, expressing regret at not being able to attend.

SHEFFIELD.—Talbot Chapter (No. 16).—A meeting of this chapter was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, on the 21st ult. The chapter was opened by M.W.S., Ill. Bro. J. Wordsworth, 30°, assisted by Ex. and Perfect Bro. J. E. Bingham, Prelate; Bro. S. Kelly, 1st Gen.; and the other officers. There being no candidate for the degree, the business of the chapter was soon completed and the chapter closed in due form. A letter of apology from Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, 33°, was read, expressing regret at not being able to attend.

The banquet was all that could be desired, and a very happy evening was spent. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly responded to.

BOLTON.—St Peter's Chapter (No. 31).—This prosperous chapter was opened by the M.W.S., Ill. Bro. Thompson, 30°, assisted by the officers of the chapter. Ill. Bro. C. N. Beswick Royds, S.G.I.G., 33°, and I.G. North-Western District, and Ill. Bro. Charles James Banister, S.G.I.G., 33°, I.G. North-Eastern District, were received under an arch of steel and properly saluted. Four candidates were perfected by the M.W.S., assisted by the Ill. Bros. Royds and Banister. The M.W.S. elect was presented to Ill. Bro. Capt. Beswick Royds, who installed him into the office with his usual care and impressiveness, after which he appointed and invested his officers.

Before proceeding with the business of the chapter, Ill. Bro. Thompson, 30°, in the name of the members of the chapter, said that he had a very pleasing duty to perform before he left the chair—to present their old and valued friend Ill. Bro. Charles James Banister, S.G.I.G., 33°, who had for upwards of 10 years been the I.G. of the Northern District, a small token of their esteem, with "Gould's History of Freemasonry," each volume on its first page being beautifully illuminated. "Presented to Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, 33°, by the members of the St. Peter's Chapter, Bolton, in recognition of his services to the chapter, and the deep interest he has always evinced for its welfare during the period he has held the office of Inspector-General of the district. Bolton, 1st Nov., 1884." He trusted that they would afford him many hours of enjoyment, and that, although the district had been divided, Bro. Banister would still come as regularly to see them, and on behalf of the chapter he begged his acceptance of the three first volumes of the work, and as the remaining volume or volumes came out they should be forwarded to him.

Bro. Banister, who on receiving the beautiful books was greeted with quite an ovation said—M.W.S., Illustrious, and Ex. and Perfect brethren: I thank you most sincerely for this further mark of your great kindness to me at all times. It is now many years since the old members of your chapter and myself worked together, when the Palatine Chapter (Rose Croix) used to hold their meetings alternately at Manchester, Liverpool, and Bolton, and by the assistance of Bro. G. P. Brockbank, 32°, and several other dear friends who have gone to their rest, we succeeded in obtaining warrants for chapters at Bolton and Liverpool, and I am happy to say that both are prosperous and working well. I have to thank the Supreme Council in relieving me of part of the large North District, which extended from Northumberland to Cheshire. They have appointed a very worthy brother to preside over the North-Western District, Ill. Bro. C. N. Beswick Royds, a brother who will look after your interests and give you the best of instruction and advice, far better than myself; and I promise you that whenever possible you shall see my face at your meetings; but I must not promise too much. At times I feel that I am getting old, and I have had many warnings to take more care of myself. I don't know how it is, but when I receive your circulars, and the circulars from the other chapters which I have been associated with for so many years, my first thought is how I can manage to attend, and to hope that nothing unforeseen will come in the way to prevent me. Brethren, accept my sincere thanks, wishing you, M.W.S., and all the brethren of this chapter, every blessing, both now and for ever.

Business of the chapter completed, it was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall, where ample justice was done to the good things provided by the host. Ill. Bro. Banister was unable to stay through the dinner, he having to return into Yorkshire.

Red Cross of Constantine.

HULL.—De la Pole Conclave (No. 132).—This very flourishing conclave held its annual installation meeting on the 26th ult. Past Sir Knt. George Wilson, in the absence of the M.P.S., Sir Knt. Wm. Gillett, through illness, presided. After the muster roll had been called and the minutes of the last conclave read and confirmed, Em. Sir Knt. J. R. Ansdell, Past Sov., assumed the chair. A College of Viceroy was formed and opened, and Sir Knt. Dr. R. Wiseman Cooper was presented, consecrated, and invested Viceroy Eusebius for the ensuing year. Subsequently, a senate being called, Em. Sir Knt. A. P. Wilson, the M.P.S. elect, who had filled the office of V.E., was enthroned the M.P.S., and afterwards appointed and invested the following officers: James A. Ansdell, Past Sov., Senior Gen.; P. C. Whitfield, Junior Gen.; J. D. Wing (P.V.E.), High Prelate; Hy. Preston, P. Sov., Treas.; George S. Highmoor, Recorder; John Matthews, 1st Aide de Camp.; John Walton, D.C.; John Chappell, Prefect; J. Longley, Std. Br.; T. T. Davis, Herald; C. W. Cheeseman, Org.; and J. Bendell, Sentinel.

The sir knights at the close of the conclave adjourned to the refectory and dined together under the presidency of the newly-enthroned Sov. The usual Red Cross toasts were duly given and responded to.

Knights Templar.

The Provincial Priory of the Province of Northumberland and Durham and Beswick-upon-Tweed was held on the 18th ult. at the Masonic Hall, Darlington. V.E. Sir Knight Charles James Banister, P.G. Captain of England, Prov. Prior, duly opened the priory, assisted by his officers. V.E. Sir Knight Charles Fendelow, Prov. Prior of Staffordshire and Warwickshire, was received under an Arch of Steel, and duly saluted. The roll of preceptories was called, and a very favourable report given by each Preceptor. The new provincial bye-laws were discussed, and unanimously passed and adopted. Sir Knight H. Hotham resigned the office of Prov. Treasurer, and a cordial vote of thanks was unanimously passed for his long services in that office. Sir Knight C. R. Fry was unanimously elected Prov. Treasurer. The following officers were then appointed by the V.E. Prov. Prior: Sir Knights Col. James Monks, Prov. Sub-Prior; Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., Prov. Prelate; R. A. Luck, Prov. Chancellor; H. Maddison, Prov. Constable; S. H. Bousfield, Prov. Marshal; T. M. Watson, Prov. Reg.; T. Ness, Prov. Sub-Marshal; Rev. C. Jackson, Prov. Chaplain and Almoner; J. J. Wilkes, Prov. Herald; S. Wilson, Prov. Standard Bearer; T. J. Barron, Prov. Aide-de-Camp; R. L. Armstrong, Prov. Captain of Guard; D. W. Dixon, Prov. Sword Bearer; H. Tovey, Prov. Organist; J. Trhelme, Prov. 1st Equerry; and G. S. Sims, Prov. 2nd Equerry. The following Sir Knights were elected members of the Committee: Col. James Monks, R. A. Luck, H. Maddison, S. F. Bousfield, John Bailey, C. R. Fry, and W. Logan. Much regret was expressed at the unavoidable absence of Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., and other Sir Knights, who had written explaining the cause of their absence. The business of the Prov. Priory being closed, the V.E. Prov. Prior and V.E. Prov. Prior of Staffordshire and Warwickshire, with the Great Officers, retired under an Arch of Steel.

A sumptuous banquet was prepared at the King's Head Hotel, under the presidency of Sir Knight J. J. Wilkes, E. Preceptor of St. Cuthbert's Preceptory, who had on his right the V.E. Prov. Prior, Sir Knight C. J. Banister, and V.E. Prov. Prior of Staffordshire and Warwickshire. The loyal and Masonic toasts were admirably proposed and responded to, and a truly happy and intellectual evening was spent.

The preceptory of the Province of Northumberland, Durham, Berwick-upon-Tweed, and Newcastle-upon-Tyne was opened in due form, at the Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on the 20th ult., by the Eminent Preceptor, Sir Knight T. M. Watson, assisted by his officers. The minutes of the last preceptory were read and confirmed. Comp. James Deighton Dixon, who had been unanimously elected at the last meeting, being in attendance, was very impressively installed a Knight Templar, by the Em. Preceptor. A sir knight was proposed as a joining member, and a candidate for initiation. A letter of apology was read from the Em. Pro Prior Sir Knight Chas. James Banister, stating his regret; in not being able to attend.

The business of the preceptory being finished it was closed in due and solemn form, and the sir knights

adjourned to the dining hall for refreshments, under the presidency of the E.P. Sir Knight T. M. Watson, and a truly enjoyable evening was the result.

DARLINGTON.—St. Cuthbert's Preceptory (No. 139).—The above preceptory was opened in due form on the 18th ult., by the Eminent Preceptor, Sir Knt. John James Wilkes, assisted by his officers. The minutes of the last preceptory were read and confirmed. The Prov. Priory having been appointed to meet under their banner, the very Eminent Prov. Prior, Sir Knt. C. J. Banister, with his Deputy, Sir Knt. Col. James Monks, and the Provincial Grand Officers and officers were received under an arch of steel and saluted.

After the Prov. Prior and his Prov. Officers had retired, the preceptory was closed in due form, and the six knights retired from the Masonic Hall, Archer-street, to the Kings' Head Hotel, where the banquet was held.

Ireland.

CONSECRATION OF A NEW MASONIC HALL, MOUNTMELICK.

A new Masonic Hall, the erection of which is due entirely to the energy and liberality of the brethren of Lodge 660, Mountmellick, was consecrated with appropriate ceremonial on Tuesday, the 4th inst., by R.W. Bro. the Earl of Huntingdon, Prov. Grand Master of the Midland Counties, Ireland. About 200 members of the different lodges in the province were assembled on the occasion, and the Mountmellick brethren especially must have been highly gratified with the very successful manner in which the proceedings were carried out. Lodge 660 received its warrant of constitution in 1786, and has worked almost without intermission ever since. The members who took the chief part in the preliminary labours, and contributed so largely to raising the necessary funds were Bros. Richard Rhodes, J. T. Bailey, W. Goff Pim, J. Meredith, and R. Middleton Smith, W.M. 139.

The new Hall is a commodious and well-appointed building, suitable in all respects for the purposes of the Craft. The principal apartment on the ground floor is intended for banqueting, while the hall, oblong in character and suitably furnished and decorated, is on the floor above. The total cost of the Hall, with furniture and fittings, is but little short of £600, and, thanks to the energy of the brethren named and others, there is needed less than £100 in order to complete that sum.

Among those present at the consecration were Bros. the Earl of Huntingdon, R.W. Prov. G.M. of the Midland Counties; Capt. Robert Godolphin Cosby, R.W. Prov. D. G.M.; A. K. Evans, P.G.S.W.; John Roe, P.G.J.W.; Capt. A. Maxwell, P.G. Treas.; the Rev. H. J. Gillespie, P.G. Sec.; W. P. Lloyd-Vaughan, P.G.S.D.; W. D. Whelan, P.G.J.D.; J. Boyle and Dr. D. Jacobs, P.G. Stwds.; G. Marshall, P.G. Org.; Richard Rhodes, P.G. Lodge Instructor; Richard Goodbody, P.G.I.G.; and a strong muster of the members of lodges Nos. 139, 163, 167, 321, 398, 402, 660, 215, 768, 998, 250, 156, and others; the letters of regret at being unable to attend being likewise very numerous.

The brethren having assembled in the banqueting room, a procession was formed, and when it had reached the lodge room, and the members had taken their appointed places, P.G. Lodge was opened, and Bro. the Rev. W. H. Frazer having invoked the blessing of the G.A.O.T.U., a hymn was sung, and the R.W. Prov. G.M. invited to consecrate the Hall. The preliminary steps to this end having been taken, the ceremony of consecration proceeded in accordance with ancient Masonic usage, and the Hall was declared dedicated to the purposes of Freemasonry. In the evening a banquet was given by Lodges Nos. 139 and 660, at which the visitors were most hospitably entertained, the chair being occupied by Bro. R. Middleton Smith, W.M. of No. 139, Mountmellick.

BRITISH HAIRDRESSERS' BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The forty-eighth dinner of the British Hairdressers' Benevolent Institution was held at St. James's Hall on the 4th inst., the President, Bro. Joseph Lichtenfeld, 205, in the chair, when some 100 or more ladies and gentlemen sat down. After the toasts of "The Queen," "The Army and Navy and Reserve Forces,"

Bro. LICHTENFELD gave "Success to the British Hairdressers' Provident and Benevolent Institution," and stated it was now nearly half a century old. Its progress had been slow, but steady, for in 1866 the capital was but £2000, and in 1884 £4595. (Applause.) Its objects were both benevolent and provident. One prominent feature, Bro. Lichtenfeld explained, was the economy with which it was managed, every possible penny subscribed going for the purpose for which it was intended. They had now seven pensioners, and £250 was expended annually, £150 being received from annual subscribers. He quite upheld dispensing the charity of the Institution without the publicity which caused pain, and hurt the feelings of the recipient, and concluded by making an appeal, which resulted in upwards of £60 being collected.

The retiring President, Mr. John Carter, was then presented by the Chairman with a handsome illuminated vote of thanks, which was duly acknowledged.

Bro. LICHTENFELD responded to the toast of "The President" in a few and well-chosen words.

The other toasts were "The Trustees," to which Bros. Truefit and Hopkirk replied; "Kindred Societies;" "The Ladies," proposed in an amusing speech by Bro. Rimmel; "The Visitors and Artistes," to which Mr. B. Thomas and Mr. Allison replied, the latter remarking he attended the first dinner of the Charity at White Conduit House, Wigmore-street, and was pleased to say he was one of the pioneers; and "The Press," which was acknowledged by Messrs. Creer and Wise.

We noticed the musical arrangements added to the enjoyment of all. Mr. Lehmyer was the accompanist, and Mr. S. Lichtenfeld's violin solo was greatly appreciated. The following brethren were among those present: Bros. Rev. M. Haines, H. J. Phillips, R. Hovenden, C. F. Hogard, H. E. Dehane, H. M. Levy, J. A. Gartley, W. T. Allen, and H. Browning.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The regular monthly meeting of this Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday last, the 6th inst. Bro. Joyce Murray, Vice-Patron, presided, and there were present Bros. John L. Mather, Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; William Roebuck, P.G. Std.; James Moon, F. W. Ramsay, M.D., R. Berridge, Henry W. Hunt, A. F. Godson, Richard Morris, M.A., LL.D. (Head Master), Alfred Withers, F. Adlard, H. Hacker, Richard Eve, John J. Berry, C. F. Hogard, W. A. Scurrah, Geo. P. Gillard, Alfred Williams, T. Hastings Miller, W. Maple, Henry Vernon, and F. Binckes, Secretary. The minutes having been read and confirmed, nine petitions were submitted, of which six were accepted and three deferred. Of five applications made for an outfit by ex-pupils, four were granted and one was deferred. £500 was invested on account of the General Fund, and a sum of £20 a year towards maintenance and education was granted in the case of a boy whose health did not allow of his being housed, &c., at the school. Regretful reference was made to the death of Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton, a Patron and one of the Trustees of the Institution; shortly after which the meeting separated with the usual compliment of thanks to the Chairman for having presided.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of Management of this Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 10th inst. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., occupied the chair, and among those present were Bros. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; F. Adlard, John Bulmer, James Brett, P.G.P.; W. Hilton, J. A. Farnhill, Charles Lacey, Chas. Belton, Z. B. Daniell, Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; D. V. Cama, C. H. Webb, Charles Daniel, Charles Dairy, W. March, C. F. Hogard, and James Terry, Sec.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the SECRETARY reported the death of Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton, Past G. Treas., and one of the Trustees of the Institution; and it was directed that a letter of condolence with Mrs. Creaton should be written.

The deaths of four male and two female annuitants were reported, as well as of one of the widows in receipt of half her late husband's annuity.

The Wardens' report was read, and the Chairman authorised to sign cheques.

Bro. JABEZ HOGG's motion, "That, in consideration of the eminent service rendered to the Institution by Bro. G. Blizard Abbott, in having written the History of the Institution, he be elected an Honorary Life Governor, with all the privileges appertaining thereto," was carried unanimously.

Ten new petitions, and one deferred, were then successively considered and dealt with, the result being that the latter was rejected, while of the new ones seven were accepted and three deferred.

An application from the widow of Bro. Spratt, a deceased annuitant, for the half of his annuity for the usual period was deferred for further consideration.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

The Craft Abroad.

GRAND COMMANDERY (KNIGHTS TEMPLAR) NEW YORK.

The annual conclave was held in Buffalo City on the 14th and 15th ult., under the presidency of Sir Knight C. Aikman. Nearly all the commanderies in the jurisdiction were represented, and the proceedings appear to have passed off most successfully. Sir Knight David F. Day, of Buffalo, read an address of welcome, which was appropriately acknowledged by Sir Knight John W. Simmons, Past G.C. and P.G.M. of the G. Encampment, U.S.A., after which the G.C. delivered a long and elaborate address, describing fully and faithfully the chief events of the year. In the afternoon of the first day a grand parade took place in the streets of the city, there being about as many bands of music as there were commanderies, the whole making a most resplendent show, and eliciting loud applause from the dense crowds of spectators assembled. A reception followed in the evening, consisting of a concert, a ball, and a collation, the gorgeous uniforms of the Sir Knights, the exquisite toilettes of the ladies, and the decorations of the room harmonising together most splendidly. In fact, the account we have read—which extends over 10 columns of the *Freemasons' Journal* of New York—is enough to take one's breath away, there being only one thing needed to render it acceptable, and that is—a slight dash of Masonry. However, our American brethren appear to delight in this kind of thing, and we outsiders have no right to criticise if it pleases those principally concerned. We may add that the following are the Grand Officers for the new year: Sir Knights A. A. Crosby, G.C.; Peter Forrester, D.G.C.; J. K. Johnson, G.C.; A. Goodall, G.C.G.; Rev. J. G. Webster, G.P.; T. G. Haslehurst, G.S.W.; A. C. Wood, G.J.W.; R. C. Christian, G. Treas.; R. Macoy, G. Rec.; F. N. Mabee, G. Std. B.; G. McGowan, G. Swd. B.; G. M. Loder, G.W.; and W. D. May, G.C. of G.

GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The *Keystone* contains particulars of a series of visitations made on the 13th, 14th, and 15th October respectively, to certain Lodges and districts in the jurisdictions by Bro. Conrad B. Day, G. Master, who was accompanied by Bros. Joseph Eishbaum, G.S.W.; Clifford P. MacCalla, G.J.W.; Thomas R. Pattan, G. Treas.; Michael Nisbet, G. Sec.; Hon. Richard Vause, Past G.M.; George W. Wood, G. Marshal; Louis M. Chasteau, G. Swd. Br.; John Slingluff, as G.S.D.; Edward Matthews, as G.J.D.; Will J. Kelly, as G. Purst.; and Will A. Sinn, G. Tyler. The first visitation was made to Harrisburg, the lodge selected for the honour being the Perseverance, No. 21, there being thirty-three other lodges represented. The following day Lewistown was reached, and the Lewistown Lodge, No. 203, visited fourteen neighbouring lodges, sending brethren to represent them. On the 15th October, the travellers proceeded to Bellefonte and visited the Bellefonte Lodge, No. 260, twelve other lodges being represented. At each

of the visitations instruction was given in one or other of the three degrees of Craft Masonry. The lodges were found to be in a most prosperous condition, and the addresses delivered by Bros. Day, G.M.; Vaux, P.G.M.; and his principal officers, were very respectfully welcomed, the visitors being most hospitably entertained in each locality. Other visitations followed.

Obituary.

THE LATE BRO. H. C. LEVANDER, P.G.D.

The brief notice we were enabled to give last week of our late respected Bro. H. C. Levander will give but a very poor account of the important services he had rendered to the Craft in the course of a career extending over thirty years. Indeed, even the full details as to the lodges, chapters, &c., with which he had been or was at the time of his death connected, though it would present a formidable array of names and titles, would but indifferently testify to his great merits in every branch of Freemasonry. As we stated last week, Bro. Levander was initiated in the Lodge of Economy, No. 76—then No. 90—Winchester. Two years later he was advanced to the Mark Degree in the Albany Lodge, Isle of Wight, and exalted to the R.A. in the Economy Chapter, No. 76. He was a Pstt Master of St. Thomas's Lodge, No. 142, of the Concord, No. 632, Trowbridge, of No. 961, of the Campbell Lodge, No. 1415, a P.P.G.S.B. and P.P.G.S.D. of Wiltshire, Prov. G. Secretary Middlesex, and P.G.D. England. He was a P.Z. of St. Thomas's Chapter, No. 142, Panmure Chapter, No. 720, and the Burdett Chapter, No. 1293, P.P.G.H. Middlesex, Prov. G. Scribe E. ditto, and P.G. Swd. Br. England. He was a P.M. Grosvenor Mark Lodge, and G. Registrar of Marks in the Mark G. Lodge. He was a P.M.W.S. Palestine Chapter, Rose Croix, and 32° in the A. and A. S. Rite, P.P.G. Swd. Br. Temple, a Knight of Malta, Recorder of the Premier Conclave, Red Cross, from 1878-1882, Grand Treasurer and P.G.S.G. of the Grand Imperial Council, Treasurer General of the K.H.S. and St. John the Evangelist Patriarchal Council, a member of the Royal Order of Scotland, a Royal and Select Master, and of the Allied Degrees, Senior S.S. in the High Council of the Rosicrucian Society, one of the Grand Masters Royal Ark Mariners Council, and had been or was Secretary or Treasurer of sundry lodges and chapters. He had been Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes, and was a member of the Audit Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Lastly, he was a Vice-President of all three Institutions, and had acted as Festival Steward four times for the Girls' School, five times for the Boys' School, and five times for the Benevolent Institution. To parallel a record of service such as this would be a task of great difficulty. It was not, however, only in Freemasonry that our late Bro. Lavender won for himself so great a name. He started well in his career, having graduated in mathematical honours at Oxford, of which University he was M.A. He was Fellow or Member of many learned Societies, such as the Royal Astronomical, the Philological, Cambridge Philological, Ballad, and Early English Text, as well as those of the Biblical Archaeology and for the promotion of Hellenic Studies. He was likewise a great linguist, and was particularly known for his familiar acquaintance with, among other languages, French and Sanskrit. Thus both within and outside the Craft Bro. Levander stood deservedly high by reason of his great abilities and profound learning, and, above all things, by the hearty zeal with which he prosecuted any duty or business he set his mind to. His funeral took place at the West Hampstead Cemetery on Saturday last, when his remains were followed to their last resting place by the members of his family and by a large gathering, both of Masons and non-Masons, whose love and esteem he had won for himself, and who were thus desirous of paying their last tribute of respect to him when dead. The masters and pupils of University College School attended, and a large number of the personal friends of the deceased. The following brethren were also present: Bros. E. Letchworth, G.J.D.; H. G. Buss, G. Asst. Sec., Prov. G. Treas.; J. L. Thomas, P.G.A.D.C.; T. Cubitt, P.G.P.; James Terry, Secretary Benevolent Institution; R. W. Hedges, Secretary Girls' School; Inglis, P.P.G.W.; J. Mason, P.P.G.D.; T. J. Bird, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Hammond, P.P.G.D.; W. Hammond, P.P.G.D.; J. J. Marsh, Prov. G. Std. Br.; H. W. Mayes, Prov. G.P.; D. P. Cama, Prov. G.S.B.; W. H. Lee, Prov. G. Asst. Sec.; A. A. Pendlebury, P.M.; J. Osborn, W.M. 1897; G. Powell, P.M. 142; J. W. Lambert, Prov. G.R.; John Gilbert, Prov. G. Tyler, and others. The Aldersgate Lodge was represented by the Worshipful Master Bro. Samuel White, and Past Masters the Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette and George Kenning.

BRO. HENRY S. COOPER.

We have to record the death of Bro. Henry S. Cooper, of the United Strength Lodge, No. 228, which took place at his residence, in Holyrood-street, Newport, Isle of Wight, on the 28th ult. He had attained the advanced age of 76 years, and was an energetic worker in Freemasonry; but for the last few years had been prevented taking that active part in it which he had previously done, owing to his suffering from a chronic form of bronchitis, of which complaint he died. He was a founder and member of the Zetland Lodge, No. 511; the South Middlesex Lodge, No. 858; and the Industry Lodge, No. 186; also a companion of the Mount Sinai, Jerusalem, Lily of Richmond, and Albany Chapters; and a Mark Master of the Thistle Lodge. He was interred in the Newport Cemetery on the 4th inst., and had that respect shown to his memory by his brethren in Masonry which he had received and merited during his life. The funeral was attended by Mr. Henry Blackwell, Head Constable of the borough of Newport (son-in-law); Henry Cooper Blackwell (grandson); and Messrs. F. and S. Sarel (cousins) of the deceased; also by the W.M. and many members of the Albany Lodge, No. 151, Newport. We are sure all old friends of our late brother will hear of his death with regret.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, 1507, meeting at 15, Finsbury-pavement, E.C., on Monday next, the 15th. The proceedings will commence at 6.30 p.m., precisely. £80 to £800.—Tobacconists.—A pamphlet (80 pages) How to commence from £20; three stamps. H. Myers & Co., 109, Euston-rd., London. Sample cigars 6, 5, 4—1/4, 14 stamps. [ADVT.]



At a meeting of the Royal York Lodge, No. 7, held at the Freemasons' Tavern on the 2nd inst., Bro. Adlard, after holding office as Treasurer for nearly a quarter of a century, resigned in consequence of failing sight. Much regret was expressed at the loss of Bro. Adlard's services as Treasurer, and a testimonial was unanimously voted to him in recognition of his having so carefully kept the accounts of the lodge. Bro. Adlard has been a P.M. of the lodge for over half a century.

Rev. S. A. Griffiths, Vicar Christ Church, St. Giles, W.C., earnestly appeals for donations to provide Christmas gifts for his poor people. Warm clothing greatly needed.

Bro. Alderman Evans will preside at the house dinner of the City Constitutional Club on Wednesday next, the 17th inst.

Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead will be one of the principal guests at the anniversary dinner on Wednesday next, the 17th inst., of the Commercial Travellers' Schools.

Bro. the Lord Mayor was to preside on Friday evening, the 12th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, at the annual meeting for the Relief of the Poor of the City of London and parts adjacent.

A very successful and pleasant meeting of the Brixton Lodge was held at Brixton Hall on Saturday last, when Bro. H. Baldwin was elected W.M. We hope to give a report in our next.

The installation meeting of the Royal Jubilee Chapter was held on Thursday, the 4th inst., when a handsome jewel was presented to Ex. Comp. H. Lovegrove. A report will appear in our next.

Bro. Alderman Fowler, M.P., G.J.W., has given up his intention of visiting India, but will make a holiday tour on the Continent instead, returning to England in time to attend his Parliamentary duties.

Bros. J. H. Puleston, M.P., and W. T. Marriott, O.C., M.P., are expected to take part shortly in a meeting to be held in support of the completion of the National Hospital for the Paralyzed and Epileptic, Queen-square, Bloomsbury, W.C.

It is anticipated that her Majesty will visit Sandringham early next year, in order to attend the festivities which will take place on the occasion of Prince Albert Victor's attainment of his majority. The young Prince was born on the 8th January, 1864.

H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany has recently presented to the board of management of the Chelsea Hospital for Women, to be hung in the board room, a fine portrait of her late husband, H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, P.G.W. and P.G.M. Oxfordshire.

Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead will preside on Tuesday evening at an entertainment to be given at the City Temple, on behalf of the Orphan Working School. The same day he will open a three days' Bazaar at Exeter Hall, in aid of the fund for raising a permanent institution for young men in connection with the Lambeth branch of Young Men's Christian Association.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, supported by Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead and Sheriff Phillips, will take the chair on Wednesday next, at the Mansion House, at the 99th annual meeting of the Benevolent or Strangers' Friend Society, of which Bro. Alderman Fowler, M.P., G.J.W., is Treasurer. Bro. H. B. Marshall, G. Treas., has promised to assist on this occasion in advocating the cause of this excellent Charity.

The managers of the East London Mission, 263, Cable-street, St. George's, E., make an earnest appeal to all benevolent and Christian friends for funds to provide the annual Christmas dinner for destitute children and New Year's supper for poorest adults in poverty-stricken districts of Ratcliffe, Shadwell, and St. George's. Funds, very urgently needed to lighten depths of poverty in East London, may be sent to the Hon. Superintendent, Mr. G. Hopkins (Hall for Free Dinners), 263, Cable-street, St. George's, E.

Readers of Bro. Hughan's new work will have noticed the graceful dedication to our venerable Bro. H. Hopkins. In a review of the work in question in *Clarke's Guernsey News*, the writer thus refers to it:—"We may add that to Guernsey Masons of a few years' standing the book has a special interest, being fraternally dedicated to their dear friend and brother, Dr. Henry Hopkins, who is described by Bro. Hughan as the instructor of his Masonic youth and the friend of his manhood. Many old brethren here delight to think of the worthy doctor in like manner."

Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, of Southampton, the Prov. Grand Secretary of Hants and the Isle of Wight for some years past, has been appointed to the important office of Deputy Prov. Grand Master, vacated by the death of Bro. W. Hickman. Like that brother and three of his predecessors in the position, Bro. Le Feuvre owns the Royal Gloucester, of Southampton (130), as his mother lodge, his two immediate predecessors—Bros. Hickman and Stebbing—having, like himself, served the office of Prov. Grand Secretary. His appointment, it is believed, will be received with great satisfaction throughout the province, where he is known as an energetic and well-skilled worker in Masonry.

The installation of the W.M. of William of Wykeham Lodge took place on Tuesday at the Masonic Hall, Winchester, when the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. W. B. Beach, M.P., and Prov. Grand Officers were present, together with a large number of brethren. At the banquet which followed the Prov. Grand Master announced that he intended to appoint Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, Prov. Grand Secretary, as Deputy Prov. Grand Master, in succession to the late Bro. Hickman. Bro. Le Feuvre is an old and zealous Mason, and in 1881 he was appointed Prov. Grand Senior Warden, and has held the office of Prov. Grand Secretary 10 years.

The widow of Bro. Captain Webb, the noted swimmer, and her two children, have arrived in England from America.

The Duke of Abercorn, Grand Master of Ireland, left London for his seat, Baron's Court, Ireland, towards the close of last week.

Bro. Sir Moses Montefiore has forwarded to each of the clergy in the parishes about Ramsgate a cheque for £20 for distribution amongst the poor.

Bro. Lord Brooke, M.P., P.G.M. Essex, and Lady Brooke visited the Queen at Windsor Castle, on Monday, and had the honour of dining with her Majesty.

Bro. the Lord Mayor distributed the prizes won by the pupils of the Peckham Technical School on Wednesday evening, at the Victoria Baths, Martin's-road, Peckham.

The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, and the Countess of Carnarvon, arrived at Windsor Castle on Wednesday evening, and were included in the Royal dinner party.

Bro. Alderman Sir H. E. Knight presided on Tuesday afternoon at the half-yearly general meeting at the offices, Summer-street, of the Southwark and Vauxhall Water Company.

On Tuesday afternoon, Bro. the Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, attended in state at St. Jude's Church Room, South Kensington, for the purpose of opening Dr. Forrest's annual bazaar for the benefit of ladies in reduced circumstances.

Mr. George Kenning, of Great Queen-street and Little Britain, has just issued his "Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar Diary and Pocket Book" for 1885. A most comprehensive book of Masonic reference it is. No member of the Craft should be without it.—*Citizen*.

Bro. Sir Frederick Leighton, President, distributed the prizes awarded during the past year to the students of the Royal Academy, on Wednesday evening, in the lecture room of the institution, at Burlington House. There was a large attendance, among whom were several academicians and associates.

The Prince of Wales has expressed his willingness to accept a presentation from the borough of King's Lynn, in commemoration of the coming of age in January next of his eldest son, Prince Albert Victor of Wales, and the municipality have arranged that the memorial shall be facsimile of the "Lynn" or "King John's" cup, together with an address of congratulation.

Bro. N. B. Headon, 65, Friday-street, E.C., P.M., Treas. Great City Lodge, has received a flattering requisition from his friends and neighbours to allow himself to be put in nomination for the vacant seat in the Court of Common Council for the Ward of Farringdon Within, caused by the retirement of Mr. Hilditch. Bro. Headon is a citizen and Liveryman of the Needle-makers' Company.

Bro. Sheldrick, W.M. of the Blair Lodge, 815, held at the Hulme Town Hall, requests us to announce the annual Christmas Social Party, which will be held in connection with the lodge, as heretofore, on Friday, January 16th, 1885. There will be the usual pleasurable entertainment provided, and Bro. Sheldrick trusts he shall be supported by a good muster of members of the Craft with their ladies.

Bro. the Lord Mayor will preside on the evening of Saturday, the 13th instant, at the annual prize meeting of the 3rd London Rifles, when the prizes will be distributed by the Lady Mayoress. On Saturday evening next, the 20th instant, the prizes of the 2nd London Rifles will be distributed by her ladyship, Bro. the Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs being present. Both meetings will take place at the Guildhall.

The following dinners took place at the Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending December 13th:—Monday—St. George's and Corner Stone Lodge, Leigh Lodge, and University Chapter. Tuesday—Club of Nobody's Friends, Waldeck Lodge, Wanderers Lodge, St. James's Union Lodge, Jerusalem Chapter, and Prudent Brethren. Wednesday—Enoch Lodge and Lodge of Fidelity. Thursday—Metropolitan Dairymen's Benevolent Institution, Caledonian Society, Polish National Lodge, and Albion Lodge. Friday—Britannic Lodge, Bedford Lodge, and Eclectic Lodge. Saturday—Phoenix Lodge and Duke of Cornwall Lodge.

A meeting of the Lathom Testimonial Portrait Committee was held on Friday, the 5th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, when the Secretary, Bro. R. Martin, made the gratifying statement that Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, R.W.P.G.M., had consented to attend on the evening of the ball, the 8th prox., when the portrait, painted by Mr. J. Haines Williams, will be presented, in the council chamber of the Town Hall. His Worship the Mayor, Bro. Alderman D. Radcliffe, will preside on the occasion, and it was unanimously resolved that the presentation of the portrait and a very artistically illuminated address should be made by Bro. J. B. Mackenzie, P.P.G.S.W., who is the Chairman of the Portrait Committee. Subscribers to the fund will be invited to witness the ceremony, and those who attend the ball will also have the privilege of being present.

The Owl Glee Club gave a ladies' concert, at the Cannon-street Hotel recently, which was very numerously attended. Bros. Collins, Ashton, James, Thompson, Moss, Bevan, and Hubbard, assisted by Madam Florence Winn, whose voice and singing greatly delighted the large assemblage, and who duly received and submitted to the justly and deserved encores. Master John Saunders, violin soloist, was again engaged, and met with a very warm reception. The part singing was of the highest description, although some of the brethren were suffering from severe hoarseness, Bro. A. James being compelled to retire from the second part of the programme. Bro. A. Thompson discharging double duty, and met with a hearty reception. Bro. A. Izard at the piano played selections, and was greatly applauded. Bro. Maddock again rendered great service in the well-seating and attentive courtesy to the visitors and subscribers. The entertainment was very good, and the large gathering separated evidently highly satisfied.

Bro. Sir Edward Malet, our Ambassador at Berlin, and representative at the Congo Conference, has had accorded to him full power to treat for the recognition by England of the International African Association.

Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton has presented to Chester Cathedral an antique marble font, specially obtained from India, and has also promised to fill the southern window with stained glass in memory of his father.

We much regret to hear that Bro. Norris, the venerable Warden of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at Croydon, is in a very critical state of health, and that, having regard to his great age (94 in January last), there is but little probability of his rallying.

Bros. Alderman De Keyser, Deputy East, E. J. Baylis, Major T. Davies Sewell, A. J. Altman, J. R. Mallett, G. Shaw, &c., were among the guests at the dinner at the Guildhall Tavern, on Monday evening, of the Gas and Water Committee of the Corporation of London.

Bro. James Terry, P. Prov. G.S.W. Northamptonshire and Hants, &c., Secretary R.M.B.I., will rehearse the Ceremonies of Consecration and Installation at the Highgate Lodge of Instruction, No. 1366, held at the Boston Hotel, Junction-road, Upper Holloway, on Thursday next, the 18th instant, at 7 p.m.

At the usual monthly meeting of the Lodge of Love and Honour, 75, Falmouth, Bro. G. H. B. Read, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. W. F. Newman, P.P.G.S.W., was re-elected Treasurer. The installation and annual banquet was fixed to take place on Tuesday, the 30th inst.

Bro. the Lord Mayor will preside at the 99th Annual Meeting of the Benevolent or Strangers' Friend Society at the Mansion House, on Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Bros. Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead, J. H. Puleston, M.P., Horace Brooks Marshall, G. Treas., are announced as speakers on the occasion.

Bro. H. B. Marshall, G. Treasurer, Chairman of the Freeman's Orphan School Committee of London, will lay the memorial stone in connection with the rebuilding of the Freeman's Almshouses on Wednesday next, the 17th instant. After the ceremony, a musical and general entertainment will be given to the alms people and the orphans.

There was a large muster of visitors at the Criterion on Monday evening, when Messrs. Spiers and Pond inaugurated their "Glee Dinner." Of the dinner little more need be said than that the catering was worthy of this enterprising firm, while the glee-singing, for which the services of an efficient and well-trained choir of men and boys had been obtained, proved a most agreeable accompaniment to the banquet.

Bro. the Lord Mayor presided on Monday evening in the Town Hall, Shoreditch, at the annual distribution of the prizes won by the members of the Tower Hamlets Rifle Brigade. After the report for the year had been read, the Lady Mayoress, who accompanied his lordship, gave away the prizes, and the proceedings terminated with the usual vote of thanks to her ladyship.

Bro. Henry Irving's engagement in New York terminated on Saturday evening last. The performance was that of "The Bells," and at the close the audience in a body called Bro. Irving before the curtain and gave him a most enthusiastic reception. Bro. Irving announced that he had proposed paying them a fourth and concluding visit in March next.

Bro. E. Dresser-Rogers has announced his intention to stand as a candidate for Parliament for the borough of Camberwell, on the passing of the Redistribution Bill. For over 25 years Bro. Rogers has been identified with this parish in all popular movements, particularly in regard to local government and gas and water questions; and he has been known for many years as an active politician.

ST. LEONARD'S LODGE, No. 1766.—The installation of Bro. James Funston as W.M. of this lodge took place at the Town Hall, Shoreditch, on Wednesday, the 10th inst., when a very strong muster of the brethren and visitors attended. The ceremony was most ably performed, and the occasion was remarkable from the fact that the new Master was the first initiate in this lodge. After the ceremony, about 80 brethren sat down to a banquet, most creditably provided by Messrs. Bertram and Roberts. The proceedings of the evening were enlivened by some excellent music, under the direction of Bro. Schartau. Bro. W. Clarke, P.G.P., responded for "The Masonic Charities," and Bros. Levy, P.M. 867, and Andrew McDowall, P.M. London Rifle Brigade Lodge, P.P.G.D.C. for Berks and Bucks, for "The Visitors."

W. Bro. Henry Baldwin, Prov. G.S.B. Middx., W.M. elect 1949, &c., has been unanimously re-elected captain of the Commercial Travellers' cricket club for the ensuing season of 1885. This club has just handed over 50 guineas each to the Commercial Travellers' Schools and Benevolent Institution, being the proceeds of their annual concert at the Cannon-street Hotel in March last, and their annual grand match played at Catford Bridge in July last (the ground of which is very kindly lent for the occasion by the private banks.) The balance sheet shows that this remarkably successful and flourishing cricket club has handed over between those two excellent institutions over 800 guineas. The fifteenth annual dinner of this club took place at the Holborn Restaurant (Venetian-room) on Tuesday, 9th inst., at 5 p.m. Horace A. Coates, Esq., President of the club, took the chair, and Bro. H. Baldwin, the captain; W. Lancett, Esq., the vice-captain; and J. Hook, Esq., the treasurer; occupied the vice-chairs.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—With darkening days and changing temperatures the digestion becomes impaired, the liver disordered, and the mind despondent, unless the cause of the irregularity be expelled from the blood and body by such an alterative as these Pills. They directly attack the source of the evil, thrust out all impurities from the circulation, restore the distempered organs to their natural state, and correct all defective or contaminated secretions. Such an easy means of instituting health, strength, and cheerfulness should be applied by all whose stomachs are weak, whose minds are much harassed, or whose brains are overworked. Holloway's is essentially a blood-tempering medicine, whereby its influence reaches the remotest fibre of the frame and effects a universal good.—*Adv't.*

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS
For the Week ending Saturday, December 20, 1884.

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15.

- Lodge 1, Grand Masters, Freemasons' Tav.
- " 8, British, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 21, Emulation, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 185, Tranquillity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
- " 720, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.
- " 862, Whittington, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 1537, St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly.
- " 1901, Shadwell Clerke, SA, Red Lion-sq., W.C.
- Chap. 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Loughborough, Cambria Tav., Cambria-rd., S.E.
- Strong Man, Excise Tav., Old Broad-st., at 7.
- Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st., at 7.
- St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
- Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High-st., Camden Town, 8.
- Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
- St. Mark's, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
- Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6.
- Perfect Ashlar, Jamaica Tav., Southwark Park-rd., at 8.
- John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 8.
- Hyde Park, Fountains Abbey Hot., 111, Praed-st., Paddington, at 8.
- Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road, 7.
- Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
- Metropolitan, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.
- United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
- Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, 8 till 10.
- West Smithfield, Clarence Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
- Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., at 8.
- Kingsland, Cock Tav., Highbury, N., at 8.30.
- Coborn, Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook, at 8.
- St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hot., W. Kensington, at 8.
- Honor Oak, Moore Park Hot., Honor Oak, at 8.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16.

- Board of General Purposes, at 4.
- Lodge 30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
- " 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge Ho. Hot., London B.
- " 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 162, Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 1339, Stockwell, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
- Chap. 7, Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- Mark 238, Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
- St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
- Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's-gate, at 8.
- Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
- Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
- Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.
- Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues.
- Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
- Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
- Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8.
- Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8.
- South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.
- Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.
- Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
- Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.
- Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Plough-rd., Rotherhithe, 8.
- Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.
- Emblematic, Red Lion, York-st., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.
- Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.
- Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington, 7.30.
- Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 7.
- Mount Edgumbe, Three Stags, Kennington-rd., at 8.
- Islington, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., E.C., at 7.
- Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
- Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-st., Borough, at 8.
- Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8.
- New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-st., N.W., at 8.
- Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.
- Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
- Ravensbourne, George Inn, Rushey Green, Lewisham, 7.30.
- Sir Hugh Myddelton, Queen's Head Tav., Essex-rd., N., at 8.
- West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30.
- New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
- Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-st., Edmonton, at 8.
- Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., East Brixton, at 8.
- Duke of Albany, Park Tav., Battersea-park-rd., at 8.
- Camden Chapter, Boston Hot., Junction-road, N., at 8.
- Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-road, Notting-hill, at 8.
- Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon street, 6.30.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17.

- Lodge 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
- " 969, Maybury, Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's Inn Fields.
- " 1382, Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar.
- " 1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 1624, Eccleston, The Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
- " 1673, Langton, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
- " 1803, Cornhill, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.
- Mark 144, Grosvenor, Café Royal, Regent-st., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Fidelity, Alfred Hot., Roman-rd., Barnsbury, at 8.
- Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, Bishopsgate-st., 8.
- United Mariners, Lugard Hot., Lugard-rd., Peckham.
- Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark-bridge-road, 8.
- Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
- Industry, Railway Hot., West Hampstead.
- Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.
- United Strength, Hope Tav., Stanhope-st., Regent's-pk., at 8.
- La Tolerance, Morland Hot., Dean-st., W., at 8.
- Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.
- Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
- New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
- Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
- Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park, at 8.
- Temperance in the East, Geo. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.
- Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse-st., at 7.

- Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury, at 8.30.
- Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
- Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.
- Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.
- Wanderers, Adam and Eve T., Palmer-st., Westminster, 7.30.
- Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-st., Mayfair, at 8.
- Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., E.C.
- Creton, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting-hill, 8.
- Earl of Lathom, Station Hot., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18.

- House Committee Girls' School, at 4.
- Lodge 23, Globe, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
- " 169, Temperance, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
- " 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 813, New Concord, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
- " 1139, South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.
- " 1287, Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 1320, Blackheath, Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich.
- " 1613, Cripplegate, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 1681, Londesborough, 8, Air-st., Regent-st.
- " 1901, Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich.
- Chap. 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
- Mark Bon Accord, SA, Red Lion-sq.
- " 7, Carnarvon, Café Royal, Regent-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
- Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
- Vitruvian, White Hart, Belvedere-rd., Lambeth, at 8.
- Justice, Brown Bear, High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
- St. Michael's, Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement, at 8.
- Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
- Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305, High Holborn, at 7.
- Belgrave, Clarence Hot., Aldersgate-st., 6.30.
- High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham, at 8.
- Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
- City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.
- Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
- Southern Star, The Pheasant, Stangate, S.W., at 8.
- Duke of Edinburgh, Bricklayers' Arms, Narrow-st., Limehouse, at 7.
- Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
- Stockwell, Cock Tav., Kennington-rd., at 7.30.
- Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.
- Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hot. (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30.
- Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at 8.
- The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, 6.30.
- Leopold, Old White Hart, Borough High-st., at 7.30.
- Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hot., Maiden-lane, Covent Garden, W.C., 8.
- Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
- Guelph, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton.
- Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham-ct.-road, at 8.
- Victoria Park, Yorkshire Grey, High-st., Stratford, at 8.
- Burdett Coutts, Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
- Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-vale, 7.30.
- North London Chapter, Alwyne Castle Tav., St. Paul's-rd., Canonbury, at 8.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19.

- House Committee Boys' School, at 4.
- Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
- " 201, Jordan, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 2000, Earl of Mornington, 33, Golden-sq., W.
- Rose Croix 10, Invicta, 33, Golden-sq., W.
- K.T. Precept. 6, St. George's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Robert Burns, North Pole, 387, Oxford-st, W., at 8.
- Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
- St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.
- St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.
- St. John's, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W., at 8.
- Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford, at 8.
- Stability, M.H., Masons' Avenue, at 6.
- Unions Emulation (for M.Ms.), F.M.H., at 7.
- Chigwell, Loughton Public Hall, at 7.30.
- United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.
- Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.
- St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.
- Wm. Preston, St. Andrew's Tav., George-st., Baker-st., W.
- Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.
- Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-st., Hammersmith, W., at 8.
- Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
- Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.

- Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
- St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
- Clapton, Lord Stanley, Sandringham-rd., Hackney, 8.
- Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.
- All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
- Ubique, 79, Ebury-st., Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30.
- Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich, at 8.
- Herny Muggerridge, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, 6 till 9.
- Eastern Star Chapter, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 2nd and 4th, at 6.45.
- Strawberry Hill Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.
- Panmure Chapter, Stirling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, at 7.30.
- Old Kent Mark, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., 7 to 9.
- Kintore Mark, Stirling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, 9.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20.

- Lodge 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
- " 1641, Crichton, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
- " 1732, King's Cross, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- Mark 205, Beaconsfield, Chequers, Waltham-st.
- " 251, Tenterden, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8.
- Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
- Star, Five Bells, New Cross-rd., S.E., at 7.
- King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.
- Alexandra Palace, Station Ho., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
- Eccleston, Crown and Anchor 79, Ebury-street, Pimlico, at 7.
- Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King-st. W., Hammersmith, at 7.30.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE,

For the Week ending Saturday, December 20, 1884.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15.

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16.

- Lodge 667, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 830, Endeavour, Queen's Arms, Dukinfield.
- " 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hot., Barrow.
- " 1276, Warren, Queen's Arms Hot., Liscard.
- " 1570, Prince Arthur, M.H., Liverpool.
- Cholmondeley L. of I., Commercial Hot., Frodsham.
- Merchant's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17.

- Lodge 178, Antiquity, M.H., Wigan.
- " 537, Zetland, M.R., Birkenhead.
- " 758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.
- " 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 950, Hesketh, Royal Hot., Fleetwood.
- " 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool.
- " 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
- " 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
- Mark 31, Fidelity, Norfolk Arms, Hyde.
- Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
- Toxteth L. of I., M.H., North Hill-st., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18.

- Lodge 203, Antient Union, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 343, Concord, Bull Hot., Preston.
- " 425, Cestrian, Grosvenor Hot., Chester.
- " 605, Combermere, Victoria Hall, Seacombe.
- " 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hot., W. Derby.
- " 1393, Hamer, M.H., Liverpool.
- William de la More Encampment, M.H., St. Helen's.
- Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
- St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
- Harmonic L. of I., Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19.

- Lodge 1357, Cope, Brookland's Hot., Sale.

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