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WE have been requested by our esteemed Bro. CAMA to state, and which we are very glad to do, that the report is altogether unfounded and incorrect which we reproduced last week, viz., that he has withdrawn himself from the nomination for the Grand Treasurership. On the contrary, he is still before his brethren to ask their suffrages and that high honour. The report seems to have arisen from a misapprehension altogether.

WE understand that Bro. T. W. TEW, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, is appointed Provincial Grand Master for West Yorkshire, and Bro. Sir HEDWORTH WILLIAMSON, Bart., Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Provincial Grand Master for Durham.

THE following extract from the *Times* of the 22nd inst. sets before us the unchanged stolidity of the Roman Curia and Inquisition in a very striking manner: "A decree issued on the 24th of last May by the Congregation of the Holy Inquisition, and now published, shows that body to be as ready in this nineteenth century to oppose the decisions of science and the dictates of humanity as it was in days gone by, when its opposition was all-powerful. It has had under its consideration the question whether the operation of craniotomy can be permitted in cases where it affords the only means for saving the mother's life. That the operation was contrary to the law of the Decalogue was maintained in a series of pamphlets and articles in reviews by the Rev. Father ESCHBACH, Superior of the French Seminary; while Monsignor PENNACCHI defended the contrary opinion in the review entitled "Acta Sanctæ Sedis." The dispute was finally referred by the Cardinal Archbishop of Lyons to the Congregation of the Inquisition, which has solemnly decided against the operation being performed. To the question 'An tuto doceri possit, in scholis Catholicis, licitam esse operationem chirurgicam quam "craniotomiam" appellat, quando scilicet, eâ omissâ, mater et filius perituri sint; eâ, è contrâ, admissâ, salvanda sit mater, infante pereunte?' the reply was, 'Tuto doceri non posse.' To this same Inquisition, happily "stat nominis umbra," has been recently committed by the benevolent LEO XIII. all Freemasonry all over the world. We appreciate gratefully such special and touching interest in us and ours, and we are only regretful that we cannot return sufficient acknowledgments for such kind forethought and consideration. Just now, the position of the Roman Catholic Church, dominated by the Ultramontane party, is a most absurd and mistaken one as regards Freemasonry. The mention of the Inquisition, with its base cruelties and horrible crimes, is enough to startle us all in this nineteenth century; but as the teaching of the Roman authorities is unchanged and unchanging, all reasonable men and cultured Freemasons must feel the very deepest regret, on account of the respect due to religion, at beholding professions of denominational belief and practice reduced in so combative, persecuting, and intolerant a body to the level of a "fetish."

BRO. E. LETCHWORTH, G.D., P.M. and Senior Warden of the Lodge of Antiquity, was on Wednesday installed W.M. before a brilliant gathering. Our V.W. brother is so well known and so popular, that all will rejoice to hear of his ruling that ancient and historic lodge.

THE remarks which appeared in our last number, emanating from an American writer, anent the so-called Grand Lodges of Victoria and New South Wales, so entirely coincide with our own views on the subject, often expressed, and with the determinate decision of our English Grand Lodge, that we are glad to note the same opinion exists among American Freemasons both of thought and might. To subserve a special purpose, and to bolster up a "fad," a far too hasty recognition has been allowed in America to some bodies whose antecedents and position were alike irregular, unsound, and unprecedented. We never doubted but that time and reflection would induce American Freemasons to pause and think, inasmuch as they base

all their own procedure on legality, and it was impossible that they could long shut their eyes to the utterly absurd, anomalous, and unsound claims put forward by those who claimed a right to "swarm" and form a Grand Lodge out of another Grand Lodge, without any pretence of a majority, without any character of true representation, without any one element of opportunism, even much less propriety or need, what Masonic wishes, and even in England, have always thought absolutely necessary *primâ facie*, to justify and sanction such new creations. We make every allowance for Colonial feelings, distance of mother country, the unavoidable delays caused by correspondence, and the drawbacks and difficulties which often ensue in consequence. But since we object, as we have often remarked, to the unnecessary multiplication of Grand Lodges, we do not see, unless it is absolutely required, why the links which connect our own Grand Lodge with District Grand Lodges abroad, far away even, should be hastily severed or ruthlessly dissolved. There are "cases and cases," and "claims and claims," but on the whole the good old motto "*festina lente*" seems to be most appropriate to many rash schemes and digested proposals in the Colonies, which do not arise from any necessity of the position, but are too often, far too often, the outcome of personal fidgettiness, perverse agitation, and an egotistical thirst after honours and rank. We have received many curious statements as regards the Victoria movement especially, which for obvious reasons we have suppressed, as the last thing the *Freemason* ever desires to record are the expressions of heated excitement or the intrigues of a caucus. The loyalty of our good brethren in Victoria is both very gratifying and very striking, just what we expected of them in truth, and the rally round the District Grand Master, and the increase of the English jurisdiction are matters of honest triumph and rejoicing. Such is our answer, clear and sufficient, to inflammatory appeals, and ill-omened schisms, and we trust that most truly Loyalty and Charity will long continue to be the watch words of our English brethren in Victoria. We hear that the hastily created body which assumes to itself the title of a Grand Lodge is not likely to flourish, and that it contains within itself, even as we write, the certain seeds of premature decay and dissolution.

IT might be thought perhaps that the remarks we have just put forward might settle the vexed question of the claims of a Grand Lodge of Ontario to attention or regard. But, to say the truth, the Ontario question always has been a "Crux" to us, and for these reasons. When Canada separated from the English Grand Lodge, there was but one body which succeeded to one District Grand Lodge, and which absorbed into itself Scottish and Irish lodges as well. The separation may be said, fairly enough, to date from October, 1855. In 1857 the Confederation Act was passed, by which the united provinces of Upper Canada and Lower Canada were separated, and the former was termed Ontario, the latter Quebec. This Dominion of Canada being shortly afterwards formed of four confederated provinces—Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, and Ontario—was increased by Prince Edward Island and British Columbia, and subsequently by Manitoba. The precedent of separation was followed by Nova Scotia in 1866, which set up an independent Grand Lodge; New Brunswick in 1867, and British Columbia equally formed independent bodies. Quebec organised itself in 1869; Prince Edward Island in 1874; and Manitoba in 1875. Thus it will be seen that of all Canada only the Province of Ontario was left to the Grand Lodge of Canada. The Grand Lodge was advised to take the name of Ontario; but it has always declined. In 1876 a movement was set on foot, on the grounds raised by those who formed the Grand Lodge of Quebec, to form a Grand Lodge of Ontario under its political delimitations, and it seems to resolve itself into a mere question of geographical terminology. The Grand Lodge of England originally dealt with a body calling itself the Grand Lodge of Canada, when, with the exception of the faithful and loyal three Montreal lodges, the Canadian brethren left the English foundation. And so, though it continues to term itself the Grand Lodge of Canada, it has since been shorn of various lodges and a whole province, not without protest. We do not see how the Grand Lodge of England can deny its legal existence. It is a strongish order, even on geographical grounds, even for a misnomer, Masons meeting without a "call" or warrant, forming a Grand Lodge in the bosom of a lawful body and legal name. That body was formed by representatives of various lodges, and with variably chequered fortunes exists up to the present, and has been recognized by a large number of American Grand Lodges. The question in itself is not quite so easy a case to solve as some writers in Canada seem to think and constantly assert. The Grand Lodge of Canada now represents nothing territorially, in that it only bears sway, Masonically, over the Province of Ontario, and not over Canada.

So much has this point been felt, that it has been proposed to call the Grand Lodge of Canada the Grand Lodge of Canada and Ontario. On the grounds put forth by Quebec, the body calling itself the Grand Lodge of Ontario has a right to be heard; but there are considerations, we think, which will prevent the Grand Lodge of England ever approving of the movement in question. The precedent is a very serious and unsafe one, and with every good wish and kind feeling for the brethren who have constituted the Grand Lodge of Ontario, the Grand Lodge of England can only reply, as the POPE does, as far as we can see, "non possumus."

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FREEMASONRY has lost two brothers of note, both in town and country. Bro. WHICHORD, well known to many, and much esteemed, has passed away deeply regretted, and West Yorkshire has to lament the decease of one of its oldest and valued Provincial Grand Officers. Bro. JOSEPH BATLEY's life-long membership and energetic work in the Lodge of Harmony, Huddersfield, are too well known in Yorkshire to require lengthened notice here, and as Past Provincial Grand Warden he rendered signal services to the province in materially moulding those admirable bye-laws which were for so long justly a distinguishing feature of West Yorkshire provincial Masonic existence. He will be truly a missed man, alike in his Masonic character and his official duties. Since we wrote the above the *Times* records the death of Bro. Lieut.-Col. RAMSAY at Rome, "a distinguished Freemason."

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It is gratifying to learn that the effects of the conflagration which destroyed so large a part of the fine Masonic Temple in Cincinnati, Ohio, on the 24th December last, have not been so seriously destructive as at first reported. The whole of that portion of the building which was set apart for the accommodation of the A. and A. Scottish Rite was burnt out. A very large sum had been expended in the furnishing and decoration of this, and the loss, including that of a splendid organ which cost 5000 dollars, is very serious, while that of the unique collection of Masonic engravings, diplomas, and charters is irreparable. Happily, the libraries belonging to the Temple and Bro. ENOCH T. CARSON, the well-known Masonic bibliographer, which were said in the first instance to have been destroyed, are saved, having sustained only slight damage from water. So we read in the *Masonic Chronicle* of Columbus, Ohio, and we feel sure that all our readers, and Bro. W. J. HUGHAN in particular, will rejoice with us at the arrival of such good news. Bro. CARSON's library contained some Masonic works which no amount of money could possibly replace, and the grief experienced when Bro. HUGHAN announced he had received intelligence of their loss will be more accurately gauged by the extent of the reaction of pleasure which has set in since they are known to have been saved.

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It is to be regretted that some of our American contemporaries are not better posted in the circumstances they occasionally feel it their duty to criticise adversely. In the *Freemason* for the 27th September last, a correspondent drew attention to the extremely bad taste displayed by the *Canadian Craftsman*, which, in some remarks as to the rival Masonic organisations in the colony of Victoria—the illegitimate Grand Lodge and the legitimate District and Provincial Grand Lodges—had the folly—to give it no stronger name—to assert that, in order to make the "inauguration" of Sir W. J. CLARKE as District Grand Master of the English and Scotch, as well as of the Irish Constitutions a complete success, "free railway passes and free tickets to the banquet, and free tickets to the ball, were scattered broadcast." Recently we published a letter from another of our correspondents at Melbourne, who describes the statement just quoted as "a base calumny." There were no "free railway passes," he says, all the country brethren who attended the "inauguration," and even the "strong deputation from D.G. Lodge of New South Wales—all the way from Sydney"—paying their own travelling expenses, and journeying not by special but by ordinary trains. There was a banquet given by Sir W. J. CLARKE at the Town Hall, to 1000 brethren, the tickets being distributed at the rate of "so many to each of the 100 lodges in the colony, and to the visitors from other colonies." As, according to our authority, there were over 3000 brethren present at the "inauguration" of Sir W. J. CLARKE, this does not look very much like scattering "free tickets to the banquet," "broadcast." As to the ball, gentlemen's tickets were charged for at the rate of a guinea each, and ladies' tickets at 12s. 6d. each; even "press-men" purchasing the privilege of *entrée*. Moreover, after all the ball expenses had been defrayed, a surplus of "nearly £200 accrued to the Melbourne Masonic Charities." Thus, the whole of our Canadian contemporary's assertion is toppled over as easily as a house of cards, by a mere breath from our correspondent, for whose sense of responsibility in making any assertion we readily vouch, and who, as "ONE OF THE COMMITTEE," is thoroughly well posted in the particulars he sets forth. We shall be curious to learn if the *Canadian Craftsman* will have the courtesy to amend its statement, so as to make it in accord with the version of the facts now presented in our columns for its especial edification.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The following is the business to be transacted at the Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter, on Wednesday next, 4th February, at six o'clock:

The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes regret to have to report to Grand

Chapter the death, on the 27th November last, of Companion Lieut.-Colone JOHN CREATON, Past Principal Grand Sojourner, and President of the Committee of General Purposes.

The Committee feel confident that the members of the Order generally will unite in deploring the loss of a companion who has for very many years, and especially while officiating as President of the Committee of Grand Chapter, rendered such valuable services to Royal Arch Masonry.

The Committee have also to report that his Royal Highness, the Most Excellent First Grand Principal, has been pleased to appoint Comp. Robt. Grey, P.A.G. Soj., to be President of the Committee of General Purposes, in succession to Lieut.-Col. Creaton, deceased.

The Committee have further to report that they have examined the accounts from the 15th October, 1884, to the 21st January, 1885, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:

To Balance, Grand Chapter ...	£167 6 11	By Disbursements during the Quarter ...	£208 1 10
" " Unappropriated ...		" Balance ...	315 4 5
" " Account ...	186 16 4	" " Unappropriated ...	
" Subsequent Receipts ...	355 18 10	" " Account ...	186 15 10
	£710 2 1		£710 2 1

which balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petitions:—

1st. From Comps. Thomas Pibble Payne, as Z.; William Berry, as H.; George Grant, as J.; and twelve others, for a chapter to be attached to the Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1780, Southampton, to be called the Albert Edward Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Albion-place, Southampton, in the county of Hants.

2nd. From Comps. Montague John Guest, M.P., as Z.; Giovanni Paulo Festa, as H.; Francis Robert Whitcombe Hedgès, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Montague Guest Lodge, No. 1900, London, to be called the Montague Guest Chapter, and to meet at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London.

3rd. From Comps. the Rev. Alfred Hayman Cummings, as Z.; James Giesman Chillingworth, as H.; Frederic Wood, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Saye and Sele Lodge, No. 1973, Belvedere, to be called the Saye and Sele Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Rooms, Belvedere, in the county of Kent.

The foregoing petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Ley Spring Chapter, No. 1598, heretofore meeting at Leytonstone, having memorialized for permission to remove to Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, in the City of London, and the reason stated in such memorial being considered sufficient, the Committee recommend that permission to remove the Chapter, to Fleet Street, be granted.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY, P.A.G.S.,
Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., President.
21st January, 1885.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

A special meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at York on the 21st inst. in the Masonic Hall of the York Lodge, No. 236, the principal purpose of the assembly being to finally consider the draft of provincial bye-laws, which had been referred to a Special Committee. The lodge was opened at 1 p.m., there being present

Bros. the Earl of Zetland, Prov. G. Master; Dr. J. P. Bell, D.P.G.M.; J. W. Woodall, as P.G.S.W.; G. Wilkinson, as P.G.J.W.; W. H. Smyth, Prov. G.M. of Lincolnshire; T. W. Tew, D.P.G.M. West Yorkshire; Sir James Meek, P.P.G.S.W.; M. C. Peck, Prov. G. Sec.; J. S. Rymer, Prov. G. Reg.; W. Reynolds, P.P.G.D.C.; G. Balmford, P.P.G.O.; T. B. Whytehead, P.P.G.W.; W. Tesseyman, P.P.G.S. of Works; W. D. Keyworth, P.P.G.S. of Works; H. Smith, Prov. G. Sec. West Yorkshire; W. F. Smithson, P.P.G.D. West Yorkshire; G. Ayre, P.P.G.D.; H. C. Walker, P.P.G.S. of Works; H. J. Morton, P.P.G.D.C.; V. Fowler, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Gill, P.P.G.O.; A. Farmer, P.P.G.D.C.; J. W. Taylor, P.P.G.W.; G. Dippie, P.M. 200; T. Dale, W.M. 561; J. Best, P.M. 561; J. Clarke, P.M. 561; Rev. H. Greeves, P.P.G.C.; Rev. W. Valentine, P.P.G.C.; J. W. Smith, P.P.G.D.; J. Wanless, W.M. 200; J. H. Bennett, P.P.G.W.; R. H. Peacock, P.P.G.A.D.C.; E. H. Hackers, P.P.G.D.C.; R. Land, P.M. 200; J. H. Hackett, W.M. 1760; O. Cavenagh, W.M. 1991; C. Goulding, P.M. 294; A. H. H. McGachen, P.M. 1991; H. A. Williamson, P.M. 200; J. Blenkin, P.M. 1611; R. Beevers, P.P.G.S. of Works; M. Haberland, P.P.G.D.; J. Walton, W.M. 57; J. Todd, P.P.G.R.; M. Rooke, P.P.G.D.; G. Simpson, P.P.G.P.; W. H. Richardson, P.P.G.W.; S. G. Crummack, P.G. Stwd.; H. Procter, P.G. Stwd.; M. M. Westerley, P.G. Stwd.; E. Harding, 1991; H. Foster, 236; C. Anderson, 236; C. M. Forbes, 236; W. H. Wimpenny, 294; T. Barnes, 294; H. Darley, 643; W. S. Robson, 200; G. Chambers, 1760; T. J. Russell, 236; W. Stephenson, 1611; W. Lackenby, 1611; A. M. White, 1991; F. J. Lambert, P.G. Tyler; J. Clark, 57; A. T. B. Turner, 1611; W. G. Calvert, 236; J. Hall, 1611; and others.

The lodge at once went into the consideration of the matters special to the occasion, and the report of the Bye-laws Committee was passed with a few very trifling alterations.

Bro. Dr. TAYLOR, of Scarborough, then rose and proposed the following resolution, of which notice had been given:—

That this Provincial Grand Lodge views with pleasure the nomination of a country brother to the office of Grand Treasurer of the United Grand Lodge of England, and pledges itself to do all in its power as a Provincial Grand Lodge to assist in securing the election of W. Bro. J. W. Woodall, P.M. 200, P.P.G.S.W., to that office.

This was seconded by Bro. DIPPIE, Town Clerk of Scarborough, and supported by Bro. T. W. TEW, of Pontefract, D.P.G.M. of West Yorkshire, and was carried with acclamation.

A Committee, with the Prov. Grand Secretary and Bro. T. B. Whytehead, of York, as joint Secretaries, was appointed to further the candidature of Bro. Woodall.

Bro. T. B. WHYTEHEAD, P.M., then moved (on behalf of Bro. J. S. Cumberland, P.M., who was absent) that a sum of 50 guineas be voted to each of the three Masonic Charities.

This was seconded by Bro. J. S. RYMER, P.M., and carried unanimously.

There being no other business, Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed.

During the afternoon a clay model of the bust of Bro. Dr. J. P. Bell, of Hull, D.P.G.M., and P.G.D. of England, the work of Bro. Keyworth, the sculptor, of Hull, was exhibited in the ante-room, and was much admired. We understand that Bro. Keyworth has permission to model a bust of the Prov. Grand Master, the Earl of Zetland.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORFOLK.

The members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Norfolk held their annual meeting at the Town Hall, Lynn, on Monday evening, under the presidency of the Right Hon. Lord Suffield, K.C.B., the R.W. Provincial Grand Master. The brethren assembled at half-past four o'clock, and an hour later they were joined by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., M.W. Grand Master of England, who had driven from Sandringham in a closed carriage. He was received at the entrance to the Town Hall by the special Stewards, namely, Bros. H. le Strange, Chief Steward, Sir R. J. Buxton, Sir F. G. M. Boileau, Lord Hastings, Sir W. H. B. Ffolkes, Rev. C. J. Martyn, W. A. T. Amherst, C. T. M. Montgomerie, W. H. A. Keppel, and G. F. Buxton, and conducted to his seat. The stone hall was specially furnished for the occasion, the floor being covered with crimson cloth.

At the close of the lodge business about 250 of the brethren attended the annual banquet, which was served in the Assembly-room by Bro. S. N. Marshall, of the Globe Hotel. Bro. Lord Suffield, Provincial Grand Master, occupied the chair, and he was supported on his right by the Prince of Wales, Bros. Lord Hastings, H. le Strange, Prov. Grand Treas.; Sir W. H. B. Ffolkes, and the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C. of England. On his left were Bro. Major Penrice, D. Prov. G.M.; C. T. M. Montgomerie, Sir F. G. M. Boileau, W. A. T. Amherst, and Sir R. J. Buxton.

After dinner the CHAIRMAN gave "The Queen and the Craft" and "His Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master the Prince of Wales," who responded.

The CHAIRMAN next gave "The M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon; the R.W. Deputy G.M., the Earl of Lathom; and the Officers of the Grand Lodge of England, Present and Past."

The Rev. C. J. MARTYN responded. The Prince of WALES then proposed "The R.W. Provincial Grand Master, the Right Hon. Lord Suffield, K.C.B.," who replied, and then gave "The W.D. Prov. Grand Master, Major Penrice, P.G.D.," who responded.

Bro. Lord HASTINGS proposed "The Present and Past Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge," for whom Bro. E. BANWELL, P. Prov. Senior Warden, replied.

Sir H. W. B. FOLKES proposed "The Provincial Grand Treasurer," which was acknowledged by Bro. H. LE STRANGE.

"The W.M., Officers, and Brethren of the Philanthropic Lodge" was given by Bro. Lord SUFFIELD, and replied to by the W.M., Bro. the Rev. J. B. SLIGHT, Prov. G. Chap.

The proceedings were carried out with the utmost cordiality, and a most pleasant evening was passed. At about 10 o'clock the Prince of Wales returned to Sandringham, and most of the brethren who reside out of Lynn proceeded shortly afterwards to their homes by Great Eastern Railway and Eastern and Midland Railway special trains, and all the other members had left the hall by 11 o'clock. During the evening several gas stars, crosses, &c., and some transparencies were displayed in various parts of the town.

ENGLISH SEVENTEENTH CENTURY FREEMASONRY—A STUDY.

The fact of an English seventeenth century Freemasonry is now clearly before us, and must be a great factor in any future and reliable history of our Craft. But the question naturally supervenes at once—Where are its traces? What was it? What were its distinguishing features? It is when we endeavour to answer such queries accurately that the Crux we have to solve is alike apparent and hard. Up to date 1646 is our greatest landmark in connection with English seventeenth century Freemasonry, when Ashmole was admitted into the lodge at Warrington. As a good deal turns upon the actual passage of the entry in his diary which records the event, let us endeavour to be accurate in his quotation of it. The entry, for some reason or other, has often been incorrectly rendered, and erroneous conclusions have been drawn from erratic premises.

Ashmole's own account is as follows, as collated with his own MS.: "1646, Oct. 16. 4.30 p.m. I was made a Freemason at Warrington, in Lancashire, with Coll Henry Mainwaring, of Kavincham, in Cheshire. The names of those that were then of the lodge (were) Mr. Rich. Penhet, Warden, Mr. James Collier, Mr. Rich. Sankey, Henry Littler, John Ellam, Rich. Ellam, and Hugh Brewer."

We have here in 1646 the record of a Speculative Lodge of Freemasons, with a Warden, not a Master, presiding, and the greater part of the members were "generosi," with coats of arms, and no Operative Mason seems to have been present. This, then, introduces us to an entirely novel appearance of Freemasonry, different entirely from the Scottish system, and "sui generis" in the middle of the seventeenth century. As Bro. Gould remarks, this lodge at Warrington had, we may well and fairly assume, an earlier existence, though, so far, no records have been found of it at all. If ever Ashmole's papers turn up, we may find something about its history before 1646.

The earliest record of a lodge in England—we may well remember before we go on—is found in Molash's Register (see "Kenning's Cyclopædia" Molash), in the Tanner MSS. (Bodleian Library, Oxford), where, according to Mr. Hackman, we have the record of a lodge attached to Christ Church Priory, Canterbury, with a Magister (Master), Custos (Warden), 16 Latham (Masons), and three Apprenticii (Apprentices). The use of "Warden" in 1646 seems to link on the Warrington lodge to a Warrington Guild, though what form of guild may be doubtful.

Randle Holmes testifies distinctly to the existence of the Masonic Society as different from Masons Companies, and also preserves for us in the Harleian MS. 2002, apparently a portion of the minutes of a Chester lodge, say between 1660 and 1670, by which it appears "contrasted classes" formed part of it, Speculatives and Operatives of various kinds. In 1682 Ashmole receives a summons to appear at a lodge at Masons' Hall, near Basinghall-street, where six gentlemen were admitted into the "fellowship of Freemasons" in the presence of Ashmole and of other "Fellows." The use of the words "Fellows," and Ashmole calling himself "Senior Fellow," have been the cause of some little doubt.

It does not appear for certain that Ashmole himself presided; on the contrary, the use of the word "summons" would serve to point to the presumption that the lodge was a self-existent body. By the word Fellow Ashmole probably also refers to the term fellowship, and means to say that any who was admitted to the fellowship was a Fellow of it. I do not think that these words of Ashmole prove much one way or the other. By a misreading, it was formerly supposed Ashmole was admitted into the fellowship; but that is clearly wrong. The only evidence available to us from this entry is the existence of a lodge in London in 1682 identical with that at Warrington in 1646, as to ceremonial, whatever that may have been.

Whether or no this lodge in 1682 was the same as the lodge or society to which Bray and Padgett belonged in 1686, and is the precursor of or identical with the Lodge of St. Paul's and the Lodge of Antiquity, is a point which has yet to be determined on better evidence than we at present possess.

It is not known when the Antiquity MS. came into the possession of the Lodge of Antiquity. It is first mentioned I believe about 90 years later, but thus far no more can be distinctly traced about it. If the older records of "Antiquity" ever turn up we may be able to see things in a clearer light.

In 1686 Dr. Plot, writing his "Natural History of Staffordshire," alludes to the existence of Masons' lodges existing in Staffordshire, and in other parts of England, in terms which seem to portray a state of Masonic existence which Masonic writers have often dilated upon, namely, the operative and speculative element combined. He certainly writes as if the fact of their existence was well-known to others besides himself, and seems as an eye witness to testify to their actual being in his time. Aubrey seems to do the same in 1691, and the Sloane MS., which may be even seventeenth century in its transcription, and is certainly in its verbiage, gives us a catechetical form of Masonic examination, which suggests all but entire identity between the seventeenth century ceremonial and that of early eighteenth century. There are traces of a lodge at York in 1690, and with this fact, all at present available, we have to close so far the evidences of seventeenth century English Masonry, except Harleian MS. 1942, which may fairly be taken as the Constitution of a seventeenth century lodge, whether quite late or of an earlier period in the seventeenth century matters little. Now the strange thing is that of all this Masonic life we have so few traces left. They may exist and probably do. Only the other day, as Bro. Gould tells me, two missing minute books of the Moira Lodge turned up, after 1760 it is true, but it shows how Masonic minute books and the like do get stowed away and are forgotten.

The meetings of Grand Lodge before 1723 must have had previous minutes, and we may find them some day, perhaps in some receptacle belonging to early officials of the Order. But the glimpses of our seventeenth century English Freemasonry, however faint and few, seem to point unmistakably to a distinct form, different markedly from the Scottish form of use. We hear nothing so far of "marks," and the operative element is almost entirely obliterated in the two lodges at Warrington and in London, and though it exists at Chester it is remarkably co-mingled with the speculative. At Chester, for instance, according to Bro. Ryland's invaluable authority, and assuming that the wills do represent the persons mentioned by Bro. Holmes, we find four aldermen, two gentlemen, one herald, one merchant, one clothworker, one buttonmaker, one turner, one glazier, one tanner, one husbandman, one carpenter, one tailor, one slater, four masons, and one bricklayer, 22 names out of 26 composing the lodge. I have left out purposely in these disquisitions any question of the purely operative bodies of Masons, or companies, and the like, as I want to keep before my readers, as Randle Holmes sets before us, for instance, that the companies and lodges were apparently entirely distinct bodies in the seventeenth century, whatever the real parentage of the lodges may have been. I propose next week to call attention to early eighteenth century Masonry, and then my three little studies will be complete.

M. S.

EIGHT—according to the Pythagorean lore of numbers, as explained by Bro. Dr. Oliver, especially in his posthumous work published by Bro. Hogg, 1875—was esteemed as the first cube by the continued multiplication of 2, and was held to signify mystically friendship, advice, prudence, and justice. The Pythagorean teaching on the subject has always appeared to us, though very remarkable, of somewhat doubtful authority, quæ Pythagoras himself, but we use the common form of quotation. The figure 8 has always been a mystical figure, in consequence of its connection with the Arkite teaching, and has been dwelt upon by writers alike in Christian and non-Christian arithmetology. We confess that we touch upon the subject with great diffidence.

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To Correspondents.

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BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Court Circular," "Le Moniteur de la Chance Universelle," "English Illustrated Magazine," "New York Dispatch," "Procedimientos de la Gran Logia de la Republica del Peru," "Victorian Freemason," "Freemason" (Toronto), "Lifeboat Journal," "Allen's Indian Mail," "East Anglian Handbook," "Whitby Times," "Freemason" (Detroit), "Jewish Chronicle," "Citizen," "Die Bauhütte," "Sunday Times," "Broad Arrow," "London and Provincial Music Trades Review," "Hull Packet," "Public Ledger," "Masonic Home Journal," "La Revista Masónica," "Masonic Chronicle."



SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 1885.

Original Correspondence.

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

BRO. CAMA AND THE GRAND TREASURERSHIP.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I was not at all surprised to read in the *Freemason* of the 24th inst., that you had heard upon what appeared good authority that our worthy Bro. Cama had withdrawn from the contest for the Grand Treasurership. I had heard for some time past that brethren were canvassing votes in the interest of one of the other candidates, and reporting that Bro. Cama had withdrawn his name. Let me assure you, Sir, that these reports are unfounded, but are calculated to induce brethren to pledge themselves to vote for the other candidates, who, but for this unbrotherly conduct, would perhaps have recorded their vote in favour of Bro. Cama, who is, I think, worthy of the honour the Craft has an opportunity of conferring upon him. But, having given the denial to the reports, I must leave the matter in the hands of the brethren, as we shall not appoint Committees or form deputations to canvass votes. But, as the country brethren are posting to the Masters of lodges an extract from the *Freemason* of December 27th, showing the good deeds of Bro. Woodall, may I refer them to your issue of December 6th, 1884, where they will see that, whilst one of the candidates is Life Governor of the three Institutions and the other Vice-President of them, our Bro. Cama is Patron of all three Institutions? He is also one of the three Vice-Patrons of the Mark Benevolent Institution, and Mrs. Cama has the honour of being the only Patroness of the same Institution, and who will during the approaching Festivals be also a Patroness of the three other Institutions in the Craft Degree, of which the Secretaries were aware before the candidates for the Grand Treasurership were announced.

Our Bro. Cama is thus following in the steps of Bro. Cama, sen., whose large and charitable gifts are so well known.—I am, Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

THOS. CLARK, W.M. 117S.

January 26th.

To the Editor of "The Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The paragraph in the *Freemason* of the 24th inst., announcing the withdrawal of Bro. Cama's name from the list of nominees for the Grand Treasurership, is likely, unless immediately contradicted, to cause a widely-spread belief that such is the fact. We, the undersigned, present Masters of a few of the lodges in the West of London, all of us feeling interested in the candidature of Bro. Cama, have obtained his authorisation to the statement that he has no intention of withdrawing his name, and has never entertained a thought of so doing.

Though we should be the last in the world to assert that a brother should be admitted to any office simply because he has contributed largely to the Charities, still we cannot but think that the fact of his being a Patron of all three of our Institutions, as our Bro. Cama is, deserves a certain amount of consideration.

In conclusion, we should be glad if you would allow us to express our opinion that the election of Bro. Cama as Grand Treasurer of English Freemasons would be a graceful act of courtesy from the Craft at home to our Indian brethren, than whom, it will be generally admitted, a more loyal class of men and Masons does not exist.—Yours faithfully and fraternally,

F. ERNEST POCOCK, M.D., W.M. St. Ambrose Lodge, 1891.

JAS. BARTLE, W.M. Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, 1642.

JOHN N. FRYE, W.M. Imperial Lodge, 1694.

JOB GILLINGHAM, W.M. Gooch Lodge, 123S.

FREDK. ROBT. HAYLES, W.M. Kensington Lodge, 1767.

THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I think the letter that appeared in your columns of last week, signed "Quantum Valeat," demands the most serious attention of the Craft. It appears that Si widows have been accepted by the Committee as worthy recipients of the benefits of the Institution, but owing to want of funds they must wait until another year has passed. This, I maintain, is a cruel mockery, and a blot on our fair fame. Where is the benevolence of our Order, rich and numerous too? Let us be up and doing. As a first step I would suggest that our indefatigable and influential brothers come forward in large numbers as Stewards at the forthcoming Festival, so that the widows' hearts may be made glad, and the reproach above referred to may not attach to us.

STEWART.

THE LATE BRO. WHICHCORD.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I had not the pleasure of being personally acquainted with Bro. Whichcord, but think that a few additional particulars of his busy life may be interesting to your readers.

Bro. Whichcord was born at Maidstone, where his father practised as an architect. When a young man he spent a long time in travelling on the Continent, and eventually went into Turkey, where he grew accustomed to Mohammedan customs, and learnt Arabic; he was thus able to accept an offer made to him to go with a friend from Constantinople to Damascus, and thence with a party of Arabs right away to the Desert, where these young men for 13 months were beyond any communication with the outside world. During this most interesting adventure, Bro. Whichcord kept a diary, and made many notes and sketches; but the book containing them has most unfortunately been lost. When Bro. Whichcord returned to England, and settled down to business, he met with great success. He was appointed District Surveyor of Deptford, was frequently engaged in arbitrations and compensations, while his numerous buildings testify to his ability as an architect, the more important being the offices of the National Safe Deposit Company, the St. Stephen's Club House, and the immense block of offices known as Mansion House Chambers. He was at one time a very active Volunteer Officer in connection with our esteemed Bro. Sir John Monckton, P.G.W., while his many years of continual service in the Royal Institute of British Architects, of which he became President, were acknowledged at a meeting of that body on the 19th inst., and the facts which I have given briefly were fully described.

Apologising for taking so much of your valuable space, I remain, fraternally yours,
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To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Reference is made in your issue of to-day to the death of Mr. William Eliot, who was initiated about seventy years ago. A brother here named George Stirtan, of the patriarchal age of one hundred and three years, now residing at Mount-pleasant, Coupar Angus, has been seventy-seven years a Mason! He is recorded in the books of the Grand Lodge of Scotland as an initiate of the Lodge of St. John, Coupar Angus, undef. date December, 1808.—Yours fraternally,

D. MURRAY LYON, Grand Secretary.

Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh,
January 24th, 1885.



JOHN MACLEAN.

492] It is quite clear that if John Maclean was initiated only in 1740 he could not have been the Maclean whom a French account mentions—as the "Handbuch" records—as having been Grand Master long before 1736. The "Handbuch," I see on looking back to it, for I had written from memory, terms him James Hector Maclean, and a Knight, probably then Sir James Hector Maclean. Can he be identified? I am much obliged to Bro. Sadler for his note.

MASONIC STUDENT.

493] I hope that Bro. Sadler's interesting communication (No. 459) will lead to more facts relating to Bro. Maclean being discovered. He was one of the chief promoters of the Royal Arch Degree in connection with the "Moderns," and was a most zealous brother. I do not think that he is the brother "Masonic Student" is in quest of, but believe, with Bro. Sadler, that he is the brother who joined the "Old Concord Lodge (then 228, &c.), in 1771; initiated in 1740, but where, we should like to know.

W. J. HUGHAN.

494] As Bro. Sadler's John Maclean was made a Mason in 1740, at the age of 21, he cannot be the John Maclean who is said to have preceded Lord Derwentwater, who is supposed to have been G.M. of France in 1725. This would make Maclean about six years old at the time! The legend of Maclean arises as follows: In 1744 there was published at Frankfurt and Leipzig a collection of 10 essays and a short sketch of Freemasonry, under the title (in German) of "The Self-defending Freemason" (Klosz, biblio No. 285). The sketch states, in relation to France: "That in 1736 more than 60 members assembled in Paris, and chose Derwentwater for G. Master, to succeed James Hector Madeane, who had filled the office for years previously. Klosz opines that the name has been since erroneously changed to Maclean (query), and that the individual probably alluded to is a Br. Madden, one of the founders of the Grand Lodge at London. (Klosz, France, p. 27.) Klosz is, of course, wrong; whatever value the assertion may have, it is very evident that Madeane is a misprint for Maclean. The date given of 1736 for Derwentwater's accession does not agree with Lalande, who gives the same date for his demission. But it is well to recollect that the sketch was printed in

1744, and Lalande's History in 1773. I myself am particularly anxious for a solution of this puzzle at the present moment, and was glad to see the notes of Bros. "Masonic Student" and Sadler. G. W. SPETH.

RAMSAY.

495] It seems very doubtful who was the first writer who attributed the famous "Discours" to Ramsay personally. But it may be discovered. It will be curious if it turns out to be a German idea. Klosz seems to have no doubt of the fact. Perhaps Bro. Speth can light upon an early attribution of the "Discours" to Ramsay. If Klosz be correct, it appeared first in 1740, three years before his death, and four years after its probable delivery. Someone writes, but I have mislaid the reference, French or German, says the address was delivered at the lodge in the Rue des Boucheries. But I apprehend all such authorities are quite late; what we want is an early authority for attributing the address to Ramsay. It is clear from his letter to Cardinal Fleury, quoted by Daruty, that he had prepared an address to be delivered at an assembly next day, 1736-37. Is this the same address? A. F. A. W.

ORDER OF THE EAST.

496] I do not know where Bro. Yarker finds any reference to seven Degrees, or where the Adonhiramide ritual is to be found in the "Manuel des Chevalier du Temple." It is before me as I write and I find in a highly rhapsodical and nonsensical "notice generale" that our Saviour "conferred the evangelical initiation on the Apostles and his Disciples, and that he divided them into several Orders, as it was practised among the Egyptian and Hebrew priests," and placed them under the authority of John, the beloved disciple whom he had "constituted Pontiff and Patriarch." They are also called "Freres d'Orient," and it is said in the "Manuel" that the Order of the Temple is divided into two great classes—the Order of the East and the Order of the Temple; and that the Order of the Temple took its rise from the "Order of the East." But so much doubt rests upon this Order of the Temple in everything that I am a little astonished. Bro. Yarker quotes this "notice generale," for it certainly is of no authority. Indeed, what it propounds is absolute nonsense, not to say profanity, and may fairly be dismissed with contempt by all Masonic students and critical writers. Bro. Yarker is no doubt attracted by the mention of "Egypt," but such allusion seems no better founded or realistic than that which seeks to connect the Rite of Mizraim or Memphis with the old Egyptian Hermetic system. It is, in truth, only an improper adoption and adaptation of a familiar name.

MASONIC STUDENT.

THE COUNTRY STEWARDS LODGE.

497] I am pleased to note in No. 490 that Bro. Hawkins has come to the same conclusion as I came to (on the publication of the excellent calendar for the Province of Gloucester by Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith), that the present lodge No. 270, Berkeley, is using the same warrant as was issued in 1789 to the "Country Stewards Lodge," No. 540, London. In fact it is the same lodge. Bro. Vassar-Smith states that it was "originally founded at the Guildhall Coffee House, London, 25th July, 1789, under the name of the 'Country Stewards Lodge'; removed to F.M.T. in 1790; removed to Berkeley in 1802." I find it occurs as the G. Stewards Lodge down to the G.L. Calendar for 1802, on the following year (published in 1802) being transferred to Berkeley, and its name altered as Bro. Hawkins states. I notice in the calendar for 1785 the following announcement:—"The Annual Country Feast will be held this year on Tuesday, the 5th July. Stewards: Bros. Harris, Clarke, Nield, and Barker; of whom tickets may be had." May not the lodge in question be an outcome of an "annual feast" indulged in by country brethren, and which attained such prominence or dimensions that Stewards were annually appointed in imitation of the "Grand Stewards"? If so, then the reason for the constitution of the lodge is discovered, but to decide this point we still want more evidence.

W. J. HUGHAN.

DE LA LANDE.

498] The first attempt at a history of French Freemasonry was by the above celebrated astronomer in 1773. It was published and re-printed as follows: I.—Encyclopédie Yverdon, 1773, 4°. Vol. 20, p. 530-4, s.v. Franche-Maconnerie. II.—Memoire sur l'histoire de la Franche-Maconnerie par Jos. Jer. Fr. de la Lande, 4°. 1774. III.—Etat du Grande Orient de France, T. 1, pt. II, p. 86-103, 1777. IV.—Abrégé de l'histoire de la F.M. &c., London and Lausanne, 8°. p. 272, 1779. V.—2nd Ed. 12°. London and Lausanne 1783. VI.—Encyclopédie Méthodique, Histoire, Paris and Liege, 4°. 1786, Vol. II, s.v. Franche-Maconnerie. A few extracts may be found in Klosz and other writers, in fact every one has made use of it, having practically nothing else to go upon; but I don't want extracts which may perhaps be inexact. I want to see any one of the above copies *in extenso*. Can any brother help me and lend me one of the above works? I believe the Ency. Metho. is in the Reading Room, British Museum, but I cannot afford time to run up to London and copy the article at present.

G. W. SPETH.

STEPHEN MORIN.—SCOTS MASONS.

500] My thanks are due to Bros. Woodford (486), and Yarker (491). And first, as to the Chev. d'Orient, I see with satisfaction that Bro. Yarker agrees with me that Van Lennep's degrees are a version of the Knights of the East. So far good. Further, I am willing to admit that as the said correspondence dates from 1841, it is too late to connect these degrees with our "Scots Masons." I am disappointed in those dates, I had hoped they were earlier. Nevertheless, the term may have come to us from France, where it was certainly known as early as 1743. But why do Bros. Woodford and Yarker both fix the rise of the Knights at 1762? This rite was first controlled by Colleges, the chief of which was the C. de Valois. It existed in 1755. The College de Valois was deposited in 1762, and Pilet formed a new grand body, a Sov. Council of Knights of the East, but this was only a second phase, not the origin of the rite. Two years afterwards Pilet had deserted to the Emperors. We have the statutes of the Chev. d'Orient in 15 Arts, dated and signed Petersburg, 15th January, 1758, Baron de Tschoudy; and declared to be fac-simile of those in the hands of Bro. de Valois, Sovereign Knight, and Grand Keeper of the Seals of the Paris Lodge. This is absolute proof of their existence

before 1762 (Klosz. France Vol. I. p. 87). The dates are important, because Bros. Woodford and Yarker would make the Knights later than the Emperors, whereas they were several years earlier. The Handbook and Kenning's Cyclo. are both most unsatisfactory on this subject, and mix up the College de Valois with the Emperors; they also state that the Knights were a secession from the Emperors, all of which is clearly wrong. Probably the active part taken by Piret in both organisations is the cause of the confusion.

As regards the Res. Lodge of St. John of Jerusalem, I admit much of Bro. Woodford's argument. Whatever the lodge was, it was an undoubted party to Morin's patent. The statutes which he mentions as published in 1755, are new to me. Will he give me a reference? Surely he does not mean the statutes of the "Respectable Loge St. Jean de Jerusalem de l'Orient de Paris, gouvernée par le très traict et très puissant Seigneur Louis de Bourbon, &c., G.M. de toutes les loges régulières de France, &c.," and signed 4 July, 1755, Louis de Bourbon. These are the only ones of the date known to me, and are the statutes of the G. Lodge of France. They recognise certain privileges of the Scots Masons, and are one of the most striking proofs that Grand Lodge did negotiate with the High Grades previous to 1772. They are no proof that a Grand Lodge of Perfection ever existed, quite the contrary, they prove that the Grand Lodge which signed Morin's patent and the Grand Lodge of France were identical. Bro. Woodford has extracted certain passages from the patent, tending to show that the Grand Lodge only, and not the Sovereign Council also, granted the patent. I submit some passages to show that it was granted conjointly by two distinct bodies. "Nous, Soussignés, . . . officiers du la G. et Souveraine Loge . . . ; et nous, S. grand maîtres de grand Conseil des Loges de France, sous la protection de la Souv. Loge." "Qu'il plaise an S.G. Conseil et grande Loge." "Nous sublimes officiers du G. Conseil et de la G. Loge." I think it is evident that they were two bodies acting in unison, and that the officers were common officers of both bodies; and that the Grand Council was under the protection of the Grand Lodge, i.e., acknowledged by it as working and ruling the high degrees. If we could imagine Freemason's Hall and Golden Square uniting to form an inclusive rite in Timbuctoo, each party preserving the control of its own degrees, we should obtain just such a document as Morin's patent. Looked at in the light of the 1755 statutes, the expressions are just those of symbolic Masonry, non déplaise a Bro. Woodford. Of course, if Bro. Woodford persists that the 1755 statutes are those of a Grand Lodge of Perfection, we must argue the matter from another point, and first settle that part of the question.

G. W. SPETH.



Craft Masonry.

LODGE OF ANTIQUITY (No. 2).—A very brilliant gathering of members and visitors of the above lodge assembled for the installation meeting on the 28th inst. Bro. E. Letchworth, S.W., W.M. elect, was duly installed W.M. by Bro. C. E. Rivington, the outgoing W.M., assisted by Bro. Sharon Turner, P.M. The normal business having been disposed of, the brethren adjourned to the social circle. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received with great enthusiasm. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clarke, G. Sec., returned thanks for "The Grand Officers, Present and Past." Among the members present were Bros. Ames, J.W.; Swinburne, P.M., Treas.; Barron, P.M., Sec.; A. F. A. Woodford, Chap.; J. S. Peirce, D.C.; Tagart, Batley, Shipp, Rylands, Hopwood, Vivian, Col. Peters, Tagart, sen., Philbrick, G. Reg.; and others. Among the visitors present were Bros. Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; Cumberland, P.M.; Burnell, Hussey, Bailey and others. The brethren broke up at a comparatively early hour, having enjoyed a very pleasant gathering.

GLOBE LODGE (No. 23).—The installation meeting of this ancient "Red Apron" Lodge (the working of which is traceable to the year 1723) was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, the 15th inst. The visitors present were Bros. R. P. Gould, P.G.D.; Col. James Peters, P.G. Std. B.; Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. B.; J. B. Burnesson, P. Dis. G. Chap. Punjaub; Richard Jeffs, P.M. 435; C. A. Jones, J.D. 859; John Brooks, 780; Jas. Moon, P.M. 49. Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. Jermy Boyd, who was well supported by the Past Masters, officers, and members of the lodge. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. T. W. Chard Leuty, S.W., was presented by Bro. Venn, P.M., Past Grand Steward, as D. of S. for the benefit of installation, which ceremony was most ably performed by the W.M., Bro. J. J. Boyd, Grand Steward, the charges being rendered in the most impressive manner. The newly-installed W.M. appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. E. Mather, S.W. Edward Nixey, J.W.; G. S. Brandon, P.M., P.G.S. Treas.; Herbert Dicketts, P.M., P.G.S. Sec.; R. Clowser, S.D.; J. A. Blackman, J.D.; Geo. Simonds, I.G.; E. Montagu Money, D.C.; F. Pinches, Steward; Banks, Tyler.

The W.M., in a few appropriate and feeling remarks, presented to the I.P.M., on behalf of the lodge, a very handsome P.M.'s jewel, as a mark of their appreciation of the able manner in which he had presided over the lodge for the past twelve months.

Lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to a most choice banquet at the Freemasons' Tavern. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a most enjoyable evening spent by the brethren. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Stedman, assisted by Bro. Stanley Smith and others.

LODGE OF ISRAEL (No. 205).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Cannon-street Hotel, on Tuesday evening, the 27th inst., Bro. J. A. Gartley, W.M., presiding. The officers present were Bros. E. H. Norden, S.W.; A. J. Henochsberg, J.W.; A. M. Cohen, P.M., Treas.; C. F. Hogard, P.M., P.P.G. Sup. W.S.; Essex, S.D.; Rev. M. Haines, Chap.; S.

Jacobs, S.D.; Paton, J.D.; and Rev. F. Leedham, Org. The P.M.s. who attended were Bros. H. M. Harris, A. Bassington, H. J. Phillips, M. I. Emanuel, I. P. Cohen, Joseph Da Silva, L. Norden, W. Littaur, and S. M. Harris.

The auditor's report showed a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of £94 9s. 6d., and to the credit of the Benevolent Fund of £850 5s. 1d. Bro. Gartley having performed the first part of the ceremonies, Bro. L. Norden, installed Bro. E. H. Norden (his brother) as Master of the lodge in the presence of a Board of 24 Installed Masters. The brethren appointed to office were Bros. J. A. Gartley, I.P.M.; A. J. Henochsberg, S.W.; S. Jacobs, J.W.; A. M. Cohen, P.M., Treas.; C. F. Hogard, P.M., Sec.; Rev. M. Haines, Chap.; Paton, S.D.; J. Jacobs, J.D.; Mesquita, I.G.; Rev. Bro. Leedham, Org.; Hunter, W.S.; I. Hart, W.S.; L. Norden, P.M., D.C.; and Rawles, Tyler. Bro. Gartley, I.P.M., delivered the addresses in admirable style. The W.M. then invested Bro. Gartley with a splendid Past Master's jewel, which had been designed by Bro. the Rev. M. Haines, and manufactured by Bro. George Kenning. The W.M., in presenting it, said that while the brethren voted it as a mark of their esteem and of their high approbation of the manner in which Bro. Gartley had performed his duties, Bro. Gartley would wear it as a reminder of the very great affection in which the brethren held him. The Chaplain, the Rev. M. Haines, next desired to say a few words. He presented, in the name of the initiates during Bro. Gartley's year a handsome Bible, and in doing so, referred to the eminent services Bro. Gartley had rendered to the lodge, and to the high importance of Freemasonry which was manifested in this lodge, where the Jew and the Gentile met on an equal footing. The immediate Past Master, though a Christian had maintained the privileges of this Jewish lodge, and had made friends of every member in it. Bro. Gartley was a lay preacher, and did not require any instructions as to the contents of the Sacred Volume which had been presented to him, but he would value this book now given as a mark of the brethren's esteem and of the true Masonic feeling which existed between him and the members of the lodge.

Bro. Gartley acknowledged both the gifts, which he should ever value as a reminder of the very happy days he had had in the Lodge of Israel, and of the great friendship which had been extended to him by the brethren of the lodge.

Bro. Hogard, Sec., informed the brethren that dispensations for wearing Craft and R.A. clothing at the ball of the Lodge of Israel had been granted.

Subsequently it was agreed that two guineas should be given annually to the Boys' School, two guineas to the Girls' School, £1 5s. to the Male Fund, and £1 5s. to the Widows' Fund, as an endowment in the name of the Secretary. It was afterwards resolved that the lodge should have a banner, for which ten guineas should be paid. The banner was to be of the same design as that of the I.P.M. Jewel.

This Jewel figuratively represents the most essential points connected with Israel's faith. In the centre is a shield on which is the word "Israel" in Hebrew characters, and the number of the Lodge, 205. Supporting the shield on one side is Moses with the Sacred rod, and on the other Aaron, with breast-plate and censor, both robed in official dress. On the top of the shield is a crown, over which are the words, "The Crown of the Law," also in Hebrew. A curious coincidence is that the last letters in these two words (which are marked in the Jewel) numerically represent 205, the number of the lodge. There is also a facsimile of the two tablets of stone.

The collar and silver jewel which the I.P.M. was invested with was the gift of the worthy and respected Bro. H. J. Phillips, P.M.'s amiable wife, as a free gift from one whom her husband had spoken of in terms of great respect. After several names had been given in of gentlemen who desired to be initiated in the Lodge of Israel, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which had been prepared by Bro. Silver, and which was of the choicest description, and was served under the personal superintendence of the courteous manager, Bro. E. H. Rand. The usual toasts followed.

Bro. James Lewis-Thomas, P.G.A.D.C., in replying to the toast of "The Deputy G.M.," and the rest of the Grand Officers," said he only wished some more of the Grand Officers had been present to see the installation by Bro. Gartley, which had been so eminently well conducted. He had listened with great pleasure to some remarks made in the lodge with reference to the friendship between Jew and Gentile, and the amiable way they worked together in the promotion of any good work. It was with great pleasure he accepted invitations to the Lodge of Israel, which was a fine old lodge. He always looked back on the grand old nation of Israel with feelings of reverence. He had found that in letters, art, and science they obtained the foremost place, while for beauty and loveliness the female portion of the race were unsurpassed. In conclusion, he might say he was never so pleased as when they invited him to this lodge, as he always met in it brethren who received him with open arms and the greatest friendship.

Bro. Bowyer also replied. Bro. J. A. Gartley, I.P.M., in proposing "The W.M.," said that, from what he had seen and known of him for some years past, he was sure that when the W.M.'s year of office had expired one and all would regret the time when he had ceased to be their Master. Much of the work he had been able to do, which all seemed satisfied with, he owed to him—not all of it, but a great deal of it. He felt quite sure that the brethren would drink this toast with heartiness.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said that when he first joined Freemasonry he had no idea that he should be called upon to be Master of this lodge so soon. It seemed to him only two or three years ago that he was an initiate, and made one by P.M. Norden, his own brother, who placed him in the chair that evening. Bro. Gartley had said that he (Bro. Norden) would excel him in working. That was not correct, for it was impossible he could excel Bro. Gartley, but to do as well would be his earnest endeavour. If he succeeded in that he was sure the brethren would not regret having placed him in the chair.

Bro. F. Binckes, in replying to the toast of "The Masonic Charities," thanked the brethren for having practically acted upon the circular he had sent out, and extended their alms in the cause of charity. But he did not consider it was necessary to make an appeal for charity in the Lodge of Israel, as the Lodge Benevolent Fund was a witness to their charitable feelings. It was many years since

he had been in this lodge. Freemasons boasted of the prosperity of the Order, and that it was extending nearly every week in some direction or other. Did they think that the prosperity could go on extending unless coincident with that prosperity there came a large increase in the number of those who claimed the help of the Institution. The Boys' School, fortunately, had a larger number to be taken in during this year than hitherto. But the Benevolent Institution was most unfortunate in having 81 widows alone and no vacancy. Although the Boys' School was fortunate, the brethren must bear in mind that the additional number of boys to be taken in would entail additional annual expenditure, and it was mainly in connection with this point that he had issued the circular which had been alluded to, and which the brethren of the Lodge of Israel had appreciated.

Bro. Terry also replied, and thanked Bro. Gartley for being Steward for the Benevolent Institution on the 25th February. The needs of this Institution were different to those of the other Institutions. The Girls' School would elect 22 out of 30; the Boys' 25 out of 45; but the old people were 127 in number, 46 men and 81 widows, and only 12 vacancies for the men, and not one for the widows. He asked for their most earnest support to Bro. Gartley's list. Unless they got a very considerable sum of money in for the Widows' Fund, it would be impossible for the Committee to enlarge their borders. Last year they placed 20 additional annuitants on, 15 the year before, and 12 the year before that. Yet, with all this increase of liberality, there were now 81 female candidates, and no vacancies. Such a thing had never occurred before; he hoped it would never occur again, but he did trust all the brethren would come forward with their mite, and assist the poor old people.

Bro. C. A. M. Cohen, Treasurer, made a strong appeal on behalf of the Lodge Benevolent Fund, to which they had many applicants, and if the Fund was not kept up it would be impossible to dispense its charity. He hoped to see the Fund made up to four figures.

Bro. Hogard then announced donations to the Benevolent Fund of the lodge to the amount of £16 19s. 6d.

The W.M., in giving "The Health of the I.P.M.," said that Bro. Gartley not only surpassed the expectations of many of his friends, but even of himself.

Bro. Gartley, in reply, after thanking the brethren, said although he was as anxious as Bro. Cohen that the Lodge Benevolent Fund should be made up to four figures, he hoped the brethren would support him in February at the Festival of the Benevolent Institution.

The other toasts followed before the brethren separated. An admirable musical entertainment was given during the evening.

ROYAL OAK LODGE (No. 871).—The election meeting of the above old lodge was held on Thursday, the 22nd inst., at the White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford. Lodge was opened by Bro. Thomas Horton, W.M., and that worthy brother was well supported by Bros. R. T. Stringer, S.W.; P. J. Harvey, J.W.; J. J. Pakes, P.M., Sec.; H. J. Fisher, S.D.; T. J. Thomas, J.D.; J. Rennie, I.G.; H. Clarke, W. S.; Bros. P.M.'s G. T. Limn, W. Harvey, Vöhmman, and E. Good. Also, Bros. Hill, Matthew, Dealer, Titterton, Chappell, Mansfield, Vint, Green, Boyd, Bunce, Ewell, Joyce, W. G. Green, &c. Visitors: Bros. Neall, 1382; W. J. Cooper, J.W. 212; and G. H. Stephens, W.M. 1623 (Freemason).

The work before the W.M. included the raising of the following brethren to the Third Degree, viz: W. G. Green, T. H. Bunce, L. F. Boyd; and conferring the Second Degree upon Bros. W. B. Mansfield and J. Joyce. In these ceremonies the W.M., Bro. Horton, acquitted himself in a thoroughly able manner, and ably concluded the labours as regards the working of the ceremonies for his year of office. The next business was the election of the W.M. for the ensuing year, and the choice of the brethren fell with unanimity upon Bro. R. T. Stringer, S.W., a choice which was universally applauded. The election of a Treasurer resulted again in favour of our esteemed Bro. W. Andrews, P.M., who has discharged the duties of Treasurer so much to the satisfaction of the brethren. The aged and veteran Tyler was also unanimously re-elected to his position, the W.M. making some very kind and feeling remarks to that aged Freemason, and wishing him health to continue to enjoy the confidence of the lodge.

Bro. E. Good, P.M., next introduced his motion to confer a P.M.'s jewel from the lodge funds to Bro. T. Horton, the outgoing W.M., for the very able manner in which he had discharged his duty during the year. This was well supported and unanimously carried. A sum of £10 10s. was also voted on a Steward's list, and was decided to be placed in the name of the I.G. of the lodge for the time being. It is a pleasing feature in the Royal Oak Lodge that all the officers down to the I.G., are Life Governors of the Charities in virtue of sums voted from the lodge funds. The amount now voted will go to assist the Institution so ably championed by our worthy brother, J. Terry, viz., the Royal Masonic Institution for Freemasons and the Widows of Aged Freemasons.

All business being harmoniously ended, the lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to a nicely-served banquet, which, while being very satisfactory, reflected great credit on the worthy host, Bro. Morgan. At the conclusion of the repast, Bro. Horton, in view of the rapid flight of time, gave with point and brevity the usual loyal and Craft toasts. These were interspersed with songs from Bros. Stringer, Vöhmman, Mansfield, &c., and Bro. Vint gave a masterly rendering of a selection from "Julius Caesar."

The W.M. elect, in replying to a hearty reception of the toast of his health, expressed the pleasure the election to the important position gave him, and pledged himself that nothing should be wanting on his part to give satisfaction to the brethren of the lodge in all things—whether it be lodge working, the banquet, and everything else that could conduce to the welfare of the Royal Oak Lodge.

The W.M. was next honoured in fitting terms, Bro. Good expressing the satisfaction the brethren felt at the capital manner in which Bro. Horton had acquitted himself. This was briefly replied to, and "The Visitors," came in for a most cordial welcome, which was duly acknowledged on behalf of the brethren visiting by Bro. G. H. Stephens, who offered some few remarks on the value and importance of brethren—especially those who either were or were about to be entrusted with the responsibility of ruling a lodge—seeking in the working of other lodges that experience to be derived by watching an able brother in the chair in a good working lodge. For the hospitality and capital

working witnessed that evening, Bro. Stephens returned sincere thanks on behalf of the other visitors and himself. "The Officers" were toasted, and the principal feature in the responses was a very humorous speech of the able Secretary, Bro. J. J. Pakes, P.M., Sec.; and the Tyler's toast was given by the same worthy brother, and the brethren separated, having passed a really happy and memorable evening.

DOBIE LODGE (No. 889).—The installation meeting of this lodge, held on the 21st inst., at the Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, was attended by a large number of brethren. After the confirmation of the minutes and the reception and adoption of the Audit Committee's report, the ballot was taken for a candidate, who was accepted, but was prevented from attending to be initiated. Bros. Carter and Bond were then passed to the Second Degree, and that done, the installation ceremony proceeded. Bro. P. M. Long having presented Bro. Tisley, P.G.S., (a brother well-known in London Masonic circles), who had been duly elected W.M. at the last meeting, Bro. P. M. Elsam installed him in the chair of K.S. in a most impressive manner. The new Master having been regularly saluted, the appointment and investiture of officers followed thus: Bros. T. Weaver, P.M. 820, S.W.; W. Chapman, J.W.; Long, P.M., Treas.; Jas. Squire, P.M., Sec.; W. Drewett, S.D.; Edwin Porter, J.D.; G. Wade, I.G.; J. H. Jarvis, Prov. G.S., J.D. 1627, D.C. The charges to the Master, Wardens, and brethren were splendidly given by Bro. Elsam, who was afterwards complimented by the Deputy Prov. G.M., on the perfectness of his working. A handsome jewel was presented to Bro. A. Nuthall on his retiring from the chair, which he had filled two years, and not the least pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation to the lodge of a beautiful banner by Bro. G. Porter, P.M. The sum of forty guineas was voted to the Charities of the Order, and the lodge was closed in solemn form. A few hours were pleasantly spent in recreation, and the proceedings were marked by the greatest harmony.

Among the visitors present were Bros. the Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G.C., D. Prov. G.M. Surrey; Norman Selpe, P.M. 390; G. Wale, P.M. 902; C. Oldridge, P.M. 1638; G. T. Clayton, I.P.M. 1638; R. Sebastian Hart, W.M. 1872; J. W. Moorman, S.W. 1638; J. W. Squire, J.W. 3; W. Lane, P.M. 1638; C. J. Digby, P.M. 933; and Nagle, P.M. 186. It is interesting to note that Bro. Selpe, who was born at Kingston-on-Thames, had just returned to visit the abode of his youth after an absence of 30 years. Hespite in high terms of the working in the lodge, and bore testimony to the close unity existing between Masonry as exemplified in Australia, and that he had just witnessed.

COSMOPOLITAN LODGE (No. 917).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Cannon-street Hotel on Tuesday, the 13th inst., when there were present Bros. H. Forss, W.M.; W. T. Yates, S.W.; J. T. Salmon, J.W.; F. W. Jones, P.M., Treas.; L. Stean, P.M., Sec.; A. Hamilton, S.D.; E. Roberts, J.D.; C. Tichiaz, D.C.; J. J. Abell, I.G.; G. W. Taylor, P.M., W.S.; G. Edwards, I.P.M.; J. F. Van Raalte, P.M.; Wm. Pitt, P.M.; A. Sprules, R. Prime, F. M. Cobbett, A. Burr, and J. Draper, 363 and 351 (S.C.) Visitors: Bros. R. Maisland, 1328, and J. J. Caverley, W.M. 1685.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for, and approved of, as joining member, of Bro. J. Draper. Bro. Cobbett and Burr were duly passed as F.C.'s, when the W.M., in a most elaborate and impressive manner, explained the tracing board of that degree, and received the warm congratulations of the brethren present for such a good and faultless rendering.

After "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed by the visitors, the lodge was closed, and the brethren then partook of supper, served in an adjoining room. Upon the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and ably responded to, combined with harmony, contributed to by the W.M., Bros. Jones, Treas.; Salmon, Hamilton, Prime, Draper, Burr, Tichiaz, and others. A very pleasant and harmonious evening was brought to a close at an early hour.

METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).—The first meeting of the above lodge this year was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, the 21st inst. Bro. G. Edwards, W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. H. Lovegrove, P.M., P.Z., S.W.; G. W. Knight, J.W.; T. C. Edmunds, S.D.; F. J. Pecks, Sec.; and nearly all the other officers, with a large number of brethren. Bros. J. Hunt and J. C. Cuthbertson were raised, and Bros. Ball and Baggi passed. After approval by ballot, Messrs. O. L. Coles and J. Pfeifer were initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The whole of this work was very efficiently performed by the W.M. Much sympathy was expressed for two Past Masters of the lodge, the brothers Stiles, who were absent in consequence of the illness of their brother. After the refreshment which followed, a number of brethren arrived who had attended the Board of Benevolence; Bro. J. Willing being especially greeted.

ROYAL SAVOY LODGE (No. 1744).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Tuesday, the 27th inst., when there was, as customary with this lodge, a very large attendance of members and a host of visitors. The W.M., Bro. Wm. Stiles, opened the lodge at half-past four, and the first half-hour was devoted to the formal business of reading the minutes and receiving the report of the Audit Committee. Bro. Jno. Smith, S.W., and W.M. elect, was then presented to the W.M. as having been unanimously elected by the brethren to fill the Master's chair during the ensuing twelve months; the W.M. addressed the Master elect, and Bro. Smith having given his assent to the Constitutions, was duly obligated. A Board of Installed Masters was then formed, in whose presence Bro. J. W. Smith was formally installed into the chair of K.S., and immediately invested Bro. Stiles with the I.P.M.'s collar. The usual ceremony of proclaiming and saluting the newly installed Master in the Three Degrees was then performed, and Bro. Smith then completed his working arrangements for the next twelve months by appointing and investing his officers, as follows:—Bros. F. W. Sillis, S.W.; J. C. Smith, J.W.; J. Willing, jun., P.M., Treas.; H. Dickey, Sec.; W. Jacques, S.D.; W. H. Burling, J.D.; C. H. Holland, I.G.;

R. Ross, D.C.; A. Holt, A.D.C.; E. Perry, W.S.; A. Verdin, A.W.S.; G. Mordey, Org.; W. A. Scurrell, Asst. Sec.; and C. Koester, Tyler.

Bro. Stiles having completed the ceremony of installation by delivering the customary addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren, Bro. Smith then proceeded to initiate Messrs. William Wagstaff, James Wagstaff, and George May as Entered Apprentices, but he had not proceeded far when the bronchial attack, from which unfortunately he was suffering, made speaking so difficult to him, that he was under the necessity of requesting Bro. Stiles to resume the chair for a time, and complete the ceremony for him. This Bro. Stiles did with his usual readiness, but Bro. Smith was able afterwards to resume the chair and conclude the business of the meeting, which did not impose so severe a strain upon his vocal organs. Bro. Willing proposed that a vote of thanks should be recorded on the minutes for the admirable manner in which Bro. Stiles had performed the ceremony of installation, and the vote was carried unanimously; but, in returning thanks for this recognition of his services, Bro. Stiles remarked that he did not consider himself entitled to it, because in his judgment an outgoing Master was not doing anything beyond his duty in performing the ceremony of installing his successor. On the motion of the Treasurer, Bro. James Willing, jun., a sum of £10 ros. was voted from the funds of the lodge for the relief of one of its members who had fallen into necessitous circumstances. The W.M. then rose, and, addressing Bro. Stiles, said that a jewel of the value of ten guineas had been unanimously voted by the lodge as a recognition by the members of the highly efficient manner in which Bro. Stiles had discharged the duties of his high office during the past year. Bro. Stiles already wore a considerable number of similar decorations, but he hoped that years hence, whenever he might be engaged in looking over those mementos of his Masonic career, this jewel in particular, which he now presented to him, might remind him of many happy evenings passed in the society of the members of the Royal Savoy Lodge. Bro. Stiles having briefly acknowledged the compliment, Bro. Willing again rose, and announced that Bro. Stiles had consented to act as Steward for the lodge at the next anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and he therefore proposed that a sum of £10 ros. should be voted by the lodge and placed on Bro. Stiles's list. This having been seconded, was agreed to by the lodge, and it transpired subsequently that before the brethren separated Bro. Stiles had £100 on his list. There being no further business, the lodge was closed by command of the W.M.

After the banquet, which followed the closing of the lodge, the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M. in the chair, and cordially drunk by the brethren present. After the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the M.W. G.M.," had been disposed of, the W.M. briefly proposed "The Health of the Grand Officers," coupling it with the name of Bro. Greenwood, Grand Secretary of the Province of Surrey, of which province he was also Past G.S.W., who had the additional honour of being Past Grand Sword Bearer of England.

Bro. Greenwood, in reply, said that the Grand Officers as a body had at heart that which they all had—the welfare of the Craft. On their behalf he thanked the W.M. and the brethren for the manner in which the toast had been proposed and for the reception it had met with. But apart from the Grand Officers he wished to return thanks on his own behalf. For a number of years he had had the pleasure of meeting and appreciating Bro. Smith in another sphere of action, without knowing his connection with the Craft, and when the fact came to his knowledge he accepted the invitation to be present on that occasion with a great degree of pleasure, because he was sure that wherever Bro. Smith was known he was appreciated, and was a man whom it was a pleasure to know as a friend. He much regretted that he was unable to be present early enough to witness the installation, but in consequence of the indisposition of the W.M. he had had the advantage of seeing Bro. Stiles's working subsequently, and was very much impressed by his skill and his earnestness.

Bro. Stiles, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and said that he and J. W. Smith were associates of many years standing. Bro. Smith had that evening been installed W.M., and had initiated the three candidates who were ready for initiation. He (Bro. Stiles) was very sorry that Bro. Smith had been unable, through loss of voice, to perform the whole of the ceremony, but those who knew him knew that he was perfectly able to carry out his duties, and that he would not have delegated that duty to anyone, but for the misfortune of which he had spoken. The W.M. was to be congratulated on the very great success of the Royal Savoy Lodge, and he (Bro. Stiles) asked the brethren to join him in wishing most heartily, health, prosperity, and happiness to their W.M.

Bro. J. W. Smith said that he thanked the brethren very much for the kind manner in which Bro. Stiles had proposed his health, and for the kind way in which the brethren had responded to it. He was sorry that he had been unable to complete the ceremony of initiation; but his voice was in such a state that he considered it unfair to inflict it upon the initiates, and he knew that the substitute he obtained would be able to do them full justice. He had little to add but to thank the brethren for the very kind reception they had given him.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of the Installing Master," "The I.P.M.," and "The Past Masters," to which Bros. Stiles and James Willing, jun., responded.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. Greenwood, Luker, G. Everett, McLeod (a provincial brother, who was understood to be a very active Mason in Nottingham), and other brethren.

"The Health of the Initiates," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "Officers of the Lodge" were duly honoured; and, before the Tyler's toast was proposed, a toast to the prosperity of the Charities was interposed, and was responded to by Bro. John Mason.

About a hundred brethren sat down to dinner, including a large number of visitors, among whom were Bros. Aillard, W.M. 615; C. Greenwood, P.M. 211, P.G.S.B.; J. Mason, 309, P.P.G.S.D.; W. M. Robinson, P.M. 87; T. E. Worrall, 2048; J. W. Chapman, W.M. 1922; C. J. Scales, P.M. 1507; B. Kauffmann, S.C. 1732; F. G. Spencer, W.M. 73; Edwin Storr, W.M. 167; Edward Harvey, W.M. 1314; Robt. Luker, P.M. 435; J. Garrod, P.M. 754; George Everett, P.M. 177; Louis Solomon, I.P.M. 884; J. M. McLeod, I.P.M. 884; W. J. Hughes, W.M. 179; Wm.

Procter, J.W. 1288; J. W. Hare, S.W. 1987; O. Rowan, 619; R. J. Taylor, P.M. 144 and 1922; and E. C. Massey.

FARRINGDON-WITHOUT-LODGE (No. 1745).—This lodge met for the dispatch of business at the Viaduct Hotel, Holborn, on the 26th inst. Among those in attendance were Bros. H. B. Marshall, C.C., F.R.G.S., Grand Treas., W.M.; Young, S.W.; J. Strugnell, P.M., acting J.W.; H. J. Lardner, P.P.G.O. Surrey, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Jackson, P.M., Sec.; Clarke, P.G.P., S.D.; Lister, J.D.; Skelthorne, I.G.; Louis Lardner, A.D.C.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M., acting I.P.M., and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Drew was passed to the Second Degree by Bro. Walls. The sum of ten guineas was voted to the list of Bro. James Strugnell, P.M., as Steward of 1745, at the ensuing Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution Festival, and a vote of sympathy passed to Bro. Herbert, a member of the lodge who has recently suffered a sad bereavement by the death of two of his children.

Numerous letters of apology having been read from absent brethren, the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. The subsequent proceedings were presided over by the acting I.P.M.

COBORN LODGE (No. 1804).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Bow Vestry Hall on Thursday, the 22nd inst., Bro. Robert Logan, W.M., presiding, supported by Bros. Robey, S.W.; C. J. Tijou, J.W.; Edinger, Treas.; Souch, S.D.; Johnson, J.D.; Ellerton, Org.; Wheatley, I.G.; Erlam, Steward; and several members of the lodge. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Hancock, W.M.; Kennett, P.M.; L. Potts, P.M. 1716; and T. Tyer, P.M. 1306. Bros. Osborne and Thompson were raised to the degree of Master Masons by Bro. Potts, who afterwards initiated Mr. T. H. Smith into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, when the usual toasts were duly honoured, and the W.M. specially remarked upon the loss sustained by the country and Masonry generally by the death of Bro. Col. Burnaby, who had been known and respected as a brave soldier, an energetic Mason, an indefatigable explorer, and a clever writer. The W.M. called upon the brethren to receive in silence "The memory of our deceased brother," which was duly honoured.

As an instance of Bro. Col. Burnaby's interest in Masonry, Bro. Potts related that, a few months since, being in Bro. Col. Burnaby's company at a City company's dinner, the gallant colonel was called upon to respond for the Army, whereupon he rose and said, "Worshipful Master and brethren." This caused a laugh, when he immediately corrected himself and said, "Worshipful Master, gentlemen, and brethren," which was received with many cheers.

HASTINGS.—Derwent Lodge (No. 40).—The installation meeting of this old lodge was held at the Castle Hotel, on Monday, the 12th inst. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Councillor W. H. Russell, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. F. Plowman, S.W., W.M. elect; F. H. Hallett, J.W., Org.; F. Rossiter, P.M., Treas.; Capt. E. W. J. Hennah, P.M., Sec.; T. W. Markurck, J.D.; H. Gloyns, I.G.; Leslie, Tyler; Thomas Trollope, M.D., P.M., P.P.G.S.W., P.M. 1820, 1842; Councillor C. W. Duke, P.M., P.P.G.D., P.M. 1184; G. F. Wood, W. Lamborn, P.M., P.P.G.P., P.M. 1184; C. M. Norris, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; E. Bradman (Mayor); C. J. Lowns, J. C. Kenwood, G. Gaze, J. Pearce, I.P.M.; J. Bray, Frederick Duke, G. Roddes, J. Hirst, P.P.G.D. Herefordshire, P.M. 338; J. B. Foord, J.D. 1184; S. Chandler, W. S. Allen, and A. Bray. Visitors: Bros. V. P. Freeman, Prov. Grand Sec., and Henry Kimm, S.D. 1184 (*Freemason*).

The minutes of last meeting having been read and confirmed, and the statement of accounts presented by the Secretary received and adopted, the W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Duke, P.M., who had kindly undertaken the ceremony of installation. With the usual formalities, the W.M., Bro. Russell, then presented Bro. Plowman, S.W., W.M. elect, for the benefit of installation, who, having assented to the ancient charges, was, on the withdrawal of the brethren below the chair, duly inducted in the chair of K.S. The usual salutes and greetings in the Three Degrees were given, after which the appointment of officers for the ensuing year took place as follows: Bros. F. H. Hallett, S.W.; T. W. Markwick, J.W.; Rev. J. Puttick, Chap. (re-invested); F. Rossiter, P.M., Treas. (re-invested); E. W. J. Hennah, P.M., Sec. (re-invested); H. Gloyns, S.D.; S. Chandler, J.D.; C. W. Duke, P.M., D.C.; O. Muscatt, Org.; F. Duke, I.G.; and Leslie, Tyler (re-invested). The addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren were then impressively delivered by Bro. T. Trollope, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.

The W.M., in a few appropriate remarks, presented the retiring W.M. with a Past Master's jewel, in recognition of services during his year of office. Bro. C. W. Duke, P.M., P.P.G.D., was unanimously elected to represent the lodge at the Benevolent Institution.

After some formal business had been transacted, and "Hearty good wishes" expressed by the visitors, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall, which presented a very imposing appearance. At the conclusion of the banquet, the usual loyal and Masonic complimentary toasts were given and duly responded to. Altogether the whole proceedings were of a most enjoyable nature.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.—Lodge of Industry (No. 48).—The first meeting for the present year of this old and thriving lodge was held on Monday, the 26th inst., at the Industry Masonic Hall. In the absence of the W.M., Bro. J. G. Smith presided, supported and assisted by the following brethren: Bros. John Wood, P.M., D.C.; Robt. Whitfield, P.M.; D. Sinclair, P.M.; R. F. Cook, P.M.; M. H. Dodd, P.M.; J. McCulloch, P.M.; A. Rhagg, S.W.; W. M. Pybus, J.W.; E. Shewbrooks, Sec.; W. Dalrymple, S.D.; W. Brown, J.D.; W. F. Carmon, as I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; T. Thompson and W. Stafford, Stwds.; J. Curry, Tyler; A. Simpson, M. R. Wright, W. Richardson, R. Tate, J. Bulmer, W. W. Ferguson, E. W. Middlemast, J. T. Harrison, T. Slack, W. T. Brown, C. G. Nicholl, H. L. Russell, W. Towers, T. Dinning, W.M. 481; Jos. Cook, P.M. 481; J. C. Lawson, S.W., W.M. elect 424; H. Nixon, 424; T. A. Moffitt, J.D. 424; G.

Hardy, I.P.M. 1643; R. Paxton, S.S. 1643; T. Spedding, 1643; J. Appleyard, 134; H. Foley, 1177; D. Adam, 465; J. Wakinshaw, I.G. 424; and others.

The minutes having been confirmed, the ballot was taken and Mr. Henry Barrett Greene duly elected for initiation. The candidate being in attendance, and properly prepared, was initiated into the mysteries by Bro. J. G. Smith, acting W.M., and the working tools were explained by the J.W. Bros. Mark Robinson Wright and Wm. Wilson Ferguson were afterwards raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by Bro. John Wood, P.M., who also gave the tools appertaining to the ceremony. There was a considerable amount of work to do, nominations, bye-laws, &c., which occupied the attention of the brethren until 9.40 p.m., when the lodge closed, and an adjournment was made to the refreshment room. A goodly array of members and visitors attended, and enjoyed themselves in the usual manner.

HARLESTON.—Faithful Lodge (No 85).—By dispensation the installation meeting of this old lodge (anno 1753) was held on the 20th inst., instead of the 26th, on account of this latter being the date fixed for the visit of the M.W. Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Norfolk. There was a fair muster of the brethren, and a few visitors were heartily welcomed. The chair was in the first instance occupied by Bro. Crisp, P.M., in the absence of the W. Master, who is abroad, and the ordinary business of the lodge was transacted. The chair was then taken by Bro. C. D. Hill Drury, M.D., I.P.M., P.P.G.R., and he most impressively installed Bro. Sacon Hart as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremonies of opening and closing the B. of I.Ms. were fully worked, and the I.P.Ms. were called off to pledge the new ruler in the Craft. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Capt. Sancerft Holmes, I.P.M.; Smith, S.W.; T. E. Bond, J.W.; Calver, P.M., Treas.; Carman, P.M., Sec.; C. Bond, S.D.; Knights, J.D.; J. Aldous, I.G.; and G. Harper, Tyler.

The lodge was closed after "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed by the brethren, and a vote of thanks recorded on the minutes to the Installing Master. The brethren then adjourned to the banquet.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, Bro. Hill Drury, in well-chosen and felicitous terms proposed "The Health of the W.M.," who duly responded.

Bro. Reeve, I.P.M., of Montgomery Lodge, and also a member of the Faithful Lodge, proposed "The Health of the Installing Master," and said that for the first time he seemed really to understand of the hidden depths of Masonry, that a new and beautiful light had fallen around him after witnessing the ceremony so impressively and eloquently performed by Bro. Hill Drury. He had seen many installations, but never on any occasion had he witnessed anything which had affected him or given him greater delight and pleasure, and in saying this he expressed not only his own feelings but those of every brother present. He trusted Bro. Hill Drury would have a long and happy life, and would often be called upon to render like service to the Craft.

Bro. Hill Drury, in responding, said he felt very grateful to the brethren of the Faithful Lodge for the great kindness shown to him on so many occasions, and could not forget the honour they had done to him in the past in twice electing him to the chair of his mother lodge. He thought that their praise of his working was more than he deserved, but he could say truly, that as a Mason he was thoroughly in earnest, and endeavoured to perform his duty in the best possible manner, and that if a Mason would duly strive to follow the precepts inculcated in the lodge, he not only could not be a bad citizen of the world, but must of necessity be a very bright one.

The Tyler's toast brought a very successful and harmonious meeting to a close.

NORWICH.—Social Lodge (No. 93).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at 47, St. Giles-street, Norwich, on Tuesday, the 13th inst. Among those present were Bros. W. H. Smith, W.M.; Henry Thonless, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; W. W. Lake, P.M.; G. W. G. Barnard, P.M.; R. Gunn, P.M., P.G. Tyler; G. Jewson, P.M.; Jas. Dunsford, P.M., P.P.G.P.; J. B. Bridgman, P.M., P.P.G.R.; J. Moore, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; R. F. Ladell, W.M. elect; R. Woodward, R. Wilkinson, J. L. W. Barnard, Jno. Womersley, R. H. Fox, W. Wilkin, A. Smith, W. E. H. Wilson, W. N. Smith, L. M. Leader, J. R. Coleby, H. J. Brookes, Chas. Crumell, C. F. Bond, and J. C. Fisher.

Among the visitors were Bros. Chas. Cubitt, P.M., P.P.G.R.; J. B. Aldis, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., P.G. Sec.; C. R. Gillman, P.M., P.S.G.W.; C. A. B. Bignold, P.M., 52; A. H. Blazey, 100; G. Kersey, P.M., P.P.G.P.; T. C. R. King, W.M.; W. J. Butler, 213; W. H. Spicer, 376; Henry Rosling, W.M., and Jno. W. Browne, (Freemason) 807; E. Baldwin, W.M., and E. Orams, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., 943; S. J. Carman, P.M.; M. J. Mansfield, W.M. 1500; D. G. F. Gaul, W.M. 1808; C. F. Crane, Thos. G. Nisse, and others.

Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of installing Bro. R. F. Ladell then took place, which was most ably performed by Bro. W. H. Smith, the retiring W.M. The W.M. then invested the following as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. W. H. Smith, I.P.M.; Chas. Crumell, S.W.; C. F. Bond, J.W.; H. Thonless, Treas.; Jno. Womersley, S.D.; J. L. N. Barnard, J.D.; J. B. Bridgman, D.C.; J. Brockbank, I.G.; J. J. Commis, Sec.; and Joshua Morse, Tyler.

"Hearty good wishes" having been given by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed in due form. The brethren then adjourned to a most recherché banquet, at the conclusion of which the usual loyal, Masonic, and general toasts were given and duly acknowledged. Several very excellent songs and glees were given during the evening. Bro. Ladell, the newly-installed Master, being a general favourite in the lodge, it bids fair for him to have a successful year of office, and we heartily join in wishing that it may be so.

TRURO.—Fortitude Lodge (No. 151).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the lodge room on Tuesday, the 13th inst., when Bro. T. C. Mack, S.W., was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. T. Chirgwin. The officers present were Bros. W. J. Simmons, W.M.; T. C. Mack, S.W. and W.M. elect; G. M.

Downing, J.W.; W. Middleton, Treas.; W. T. Hawken, Sec.; J. Tonkin, J.D.; J. Harris, Org.; W. E. Lukies, I.G.; C. Seargeant and D. Little, Stewards; T. Kendall, D.C.; R. Angell, P.M., P.G.S.; J. Harris, P.M.; T. L. Dorrington, P.M.; T. Chirgwin, P.M.; E. Edwards, P.M.; J. Tillman, P.M.; J. H. Sampson, P.M.; R. Lean, P.M.; W. B. Morriss, P.M.; N. B. B. Bullen, P.M., P.P.G.O.; H. J. Flynn, J. Green, T. Worth, J. Greenaway, J. Langdon, J. Handley, E. Roberts, E. Richards, and W. C. Oke. Visitors: Bros. C. Kent, S.D. 699; W. J. Collins, J.W. 1006; W. Ellis, W.M. 318; C. Barnett, S.W. 1006; F. B. Magson, 1550; G. H. B. Reed, W.M. 75; E. D. Anderson, W.M. 331, P.G.S.; S. Tressider, J.W. 75; W. Gibson, 605; F. W. Thomas, 1544; J. M. Holman, P.M. 1544; J. F. Hooper, P.M. 1006, P.P.G.O.; C. Bryant, S.W. 331; W. L. Rowe, S.D. 589; E. S. Pearce, S.W. 589; and J. Sarah, W.M. 589. The W.M. invested the following as his officers:—W. J. Simmons, I.P.M.; G. M. Downing, S.W.; W. Middleton, Treas.; W. B. Morriss, Chap.; J. Harris, jun., Sec.; W. E. Lukies, S.D.; W. T. Hawken, J.D.; T. Kendall, D.C.; J. Greenaway, I.G.; C. Seargeant, Org.; D. Little and J. Handley, Stewards; and J. Langdon, Tyler. Bro. W. J. Simmons was elected Steward of the C.M.A. and Benevolent Fund. The brethren subsequently dined together at the Red Lion Hotel.

BRENTWOOD.—Hope and Unity Lodge (No. 214).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 22nd inst., at the White Hart Hotel, when there were present Bros. J. C. Earle, Prov. G.J.W., as W.M.; F. W. Imbert-Terry, S.W.; J. C. Quennell, J.W.; P.M.'s—G. Cooper, C. M. Tebbut, W. J. Burgess, Rev. T. Cochran, W. W. Brown, J. Earle, and A. W. Walters; Frank Landon, F. B. Page, J. Nickisson, H. G. Hobson, H. M. Imbert-Terry, and A. H. Hunt. Visitors: Bros. Frederick Binckes, James Terry, Rev. F. B. Shepherd, T. J. Ralling, Prov. G. Sec.; J. Corble, J. Taylor, jun., Rev. C. Grinstead, Major Newton, J. C. Goode, Henry Pocock, J. R. Stevens, H. Bailey, De Lacey, W. A. Barrett, P.P.G.O. Oxon; A. Hill, H. Marwood, R. Clowes, and H. C. Williams.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The sum of five guineas was voted from the lodge funds to be placed on the list of Bro. F. W. Imbert-Terry, who represents the lodge at the next Festival of the Benevolent Institution, and a gratuity of two guineas was made to Bro. C. T. Speight, the Tyler, for his long services. Bro. Rev. T. Cochran, P.M., Past G. Chap., then assumed the chair, and the W.M. elect, Bro. F. W. Imbert-Terry, was presented and installed into the chair by him in his most perfect and impressive manner, after which the W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. J. C. Quennell, S.W.; F. Landon, J.W.; Rev. W. J. Skilton, Chap.; A. Wright, Sec.; F. B. Page, S.D.; F. Turner, J.D.; W. W. Brown, D.C.; H. M. Imbert-Terry, I.G.; and invested Bro. G. Cooper as Treasurer for the twelfth year, and Bro. C. T. Speight as Tyler. The W.M. was elected to represent the lodge on the Charity Committee of the province. One brother was proposed as a joining member, and one candidate for initiation. All business being ended, the brethren adjourned to a banquet, admirably served by Mr. Mason, the pleasure of which was much increased by the harmony of Bros. Barrett, De Lacey, and Brown.

LEWES.—South Saxon Lodge (No. 311).—On Wednesday, the 21st inst., the annual meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. G. E. Chapman was subsequently installed as W.M. for the year ensuing, the ceremony being most efficiently performed by Bro. S. Tanner, P.M. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Bridges, on his retirement from office. The following officers were appointed: Bros. J. H. Every, S.W.; G. Holman, J.W.; R. Crosskey, Treas.; S. Stone, Sec.; J. W. Broad, S.D.; W. Wright, J.D.; A. Russell, jun., I.G.; Starnes, Org.; and H. Hall, Tyler.

At the conclusion of the business the brethren adjourned to the Bear Hotel, where Bro. Whitcomb served a sumptuous banquet. The company, which numbered about 50, included several visitors. Among those present, in addition to the officers already named, were Bros. G. C. D'Albiac, Prov. G.J.W.; V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Sec.; Burfield, Asst. Sec.; Rev. W. Tooth, Asst. Prov. G. Chap.; Pierpont, W.M. Domestic Lodge; Plowman, W.M. Derwent; Ridge, W.M. Royal York; Nell, W.M. Brunswick; T. W. Dean, W.M. Tyrian; Thorpe, W.M. Abbey Lodge; T. R. White, Pelham; Hopkinson, W.M. Sackville; W. R. Wood, W.M. St. Cecilia; Hardy, W.M. Burrell Lodge; Ward, W.M. St. Leonards; G. D. Woolgar, S.D. 1619; Eberell, P.P.G.P.; J. C. Lucas, P.P.G.S.W.; Dawes, P.P.G.R.; Turner (Dorking), Lewis (Newhaven), G. Stone, P.M., P.P.G.S.; W. D. Stone, P.M.; W. Stone, W. Hobbs, J. Peters, E. Brown, S. Peters, W. Tickner, Hayner, Calway, and others.

The after-dinner proceedings were of a very agreeable character, the usual toasts being honoured as is customary in the Craft.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Peace and Harmony Lodge (No. 359).—Bro. Henry Webb, S.W., was on Monday last installed by his predecessor as W.M. of this lodge, the Board of Installed Masters being Bros. Powell, W.M. Economy Lodge; Allers, W.M., and Rawlins, I.P.M., Lynton; T. Dartnall, M. Miles, and J. B. Thomas, P.M.'s Royal Gloucester; J. D. Barford, W.M. Southampton; Brown, W.M. Clausentum; Brooks, P.M. Shirley; J. Ireland, W.M. Albert Edward; E. O. Longland, W. Waters, T. P. Payne, J. Adams, J. Patstone, G. Cross, and T. Lashmore, P.M.'s of the lodge. The new Master invested the officers as follows: Bros. Aldis, S.W.; Wilson, J.W.; J. R. Weston, Treas.; J. Adams, Sec.; G. Cross, D.C.; Young, S.D.; A. J. Blackman, J.D.; W. Jenvey, I.G.; Hawkins, Org.; R. Barnes and Baker, Stwds. The brethren afterwards partook of a banquet supplied by Bro. T. Dartnall.

PEMBROKE DOCK.—Loyal Welsh Lodge (No. 378).—The annual meeting of the above lodge was held on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Queen-street East, for ordinary work and installing the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The lodge having been opened according to ancient custom, several degrees were conferred by Bro. G. W. Ford, P.M., and Bro. K. W. Ladd, after which the Worshipful Master, Bro. T. Scott Phillips, proceeded with the ceremony of in-

stalling Bro. John Henry, S.W., as W.M., which he performed in a very efficient manner. The newly-installed W.M. then invested the following as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. T. Scott Phillips, I.P.M.; Thomas Brown, S.W.; Thomas Mason, J.W.; Arthur Trayler, Treas.; G. P. Davies, Sec.; George Edwards, S.D.; J. G. Allen, J.D.; W. J. John, D.C.; Charles Shaddick, I.G.; H. D. Brown and Alfred Hudson, Stewards; and W. Gwilliam, Tyler. Sundry items of business having afterwards been transacted, the lodge was closed in due form.

The brethren then repaired to the Bush Hotel, where a splendid banquet awaited them, the tables being laid out in admirable style, the decorations chaste and tastefully arranged, and altogether the room presenting a pleasing and inviting appearance. We need scarcely add that this was one of the best banquets we have attended in Pembroke-Dock, and reflects much credit on the catering abilities of Mrs. Jenkins. The chair was occupied by the newly-installed W.M., Bro. John Henry, who was supported by his principal officers, Bros. J. Brown, S.W., and T. Mason, J.W. In addition to those already named the following brethren were present, viz.:—Past Master's—Bros. M. Nicholson, H. D. Reynolds, W. G. Phillips, K. W. Ladd, G. W. Ford, E. A. Saunders, T. Scott Phillips, I. Smedley, A. Stephens, and T. Murray; Jamieson, J. J. Henderson, S. J. Allen, Rogers, A. G. Roch, H. Crane, J. Phillips, H. D. Harrington, Seth Watts, McCarthy, W. G. Beer, J. Graham, W. A. Gilliland, Rowlands, P.M. 1177; J. Brookman, 1177; John A. Jenkins, 1187; E. Wade, 1177; J. H. Coram, P.M. 990; A. James, 990; A. Hill, and R. G. Warlow.

Due attention having been paid to the good things provided, the toasts arranged for the evening were proceeded with, the whole of which were given and responded to in a manner peculiar to the Craft, and interspersed by some excellent songs efficiently rendered by Bros. M. Nicholson, J. H. Coram, D. Hughes Brown, F. E. Wade, Rowland, Crane, Hudson, Reynolds, Henry, and Rogers, and recitations capably given by Bros. George Jamieson and T. Murray.

During the evening there was one very interesting feature in the proceedings, viz.: the presentation of a very handsome Past Master's jewel to Bro. T. Scott Phillips (supplied by Bro. George Kenning), for the efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of his office during the past year. The presentation was made by Bro. John Henry, W.M., who spoke in high terms of Bro. T. Scott Phillips's abilities as a Mason, and hoped he would live long to wear that jewel, as a token of the esteem in which he was held by the brethren of his lodge.

Bro. T. Scott Phillips responded in a feeling manner, thanking them for thus signaling their appreciation of his services, and assured them that he should continue to feel an interest in the welfare of the Loyal Welsh Lodge.

HALIFAX.—Lodge of St. James (No. 448).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, on Tuesday, the 13th inst., for the purpose of installing the newly-elected W.M., Bro. John Drake, and the investment of his officers for the ensuing year. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. W. Walshaw, and there were present Bros. C. T. Rhodes, P.M., P.P.G.D.; H. S. Holdsworth, P.M., P.G.D.D.C.; A. Roberts, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C.; R. Jessop, P.M.; W. Swale, P.M.; S. Midgley, P.M.; T. Wheelhouse, P.M.; J. G. Lee, P.M.; and R. Worsick, P.M. The representatives from the other lodges were Bros. Arnold, J.P., W.M., and Balme, J.W., 61; Haigh, W.M., and Bolton, J.W., 1736; Farnell, W.M., and Walker, P.M., 1231; Seed, P.M. 1302, P.G.P.; Hanson, W.M. 407; Rideal, P.M. 307; and other brethren from Scarborough, Leeds, and Wakefield.

The W.M. was then installed, the ceremony being performed in a most impressive manner by Bro. C. T. Rhodes, P.M., and Bro. H. S. Holdsworth, P.M. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. Walshaw, I.P.M.; J. D. Simpson, S.W.; J. Jessop, J.W.; G. H. Radcliffe, P.M., Treas.; W. D. Shoebridge, Sec.; C. Greenwood, S.D.; H. Sutcliffe, J.D.; A. Mallinson, D.C.; W. Hanson, I.G.; A. Robertshaw, T. Woods, and R. Hodgson, Stwds. The ceremonies being over, the usual banquet took place, at which the newly-elected W.M., Bro. Drake, presided, being supported by a numerous gathering of the members of the lodge and visiting brethren. The usual toasts were then given and duly honoured, namely:—

"The Queen," proposed by the W.M.; "The Prince and Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal family," by the W.M.; "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master; the Pro Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon; and the Grand Officers Past and Present," by the W.M.; "The Worshipful Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P., and the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," proposed by Bro. W. Swale, P.M., and responded to by Bro. Rev. B. Town, P.P.G.C.; "The W.M. of St. James's Lodge," proposed by Bro. W. Walshaw, I.P.M., responded to by Bro. J. Drake, W.M.; "The Installing Officers," proposed by Bro. Drake, W.M., responded to by Bro. C. T. Rhodes, P.M., and Bro. H. S. Holdsworth, P.M.; "The Past Masters of the Lodge of St. James," proposed by Bro. J. Jessop, responded to by Bro. W. Walshaw, I.P.M.; "The Senior and Junior Wardens and Officers of the Lodge of St. James," proposed by the W.M., Bro. Drake, and responded to by Bro. J. T. Simpson, S.W., and Bro. J. Jessop, J.W.; "The Sister Lodges and our Visiting Committee," proposed by Bro. Simpson, S.W., and responded to by Bro. Arnold, J.P., W.M. 61, Bro. Haigh, W.M., St. John's, Bro. Rideal, P.M., 307, Bro. Farnell, W.M., Saville Lodge, and Bro. Green, Scarborough; "The Ladies," proposed by Bro. T. L. Sanders, and replied to by Bro. T. Woods; "Poor and Distressed Masons," proposed by Bro. G. Normanton, P.M., P.P.G.D. The proceedings were enlivened by songs, recitations, &c., from several of the brethren, who responded freely and willingly to the calls made upon them by the W.M. The management of the banquet was undertaken this year by the Stewards, Bros. Robertshaw, Woods, and Hodgson, to whom every credit is due for the manner in which they provided on this occasion.

AXMINSTER.—Virtue and Honour Lodge (No. 494).—The annual meeting of the members of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 13th inst., in the Masonic Hall, when Bro. A. P. Reece was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The installing Maater was Bro. Derrick, W.M., and among the brethren present were Bros. Toms,

P.M.; Jarman, P.M.; Stevens, P.M. 106; Harris, P.M. 814; Oakley, 1181; Pitman, 1181; Ward, 817; Adams, 1181; Mitchell, 1953; Wheatley, P.M. 814; J. Lawrence, 1953; Norington, 1953; R. Coling, 1953; Jeffery, P.G.J.D. Devon; Webber, P.M., P.P.G.O.; Pickering, P.M.; W. Forward; Pinney, P.M.; Loveless, P.P.G.S.D., P.M.; Reynolds, Parsons, Heal, Catford, Paull, and others. The ceremony of installation was admirably gone through by Bro. Derrick, Bro. Webber presiding at the harmonium. The W.M. afterwards invested his officers as follows: Bros. Derrick, I.P.M.; W. Forward, S.W.; Reynolds, J.W.; Pinney, Treas.; Loveless, Sec.; Charlesworth, S.D.; Parsons, J.D.; Jeffery, D.C.; Stevens, Steward; A. Paull, I.G.; and Wakley, Tyler. "Hearty good wishes" having been offered by the representatives of visiting lodges, the lodge was closed in form. The banquet was served at the George Hotel, the W.M. presiding, and the company was supplemented by Bros. P. M. Evans and E. H. Wilton, Prov. G. Reg., who had been attending P.G. Lodge at Exeter. The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured, Bros. Evens, Wilton, and Jeffery responding for "The Provincial Officers." The evening was most pleasantly spent.

TROWBRIDGE.—Lodge of Concord (No. 632).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 6th inst., when Bro. J. W. Jones, S.W. and W.M. elect, was duly installed as W.M., the ceremony being very ably performed by Bro. W. Nott, P.M. 663, and P.P.G.J.W. Wilts. Among the brethren present were Bros. H. Lyon, W.M., who presided during the earlier part of the evening; J. E. Hayward, P.M.; F. B. Norris, P.M.; W. J. Mann, P.M., Treas.; J. W. Jones, S.W.; J. H. Foley, J.W.; A. Parry, Sec., P.M. 285; F. Kelland, S.D.; J. Pocock, J.D.; H. E. Bishop, P.M., D.C.; H. Millington, Org.; H. Applegate, I.G.; F. W. Selve, Stwd.; G. L. Palmer, C. R. J. Cane, H. White, F. M. Garlick, W. Collins, H. Chapman, and H. Bailey, Tyler. The visitors included Bros. G. J. Farrington, W.M., and F. Barton, S.W., 1271; W. Nott, P.M., W. H. Bush, S.W., and F. S. Hancock, J.W., 663; G. W. Wiltshire, W.M., W. Mason, P.M.; J. Hearne, P.M., R. H. Gowing, J.D., E. Olive, and T. H. Holroyd, 973; and J. Chandler, P.M. 355.

The W.M. having been inducted into office, invested as his officers for the ensuing year the following brethren:—Bros. H. Lyon, I.P.M.; J. H. Foley, S.W.; F. Kelland, J.W.; W. J. Mann, P.M., Treas.; H. E. Bishop, P.M., D.C.; G. L. Palmer, Sec.; J. Pocock, S.D.; H. Applegate, J.D.; H. Millington, Org.; F. W. Selve, I.G.; H. White and A. Cox, Stwds.

The lodge having been closed in due form, the brethren adjourned to the George Hotel, where a sumptuous repast was provided by Miss Hewitt. Afterwards the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and the proceedings throughout were of a most enjoyable character.

LIVERPOOL.—Alliance Lodge (No. 667).—The members of this lodge met for the celebration of the festival of St. John, at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Tuesday, the 20th inst. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Robert Foulds, assisted by Bros. A. Bucknell, I.P.M.; John Devaynes, P.M.; George Willings, P.M.; Thomas Peake, P.M.; G. A. W. Phillips, P.M.; D. Lloyd, P.M.; James Bailey, S.W.; J. Lees, J.W.; J. H. Gregory, Treas.; R. J. Hudson, Sec.; Thomas Mason, S.D.; E. Carter, J.D.; J. Bowyer and J. R. Willings, Stwds.; P. Ball, Tyler; J. Beck, Richard Taylor, J. P. Jenkes, F. Willings, John Barker, E. Davis, C. H. Green, G. S. Shenton, A. Chambers, John Walters, T. Bage, J. W. Broadbent, and W. T. Dunbill. Among the visiting brethren were Bros. J. Duncan, P.M. 1473, P.P.G.D.C.; Robert Martin, P.G. Treas.; Robert Harley, W.M. 1473; J. Ashley, W.M. 1356; J. King, W.M. 823; W. Parry, W.M. 1505; J. P. Bryan, P.G.O.; H. Pascoe, P.M. 106 (Belfast); David Cangle, P.M. 239; W. Charles, 317; H. Syred, 220; and Thomas Wright, S.W. 1182.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read, the ballot was taken for Mr. John Procter, which proved favourable, and he being in attendance was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by the W.M. The chair was then taken by Bro. G. S. Willings, P.M., when the W.M. elect, Bro. J. Bailey, S.W., was presented by Bros. R. Foulds, W.M., and T. Peake, P.M., for installation, which ceremony was most efficiently and impressively rendered by Bro. Willings. The following officers were afterwards appointed and invested for the ensuing year: Bros. R. Foulds, I.P.M.; James Lees, S.W.; R. J. Hudson, J.W.; J. H. Gregory, Treas.; Thomas Mason, Sec.; E. Carter, S.D.; J. Bowyer, J.D.; T. R. Willings, I.G.; T. Peake, P.M., D.C.; G. S. Shenton, Org.; J. Beck and C. H. Green, Stwds.

Bro. Casey, the House Steward, afterwards provided dinner in a very satisfactory manner, and after the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, the W.M. presented a handsome P.M.'s jewel to the I.P.M. on behalf of the members. An enjoyable selection of music was given by Bros. W. H. Quayl, H. J. Nicholls, R. N. Hobart, J. T. Jones, and others, Bro. J. P. Bryan, P.G.O. directing.

LIVERPOOL.—Everton Lodge (No. 823).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 21st inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street. There were present Bros. J. M. King, W.M.; W. Brassey, I.P.M.; J. Boyle, P.M.; J. Houlding, P.M.; J. Beesley, P.M.; R. H. Webster, S.W.; W. J. Lunt, P.M., Treas.; R. W. Gow, Sec.; W. Maddox, S.D.; R. S. Milne, J.D.; T. G. Carefull, P.M., D.C.; A. B. Ewart, Org.; R. T. Britten, I.G.; C. H. Ashton and J. Mantle, Stwds.; W. H. Ball, Tyler; Edwin Kite, H. Arden, Wm. Parting, D. C. Davidson, Jno. McDonald, T. Cretney, Joseph Smith, Albert Thompson, J. G. Hassell, Wm. R. Kinley, Jas. Martin, Peter Nicholson, Thos. Lunt, W. J. Quine, Henry Denyer, G. Balshaw, S. Wilkinson, J. Smith, Edward Sandiford, Alfred Citrine, Edwin Davies, John Martin, Richard H. Blundell, Arthur W. Triggs, G. Wiggins, Robert Jones, Edward Beavan, John Jones, Jos. Shapley, J. Middleton, Saml. Gordon, Geo. Bewley, John Griffiths, E. Brierley, D. J. Scurr, J. Fairbrother, W. A. Montgomery, G. N. Hawke, Saml. Outran, T. King, M. S. Danks, Wm. H. Thompson, Henry Hart, F. Turner, Wm. McDougal, Wm. Lindsay, and J. W. Watson. Visitors: Bros. Richard Edwards, 1264; W. Jones, J.D. 1264; George Morton, 1756; Wm. Bushell, 1756; H. Williams, P.P.G.A.D.C.; B. Holgate, 1356; R. Crispe, P.M. 724;

G. Ashton, 203; W. Robertson, P.M. 1325; A. McDougall, 1756; V. Bouillett, 1675; W. Johnson, 1325; H. Lambert, 898; L. Phillips, 1356; Charles Luft, 1356; J. W. Ballard, P.P.G.P., P.M. 724; Wm. Crofts, 249; David Cangle, W.M. 249; R. Bethell, S.W. 1094; John Lunstall, S.W. 1035; W. W. Dudley, 1035; J. A. Hawker, 605; R. Wilson, 724; W. Watson, 724; W. Warburton, 1013 and 2042; Isaac Taylor, 1393; Simon Inde, 241; and John McClellan, 1756.

The lodge having been opened, and the usual business transacted, the following gentlemen were initiated: Messrs. Thos. Evans, John G. Clensy, E. M. Turnbull, and John Rankin by the W.M. in a very impressive manner. The chair was then taken by Bro. John Houlding, P.M., P.P.G.R., who raised Bros. R. H. Blundell, Jos. Smith, and C. Swift, of 1356, to the Sublime Degree of M.M. in his well-known style. The lodge was then closed, and "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the visitors, the brethren then adjourned to the banquet, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and a pleasant evening spent.

PENRYN.—Three Grand Principles Lodge (No. 967).—The brethren of the above lodge celebrated the festival of St. John on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at their Masonic Hall, Quay-hill, when the W.M. elect, Bro. S. Cox, was installed by Bro. Trener, P.P.G.S.B., assisted by a Board of Past Masters, comprising Bros. T. Gill, P.P.G.D.C.; J. M. Thomas, P.P.G.O.; E. Jennings, P.P.G.S.; N. Gray, 75; H. C. Welch, 75; W. Rogers, 75, P.G.S.; and G. H. B. Reid, W.M. 70. The newly-installed W.M. afterwards invested his officers as follows:—Bros. H. C. Welch, I.P.M.; H. P. Dawe, S.W.; H. Worsdell, J.W.; T. Gill, Treas.; J. W. Manger, P.G.O., Sec.; H. Lavin, S.D.; J. Crook, J.D.; W. Willimott, I.G.; W. Terrell, Steward of the C.M.A. and B. Fund; R. A. Newcombe, Org.; E. Martin and P. Kessell, Stewards.

The annual banquet was afterwards held at the King's Arms Hotel, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

FOWEY.—Fowey Lodge (No. 977).—The above lodge held its annual meeting at the Masonic Hall on Monday, the 5th inst., when the installation of Bro. R. Parson, the W.M. elect, was performed by Bro. J. De Cressy Treffy, the retiring W.M., assisted by the following board of officers:—Bros. A. Luke, G. Varcoe, A. A. Davis, P.P.G.W.; H. W. W. Durant, A. P. Davis, P.P.G.D.; T. Lukes, P.P.G.S.; P. Giles, P.P.G.S.; J. Guy, P.P.G.D.C.; and J. W. Higman. The officers invested for the ensuing year were:—Bros. J. De Cressy Treffy, I.P.M.; J. Williams, S.W.; A. S. Clunes, J.W.; the Rev. E. K. Kendall, Chap.; H. W. Durant, Treas.; F. J. Denison, Sec.; W. Andrew, S.D.; W. Denison, J.D.; A. H. Cossentine, I.G.; J. M. Williams, Org.; S. S. Davis and J. Mitchell, Stewards. The brethren afterwards dined together at the Fowey Hotel.

SHIRLEY.—Shirley Lodge (No. 1112).—The festival of St. John was marked on the 12th inst. by Bro. G. F. W. Mortimer being installed as W.M. by W. Bro. G. Brooks, P.M. The following officers were subsequently invested: Bros. J. R. P. Sharp, I.P.M.; J. H. Ailden, S.W.; C. G. Beaumont, J.W.; G. Brooks, P.M., Sec.; W. Rolfe, Treas.; W. Pearce, D.C.; G. Greenlade, S.D.; E. T. Chamberlain, J.D.; G. J. T. Good, I.G.; Maynor, Stwd.; W. V. Ware and T. Godden, Tylers. After the installation a vote of thanks was given to Bro. G. Brooks for having performed the ceremony, and a similar vote was also accorded to the retiring W.M., Bro. J. R. P. Sharp, to whom a Past Master's jewel was presented. The usual banquet was afterwards held.

BATTLE.—Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).—This lodge met for the dispatch of business at the Masonic Hall on the 15th inst., when there were present Bros. B. H. Thorpe, P.P.G.S.D., P.M., W.M.; W. Lamborn, P.P.G. Purst., P.M., acting I.P.M.; Very Rev. E. R. Currie, M.A., Prov. G. Chap., S.W., and 38; J. B. Sargent, P.M., acting J.W.; R. Hughes, Sec.; H. G. F. Wells, P.P.G. Purst., P.M., Treas.; W. T. Jordan, acting S.D.; J. B. Foord, J.D.; T. J. Walder, I.G.; Major F. W. Robertson, C. Martin, W. C. Till, R. Davison, M.D., W. A. Raper, and others. Visitor: Bro. John Secra, P.P.G.D.C. Kent, P.M. 972.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee and Treasurer's balance-sheet was then considered, which proved the lodge to be in a very satisfactory financial condition. The report and statement were unanimously received and adopted, after which a vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Currie, S.W., for the gift to the lodge of two Deacons' wands. A lecture on the third tracing board was then ably delivered by Bro. Currie. Bro. Major Robertson proposed, and the W.M. seconded, a vote of condolence with the widow and family of the late Bro. Lieut.-Col. de Brabant Cooper, P.M. 1842. After the transaction of other business, the lodge was closed in due form.

URMSTON.—Urmston Lodge (No. 1730).—The installation of Bro. Edward Lewis Littler took place at the Lord Nelson Hotel, on Monday, the 19th inst., when the following brethren were present:—Bros. A. H. Sansom, W.M.; E. L. Littler, S.W.; P. Heaton, J.W.; W. Goodacre, P.M., Treas., P.P.G. Reg., P.G. Sec.; J. Slyman, S.D.; E. Gittins, J.D.; J. Ridehalgh, D.C.; John Wasnedge, P.M.; J. W. Gyaforex, P.M., P.P.G.P.; J. R. England, P.M.; A. Myers, Thos. W. Bone, A. Hill, R. Livsey, and W. Hayes. Visitors: Bros. Dr. Evans, P.M. 1534, P.G.S.W.; Thos. Tunstall, P.M. 148, P.P.G. Supt. Wks., Wm. Bowden, P.M. 1213 and 1814, P.P.G. Swd. B.; Robt. Davies, P.M. 1387, P.G. Stand. B.; James Andrew, P.M. 1345, P.P.S.G.D.; Joseph Wildgoose, P.M. 163, P.P.G.J.D. E.L.; Charles Cooper, S.W. 1588; Wm. Cole, P.M. 1588; Thos. J. Cowen, P.M. 1161; K. Ball, W.M. 1345; John Hind, 993; J. M. Sinclair, P.M. 163; and R. R. Lissenden, S.W. 317 (Freemason).

The lodge was opened with commendable punctuality at four o'clock, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. After the usual preliminaries, Bro. Wm. Goodacre, P.G. Sec., took the chair of K.S., and installed Bro. E. L. Littler Worshipful Master of the lodge for the ensuing twelve months, with that care and completeness for which he is famed. Upon the re-admission of all M.M.'s, the usual proclamation was made to them of Bro. Littler's installation being *un fait accompli*, and they

accordingly saluted him in the customary manner. The W.M. then appointed his officers, and they were accordingly invested by Bro. Wm. Goodacre as follows: Bros. P. Heaton, S.W.; J. Slyman, J.W.; Wm. Goodacre, P.M., P.P.G.R., P.G. Sec., Treas. (invested by the W.M.); A. H. Sansom, P.M., Sec.; E. Gittins, S.D.; J. Ridehalgh, J.D.; M. A. B. Wheeler, D.C. (not present); —Lloyd, I.G. (not present); A. Myers and A. Hill, Stewards. The installing Master delivered the three addresses. There being no further business, "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visitors, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at six o'clock.

The brethren afterwards celebrated the Festival of St. John with a banquet, which was all that could be desired, and fully sustained the reputation which the management of this hotel enjoy as caterers.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured after the banquet, the W.M. proposing "The Health of the Queen," "The Prince and Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family," in felicitous terms; Bro. W. Goodacre proposed "The Health of Bro. the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro. Grand Master;" Bro. Dr. Evans proposed "The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Lathom, R.W.D.G.M. and R.W.P.G.M. of West Lancashire, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past;" Bro. Thos. J. Cowen, P.M. 1161, proposed "The Rt. Hon. F. Stanley, M.P., V.W.D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past;"—all of which were drunk with great heartiness. Other toasts, including "The W.M.," "The I.P.M.," "The Masonic Charities," "Visiting Brethren," "P.M.'s," &c., were proposed and responded to, and a most agreeable evening was spent.

The I.P.M., Bro. A. H. Sansom, was presented with a P.M.'s gold jewel for his valuable and appreciated services during the past year. The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 47, Bridge-street, Manchester.

INSTRUCTION.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on the 26th inst., at the Fountains Abbey Hotel, 111, Praed-street, Paddington, W.M., when there were present Bros. D. Stroud, W.M.; J. Laurence, S.W.; G. A. Laundry, J.W.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; M. J. Green, S.D.; H. Moss, J.D.; W. J. Mason, I.G.; W. Middleweek, Stwd.; M. S. Speigel, P.M. 188; O. L. Latrielle, P.M. 1260; J. Cruttenden, C. S. Mote, F. Chandler, R. E. Cursons, A. Hardy, J. Cliburn, and H. Robinson.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Lodge called off and on. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremonies of raising and initiation were rehearsed, Bros. Chandler and Hardy being the respective candidates. Bro. Laurence was elected W.M. for the next meeting. It was then unanimously agreed that letters of condolence be sent to the widows of the late Bros. Accason and Segrys. Lodge closed in peace and harmony.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent Garden, W.C., on the 15th inst., when there were present Bro. C. Ralph, W.M.; Cross, S.W.; S. Hewitt, J.W.; B. Solomons, S.D.; Z. Mordecai, J.D.; Muller, I.G.; Fowles, acting as Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Sec.; Cumming, J. Woodward, J. Rhodes, and T. A. Dickson.

The lodge was opened in due form, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Fowles worked the First and Second Sections of this Lecture. Bro. G. Reynolds having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. was pleased to rehearse the ceremony. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Fowles worked the First Section of this Lecture. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. Bro. T. A. Dickson offering himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree the usual questions were put and well answered. Lodge opened in the Second Degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the Degree of F.C. On the motion of Bro. Fowles, which was seconded by the J.W., Bro. Cross was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. Bro. Fowles, one of the Auditors, read the report for the year 1884, from which it appears 48 meetings had been held; the number of members attending 666, and the number of new and joining members 42. The lodge had been opened in the First Degree 48 times; in the Second Degree 48 times; and in the Third Degree 25 times. Lodge had been resumed from one Degree to another 31 times, closed down 23 times, and called off six times. The ceremony of initiation had been rehearsed 33 times, passing 19 times, and raising 19 times, installation four times. The First Lecture with several of its Sections had been worked 48 times, Second Lecture 27 times, and the Third Lecture 12 times. There had been two deaths amongst the members, one being their late worthy Preceptor, Bro. W. H. Richardson. The lodge did not meet on three evenings of the year. A Charitable Association in connection with the lodge had been established, and is progressing very well indeed. There are over 50 members belonging to the same. From the books it appeared that after paying all expenses connected with the lodge there was a sufficient balance (£5 5s.) for a ballot to one of the Royal Masonic Charitable Institutions. This had been drawn by Bro. Frank Gulliford, in accordance with the bye-laws. Every member attending 20 meetings in the year was entitled to participate in this ballot.

The report was unanimously confirmed, whereupon Bro. Fowles proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. G. Reynolds for the clear manner in which the minute book and accounts were kept, and also for the excellent manner in which the report had been drawn. He most gratefully lauded the lodge of instruction in having such a zealous Secretary. He was a great credit to them, and would be to any mother lodge.

Bro. G. Reynolds thanked the brethren for their kindness, and said it was a great pleasure for him to know that the lodge of instruction had been so successful. The year 1884 was the best they had ever had. All the working of the lodge had been doubled, with one exception, viz., the calling off, which was a good sign they all were willing to labour, and it was very gratifying to know that the lodge was well furnished, and had everything to work with. He felt with them all the great loss the lodge had sustained in the death of their late worthy Preceptor, Bro. W. H.

Richardson, but did most sincerely trust that the year 1885 would still show an increase in the attendance of members.

Bro. W. C. Smith was unanimously elected Preceptor for the ensuing year, and Bro. G. Reynolds was also re-elected Treasurer and Secretary.

Bro. G. Reynolds, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. W. C. Smith through illness, which all regretted, thanked the brethren for their confidence, and assured them nothing would be wanting on their part to make the lodge of instruction instructive and popular. He would write to Bro. W. C. Smith and tell him of the honour the lodge had conferred on him.

Bro. Weck was unanimously elected serving brother—to commence his duties at the next meeting. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed in due form.

UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1789).—A meeting was held on Friday, 23rd inst., at the Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street. Present: Bros. Hayes, W.M.; Gibson, Treas., S.W.; Brindley, J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Precept.; P. Coughlan, Sec.; Hume, S.D.; C. White, P.M., J.D.; Wade, P.M., I.G.; and Lewis. 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. Lewis being the candidate. Bro. White, a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, answered the usual questions and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. White being the candidate. Bro. Lewis, a Fellow-Craft, answered the questions leading to the Third Degree; the lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first and second time, when Bro. Gibson was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

Royal Arch.

FALMOUTH.—Volubian Chapter (No. 75).—The first election of officers by ballot since the resuscitation of this chapter took place on Tuesday, the 19th inst., when the following companions were elected as officers for the ensuing year: Comps. Anderson, P.S.E., I.P.Z.; W. D. Rogers, M.E.Z.; N. Gray, H.; W. H. Dunstan, J.; G. T. Olver, S.E.; G. A. Jenkin, S.N.; W. F. Newman, Treas.; G. H. B. Reed, P.S.; and J. N. Francis, Janitor. The chapter having lain dormant for over 21 years, has been resuscitated, and is now in full working order, having in the past 12 months enrolled 25 members.

INSTRUCTION.

NORTH LONDON CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 1471).—A convocation of this chapter was held at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, N., on Thursday, the 22nd inst., when there were present Comps. D. P. Holmes, Z.; J. F. Bird, H.; E. M. Money, J.; J. E. Sheffield, S.E.; W. Radcliffe, S.N.; F. Brasted, P.S.; S. George, A.S.; E. Hislop, H. Dehane, G. Gregory, A. McMillan, G. W. Knight, R. W. Fraser, A. J. Dixie, H. Jenkins, 1540; and J. M. Scarlett, 1471.

The minutes were read and confirmed, and the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Jenkins being the candidate. Votes of thanks were unanimously recorded for the able manner the three presiding officers had performed their several offices for the first time. Comps. Jenkins and Scarlett were elected members. The Preceptor, Comp. T. C. Edmunds, being absent on account of illness, it was resolved that a letter be written expressing the anxiety of the companions, and wishing him a speedy recovery. The chapter was closed in peace and harmony.

Mark Masonry.

PRINCE OF WALES LODGE (No. 4).—The election meeting was held on Monday, the 26th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, Bro. H. Lovegrove, P.M. 234, P.G.S. of W., W.M., in the chair. Present Bros. G. Edwards, J.W. and Treas.; C. Pulman, P.M., P.G.I.G., Sec. and J.D.; W. Vincent, Prov. G.S.O., S.O.; W. Heath, Reg. of Marks; W. A. Scurrah, S.D.; C. J. Axford, J.D.; R. H. Coulton, I.G.; J. H. Mash, D.C.; W. F. Bates, Steward; and C. Miles, as Tyler. Bro. C. E. Birch, of the Florence Nightingale Lodge was the only visitor.

Bro. Fountaine was elected a joining member. Bros. Spencer, W.M. 73; W. Hunt, 172; E. W. Lewcock, 72; and W. Davy, I.G. 1507, were duly elected and advanced to the Degree of Mark Master. The bye-laws were read. Two brethren were elected to serve on the Audit Committee. Bro. Jas. Shilcock, S.W., who was away on business a long distance, was unanimously elected Worshipful Master; Bros. G. Edwards, Treasurer; and C. Mills, Tyler. Bro. Pulman proposed that a jewel of special design be presented to the W.M. The next regular meeting falling on Whit Monday, it was decided to meet on the 20th May instead.

The business completed the brethren dined at the Holborn Restaurant.

THE EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 211).—The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, on the 22nd inst., when there were present among others Bros. W. H. Goodall, P.P.G.D.C. Middx. and Surrey, I.P.M. (acting W.M.) in the absence of Bro. Lawson; A. Tisley, P.G. D. Middx. and Surrey, P.M. (acting S.W.); Harris, J.W., W.M. elect; Skinner, M.O.; Rickwood, J.O.; J. Mason, P.M., P.P.G.O. Middx. and Surrey, Treas. elect; T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B., P.P.G.W. Middx. and Surrey, P.M., Sec.; T. Poore, P.G.I.G. (hon. member), acting S.D.; J. Frye, J.D.; F. Frye, I.G.; and others. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Harris (by dispensation) was installed as W.M. for the year ensuing, by Bro. Walls, P.M., assisted by Bros. Goodall, P.M., as S.W., Tisley, P.M., as J.W., and T. Poore, P.M., as D.C. The appointment of officers then took place, Bros. Skinner, S.W.; Taylor, J.W.; Rickwood, M.O.; Sims, S.O.; J. Frye, J.O.; J. Mason, Treas.; F. Frye, S.D.; T. C. Walls, Sec.; Parkhouse,

J.D.; N. Moss, I.G.; Smout, D.C.; and French, W.S. The report of the auditors, Bros. J. Frye, Rickwood, and Moss was received, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Bro. Wadhams, of 1642, was then duly advanced to the Degree of M.M.M., by Bro. Walls. Bro. Robert Schofield, Tyler of 1642 (by dispensation) was then advanced to the Degree of M.M.M. as a serving brother. Letters of apology having been read from Bros. Lawson, Baldwin, Smout, and others, the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. In consequence of Bro. Harris, W.M., being compelled to leave at an early part of the evening, Bro. Walls presided in his place. The usual toasts were duly proposed and honoured.

YORK.—York Lodge (T.I.)—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 20th inst. Owing to the illness of the W.M., (Bro. M. Millington), the chair was occupied by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M. There were also present Bros. Rev. W. C. Lukis, P.M., D.P.G.M. of West Yorkshire; J. Todd, P.M.; G. Balmford, P.M.; B. L. Mills, P.M.; J. T. Seller, S.W.; A. T. B. Turner, J.W.; F. Smith, M.O.; G. Simpson, S.O.; W. B. Dyson, J.O.; W. Lackenby, S.D.; H. C. Pickersgill, J.D.; G. Lamb, I.G.; P. Pearson, Tyler; J. Blenkin, W. Stephenson, R. Ware, E. Purnell, W. Colman, C. L. Foster, G. H. H. McGachen, J. R. Jackson, &c.

The minutes having been read, successful ballots were taken for Bros. W. T. Nance and W. Wreglesworth, 1611; and Bro. G. S. Crummack, 236; and Bros. H. S. Hopton, W. T. Nance, and W. Wreglesworth were advanced to the honourable degree of M.M.M. The W.M. elect (Bro. J. T. Seller), was then presented, and duly installed by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, and the W.M. thanked the brethren for the mark of their confidence. Bro. Sir James Meek, P.M., who was retiring from the lodge on leaving York for Cheltenham, was elected an honorary member. The report of the Auditors shewed a substantial balance in hand.

The lodge was closed at 8.15, and the brethren adjourned to the refreshment room, where they sat down to an excellent supper. The evening was pleasantly spent, the toasts being interspersed with harmony, to which Bros. J. Todd, P.M., T. B. Whytehead, P.M., W. B. Dyson, A. T. B. Turner, and others contributed.

The officers for the year were appointed as follows: A. T. B. Turner, S.W.; F. Smith, J.W.; G. Simpson, M.O.; W. B. Dyson, S.O.; W. Lackenby, J.O.; Rev. W. C. Lukis, P.M., Chap.; T. B. Whytehead, P.M., Treas. and Sec.; J. Blenkin, Reg. of Marks; H. C. Pickersgill, S.D.; G. Lamb, J.D.; G. Balmford, P.M., Org.; Major McGachen, I.G.; P. Pearson, Tyler.

TWICKENHAM.—Sir Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 181).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 21st inst., at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham. Among those present were Bros. T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B., P.G.W. Middx. and Surrey, P.M. (in the chair); Fisher, S.W., W.M. elect; Briggs, M.O.; Higgins, J.O.; W. Taylor, P.M., P.P.G.D. Middx. and Surrey, Treas.; Köhler, S.D.; Bailey, J.D.; Simmonds, I.G.; Porter, Org.; and others. Bro. Gardner, Thistle Lodge, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, a letter from Bro. H. Handel, W.M., was read, regretting his inability to attend in consequence of serious illness. Bro. Fisher having been presented, was duly installed into the chair of A. by Bro. Walls. The officers appointed and invested for the year ensuing were Bros. Piller, S.W.; Briggs, J.W.; Higgins, M.O.; Köhler, S.O.; Bailey, J.O.; W. Taylor, Treas.; W. Hammond, Sec.; Simmonds, S.D.; Porter, J.D.; and Thomas, I.G. The report of the Audit Committee having been read was adopted. The sum of one guinea was voted to the list of Bro. Walls as Steward to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and a like sum to Bro. Taylor as Steward to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. A vote of thanks having been passed to the Installing Officer, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was ably presided over by the W.M.

FRIZINGTON.—Henry Lodge (No. 216).—The annual installation of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 21st inst., when Bro. Geo. Lowden was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, and invested the following as his officers:—Bros. Richd. Wilson, P.G.S.D., I.P.M.; F. T. Allatt, P.G. St. Br., S.W.; W. J. Harvey, J.W.; Chas. Gowen, M.O.; W. Swain, S.O.; J. Bewley, J.O.; Jas. Harper, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., Treas.; Jas. Routledge, Sec.; Geo. Dalrymple, Reg., P.G. Sec.; J. Dickson, S.D.; J. McMullin, J.D.; James Peel, D.C.; W. J. McKittrick, I.G.; J. Johnston, Tyler; and W. J. Smith, Steward. The following brethren were visitors from Lodge No. 213:—Bros. Thos. Atkinson, W.M., P.G.J.D.; Edward Tyson, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; Thos. Brakenridge, and Thos. Rowlings. Bro. B. Craig, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., and Bro. Dalrymple discharged the duties of the installation, when, with "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was duly closed, and Bro. Lowden invited all present to the banquet hall, where ample justice was done to the good things provided. The loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed, and responded to with the true spirit of Mark Masonry, still retaining the grand old fire of what we are pleased to term our "western" empire.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

LEEDS.—Leodiensis Chapter (No. 77).—This chapter held a meeting on Tuesday, the 20th inst, and was opened by Ill. Bro. Scott, M.W.S., assisted by the officers of the chapter. Ill. Bro. Charles James Banister, S.G. I.G. 33, I.G. North Eastern District, was received in due form, and being requested by the M.W.S. to take the chair, to install his successor. The M.W.S. elect was presented by the Grand Marshal to Ill. Bro. Banister for installation, and after reciting the qualifications to the M.W.S. elect, Bro. J. D. Kay, who subscribed to them, carefully installed him and placed him upon the chair of his predecessors, who then appointed his officers, and before the chapter was closed thanked Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister for coming to install him. In reply Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister addressed the excellent and perfect brethren upon their duty, and advising them as to the working of the ceremonies.

After the chapter was closed the brethren adjourned to refreshments, and spent a very happy evening.

Knights Templar.

BRADFORD.—Faith Preceptory (No. 13).—This preceptory was opened on the 22nd inst., in the absence of the E. Preceptor, Sir Kt. Crabtree, by P.E. Preceptor, Sir Kt. Geo. Althorpe, assisted by the officers of the preceptory. By the expressed wish of the E.P. and the members of the preceptory, Sir Kt. Chas. James Banister, V.E. Provincial Prior of Northumberland, Durham, and Berwick-on-Tweed, installed the E. Preceptor elect, Sir Kt. John Davies, into the chair of his predecessor with his usual impressiveness, who then appointed his officers. Letters of apology were received from V.E. Provincial Prior, Sir Kt. T. W. Tew, and the Provincial Sub-Prior, Sir Kt. Kay, who were unavoidably prevented from being present.

The business of the preceptory being over, it was closed in due form after the E. Preceptor had returned thanks to V.E. Sir Kt. C. J. Banister, for installing him. Dinner was served in the dining hall and a delightful evening was spent, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were suitably proposed and responded to.

BERWICK-ON-TWEED.—Royal Kent Preceptory (No. 20).—This preceptory was held on Friday, the 23rd inst., and was opened in due form by the E. Preceptor, Sir Kt. T. M. Watson, assisted by the officers. Sir Kt. William Logan, of the St. Cuthberts Preceptory, Darlington, was elected a joining member. Comp. George Eugene Macarthy was installed a Knight Templar by the E. Preceptor, with great care. The V.E. Provincial Prior was received in due form and saluted. He complimented the E. Preceptor in giving the Degrees so well.

Business over, the V.E. Provincial Prior, Sir Kt. C. J. Banister, and the provincial officers present, retired under an arch of steel. The evening was spent very pleasantly, after refreshments, interspersed with songs and recitations. This preceptory is working well, and ably assisted by P.P. Sub-Prior, Sir Kt. H. Hothorne, Treas., who is always present. Notes and telegrams were received from the absent members.

Red Cross of Constantine.

PLANTAGENET CONCLAVE (No. 2).—An assembly of this the original conclave was held at the Regent Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 26th inst., amongst those present being Sir Kts. J. L. Thomas, as M.P.S.; Marsh, Hogard, Maude, Thiellay, Bailey, Tyler, and Soppet. The beautiful degrees of K.H.S. and St. John the Evangelist were conferred upon Sir Kts. Maude and Tyler, when the following resolution, proposed by Sir Kt. Charles, Fredk. Hogard (Grand Preceptor), Recorder, seconded by Sir Knight James Lewis Thomas, Grand Historiographer, was carried unanimously, amid general expressions of regret:—"That the members of this Conclave desire to express to Bro. F. W. Levander their deep and sincere regret at the great loss he and they have sustained in the death of their M.P.S., Sir Knight Henry Charles Levander (P.G. Viceroy), Grand Treasurer, who departed this life on the 4th Dec. 1884.

His kind and generous disposition, his courteous bearing, and unfailing interest in the affairs of the Conclave, endeared him to all with whom he came in contact, and his extensive experience in all that appertains to the Order was at all times at their disposal.

"That a copy of this resolution, signed by Sir Knight Recorder on behalf of the Conclave, be forwarded to Bro. F. W. Levander."

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted in Sir Kt. Marsh being chosen as M.P.S.; Sir Kts. Dicketts, Treas.; and Reinhardt, Sentinel. The sir knights then partook of one of those recherché little banquets for which the Café Royal is so celebrated.

Malta.

UNION OF MALTA LODGE (No. 407, E.C.)—The regular meeting of the above-named lodge was held at 27, Strada Strata, Valetta, Malta, on Wednesday, the 7th inst., W. Bro. J. C. Stanley, I.P.M., presiding, for the transaction of general business, and for the especial purpose of installing the Worshipful Master elect, Bro. John F. James, S.W. 407, P.D.G. Steward, when a large gathering of the brethren were present, among whom were Rt. W. Bro. W. Kingston, D.G.M.; Very W. Bro. W. Watson, D.D.G.M.; W. Bro. Read, P.M.; W. Bro. Dahm, P.M.; W. Bro. Glenday, P.M.; W. Bro. Yeoman, P.M.; W. Bro. Montgomery, P.M.; W. Bro. Cooper, P.M.; W. Bro. Webster Paulson, P.M. 1923; and Bro. J. W. Starkey, D.G. Secretary.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last regular and of a Permanent Committee meeting, held on the 3rd inst., containing a satisfactory account of the lodge funds, were read and confirmed. The lodge was then passed to the Second Degree, and the W.M. elect presented to the Installing Master for installation, which ceremony was performed by the D.G.M., Rt. W. Bro. Kingston, in a most able and impressive manner. After Bro. James had been duly installed into the chair of K.S., the M.M.'s were admitted, who saluted their W.M. in the ancient manner. Subsequently, the F.C.'s and E.A.'s were admitted, who saluted the newly installed Master after the manner of their degrees. The W.M. then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. H. Pearce, S.W.; R. J. W. Coward, J.W.; W. Read (elected at a previous meeting), Treasurer; F. J. Coward, Hon. Secretary; C. F. Easterbrook, S.D.; A. E. Rose, J.D.; A. Rowse, I.G.; J. A. Sparring, Organist; and Beck, (unanimously elected by the brethren), Tyler. The W.M. accompanied the investment of his officers with a suitable address to each, wherein he exhorted them to be zealous workers in the Craft, to steadfastly support him during his term of office, and thus prove that his selection and appointment of them was not undeserved. Rt. W. Bro. Kingston and Very W. Bro. Watson addressed the W.M. in encouraging terms, and prophesied that under his rule and direction the Union Lodge would still continue to flourish.

The W.M., in a few appropriate words, thanked the brethren for the great honour conferred upon him, assuring them that it would be his earnest endeavour to merit the approval

of the brethren, and hoped at the termination of his year of office to hand the charter of the lodge to his successor as pure and unsullied as he had received it, and concluded by proposing a hearty vote of thanks to Rt. W. Bro. Kingston and V. W. Bro. Watson for their valuable services in connection with the installation ceremony. This was seconded by W. Bro. Read, and carried unanimously with acclamation. Two brethren were proposed on the Permanent Committee of the lodge, and one to represent the lodge on the Masonic Hall Committee. On the proposition of Bro. Caraco, seconded by Bro. R. J. W. Coward, J.W., it was unanimously decided to present the I.P.M., W. Bro. May, who is now doing Masonic work in Portsmouth, with a P.M.'s jewel in recognition of his year of ability as W.M. Several candidates for initiation and joining were proposed, and hearty good wishes received from Lodges Nos. 349, 515, 1923, 395, 1926, 420, 398, 1421, 1428, 616, 1205, 411, E.C. and 387, I.C., after which the lodge was closed with the accustomed formalities, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where a recherché repast was prepared by the esteemed Tyler, Bro. R. Beck, to which ample justice was done.

The W.M. presided at the social board, and gave the usual loyal and Craft toasts, which were received with great enthusiasm; and, in proposing the toast of "The District Grand Lodge of Malta and its Officers," dwelt upon the untiring energy, assiduity, and great ability displayed by the D.G.M., R.W. Bro. Kingston, during his long rule over this district, and who was ably supported by his Deputy, V.W. Bro. Watson, both of whom had a most brilliant Masonic career. The W.M. said that eulogising R.W. Bro. Kingston and V.W. Bro. Watson was like painting the lily, or gilding refined gold, so asked the brethren, while drinking to the District Grand Lodge of Malta, to pledge their District Grand Master and his Deputy in a bumper.

This toast was received enthusiastically in true Masonic style, and responded to in most appropriate terms.

R.W. Bro. Kingston assured the brethren that, though it was now nearly 30 years since he was initiated in that lodge, his zeal for Masonry was unabated, and counselled the brethren to strive to uphold the ancient landmarks of their Order, to continue to work in brotherly love and harmony, and to be guided in their Masonic career by the example of those great and good Masons who had been initiated in the Old Union of Malta.

V.W. Bro. Watson thanked the brethren for so kindly receiving his name, and thanked the W.M. for his flattering mention of him. He felt assured that under the able rule of W. Bro. James the Union of Malta would prosper as well as its most ardent admirer could wish.

R.W. Bro. Kingston, in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," spoke in high terms of eulogy of W. Bro. James, who, he was pleased to learn, had been elected to so exalted and honourable a position, which, on account of his past services as Secretary and S.W. of this lodge, was thoroughly well deserved. He felt confident that the Union of Malta Lodge was safe in the hands of the present W.M., and felt assured that under his rule the lodge would lose none of its former lustre, and concluded by calling upon the brethren to drink to his health.

This was most enthusiastically received, and suitably responded to by W. Bro. James, who, in thanking the brethren for so hearty a reception of the toast of his health, assured them of his intention of endeavouring to the utmost of his power to promote the prosperity of the lodge.

The toasts of "The P.M.'s" and "The Visitors" having been given and suitably responded to—the P.M.'s by W. Bro. Stanley, and the visitors by Bro. Starkey, W. Bro. Montgomery, and Paulson—a most enjoyable evening was terminated with the much respected Tyler's song and toast.

India.

FORT WILLIAM.—St. John's Lodge (No. 486).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 19th December, 1884, when there were present Bros. J. Nicholas, P.M., as W.M.; W. Ferns, P.M., as I.P.M.; Adam Smith, as S.W.; T. C. Bose, as J.W.; D. U. Pundit, Treas.; J. A. G. Sullivan, as Sec.; W. C. Peck, S.D.; J. H. Rodgers, J.D.; J. M'Laurin, I.G.; T. Morgan, Tyler; J. T. Limpus, P.M.; W. C. Bishop, P.M.; H. W. Beale, C. Morgan, G. Thompson, J. Loggie, A. C. Hazra, K. C. Baneyie, R. J. Vincent, T. C. Collins, J. H. Broughton, D. T. Mills, G. Mundell, K. M. Gangooly, E. Spencer, F. A. Watkins, H. Newton, and W. Pidrick. Visitors: Bros. Baker, 232; B. Simpson, J. Scott, and T. Smith. The business consisted principally in the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Adam Smith.

Australia.

DURBAN.—Port Natal Lodge (No. 738).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on St. John's Day, December 27th, at the Masonic Hall, Smith-street. Present: Bros. P. Sandford, W.M.; G. Russell, P.M., D.G.S.W.; J. B. Cottam, W.M. 1937, G.A.D.C.; M. H. Kinsman, P.M., D.G.P.; T. Cook, P.M. 738; H. Wood, R.W.M. 447 (S.C.); T. Peterson, I.P.M. 447 (S.C.) and a good number of the members of the lodge and visitors from sister lodges.

The W.M., Bro. Sandford, having opened the lodge in due form, the W.M. elect, Bro. J. Crowe, P.M., was presented, and duly installed into the chair of K.S. by the retiring W.M. The brethren having saluted the W.M., he invested the following brethren: Bros. T. Drew, S.W.; Rycroft, J.W.; J. Pardy, Treas.; Woodroffe, Sec.; Archdeacon G. Garde, Chap.; Lipinski, S.D.; Holmes, J.D.; G. Hillary, jun., D.C.; Green, I.G.; and Juckes, Tyler.

DURBAN.—Caledonian Lodge (No. 447 S.C.).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Smith-street. Present: Bros. H. Wood, R.W.M.; J. Hulstan, P.M.; T. Petersen, P.M.; the officers of the lodge, a number of the brethren, and the following visitors: Bros. G. Russell, P.M., D.G.S.W.; J. B. Cottam, W.M. 1937, D.G.A.D.C.; M. H. Kinsman, P.M., D.G.P.; T. Cook, P.M. 738; P. Sandford, I.P.M. 738; Stanton, P.M.; and several brethren from sister lodges in the colony.

The lodge being opened in due form, the R.W.M. duly installed Bro. W. Parfitt as his successor in the chair of K.S.

The brethren having re-entered the lodge, and saluted the R.W.M., he then invested, in accordance with the rites of the Scottish Constitution, his officers as follows: Bros. Fraser, S.M.; Woodburn, S.W.; Seymour, J.W.; Jarvis, Treas.; Brown, Sec.; Oldfield, S.D.; Morgan, J.D.; Stuart, D.C.; Lewis, I.G.; and Brownlee, Tyler.

In the evening the brethren of the Port Natal and Caledonian Lodges, with their visitors, met at the Masonic Hall and partook of a conjoint banquet, which had been provided by Bro. J. E. Brown. After full justice had been done to the good things on the table, Bro. W. M. Crowe, who presided, proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts—"The Queen and Craft," "The Grand Masters of England and Scotland," "The Newly-installed Masters"—and a number of other toasts, which were loyally responded to, and, after a very pleasant evening, the proceedings of the day were brought to a close.

BALL OF THE MIZPAH LODGE, No. 1671.

This lodge held its annual ball at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Friday, the 16th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Henry Warden, W.M., and proved a marked success. The company, numbering about 180, began to arrive at nine o'clock, and dancing commenced in real earnest, and was continued until 12.30, when supper was served in the large banqueting hall by Bro. Dawkins, the manager, in his usual satisfactory manner.

After the Chairman had proposed the usual loyal toasts, Bro. RUMNEY proposed "The Ladies," in a characteristic speech, which was responded to in appropriate terms by Bro. G. LEWIS, S.W.

Bro. H. H. WELLS, I.P.M., then proposed "The Health of the W. Master, the Chairman of the evening and Secretary of the Ball," in eulogistic terms; remarking that to the exertions of Bro. Warden must be attributed the success of the evening.

The toast was received with great enthusiasm. The CHAIRMAN, in replying, observed that he felt his position was a very proud one that evening, inasmuch that he was permitted to respond to the toast of the chair before so large an assemblage of ladies, and, viewing the brilliancy of the costumes, he considered they had paid the members of the lodge a very great compliment.

After supper dancing was resumed and continued until a very early hour in the morning.

Bros. Reed and Keeling acted at M.C.s, and Bro. Morgan as Ladies' Steward.

Signor Curti's band was in attendance, and gave exceptional satisfaction.

"G" COMPANY, 21st MIDDLESEX (FINSBURY) RIFLE VOLUNTEERS.

Bro. Captain E. H. Bowyer, who is in command of the G. Company, 21st Middlesex Rifle Volunteers, entertained the officers, non-commissioned officers, and men at dinner in the Queen's Saloon of the Holborn Restaurant on Wednesday evening last. The chair was occupied by Captain Bowyer, who was supported by Lieut.-Col. Morris, Captain and Adjutant Collins, Major Foster, Captain Potter, Lieuts. G. W. and A. P. Bowyer, Lieut. Vernon, Bro. Edgar Bowyer, P.G.S.B.; C. F. Hogard, and C. F. Crutch; Mr. James Robinson and others; while the vice-chairs were filled by Colour-Sergeant Hamston and Sergeant Hemmens respectively.

The usual toast list followed the dinner, Major FOSTER and Captain COLLINS returning thanks for "The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces;" Lieut.-Col. MORRIS for the toast of "Success to the 21st Middlesex (Finsbury) Rifles," proposed by Bro. HOGARD; Captain BOWYER that of his own health, proposed by Lieut.-Col. MORRIS; and that of "The Visitors" by Bros. HOGARD and CRUTCH.

Bro. Edgar Bowyer's health was made the subject of a special toast by Major FOSTER, who spoke in the most complimentary terms of their guest, and especially congratulated him on the interest he had shown in the Finsbury Rifles by giving them three of his sons.

The speeches were interspersed with some excellent music, both vocal and instrumental, so that the evening passed off most successfully.

MASONIC PRESENTATION AT YORK.

On Friday evening, the 23rd inst., Bro. Sir James Meek, of York, was presented with an illuminated address by the brethren of the York Lodge, No. 236, on the occasion of his departure from the city of York (as stated in our last issue). The brethren assembled at 7 p.m., and, after auditing the accounts of the lodge, the ceremony of the presentation commenced. All the officers of the lodge were present, viz., Bros. Dr. Wm. Draper, W.M.; Henry Foster, S.W.; T. G. Hodgson, J.W.; Joseph Todd, P.M., P.P.G.R., Treas.; Wm. Smith, Sec.; S. Border, S.D.; Arthur Sample, Org.; C. N. Foster, I.G.; C. Anderson, D. of C.; H. S. Hopton and S. G. Crummack, Stwds.; and W. G. Calvert, Tyler; and amongst the other brethren in attendance were Bros. G. Garbutt, I.P.M.; G. Kirby, P.M.; M. Rooke, P.P.G.D.; G. Balmford, P.P.G.O.; A. Buckle, P.P.G.D.; W. H. Gainforth, P.P.G.D.C.; J. E. McKay, P.M.; A. H. McGachan, P.M.; and many other Past Masters and brethren.

The W.M., Bro. Wm. Draper, occupied the chair, and the presentation was made by

Bro. J. TODD, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., who said that he esteemed it an honour to present the address to so distinguished a brother, who had been identified with all the public institutions of York longer than most living citizens. Sir James Meek had during the last 30 years supported every movement that had for its object the benefit of the community, and it was felt universally that his departure would be a great public loss. For a quarter of a century their brother had been an honoured member of the York Lodge, and in all matters he had promoted its welfare. As a Freemason, their brother had been an exemplary pattern of what a member of the Order should be. He had supported the Charities, and had in his own life carried out the tenets of the Order. It was 21 years since he (Sir James Meek) had occupied the chair of the lodge; but he (Bro. Todd) well remembered the able way in which he had discharged the duties of that office; and since that period he

could testify to the able manner in which he had aided and assisted in all matters appertaining to lodge work. In the Provincial Grand Lodge, also, and in other organisations he had always shown an anxiety to promote Freemasonry, and he believed that his long association with the York Lodge and the Province would not soon be forgotten by the brethren. Bro. Todd then presented the address which was enclosed in a handsome oak frame.

The illumination was executed by Bro. H. C. Camidge, and displayed considerable artistic taste and ability. The scroll work on the border, which is worked in various Masonic colours, includes numerous devices appropriate to the Craft, and a water-colour sketch of the crypt of York Minster, in which in olden times the Freemasons were accustomed to assemble. The arms of Sir James Meek, those of the ancient city of York, and also those of Prince Edwin, the York Patron of Freemasons, are amongst the devices. The following is a copy of the address:

"To the Worshipful Bro. Sir James Meek, Knight, Past Master of the York Lodge, No. 236, and Past Senior Prov. Grand Warden, and Prov. Grand Treas. of the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire

"We, the Worshipful Master, Past Masters, officers and brethren of the York Lodge, No. 236, of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, have heard with sincere regret of your contemplated departure from the ancient city of York, and, consequent thereupon, of your retirement from the active duties of Masonry in your mother lodge, of which you have been a member upwards of 24 years. We desire to acknowledge with feelings of profound regard and attachment the many services rendered by you to this lodge and to Masonry in the city of York, as well as to the Prov. Grand Lodge, of which for so many years you have been a prominent member, and to the Charities Association in connection with the province, of which you have been chairman since its formation. We cannot but feel that your departure from amongst us will create a void in our Masonic ranks that will be most difficult to fill, and in the city of York, where you have thrice sustained the high dignity of Lord Mayor, and to which ancient city you have rendered most valuable services, your loss will be no less sincerely and heartily felt. In wishing you farewell, we desire to assure you of the fraternal esteem and regard entertained for you, not only by the brethren of York, but throughout the Province of North and East Yorkshire, and we entertain the hope that the Great Architect of the Universe will preserve you in health and strength, and may grant you many years of happiness and prosperity.—Signed on behalf of the York Lodge,—WM. DRAPER, W.M.; HENRY FOSTER, S.W.; T. G. HODGSON, J.W.; JAS. TODD, P.M., P.P.G.R., Treas.; and WM. SMITH, Sec.

"Masonic Hall, York, 2nd January, 1885."

Bro. J. S. RYMER, Prov. G. Reg., thoroughly endorsed the remarks of Bro. Todd. It had been his pleasure, he said, to meet Sir James at other places besides that hall, and he was assured that a gap and a blank would be made in the management of many institutions in the city by the departure of their good brother. But the "farewell" was only the farewell of brethren departing at the close of a lodge; it was earnestly hoped that the Great Architect of the Universe would spare both Sir James and the members of the lodge to meet on many Masonic occasions in the future.

Bro. T. B. WHYTEHEAD, P.M., P.P.G.W., spoke not only as a member of the lodge, but as representing other Masonic lodges and bodies. He spoke with a recollection of association with Sir James in other halls, and other degrees, referred to his good and fair work and painstaking carefulness, and expressed what must have been the general satisfaction, that the Craft had been able to confer on the distinguished brother before his departure the honour of election as P.G.T. This would form a link between York and Cheltenham, and at the latter place no doubt Sir James would be welcomed with as much heartiness as the York brethren regretted his removal. In testifying to the excellence of Sir James's character, Bro. Whytehead alluded to his unflinching courtesy, and in conclusion echoed the hopes uttered by the brethren who had already spoken.

Bro. A. BUCKLE, P.P.G.D., and Bro. W. SMITH, Sec. 236, referred to the great services rendered by Sir James to local institutions, more especially to the School for the Blind, and the Boys' Industrial School, of which the speakers are respectively the Superintendants.

Bro. Ald. TERRY bore evidence that the career of Sir James Meek had been characterised by the virtues which gave Freemasons such pleasure to contemplate. His urbanity had been as constant as his attempts to benefit every philanthropic institution. Although Sir James was now leaving the city, it was ardently to be desired that he would again mingle with the citizens on many occasions.

Bro. Sir JAS. MECK on rising was received with prolonged applause. He said that his feelings on the occasion would not permit him to say what he should have wished, but he could assure the brethren present that as long as memory held her seat so long would he remember that evening and the kind expressions of his brother Masons. He should often think of York and the kind hearts he would leave behind him, and he indulged a hope that he might have future opportunities of meeting them at Masonic gatherings.

After the close of the lodge the brethren met at supper, when the Worshipful Master presided. The health of Sir James Meek was drunk with great enthusiasm.

PRESENTATION TO SIR OFFLEY WAKEMAN.

An especial Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Friday, the 23rd instant, at the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury, by Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Bart., M.P., R.W.P.G.M., for the purpose of presenting the W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Sir Offley Wakeman, with a clock, in anticipation of his approaching marriage. The following brethren were present: Bros. Sir Offley Wakeman, D.P.G.M.; Rowland G. Venables, P.G.S.W.; R. Buckley Williams, P.G.J.W.; Rev. J. Lewis, P. G. Chap.; J. P. White, P.G. Treas.; W. H. Spaul, P.G. Sec.; J. Kitto, P.G.S.D.; W. Putman, P.G.J.D.; Dr. Robinson, P.G.A. Sec.; W. J. Lovegrove, P.G.S. of W.; A. T. Akeroyd, P.G. Org.; W. Simms, P.G.P.; C. K. Benson and George Stephenson, P.G.S.B.'s; J. B. Hide, P.G.T.; W. G. Newnes, P.G.A.T.; E. Wood, John Bodenham, Dr. Andrew, and J. H. Redman, P.P.G.W.; Major W. E. Stuart, R. Millington, and Thos. Roberts, P.P.G.D.'s; H. C. Clarke, P.P.G.R.; W. Spraggon and J. C. W.

Lister, P.G.A.D. of C.; J. Danily, P.P.G.S.B.; T. C. Royle, W.M.; T. P. Deakin, I.P.M.; W. Bolton, S.W.; A. B. Deakin, Sec.; W. Baxter and J. Entwistle, 117; R. A. Craig, W.M.; T. S. Stooke, S.W.; A. Lovcock, J.W.; W. E. Harding, I.P.M.; and John Dovaston, 262; E. R. Millington, S.W. 601; Arthur Marston, S.W., and Jno. H. Williams, P.M. 611; Rev. T. Hughes and John Owen, S.W. 998; L. E. Wollstein, W.M.; J. Machin, P.M.; and John Jinks, S.W. 1120; J. P. Cartwright, 1124; E. F. Edisbury, S.W. 1336; J. H. Parsons, W.M.; John Whitridge, I.P.M.; J. Maclardy, 1432; A. Hugh Jones, W.M. 1582; J. H. Cooksey, S.W.; and H. E. Roberts, J.W. 1621; H. A. Steer, W.M. 1674; W. R. Davies, W.M.; W. C. Logan, and W. B. O. Lowe, 1988.

After the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened, and the preliminary business dispatched, Bro. Sir WATKIN WILLIAMS WYNN said: I have assembled you here to-day on a most interesting occasion to all, namely, to do honour to my Deputy P.G.M. Although it is not many years since he undertook that office, yet you all know how he has assisted me in my failing health by visiting the lodges in North Wales and Shropshire. You know how he has worked the lodges in Shropshire, and with equal kindness in the rest of the province—how he has assisted to extend Masonry. I hope that now he is going to take a wife he will still remain in that position which he has so adorned. The young lady, his intended bride, is well known in Shropshire. She has gained the esteem of all with whom she has come in contact, and we are glad to know she is to remain amongst us. There were various ideas as to the mode and place for making this presentation, and I hope I am not mistaken in selecting this method as being most consistent with the wishes of the brethren in the province, as I know the Masons present would rather express their approbation and appreciation of the services of Sir Offley by word than by letter. I will now ask the Prov. Grand Secretary to remove the cover from the clock. Sir Offley, in the name of the Masons of this province, may I present this small token of esteem to you as expressive of their best wishes for your future happiness?

Sir OFFLEY rose to reply, and, curiously enough, as soon as he began to speak the clock began to chime. He said: I hardly know how to find words adequately to express my gratitude to you for the kind words the P.G.M. has used about me, and for the most handsome and munificent present you have given me. Since I have been connected with this province I have had repeated occasion to express my thanks to you for your constant kindness and good feeling towards me; but on no occasion have those feelings been so marked and so conspicuous as at the present time. There is, I know, a sort of glamour about an approaching wedding, which appeals strongly to the innate kindness of an Englishman's heart. I knew, too, that I could safely rely in any great event of my life on the kindly sympathy of my Masonic brethren; but that you should meet together in an especial Provincial Grand Lodge to do me honour, and give me so magnificent a present, is certainly more than I expected, and infinitely more than I deserve. I feel that my thanks are due to you, Right Worthy Provincial Grand Master, in a high degree, not only for the interest you have taken in this matter, but more especially for coming down from London in the depth of winter to preside on this occasion. Brethren, I have said that the clock you have given me is most handsome and acceptable, and it will certainly form a most noticeable feature in my future home; but it is not for its beauty or its usefulness that I shall chiefly value it, but rather because it is the memorial of the generosity and fraternal regard of my brethren of the Craft. From the bottom of my heart I thank you for this truly magnificent present, and still more for the words, and I am sure the feelings, which accompany it.

After the "Hearty good wishes" of the various lodges were expressed, the DEPUTY said he wished to call the attention of the brethren to the necessity of revising the bye-laws of the various lodges to make them accord with the new Book of Constitutions, and in order to facilitate their doing so the R.W.P.G.M. had directed that a copy of a set which had been approved by the M.W.G.M. and the R.W.P.G.M., should be sent to each lodge, not at all to dictate to them, but to assist them in forming a set of bye-laws for each lodge that would meet with similar approval.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a banquet, which did great credit to mine host of the Lion, Bro. C. Fleet, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and responded to.

The clock is designed to stand on a bracket. It is in a handsome ebony and ormolu case, and goes for eight days. It chimes at pleasure either on eight bells or the Westminster chimes, and if wished it can remain silent. At the bottom of the clock is fixed a gold plate bearing the following inscription: "Presented to Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., Worshipful Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of North Wales and Shropshire, by the brethren of the lodges in the province, as a mark of their esteem, on the occasion of his marriage with Miss Rouse Boughton, January, 1885." A beautiful photograph has been taken of it by Bro. Maclardy, of Owesbury, from whom any who wish can obtain copies. It is intended to send a photograph to each lodge in the province as a memento of the occasion.

BRO. LIEUT.-COL. T. DAVIES SEWELL, P.G. STEWARD.

We had much pleasure in chronicling last week the fact of Bro. T. Davies Sewell having been gazetted Lieut.-Col. of the 4th Battalion Royal Fusiliers, and it is with still greater pleasure that we publish now a more detailed account of his career. Our respected brother obtained his first experience as a soldier in the Honourable Artillery Company, which he joined as a cadet when only seventeen years of age, and in which he rose to be drill-sergeant, and was for a brief time acting Sergeant-Major. Resigning eventually, he joined the London Rifle Brigade in 1859 as its first enrolled volunteer, and was very soon gazetted Lieutenant. Further promotion awaited him, and when he left the Brigade he did so as its senior Captain. But before taking this step, he was gazetted a subaltern in the Royal London Militia (4th Battalion Royal Fusiliers), and now after fifteen years' service in the intermediate, has had conferred upon him, on the recommendation of Bro. Col. Dundas, the rank of Lieut.-Col. As a Mason he has taken a very active part in the proceedings of the Craft. He was initiated some twenty years since in the Emulation Lodge, No. 21, and having filled all the minor offices was ultima-

tely elected its W.M., and also its representative on the Board of G. Stewards. In 1877 he helped to found the Centurian Lodge, No. 1718, and was appointed its first Secretary. Two years later we find his name figuring in the warrant of the Alliance Lodge, No. 1827, of which he has been Secretary and S. Warden and is now the W.M., and he is also a joining member of the De Moulham Lodge, No. 1146, Swanage, Dorsetshire, his name being still on the roll in the calendar for that province. Bro. Sewell has been exalted to the R.A. Degree, and is a subscribing member of the St. George's Chapter, No. 370, Chertsey, while as regards our Institutions, he has served as Steward for the Boys' School and Benevolent Fund, is a Life Governor of the former, and a Life Subscriber of the latter, as well as of the Girls' School.

Obituary.

BRO. JOSEPH BATLEY.

The funeral of the late Bro. Joseph Batley, Town Clerk of Huddersfield, took place on Monday last, at Huddersfield Cemetery, and, in accordance with the expressed wish of the deceased, only his family attended. The vicar of Huddersfield, the Rev. J. W. Bardsley, and the vicar of St. Thomas's, the Rev. E. Snowden, conducted the service. A beautiful wreath from the Mayor and Corporation was placed on the coffin. In consequence of the private character of the funeral, the Mayor (Alderman John Varley), called by circular a meeting of the Town Council, to be held on Monday morning at half-past ten o'clock. There was a large attendance, and the Mayor presided. His Worship said he had received letters from several members stating their inability to be present, but deeply sympathising with the family of the deceased. A telegram of sympathy was also received from the Town Clerk of Leeds. The Mayor paid a high and warm tribute to the ability and worth of Mr. Batley, and proposed the following resolution:—

"That this Council hereby expresses its sincere and heartfelt condolence with the widow and family of the late Bro. Joseph Batley, who held the office of town clerk from the incorporation of the borough in 1868 to the time of his decease, and their high appreciation of the value of the services he rendered to the Council during such period by the assiduity and unswerving devotion with which he discharged the duties devolving upon him, the tact he displayed in all matters requiring quick perception and careful thought, and the irreparable loss they have sustained by his decease."

Alderman Woodhead seconded, and Alderman Briggs supported the resolution, and it was then silently passed. Subsequently a memorial service was held in the Town Hall, and there was a very good attendance. Mr. Joshua Marshall presided at the organ, and played Chopin's "Marche Funebre," Ravina's "Adoremus," Sullivan's sacred song "The Lost Chord," and the "Dead March" in *Sauil* (Handel). The congregation sang, "O God, our help in ages past," "Brief life is here our portion," and the National Anthem. The Rev. P. F. J. Pearce, vicar of St. Paul's and the Rev. R. Bruce, D.D., of Highfield Congregational Church, gave addresses bearing on the worth of the deceased gentleman. The service was of a solemn and impressive character. The Corporation offices were closed from half-past ten to 12 o'clock. A large number of the members of the Huddersfield Incorporated Law Society, of which Bro. Batley was president, met at the society's rooms, in Imperial Arcade, at half-past ten o'clock. Mr. S. Learoyd was chosen chairman, and after paying a warm tribute to the professional ability and integrity of the deceased gentleman, proposed that a letter of condolence and sympathy with the widow and family be sent to Mrs. Batley. This was seconded by Mr. H. Barber; it was supported by Mr. C. Mills (magistrate's clerk for the borough), Mr. J. I. Freeman, Mr. W. Laycock, Mr. J. Haigh, Mr. Joseph Bottomley, Mr. Henry Moseley, and Mr. J. F. Johnson, and the resolution was then carried. Highly esteemed as Bro. Batley was for his strict professional integrity, his personal honour, his valuable public services, and his private worth, the great loss the inhabitants have sustained by his death will make them sympathise the more deeply with the bereaved widow and family of eight children (two daughters and six sons) whom he has left to mourn his death. Bro. Batley was a zealous and valued member of the Order, and a distinguished ornament of the Province of West Yorkshire. Initiated in 1849, he was elected W.M. of the Lodge of Harmony, Huddersfield, in 1855, and was remarkable for his strict attendance to his Masonic duties, and at the Lodge of Instruction; never until this last installation having missed an installation meeting for 36 years. In recognition of his long and faithful services and his zealous efforts for the Charities, he was appointed Prov. G.W., having previously mainly contributed in drawing up that admirable and unique arrangement of Bye-laws, passed under the genial rule of Lord Ripon, and in the time of our lamented Bro. Fearnley, D.P.G.M., which gave West Yorkshire the most lucid and admirably conceived code of needful provincial legislation distinguishing it from all other provinces. He employed his singular clearness, terseness, and power of expression with remarkable effect. He will long be affectionately and warmly remembered among his brethren in Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, as typifying in himself the amiable and attractive character of a loyal Freemason, a devoted friend, and a cultured gentleman.

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BRO. HENRY THREADINGHAM, P.M., P.P.G. SUPT. OF WORKS, HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

It is with great regret that we have to chronicle the death of Bro. Henry Threadingham, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Works Hampshire and Isle of Wight. A profound sensation was created in Portsmouth on Monday morning when it became known that Bro. Henry Threadingham, the Marine Superintendent of the Joint Railways Steam Packet Company, had died suddenly at his residence, Broad-street, Portsmouth. Every possible token of respect was manifested, the companies' steamers in the harbour having their flags half-mast, whilst at Point many blinds were drawn. The deceased, who completed his fifty-third year on Christmas Day, came to Portsmouth in 1864, as Superintendent of the Port of Portsmouth and Ryde United Steam Packet Company, in succession to the late Bro. A. Heather, which position he held until four years ago, when, on the acquisition of the company by the Joint Railway Companies, he was appointed to the same office under the new régime. Bro. Threadingham's death resulted from

angina pectoris. About eighteen months since he had an epileptic fit, and had since that time been attended by Dr. E. K. Parson, J.P. Bro. Threadingham had a wide circle of friends, and both in public and private life was distinguished for his geniality and kindness towards those with whom he was brought in contact. He leaves a widow and three daughters. He took a great interest in Masonic matters, and, at the time of his decease, he was Treasurer of the Portsmouth Lodge, No. 487, and the Saxe-Weimar Lodge, No. 1903, and was presented by the former with a testimonial (consisting of an illuminated address and casket) in recognition of his services as Master during 1880 and 1881. He was also Treasurer of a Druids' lodge at Southsea. Whilst connected with the old Steam Packet Company he was presented by those employed under him with a handsome timepiece and pair of vases, and on the occasion of her crossing from Portsmouth to Ryde the Empress of Austria gave him a handsome souvenir. The deceased was sidesman of the Vicar's churchwarden (Bro. H. J. Guy, P.M.) at the Portsmouth parish church, and took a great interest in all matters relating to that place of worship. The funeral took place at the Highland-road Cemetery, when there were assembled a large number of friends and the members of the two lodges to which he belonged.

BRO. PETER HARVEY, P.M. 299.

The burial of the remains of Bro. Peter Harvey, P.M. 299, and for many years station master at Dartford, on the South-Eastern Railway, took place on Thursday, the 22nd inst., at Dartford Cemetery, in the presence of a large concourse of the brethren of No. 299 and the gentry and inhabitants of the town generally, who knew and respected his many excellent qualities during life. The cortege consisted of an elegant open glass-pannelled hearse, drawn by four horses, carrying the body in a polished pitch pine casket, with heavy brass mountings, preceded by some 20 brethren of the lodge, wearing white gloves, and carrying wreaths and crosses of white flowers. Three mourning coaches followed, bearing the family and immediate friends of the deceased. The initial service at Dartford Church was choral. The organist, Mr. A. Toe, played "I know that my Redeemer liveth" as the procession entered the church, and then the choir chanted the 90th Psalm. After St. Paul's splendid argument on the immortality of the soul—most impressively read by the officiating minister, the Rev. F. S. Dale—the hymn "Days and nights are swiftly flying" was sung, and the "Dead March" from "Saul" was grandly played, and then the body was conveyed to its final resting place, and buried amid the unrestrained grief of many present. At the conclusion of the burial service, Bro. Noah Martin said a few words at the graveside, in which he eloquently portrayed the good life and earnest work of the deceased, and then the brethren, throwing their sprigs of acacia on the coffin, took a long adieu of one who in life was a good man and a good Mason. The brethren re-assembled at Bro. Bray's Hotel, the Bull, and with them were several prominent members of the Local Board, Vestry, and also station masters from the various stations on the South-Eastern Railway. Bro. J. Brock, W.M. 299, presided, and he and Mr. Cann, of Dartford, bore testimony to the charity, kindness, and courtesy of the deceased, both in his private and public life. Among those present were, beside the W.M., Bros. Noah Martin, P.M., Treas., P.P.G. Swd. Br. Kent; T. Wills, P.M., Sec., P.P.G.S. of Works Kent (who had the whole charge of the proceedings); A. W. Wells, P.M.; W. J. Light, P.M.; C. White, I.P.M.; H. McNaull, S.W.; W. Greig, J.D.; C. Hind, Org.; T. Jenkins, D.C.; Woolley, Howitt, Page, Parish, Barton, Potter, W. Skelleter, P.M. 483; W. Wright, 600; C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*), and others.

BRO. LIEUT.-COL. RAMSAY.

Bro. Lieut.-Col. Ramsay died at Rome on Monday night of apoplexy, in his 63rd year. He was one of the most prominent members of Roman society, and enjoyed the esteem of Italians equally with that of his own countrymen. He was the author of a lively book entitled "Rough Recollections of the Service and Society." It was due to his initiation that the marble tablet was placed by the municipality on the front of the house where Sir Walter Scott lived in Rome in 1832. A distinguished Freemason, he assisted at the foundation of the Grand Orient in Rome in 1875. He served for some time on the staff in India, and belonged to the Queen's Body Guard of Archers.

THE LATE BRO. W. ELIOT, P.P.G.M. DORSETSHIRE.

We gave last week the principal facts in connection with the Masonic career of our late Bro. W. Eliot, P.G.M. and P.G. Supt. of Dorsetshire, who was supposed at the time—though it seems erroneously—to have been the oldest continuous subscribing Freemason in the world. How highly our late brother was esteemed and respected, and how great therefore must be the loss which our Dorsetshire brethren have sustained through his death, may be judged from the almost universal evidences of mourning which were visible in Weymouth on the day of his funeral, as well as from the crowded state of the church in which the earlier portion of the funeral service was performed. The officiating clergymen included two of the five sons of the deceased, and among those present, in addition to the leading merchants and traders of the town and district, were some forty Freemasons, of whom we may particularise Bros. C. G. Targett, W.M. All Souls Lodge, No. 170—the deceased's mother lodge—and Zillwood Milledge, its I.P.M., P.G.D.C.; the following P.M.s. of the lodge, namely, Bros. R. N. Howard (ex-Mayor), P.P.G.S.W., Prov. G. Sec., C. F. Arden, P.P.G.J.W., J. A. Sherrin, P.P.G.P., E. T. Targett, P.G.J.D., J. Lowe, P.P.G. J.D., W. B. Morgan, P.P.G.S. of Wks., R. A. Ayles, P.P.G.P., A. Graham, P.P.G.J.W., Rev. A. Hill, B. D. Chaplain, D. Collett, P.P.G.S. of Wks.; together with Bros. S. Bragge, P.M.; T. R. Charles, P.M. 1037; G. J. G. Gregory, P.M. 417, P.P.G.J.W. (Mayor of Dorchester); and W. Chick, P.M. 170 and 417, P.P.G.J.D. We will add that the last public Masonic act of Bro. Eliot was his laying the last stone of the banqueting-room of the All Souls Lodge, in 1867, and that he held the office of Dep. P.G.M. for over a dozen years before his appointment as P.G.M.

Bro. F. Seager Hunt has subscribed £100 towards the proposed new central premises of the Church of England Young Men's Society.



Our readers will no doubt be glad to hear that the second edition of "The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar, Diary, and Pocket Book for 1885" has been issued this week, and is on sale at the publisher's, 16, Great Queen-street, W.C.

Bro. the Rev. J. E. Cox, D.D., P.G. Chaplain, presided on Thursday week at a vestry meeting of St. Helen's, Bishopsgate-street.

Bro. Altman, Chairman of the Streets Committee of London, on Friday week performed the ceremony of opening to the public the Royal Exchange lavatory.

We are glad to hear that the health of Bro. the Emperor William of Germany is reported as being again satisfactory, his Majesty having been able to transact business.

Bro. Dan Godfrey's quadrille band was engaged for the ninth annual ball of the Metropolitan Dairyman's Benevolent Institution, at Freemasons' Tavern, on Wednesday evening, the 21st inst.

Bro. Sir S. H. Waterlow, Bart., M.P., presided on Friday week at a meeting of the Council of the Metropolitan Hospital Sunday Fund, for the purpose of electing the different Committees for the new year, and for the transaction of other business.

Bro. Alderman DeKeyser was entertained at dinner at the Café de Paris, Ludgate Hill, on Wednesday evening week, by the members of the Court of Common Council for Farringdon Without, among the guests being Bro. H. B. Marshall, G. Treasurer.

The inhabitants of the Ward of Cheap, at their meeting on Thursday week, under the presidency of Bro. Alderman Sheriff Whitehead, passed a resolution strongly opposed to the contemplated scheme of subways from the Marble Arch to Cornhill.

The subscription ball, which will take place at Princes' Hall, on Tuesday, the 10th prox., in aid of the funds of the Charing Cross Hospital, and is under the patronage of the Lady Mayoress, Mrs. Fandel Phillips, &c., is likely, we understand, to prove a great financial success.

Bro. the Right Hon. G. O. Trevelyan, M.P., was present at Liverpool on Saturday last, at the opening of a Training College for female students wishing to become teachers in elementary schools, and spoke earnestly in favour of the good that would be done by the further spread of education.

Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, P.G.M. Middlesex, and Lady Burdett, were among those present on Wednesday at the marriage at St. George's, Hanover-square, of the Hon. John Vereker, eldest son of Viscount Gort; with Miss Eleanor Surtees, youngest daughter of the late Mr. R. S. Surtees, of Hamsterley Hall, Durham.

Among those present at the Court of Common Council on Thursday week were Bro. the Lord Mayor, Aldermen Sir B. S. Phillips, Sir F. W. Truscott, Staples, Sir R. Hanson, DeKeyser, Waterloo, and Isaacs, and F. P. Alliston, A. J. Altman, G. C. Boor, A. Brookman, T. Loveridge, H. B. Marshall, R. E. Pixley, and others.

Bro. Dr. G. C. Searle, P.M. 707, was installed the W.M. of True Love and Unity Lodge, No. 248, Brixham, on Tuesday, the 20th inst., by Bro. John Lane, P.M. 1402, Torquay. The ceremony was conducted in so impressive a manner as to obtain a special vote of thanks to the installing Master, on his concluding the duties of that position. The brethren subsequently adjourned to Bro. Hunt's hotel, where an excellent banquet was served, and Dr. Searle presided in a most genial manner.

THE OLDEST FREEMASON IN EUROPE.—In reference to a paragraph about the death at Weymouth of Mr. William Eliot, who had attained his 92nd year, and had been for over 70 years a Freemason, a Coupar Angus correspondent writes that, long as Mr. Eliot was connected with the Craft, it was incorrect to call him "the oldest Freemason in Europe." In respect both of age and length of connection with the Masonic brotherhood, Bro. Eliot is outstripped by Bro. George Stirtan, who resides at Mountpleasant, Coupar Angus. Mr. Stirtan is in his 103rd year, and was initiated into Freemasonry in St. John's Lodge, Coupar Angus, in the year 1808—a fact borne out by the books of the lodge. Bro. Stirtan has thus been 77 years a Mason, and may with safety claim the distinction of being the oldest Freemason in Europe.—*Scotsman.*

The second annual Masonic Ball, promoted by the three Masonic lodges meeting in Lancaster—Fortitude, 281; Rowley, 1051; and Duke of Lancaster, 1353—took place under distinguished patronage on the evening of the 15th inst., and was attended by about 160 ladies and gentlemen. The ball took place in the Town Hall, the use of which, together with the suite of rooms adjoining, had been kindly placed at the disposal of the brethren by his Worship the Mayor, Bro. E. Clark. The Mayor and Miss Clark (the Mayoress) received the company from 8.30 to 9 p.m. The various rooms had been tastefully decorated for the occasion with evergreens, banners, Masonic emblems, &c., and when all the company were assembled,—the brethren appearing in their various regalia—the ball room wore a gay and attractive appearance. Bro. Vetter's (Manchester) quadrille band occupied the orchestra, and played a choice selection of fashionable dance music, in a really excellent style. Everything passed off satisfactorily, for which, and the completeness of the arrangements generally, great credit is due to the untiring energy of the Hon. Sec., Bro. R. Stanton, W.M. 281, on whom the greater portion of the work fell. The ball was held in aid of the funds of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, and at a meeting of the ball Committee held on the 22nd inst., it was reported to have been a financial success, and it was resolved to make the Lady Mayoress, and Mrs. Williamson, of Ryelands (wife of the High Sheriff elect of the county), the lady patrons of the ball, Life Governors of that Institution. The ladies referred to have since signified their acceptance of the honour conferred on them.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MIDDLESEX.—The Provincial Grand Master has appointed, pro. tem., Bro. J. F. H. Woodward, P.M., Prov. Grand Steward, Prov. Grand Sec., in the place of Bro. H. C. Levander, deceased. Bro. Woodward is a P.M. of the Quadratic Lodge, No. 1691, of which he is the present Secretary. He is also Z. elect of the Quadratic Chapter.—His address is Comberton, Mowbray-road, Upper Norwood, S.E., to which he requests all letters relating to business of the provinces be sent.

Bro. Alderman Sir H. E. Knight, has been placed by the Lord Chancellor on the Commission of the Peace for the county of Middlesex.

Bro. Alderman Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., P.G.W., presided at the Cannon-street Hotel last week at the half-yearly meeting of the Alliance Bank.

Mr. L. Monckton, eldest son of Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W., Town Clerk of London, was called to the Bar by the Hon. Society of Lincoln's Inn on Monday last.

The Prince and Princess of Wales entertained last week a number of guests at Sandringham, the Spanish Minister in London, who left on Saturday, being one of them.

It is gratifying to learn that Bro. Sir Moses Montefiore's health is satisfactory, and that he has been able to bear without injury the cold weather we have had lately.

Bro. Sir Farrer Herschell, Q.C., M.P., H.M.'s Solicitor General, is announced to preside at the annual dinner on behalf of the Asylum for Idiots on Tuesday, the 3rd March.

Bro. the Lord Mayor has been appointed, on the nomination of the Lord Lieutenant of the county, a Justice of the Peace in Middlesex for the City and Liberty of Westminster.

Bro. the Duke of Portland has consented to preside at the Anniversary Festival, on the 15th May next, in aid of the Building Fund of the City Orthopaedic Hospital, Hatton Garden.

Bro. the Right Hon. G. O. Trevelyan, M.P., in a speech at the Liverpool Reform Club on Friday, spoke in the warmest terms of admiration of the gallantry displayed by our soldiers in the Soudan War.

A marriage is arranged between Mr. Alfred Gaussen, eldest son of the late Mr. F. Gaussen, and the Lady Kathleen Bernard, sister of Bro. the Earl of Bandon, G. Secretary of the G. Lodge of Ireland.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, who will be accompanied by the Lady Mayoress and the Sheriffs and their ladies, has consented to preside on Friday, the 20th prox., at the annual general meeting of the Governors of the Royal Hospital for Women and Children, Waterloo Bridge-road.

Bro. J. T. Salmon has notified that Mr. W. Fulford has retired from the firm of Salmon and Vail, 85, Newgate-street, and surrendered the good-will of the business to himself and Mr. Vail. The firm will in future be located at 95, Newgate-street.

We are pleased to have the opportunity of announcing that Bro. C. F. Matier has sufficiently recovered from his recent severe accident to be able to resume his duties in the Mark Grand Secretary's Offices, 8A, Red Lion-square. It will, however, be some time longer before he regains the full and free use of his arm.

Bro. the Lord Mayor appeals to the public for funds to enable the Mansion House Council on the Dwellings of the People to continue their useful work. In the Mayoralty of Bro. Alderman Fowler, M.P., G.J.W., over £1000 was raised for this purpose, but more is needed now that the operations of the Council are becoming more widely known. We trust the appeal will be successful in evoking a further measure of support.

Bro. George Kenning, of Little Britain and Aldersgate-street, has received an extensive order from the United States for gold thread, which will keep a large portion of his machinery and plant running for a considerable time. It is a matter for congratulation that an English manufacturer is enabled to compete successfully, as in this instance, with American, French, and German manufacturers.

YE ANTIENTE FRATERNITE OF YE RAHERE ALMONERS.—A very attractive Smoking Concert was given by the "Rahere Almoners," at the Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, on Monday, the 26th inst. Admission was by invitation tickets, and these were sought for so freely that many friends of the society were unfortunately disappointed. Bro. A. C. Morton, C.C., as Prior for the present year, occupied the chair. Bro. James Stevens, Chancellor, and Mr. Thos. Sangster, C.C., Recorder, the two gentlemen who are the modern founders of the "Fraternite" were present, the former in the capacity of vice-chairman, and the latter generally attending to the comforts of the numerous guests. Bro. G. S. Graham undertook the arrangement of the concert, and was assisted by several well-known vocalists, who are also Freemasons. The musical services of these brethren were given most effectively, and without the slightest delay, over a period of three hours, with the result that the utmost satisfaction was expressed by all present. A contribution to the Alms Chest of the Fraternite was made voluntarily by the audience, and produced a sum total which will, it was said, add welcome funds to the balance in hand for the relief of the distressed. We noticed several prominent Freemasons in full enjoyment of an entertainment which reflected much credit upon all concerned in its management. It was announced that probably the "Fraternite" will repeat this concert, with additional support from talented artistes, at the Cannon-street Hotel, prior to the close of the season.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Enfeebled Existence.—This medicine embraces every attribute required in a general and domestic remedy. It overturns the foundations of disease laid by defective food and impure air. In obstructions or congestions of the liver, lungs, bowels, or any other organs, these Pills are especially serviceable and eminently successful. They should be kept in readiness in every family, being a medicine of incomparable utility for young persons, especially those of feeble constitutions. They never cause pain or irritate the most sensitive nerves or most tender bowels. Holloway's Pills are the best known purifiers of the blood, the most active promoters of absorption and secretion, whereby all poisonous and obnoxious particles are removed from both solids and fluids.—[ADVT.]

Bro. Joseph, C.C., has resigned his commission as Major of the 3rd Middlesex Artillery Volunteers.

Bros. Alderman Staples and Alfred Brookman have been elected Chairmen of the Special and Orphan School Committees respectively of the London Corporation.

Bro. J. M. Klenck presided on Thursday, the 22nd inst., at the annual festival of the Lycett Memorial Sunday-school, Mile-end.

Bro. Alderman Gray has been re-elected Chairman of the General Produce Brokers' Association of London.

Bro. Alfred Brookman, C.C., was present at the tea-fight held in Shaftesbury Hall, Aldersgate-street, on Wednesday week, under the presidency of Bro. Alderman Staples.

The brethren of Ormskirk, near Liverpool, intend holding a ball on Tuesday, the 3rd February, in aid of the funds of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution.

Bro. Sir J. McGarel Hogg, Bart., M.P., appeals to the public for assistance in raising an annuity for the widow of a clergyman, formerly well-known in Bulgaria, who lost his life in mission work in Africa.

Bro. Sir E. Watkin, Bart., M.P., presided at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Friday last, at the half-yearly general meeting of the shareholders of the Metropolitan Railway Company.

Bro. the Earl and Countess Granville, and Bro. the Hon. E. F. Leveson-Gower, M.P., were present among the principal mourners at the funeral on Friday week of the late Lady Georgiana Fullerton.

INTERNATIONAL INVENTIONS EXHIBITION, 1885.—Messrs. Spiers and Pond's tender for the refreshment departments at the forthcoming South-Kensington Exhibition has been accepted by the Executive Council.

The members of the Committee organised for the purpose of presenting a testimonial to Bro. Alderman Fowler, M.P., G.J.W., were to hold a meeting at the Guildhall on Thursday, to receive and examine designs.

We call attention to the fact that the firm of Venning and Venning, the well-known auctioneers, valuers, land agents, &c., have removed to new quarters at 46, Southampton-buildings, within two doors of Holborn, E.C.

The Cripplegate Ball, which will take place at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Thursday next, will be under the patronage of Bro. the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead, Sheriff Phillips, and Bro. Alderman Sir H. E. Knight.

Bro. the Right Hon. G. J. Shaw-Lefevre, M.P., H.M.'s Postmaster General, presided on Thursday evening, the 22nd inst., at the annual meeting of the library connected with the Post Office, and spoke in complimentary terms of the warm interest taken by his predecessor, Professor Fawcett, M.P., in the working of the institution.

Bros. the Lord Mayor, Alderman Sir H. E. Knight, and Alderman Sir R. Hanson, G. Stwd., were present at the election banquet of the Fruiterers' Company, held at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, on Monday the 26th inst. Bro. Captain George Lambert, P.G.Swd.Br., returned thanks for the toast of "The Reserve Forces."

We are asked to state, that the installation meeting of the Honor Oak Lodge, 1986, will be held on the 2nd Wednesday in March, and not February as previously reported, when Bro. H. Maunder Williams, S.W., and W.M. elect, will be installed as W.M. by W. Bro. C. H. Phillips, the retiring Master.

We are requested to state that the Upper Norwood Lodge of Instruction, No. 1586, will hold their meeting on Monday next, at the White Hart Hotel, Church-road, Upper Norwood. As Bro. Stevens' lecture occupies at least two hours, the lodge will be opened at 7 p.m. to the moment. Visitors from neighbouring lodges will be welcomed.

The first anniversary of the Guelph Lodge of Instruction, No. 1685, will be held at the Town Hall, Leyton, Essex, on Thursday next, the 5th February, at 6.30 p.m. Bro. James Boulton, P.V. 1056 and J.W. 28, will preside as W.M., and brethren are requested to appear in Masonic clothing. The business of the evening will consist of the working of the Fifteen Sections.

The City of London Lodge of Instruction, No. 901, has moved its quarters from the Jamaica Coffee House, to the Tiptree Tavern, No. 6, Leadenhall-street, E.C. The day and hour of meeting—every Thursday at 6.30 p.m.—remain unaltered. Bro. H. Darcy, P.M. 901, is Preceptor, and Bro. H. McClelland, W.M. 901, honorary Secretary.

Our readers will be interested to learn that the 250th representation of the revival of the late Bro. H. J. Byron's comedy "Our Boys" was to take place at the Royal Strand Theatre on Friday, the 30th inst. Such unprecedented success as has attended this well-known comedy is well worth making a note of, though the fact will surprise no one who has seen it performed.

The consecration of the St. Laurence Lodge, No. 2078, Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire, will take place at the Mission House, Scunthorpe, Frodingham, on Tuesday, the 10th prox., at 12.30 p.m. The R.W. Bro. Major Smyth, P.G.M. Lincolnshire, assisted by his Prov. G. Officers, will perform the ceremony, and it is hoped and expected that a numerous gathering of brethren will be present. Bro. the Rev. Walter Insall will afterwards be installed as W.M. A banquet will follow at the Blue Bell Hotel, which, as well as the Mission House, is within a few minutes' walk of Frodingham Station, M. S. and L. Railway.

CURE OF SEVERE COUGH AND COLD BY DR. LOCOCK'S PULMONIC WAFERS.—From Mr. T. Johnson, Chemist, Leek: "An elderly gentleman in this town was a short time since labouring under a severe cold and cough; he obtained from me a box of Dr. Locock's Wafers, from which he derived so much benefit that he now recommends them to all his friends suffering in a similar manner. I could, if necessary, furnish you with numerous testimonials from persons who have derived special benefit from their use." They instantly relieve and rapidly cure asthma, consumption, coughs, bronchitis, colds, gout, rheumatism, and all nervous complaints, and taste pleasantly. Sold by all druggists at 1s. 1/2d. and 2s. 9d. per box.—[ADVT.]

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the week ending Saturday, February 7th, 1885.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2.

- Lodge 12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 16, Royal Alpha, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
 " 23, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 69, Unity, Inns of Court Hot.
 " 83, United Lodge of Prudence, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 144, St. Luke's, Anderton's Hot, Fleet-st.
 " 188, Joppa, Freemasons' Tav.
 " 256, Unions, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1625, Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-road.
 " 1669, Royal Leopold, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
 " 1731, Cholmeley, S. Air-st., Regent-st., W.
 " 1853, Caxton, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 2020, St. Botolph's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 Chap. 1196, Urban, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq., W.
 " 1704, Cable, Cannon-st. Hot.

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, FEBRUARY 3.

- Colonial Board, at 4.
 Lodge 7, Royal York Lodge of Perseverance.
 " 9, Albion, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 18, Old Dundee, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 166, Union, The Criterion, Piccadilly.
 " 172, Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 705, St. James's, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
 " 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav., Commercial-rd., E.
 " 1298, Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-st., Islington.
 " 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
 " 1472, Henley, Three Crowns Hot., North Woolwich.
 " 1591, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq.
 " 1662, Beaconsfield, Checkers, Walthamstow.
 " 1693, Kingsland, Railway Hot., Highbury, N.
 Chap. 169, Temperance, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
 Mark 236, Clapton, City Arms, St. Mary Axe.
 Rose Croix 72, Canterbury, 33, Golden-sq.

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.
 Domestic, 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, S.
 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, FEBRUARY 4.

- Grand Chapter at 6.
 Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1491, Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden-rd., Islington.
 " 1585, Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds, Hot., Putney.
 " 1687, Rothesay, Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's Inn.
 " 1706, Kensington, S. Kensington Hot., Queen's Gate-Terrace, S.W.
 Chap. 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury.

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, Portland Arms, Gt. Portland-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.
 Creaton, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting-hill, 8.
 Earl of Lathom, Station Hot., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5.

- Lodge 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 45, Strong Man, M.H. Tav., Basinghall-st.
 " 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 231, St. Andrews, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 538, La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
 " 557, Canonbury, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 822, Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 913, Pattison, Assembly Rooms, Brook-hill, Plumstd.
 " 1155, Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-rd.
 " 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hot.
 " 1261, Golden Rule, 8, Air-st., Regent-st.
 " 1351, St. Clement Danes, The Palsgrave, 225, Strand.
 " 1361, United Service, 8, Air-st., Regent-st.
 " 1381, Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington.
 " 1425, Hyde Park, The Westbourne, 1, Craven-rd., W.
 " 1539, Surrey, Masonic Hall, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
 " 1672, Mornington, Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct.
 " 1724, Kaiser-i-Hind, 8, Air-st., Regent-st.
 " 1765, Trinity College, 13, Mandeville-pl., W.
 " 1772, Pimlico, Morpeth Arms Tav., Millbank, S.W.
 Chap. 2, St. James's, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1381, Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington.
 Mark 197, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq.

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, Tiptree Tavern, 6, Leadenhall-st., 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, Ponsoby-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, FEBRUARY 6.

- Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
 " 890, Hornsey, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, 33, Golden-sq., W.
 " 1489, Marquis of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond-rd., N.
 " 1627, Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1716, All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar.
 " 1815, Penge, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
 Chap. 8, British, Freemasons' Hall.
 Mark 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
 " 8, Thistle, Freemasons' Tav.

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.
 Henry Mugeridge, 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, FEBRUARY 7.

- General Committee Boys' School, at 4.
 Lodge 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate st.
 " 1622, Rose, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
 " 1949, Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton.
 Chap. 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.
 Rose Croix 67, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq., W.

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.

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