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SINCE "A Lover of Justice" wrote to the *Freemason* last week, we have been informed, on most excellent authority, that there is some grave misapprehension in the matter in question. It is more than doubtful, it appears, whether the Board of General Purposes ever so distinctly "ruled," as our Correspondent seems to have heard, and he is apparently equally misinformed, though, no doubt, quite honest, in the repetition of an "ut dicitur" on what might be taken, no doubt, for good authority by him, as to the presence and sanction of our distinguished Bro. the GRAND REGISTRAR. Our own opinion on the subject matter generally remains unaltered.

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BEFORE we again meet our readers, the festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will have taken place. We can only say once more to our readers, remember the 43 old Freemasons, of whom 20 are to be elected, and 75 widows of whom only 15 enter on the Institution, to be elected in May. All these elected candidates include the "immediate and deferred." Bro. Terry we say is not sanguine, let us hope he may be agreeably disappointed. A very successful festival would enable more Widows to be elected!

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THE last news from Korti seems to point still more conclusively, alas, we fear, than has yet been the case to a confirmation of the fall of Khartoum through treachery, and of the gallant GORDON'S death, and yet there is still some room for doubt. Nothing is as yet absolutely certain, and no two accounts agree. To some it may appear more decided than it does to us, to some it may seem "hoping against hope," but nevertheless, as GORDON is a man of resource, and was quite alive always to the possibility of treachery, we may still fairly cling to the persuasion and trust that he had prepared for himself a safe and defensible retreat in the hour of sudden emergency or developed treachery. Knowing how prone the Oriental mind is to mystification and exaggeration, to low cunning, and childish "finesse," we pay little attention to the letter found in the saddle bags of a convenient donkey, and even notwithstanding these repeated associations, we cling to a hope, if a faint one of GORDON'S being alive. At the same time it all looks very black indeed, and though the dark picture is now before us in all its dread reality, we cannot profess to realize that aberration of intellect which finds anything to admire in the Arabs or the MAHDI. To us it is simply a hand to hand fight,—a momentous struggle between civilization and barbarism, freedom and slavery, the onward march of good government and humanizing influence, and the fell prevalence of a most dastard and degrading system of cruelty and butchery, bloodshed and terror, deadly intolerance and revolting fanaticism.

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As the Royal Arch Regulations are now under consideration, we hope that occasion will be taken both to methodize their enactments and amplify their clauses. At present much is left to doubt and question which ought to be clearly provided for, and carefully laid down. It is useless telling us we are to go to the Craft regulations for cases not provided for. We have no business to be so remitted. All that concerns the needful government and usages and life of Royal Arch chapters ought to be lucidly set out, and unmistakably decided. We trust this provision may be among others—"Any lodge, after twelve months' legal existence, may apply for a charter for a Royal Arch chapter to be attached to the lodge." By a most mistaken policy, in former years the increase of chapters was practically hindered, and the Royal Arch was dwarfed alike in its proportion and its growth. A fuller realization of its beauties and importance has now come over us, and we trust that one result of this revision of its laws will be a proper codification of needful and advisable enactments, and, above all, fair play accorded to its legitimate development, and its regular and steady extension and increase amongst us.

It is amusing to note the great ignorance which prevails often in "rebus Masonicis." A short time back the question was asked gravely, "What is the Book of Constitutions?" A year or so ago one brother asked another brother "Who was WILLIAM PRESTON?" while, to not a few of us, any discussion about points of Masonic Archæology is practically "Cuneiform" in undecipherable hardness, and a large section openly deplores too great a prominence being given to Masonic literature or the Masonic press. There are, as we all know, those distinguished members of our Order whose proficiency in the exalted grade of the "Knife and Fork" is alike marvellous and marked. If it is a business committee, they always appear as the business is concluding and refreshment is announced. If it is lodge work, they are ever unavoidably detained while the lodge is tyled, but radiant and self important, take a prominent part in discussing a "Menu," and attending to the more serious duties of the banquet. The care which they take of themselves, their attention to their own little creature comforts, are alike amusing and affecting. Nothing so rouses their indignation as some failure according to the carefully prepared card to satisfy the lawful cravings of appetite or the intense importance of that most attractive of all grades to them. And yet "My masters all," is there not something grotesque and humiliating in their subordinating all Masonic zeal, earnestness, and energy to what a menu can provide or the social circle supply? For such the lodge may go on its way uncared for and unstudied. There is but one thing worth consideration, and that is its hour of graceful "symposia." Of course in all societies there are "bees and drones," "aye, and wasps" and "bumbles;" and that there are "Freemasons and Freemasons" is what we have all discovered, unless we be the very densest of mortal men in our Masonic career, and in our journey through life. Still, there comes a warning often to us all every now and then, especially in this inquiring, scandalous, iconoclastic age, that few things will stand the sifting process of actual scrutiny and "turning inside out," which have not in themselves some staying power, some abiding utility, something which raises them above the levelling and destructive hand of Time, and commends them to the sympathy and loyalty of the honest, the intelligent, and the true hearted. So wise in our generation, let us seek to give that intellectual and æsthetic colour to Freemasonry which will satisfy the imperious demands of contemporary criticism, and will most truly conduce to preserve it yet to distant generations, amid the confidence and attachment of its own members, and the respect, regard, and reverence of mankind.

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IN our last impression there appeared an announcement of a proposed Yorkshire and Northern Counties' lodge, which, it has been considered, may be alike beneficial and useful to many north country brethren, whom business or pleasure bring to our "little village." We have been requested further to say that it is proposed to make it both a signal success and a "new departure." It is proposed to have a good working lodge on the provincial system, a lodge of instruction, and also to commence a museum and library, and thus to help in that wise, intellectual, and æsthetic movement which has done so much in Yorkshire to raise the tone of contemporary Freemasonry, and give energy and vitality both to its spontaneous efforts and its habitual outcome. How far such an idea, however good and pleasing in the abstract, can be realized in the concrete, Time alone can show. It is proposed, in order to test the feeling of Yorkshire brethren and north country brethren, to hold a meeting on the day of the Grand Lodge meeting March 4th, at 3.30 in the afternoon, at 16a Great Queen-street.

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WHAT a vast and partly unexplored country is Masonic literature! Very few Freemasons have any idea of the large number of Masonic works which have been published, which have been forgotten, which are lying unheard of and unread on dusty bookshelves and in unknown receptacles. A very curious thought supervenes. In literature, as in commerce, generally the demand creates the supply, and we can hardly conceive a supply without some demand. And yet it is difficult to believe to-day that in the last 150 years there has been any large demand for Masonic literature.

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BRO. FINDEL has mentioned the Altenburgh School, which gave a great and classic direction to the theories of German Masons, as based in the idea of GRANDIDIER. But that passed away, and when we commenced our studies, say 25 or 30 years ago, dreary was the outlook. Freemasons were habitually "sheep walking," and repeating with self-satisfied seriousness the platitudes of passing writers. To doubt the views of HUTCHINSON, or the facts of PRESTON, and the lucubrations of OLIVER, was high treason! And though each of these writers had his merits, and deserves regard and praise, not one

of them can be implicitly followed. KLOSS may be fairly dubbed the father of the modern critical school, which is eclectic and universal, destructive and conservative all at the same time, in that it accepts no one theory of Masonic existence or perpetuation, but looks for it in various ages, and in differing forms, putting faith on no infallible authority, and asking for facts, not fictions, historical reality instead of legendary Sagas, plain prose authenticity for poetic myths. KLOSS is not of course without error, but he is the most scrupulous and accurate of writers, and when you dissent from his conclusions, you have accurately to weigh his arguments, and carefully to measure your own words. The result of the York and Worcester gatherings has shewn that there is in this country a large store of Masonic archaeological remains, hardly known, and certainly almost overlooked. It is important to remember this fact, as it must permeate many a present movement which has for its aim the cultivation of Masonic intellectuality, the unearthing of Masonic curios, and above all, must constitute a general test of æsthetic elevation and good taste as varying somewhat from normal meetings and customary gatherings, which are too apt only to proceed in the well-trodden groove of normal routine and agreeable sociality. We say nothing in the abstract against these two characteristics of English Freemasonry. They are both laudable and enjoyable in measure. But we can do no harm to our cherished and valuable Order, if to all abiding principles of charity, loyalty, sociality and toleration, we add a higher programme of intellectual culture, and scientific and archaeological development.

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ALL the Craft will learn with very sincere regret of the serious illness of our very esteemed brother, ÆNEAS J. MCINTYRE, P.G.R., which has confined him to the house for more than 8 weeks, and from which he is slowly recovering. But our readers will all be pleased to learn that he is on the mending way, and that he is recovering! There are few brethren to whom the English Craft are more indebted for sage counsels, and long and faithful services, than our very valued Past Grand Registrar.

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WE call attention elsewhere to an article from the *Times*, on certain recent revelations of French Freemasonry, by M. Andrieux, late Prefect of Police! In the first place, we beg to shew that French Freemasonry is not English or Cosmopolitan Freemasonry, and that much of its ceremonial is alike grotesque, childlike, and hurtful. In the next place, we believe that M. Andrieux's memory is slightly defective, and that like all men intent on making out a "good case," he alike forgets the serious, and exaggerates the trifling!

### CONSECRATION OF THE PORTSMOUTH TEMPERANCE LODGE, No. 2068.

On Monday, the 16th inst., another lodge, and that founded on Temperance principles, was added to the roll of the Grand Lodge of England by the constitution of the Portsmouth Temperance Lodge, No. 2068, at the Soldiers' Institute, Portsmouth, when there was a very large gathering of brethren. Amongst those present were

Bros. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight; J. E. Le Feuvre, D.P.G.M.; Major S. Smith, W.M. 2016, P.G.S.W.; M. E. Frost, P.P.G.S.W., acting P.G.J.W.; Revs. A. C. Hervey, W.M. 309, and Dr. T. P. Mullins, S.D. 1971, P.G. Chaps.; J. R. Rastrick, P.G. Treas.; E. Goble, P.G. Sec.; J. Pomeroy, P.G. S.D.; G. Pack, P.G.J.D.; H. J. Worth, P.G. Swd. Br.; D. S. Pring, P.G.D.C.; E. H. Liddell, P.G.A.D.C.; R. W. Beale, P.G. Std. Br.; G. R. Strick, P.G. Purst.; W. H. Jacobs, J. E. Buck, and R. Glasspool, P.G. Stwds.; G. Sylvester, P.G. Org.; the founders, Bros. T. Ward, P.M.; J. Palmer, G. Reading, G. F. Beavis, J. R. Pither, P. H. Emanuel, G. Naylor, W.M. 928; W. G. Robinson, O. Cecconi, W. Robinson, G. Sylvester, C. G. Adams, P.M.; W. Miller, E. O. V. Haldane, P.M.; J. Woodhouse, P.M.; and R. Griffiths—Bros. Wallingford, P.P.G.W.; Rev. A. A. Headley, 487, P.P.G. Chap.; H. J. Guy, P.M. 342, P.P.G.D.C.; G. Arnold, P.M. 1428, P.P.G.A.D.C.; G. Bond, P.M. 487, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Frideberg, P.M. 342, P.P.G.P.; J. Gieve, P.M. 1069, P.P.G. Stwd.; E. A. Wells, P.M. 15; J. Marks, W.M. 76; A. Joliffe, W.M., and O. Rowe, A.D.C. 257; W. Gunnell, W.M., J. Brickwood, I.P.M., A. Holley, P.M., G. Gunnell, L. E. Vivash, A. Abrahams, F. H. Fay, N. Glazebrook, and J. Andrew, 342; Gen. Sir G. H. Willis, K.C.B., 423; F. Palsgrave, P.M., and J. Cowd, J.W. 487; J. H. Gieve, W.M., A. R. Holbrook, P.M., E. Goldsmith, P.M., G. Harvey, T. W. Haydon, and W. A. Hill, 309; Wm. Putt, 587; W. H. Jennings, 670; J. G. Harris, 726; J. Collings, W.M., H. Kimber, P.M., W. Dart, P.M., H. E. Tuck, and W. G. Wells, 804; J. Lloyd, 851; J. Swan, P.M., W. B. Edgeler, P.M., W. A. Marshallsay, J.W., J. Fowler, G. Pearson, and J. Love-ridge, 928; H. Cook, W.M., W. E. Atkins, P.M., V. Lidebetter, and I. J. Moses, 1069; G. W. Taylor, 1424; J. Jackson, J.W., H. Stockdale, G. F. Williams, C. V. Birch, J. S. Buchanan, W. H. Pearce, and W. E. Leamy, 1428; J. Gould, 1564; F. Bitchelor, W.M. 1705; R. E. Buckle, G. Bamden, G. Brookland, R. H. Ash, and W. Stanley, 1776; J. Westaway, W.M., and R. Hadan, 1834; H. Long, S.W., Sam Knight, C. B. Steward, G. Backler, A. G. Long, H. Long, E. Austin, W. Mayborn, G. L. Green, and S. Hyne, 1903; H. R. Triggs, W.M., J. C. Arldge, S.W., J. W. Wright, J.W., and W. J. Borrow, 1958; J. Dempsey, W.M., W. Brunwin, P.M., G. B. Irons, P.M., F. C. Marks, and C. Larkins, 903; W. H. Barker, 1884; Dillon, 1483; D. Johnstone, 497; G. H. Swanborough, 2016; T. Kenloch, 81; J. Godding, A. Beattie, 30 (S.C.); H. Love, 309 (S.C.); and others.

The lodge was opened by the Provincial Grand Master and his officers exactly at 4.30 o'clock, in the Three Degrees, and the brethren saluted the P.G.M. and D.P.G.M., respectively.

W. Bro. J. E. LE FEUVRE, D.P.G.M., in his address to the P.G.M., made some remarks on the circumstances under which the lodge was formed, and remarked that it was the forty-second lodge in the province. He expressed his well wishes for the future happiness and prosperity of the lodge, and he was sure it would be realised by its being supported by such a numerous gathering. The Temperance Lodge would add another prosperous lodge to the province, and it was a great satisfaction to add 2068 on the roll of the Province of Hants and Isle of Wight.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER said that it afforded him very great pleasure to be present that day. It was no new thing for him to come to Portsmouth or its vicinity to constitute a lodge. Since he first accepted the

office of Prov. Grand Master he had constituted many lodges in Portsmouth. There was some doubt whether if new lodges sprung into existence they would be adequately supported. But in this large and important neighbourhood, embracing as it did such a large population, he saw no reason for believing that when a new lodge was applied for those taking that course were not actuated by a sincere desire to promote the interests of Freemasonry. He felt quite certain that no brethren would ever think of applying for a new lodge unless they desired to ensure its success. He had no reason to complain on this score, for he had seen new lodges spring into existence, and he had found that brethren who had started them had been fully impressed with the weight and responsibility of what they had undertaken. Therefore he was quite certain that in this case he was not misinterpreting the feelings of those who had applied for the warrant and offered to hold office under it when he said that they were animated by a desire to secure permanence, stability, and success of the lodge. He wished them well, and that their success might be in accordance with what was anticipated. To propagate Freemasonry in the present day was no light work, and they must all feel that in belonging to such a large and important Order, which extended its branches over every part of the civilised world, they had a heavy responsibility upon them. Every individual Mason ought to show that he had something to do for the welfare of the Order to which he belonged, that he had to show that he was a worthy member of it, and that if by his means something might be done to increase the repute, permanence, stability, and the welfare of the Order, he might feel certain that he had done some good. He ought to feel that if the outer world pointed to Freemasonry and Freemasons as a body of men who were doing no good in the world, he was able to refute it so far as he could by his own conduct, and by showing that the lessons of Freemasonry had a powerful influence in shaping it and turning him towards good and not towards evil. Let them feel that whatever might be said about their Order they could not have the finger of scorn pointed against, or have it said that they were doing that which was wrong. Let them be animated by feelings like that, and they would do the very best they could to vindicate the fame of the Order, and to what they belonged, and of what they ought to be proud. He trusted that in that lodge the principles which were instilled would have a powerful effect upon many who were initiated within its walls, and that the lodge would be the means of propagating the tenets of Freemasonry, and doing good to many who were admitted within its precincts. He trusted that the lodge might flourish, and that when they met again on any anniversary or other occasion they would be able to congratulate themselves upon the success which had attended the efforts of the promoters and those who might become members. (Applause.)

The hymn "Great source of light and love" was sung by an efficient choir, conducted by Bro. G. Sylvester, P.G. Organist.

The petition and warrant having been read by the P.G. SECRETARY, Bro. Dr. MULLINS, P.G. Chaplain, delivered an oration on the "Nature and Design of the Institution."

He said it afforded him very great pleasure to attend that afternoon, as the constitution of the Portsmouth Temperance Lodge was a pleasing event, to be marked in the annals of the province, for although there were temperance lodges in other provinces, this was the first in Hants and Isle of Wight, and it was fitting that Portsmouth should take the lead. The name of the lodge cast no reflection on other lodges, for he was sure that nothing was further from the founders' wish than to claim a higher status of culture and utility than their fellows. Every Masonic lodge that remained faithful to the principles of the Craft must in the strict sense of the word be a temperance lodge, and every Freemason who was true to the principles of the Craft must be a man who led a sober, righteous, and, he would add, a godly life. Temperance was one of the cardinal virtues, and, as such, was held in high esteem amongst men. The grand principles of the Order were "Justice, Temperance, and Fortitude." The keystone of English Freemasonry was a belief in the existence of a personal, individual God, who had created all men, and consequently in His sight all were brethren, so that Freemasonry could be carried out upon an equal footing, and in a Masonic lodge there could be no distinction, but all men were equal. There was no difference, whether in religion, politics, or accidental wealth. Yet it was a fact that these lodges existed for the convenience of the members. There were lodges for the Army and Navy, for barristers, for brethren engaged in the theatrical profession, for members of the University at Oxford, and the Apollo at Oxford. Therefore no apology was necessary for the constitution of a lodge in which the brethren were united by a common opinion as to what they should drink. It could not be denied that of late years a great movement had been taking place in this country, and there were about five millions of total abstainers, amongst whom, no doubt, were a large number of Masons, for wherever they saw any great and philanthropic movement there they found Masons to the front. Therefore, it was only fair that here and there a lodge should be constituted for their convenience. This was an age of searching inquiry and of intellectual activity, when most of their old institutions were on their trial. That being the case, Masonry could not expect to escape the spirit of the age. But when they found Freemasonry come forth, and that from its inherent principles it was prepared to take part in the onward march of civilisation, that was the surest sign of its vitality and strength. There was no denying the fact that a great social reform had been progressing of late years. The temperance movement was one of the most remarkable of the age. It had more or less influenced all classes in Society. Social reform has told them, on indisputable grounds that, the future habits of temperance would elevate and improve the condition of the people. He was not there to deliver a lecture, but he regarded it as an indication of the power and vital energy of Masonry that it extended its sympathy to this movement, and accentuated its approval of this great social reform, as it did that day. The outer world would say it was only for prudential motives; there was no moral or social motive in Freemasonry. Why, the existence of T.G.A.O.U. was the bond of their brotherhood, and to Him all creatures had to record an account of their actions. Freemasonry had taken a glorious part in the great educational movement, and their Schools stood forth as a memorial of Masonic benevolence. For their three great Institutions the large sum of £48,883 was received in 1884, besides between nine and ten thousand pounds voted by the Lodge of Benevolence to indigent Masons of all nationalities. One of the wisest things that had been done by the Provincial Grand Lodge was to formulate a scheme for the education of their local orphans. He thought the Grand Lodge of England had acted wisely in permitting the foundation of the temperance lodges. One of the finest maxims to be found in George Eliot's works was—"Those whom we trust we educate," and he had no doubt that their total abstaining brethren would repay the confidence of the Grand Lodge, and in a tangible way show the stability of their principles, by constituting the new lodge a Life Governor of the Masonic Charities. That fact would speak well in their favour. He concluded by wishing prosperity to the new lodge amidst loud applause.

The hymn "O Lord Most High," was efficiently rendered by the choir.

The brethren having turned to the east, the P.G.M. gave the invocation, and the P.G. Chaplain read II. Chronicles, chap. ii. 1 to 16 v., after which the tracing boards were uncovered, and the D.P.G.M., and two Wardens carried the elements of consecration round the room three times, as did also the P.G. Chaplain with the censer.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then solemnly dedicated the lodge, and the second portion of the dedication prayer was read.

The lodge then being constituted was then resumed to the Second Degree, and the W.M. designate, Bro. Capt. Thomas Ward, R.A., P.M., was duly installed. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree and closed

down to the First, the brethren saluting the W.M. in each degree respectively.

The following are the officers for the ensuing year: Bros. A. L. Emanuel, P.M., P.P.G.J.D. Hants and Isle of Wight, I.P.M.; J. Palmer, S.W.; G. Reading, J.W.; J. R. Pither, P.M., Sec.; P. H. Emanuel, S.D.; W. G. Robinson, J.D.; Q. Cecconi, I.G.; W. Robinson, D.C.; G. Sylvester, Org.; C. G. Adams, P.M., and W. Miller, Stewards. Bro. G. F. Bevis was unanimously elected Treasurer.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him, and expressed a hope that he would be able to carry out the duties devolved upon him with a credit to himself and honour to the lodge.

On the proposition of Bro. C. G. ADAMS, P.M., seconded by Bro. P. H. EMANUEL, a vote of thanks with recorded to the P.G.M. and his officers for attending that day.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER briefly responded.

Bro. E. O. V. HALDANE, P.M., proposed, and the WORSHIPFUL MASTER seconded, that the P.G.M., D.P.G.M., and Bro. General Sir G. H. Willis, K.C.B., be elected honorary members.

Five joining members and nine candidates for initiation were proposed, to be balloted for at the next regular meeting, Monday, Feb. 23rd. The lodge was closed at 6.15 in due form.

The presents to the lodge consisted of the pedestals and candlesticks by Bros. Adams, P.M., and Bevis; mahogany triangle with brass-plated shears, rough and smooth ashlar, with pulley blocks complete, from Bro. W. Robinson; gavels and sounding boards from Bro. Palmer; handsome Masonic deviced gilt frame for warrant by Bro. Reading; two mahogany kneeling stools, the tops worked very handsomely in silks, from Bro. P. H. Emanuel; large bible, brass bound and gilt edges, from Bro. A. L. Emanuel, P.M.; square and compasses from Bro. W. G. Robinson. The room in which the lodge was held was very pretty and effective, and reflected great credit upon Bros. Adams, Bevis, and Reading.

At 6.30 seventy brethren sat down to a banquet held at the Officers' House, Parade, admirably served by Mrs. Tufnell. This was the first temperance banquet on a large scale that has been held in Portsmouth, and full justice was done by all present. The temperance drinks, which are indeed numerous, appeared to be enjoyed.

After the banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. HALDANE, P.M., P.P.G.S.D. Mon., in proposing "The Health of the P.G.M.," said it was a pleasing duty for him to do as they all knew the good the P.G.M. did and the pains he took to make the Craft work well under his banner. The brethren owed him everything, and it was most kind of him to attend that day to open the new lodge which would, he had no doubt, prove an honour to the Craft and the province.

The R.W.P.G.M., Bro. W. W. B. BEACH, M.P., responded, and said that he felt sure the lodge would flourish, and from the number of propositions in lodge it was certain to prosper. It was a source of great pleasure to him to constitute the Portsmouth Temperance Lodge, and he was proud to have done so. He congratulated the brethren and the world at large upon the fact that while in the present day there were many who assailed Royalty, religion, and every rooted institution, a large body of men were banded together for the purpose of brotherhood, whose creed was reverence to religion, and loyalty to their sovereign. They were threatened with many dangerous and unscrupulous attacks on Freemasonry in many quarters, and they did so from ignorance. Masons could not expose to them the mysteries of the Order. Masons had the sole justification of this by their own conduct. The Prov. G.M. concluded by thanking the W.M. and brethren for the reception that day.

Bro. C. G. ADAMS, P.M., proposed "The R.W. Deputy P.G.M., Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, and Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge," and said he could hardly find words to speak of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, who had always been a true Mason, and had always given them assistance. The Prov. Grand Master could not have made a better selection in the whole province when he appointed Bro. Le Feuvre as Deputy Prov. Grand Master. (Applause.)

The R.W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. J. E. LE FEUVRE, said that, in making his first appearance in his new office, he looked forward to an equal number of happy years, and happy and pleasant associations, as he had experienced as Prov. Grand Secretary. He was very pleased to have assisted in the constitution of the Portsmouth Temperance Lodge, and wished it future happiness and prosperity. He hope it would prove as successful as they had elsewhere. He looked around there and saw brethren of other lodges, and some of high standing, as founders of the new lodge, and he felt sure of its success. The number of Masons in the province had increased considerably, for in 13 years they had trebled, and with that large increase it behoved them to see that, whilst numbers increased, they should look after the status of the individual introduced into Freemasonry, and try to instil into them the grand principles of Freemasonry.

Bro. E. GOBLE, Prov. Grand Secretary (who was enthusiastically called for and received), said that he did not expect to have had to speak when the Deputy Prov. Grand Master's name was on the toast-list in conjunction with the other Provincial Officers. This was his first appearance in public as Prov. Grand Secretary, and he took this opportunity of thanking the Prov. Grand Master for the kind and considerate manner in which he had given him the collar. It was with diffidence and regret, and yet with pleasure, that he returned thanks. Regret because there were many more in the province more capable for the office than he. ("No, no.") With pleasure because he felt sure that, with assistance, he could carry out the duties to the satisfaction of the Prov. Grand Master. (Cheers.)

Telegrams were here read from Bro. Tufnell (who was the original founder of the lodge), in Alexandria, the Wolseley Lodge, at Manchester, Bro. W. Latham Cox, W.M. 1903, who was at Lincoln, all congratulating the brethren, and wishing it success. Letters were also read from Bro. A. L. Emanuel, P.M., who was absent through illness, and from Bro. Miles, W.M. 1776.

The P.G.M. proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and said he had very great pleasure in placing Bro. Ward in the chair, as he was sure he would be a credit to it. Bro. Ward had had experience in his own lodge, and had done justice. From his manner and courteous actions the P.G.M. felt certain his ruling would yield cheerful obedience.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER responded, and remarked that it was some years since he had undertaken office, as when he came to Portsmouth his health prohibited him entering into Masonry as he should have liked. When in London he spent a great deal of time in Masonry, and now that he was again in office he hoped to be of assistance to the Craft and the province. He promised to do his utmost to make the lodge a success, a

credit to the Craft, and to carry out the principles as laid down by the P.G.M.

Bro. RASTRICK, P.G. Treasurer, proposed "The Founders," which was responded to by Bros. HARDANE, P.M., and BEVIS, the latter apologising for the absence of Bro. Tufnell, to whom the credit of the formation of the lodge was due, it devolved upon him to return thanks on behalf of the Portsmouth Temperance Lodge, No. 2068. Although Masonry is well represented in that borough, there was still room for a lodge under the principles they professed—temperance. That did not mean that it was for total abstainers only; it would include brethren who do not go the length of abstaining altogether from alcoholic drink, but all such would be allowed to join only on the understanding that they abstain from intoxicants whilst they are at the social gatherings of the lodge. Sheffield, Manchester, Plymouth, Sunderland, and Leeds boasted of similar lodges, and he trusted that they had started under happy auspices, and could congratulate themselves on their first W.M.

"The W.Ms. and Representatives of Neighbouring Lodges," "The Visitors," "The Officers of the Lodge," and "The Press," concluded the toast list.

Bros. Sylvester, J. Gieve, A. Joliffe, and P. H. Emanuel sang several songs during the evening, and Bro. J. Palmer recited.

The company broke up about 10.30.

The banquet Stewards, who looked well after their guests, were Bros. J. Palmer, J. Woodhouse, P.M., and P. H. Emanuel.

The lodge was furnished by Bro. George Kenning.

## CONSECRATION OF THE ROTHLEY TEMPLE PRECEPTORY.

The consecration of the Rothley Temple Preceptory of Knights Templar took place at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Thursday, the 5th inst. Punctually at 2 o'clock, V.E. Sir Knight Charles Fendelow, Prov. Prior of Staffordshire and Warwickshire, attended by his Sub-Prior, Prelate, and Chancellor, were received under an Arch of Steel. The V.E. Prov. Prior then ascended the throne, and proceeded to open the preceptory with the assistance of the following sir knights: Sir Knights T. J. Barnett, Prov. G.C., as Constable; G. King-Patten, E.P., as Marshal; Rev. T. B. Mundy, Prov. Prelate, as Chap.; S. J. Walker, Prov. Reg., as Registrar; C. A. Newnham, Prov. Chancellor, as Sub-Marshal; W. Hammond, as Capt. of the Guards; and W. B. Marshall, Prov. Almoner, as Org. There were also present

Sir Knights J. L. Warren, Prov. Sub-Prior; T. H. Smith, G. Chamberlain; Rev. W. Randall, P.G. Almoner; T. Wardley, P.P.G.C.; J. C. Onions, G. S. Phillips, P.E.P.; Robt. Berridge, P.E.C.; W. F. Tolliday, S. Wood, Percy Wallis, W. Kelly, J. D. Harris, W. J. Freer, W. L. Ball, J. G. F. Richardson, Miles J. Walker, and others.

The preceptory being opened, the V.E. Prov. Prior was saluted with the honours due to his rank. The V.E. Prov. Prior then consecrated the preceptory in ancient form. The ceremony was ably and impressively rendered, the working of the beautiful ritual used being most carefully carried out by the Consecrating Officer, who was efficiently assisted by Sir Knight Newnham, Prov. Chancellor, and the other Prov. Officers present. The Heralds having proclaimed the consecration, the V.E. Prov. Prior delivered an eloquent address upon the principles of the Order. The V.E. Prov. Prior next installed R.W. Bro. Wm. Kelly, P.P.G.M., Prov. G. Supt. of Leicestershire and Rutland, and Prov. G.M.M.M. of Leicestershire, Northampton, and Derbyshire, as the first Eminent Preceptor of the Rothley Temple Preceptory.

Sir Knight Kelly appointed his officers as follows: Sir Knights Miles J. Walker, Constable; John D. Harris, Marshal; Rev. S. W. Wigg, Chap.; J. G. F. Richardson, Treas.; W. J. Freer, Reg.; W. Hammond, Capt. of the Guards; and T. Dunn and J. Tanser, Guards.

A ballot was then taken for four companions; it having proved unanimous, and Comps. Rev. S. Watken Wigg and J. H. Thompson being in attendance, were duly installed and proclaimed, the ceremony being performed by Sir Knight S. J. Walker, Prov. Registrar, in his usually efficient manner. The Consecrating Officers were elected honorary members, and in putting the motion, the E.P. alluded to the exceptionally impressive manner in which their duties had been carried out.

Before the E.P. proceeded to close the preceptory he gave the following historical account of Rothley Temple:

Rothley, from whence the title of our modern preceptory is taken, is an extensive parish in this county, about five miles from Leicester, in which are included six chapelries—one being Gaddesby, where the church, a fine specimen of early English architecture, was chiefly built by the Knights Templar. The lovely south aisle, surpassed in beauty by few village churches in England, is of considerable interest to us Masonically, as on almost every stone of its exterior appear the Mason's mark of the Craftsman who cut it. At the Conquest the King was the Lord of the Manor; but which in the reign of Stephen was held by Ranulph, fourth Earl of Chester, from whom it passed to the Harcourts, who were Crusaders, and it became the property of the Order of Knights Templar about the year 1230, through the gift of a John de Harcourt, who died in the Holy Land. On the suppression of the Order in 1312, Rothley Temple, like its other possessions, devolved upon the Knights Hospitallers of St. John of Jerusalem, whose chief preceptory in this county had been at Dalby-on-the-Wolds, which manor had been given to them by one of the famous Norman Earls of Leicester, Robert Bosyn, the founder of Leicester Abbey. Rothley Temple came into the Babington family, by purchase, in 1567, and in modern times has become celebrated as the birthplace of Thomas Babington Macaulay, who became Lord Macaulay of Rothley. Thus it is that we call this the "Rothley Temple Preceptory."

The preceptory having been closed in proper form, the sir knights adjourned to the banquet room, where a banquet was held in commemoration of the opening of the preceptory. The usual toasts were duly honoured.

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## To Correspondents.

The following communications stand over—

Masonic Ball at Constantinople.  
First Anniversary of the Guelph Lodge of Instruction, 1685.  
Opening of the New Masonic Hall at South Shields.  
Faith Lodge of Instruction, 141.  
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## BOOKS, &amp;c., RECEIVED.

"Jewish Chronicle," "Broad Arrow," "Sunday Times," "Daily Gazette and Bulletin," "The Freemason" (Detroit), "Citizen," "Hull Packet," "Court Circular," "Revista Della Massoneria Italiana," "Freemasons' Repository," "Allen's Indian Mail."



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 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.]

## SUSPENSION OF LODGES.

To the Editor of "The Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

May I request "A Lover of Justice" to state the circumstances of the case upon which he says that the Board of General Purposes gave the ruling he mentions, and of which he complains; and to quote the actual words in which that ruling is given?—Yours fraternally,

S. M. M. C. O.

[We fully agree with the reasonableness of "S. M. M. C. O.'s" request. There seems, from what we now learn, to be some grave misapprehension in the matter.—ED.F.M.]

## MASONIC NOTES FROM ROME.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The extraordinary good fellowship myself and other brethren have been received with by the three lodges we have visited during the week, induces me to ask you to put it on record in your universal journal, for the information of other brethren who may visit Italy.

On Tuesday we put in an appearance at the Cabinetto of the Supreme Master, welcomed by our illustrious Bro. Ulissi Bassi, Grand Secretary and Editor of the Italian "Masonic Review."

Our certificates and examinations proving highly satisfactory we were introduced into the Lodge Rienz, with Masonic honours. Venerable Master Mario Panizza (Deputy) occupied the chair. After the usual business of the lodge had been finished an initiation followed, performed under the "Scottish Rite," drawn swords being used, and after labour the brethren retired for refreshments, and spent a long evening most harmoniously.

Wednesday night we attended the Lodge Universo, Venerable Master Renaldo Roseofin the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read, and the installation of a new Master took place, at which all the brethren assisted, Ill. Bro. Francesco Curzeo, Deputy Grand Master, performed the ceremonies. Bro. Bassi then read a valuable paper on the progress of Masonry in Italy, and specially greeted Bros. Martin, of California; Potts, Apollo Lodge,

Oxford; and Pegler, of Leeds. The business being finished, the brethren retired to a cold collation, and departed at a late hour. The Venerable Master invited the visiting brethren to a banquet on Friday evening at 8.30, at which many members attended. The banquet was most sumptuous, consisting of huiters, potage, printanier royale, horse d'œuvre, saumon, sauce Genoise, fillet de bauef a la Massena, ris de veau a la Toulouse, faisano bordes sur croustades, salade d'escarole, petit pois francaise, gâteau Genoie, glace Africaine. Dessert—superb collection.

After the cloth had been withdrawn "The Health of the Grand Master and Officers" was given, followed by that of "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and the Grand Master of California," to which Bros. Pegler and Martin responded.

Selections from operas were then sung, and Bro. Pegler was called upon to address the members. He rose amidst deafening applause and proposed "The Officers of the Grand Orient of Italy" in a most impressive and fraternal address, hoping that the same Masonic unity might exist throughout the world as now reigns in united Italy. The Grand Secretary returned his thanks in a most earnest manner.

The Supreme Master next proposed "The Visiting Brethren," with the most touching and hearty welcome, to which they all responded, assuring him that they should carry with them feelings of the greatest admiration for one and all of the brethren present.

Selections from other operas were then sung, and the parting cup being handed round, the company retired in the small hours, after spending the most happy evening on record.

Saturday, at 8.30, the Lodge Spartaco met and received the brethren with full honours. After the minutes had been read, Ill. Bro. Tommago Sisea, of the Supreme Council, 33°, installed Ven. Bro. Carugati Master for the ensuing year, who appointed his officers. The brethren then retired to a very substantial repast, and after the usual toasts had been honoured, that of "The Visiting Brethren" was proposed amidst much applause. Bro. P. M. Martin, 32°, returned thanks for the very hearty reception the Masonic body had given himself and friends in Rome.

Bro. Pegler gave "The Health of the Venerable Master elect," and prayed that the brethren, in Italy particularly, might go on increasing and rejoicing, adding daily to their numbers, despite all persecutions from Popes, Cardinals, and Priests.

"The marble may crumble,  
The pillar may fall,  
But Masonry, old Masonry,  
Shall stand after all."

It is impossible to close this letter without bringing into notice the good offices of our Illustrious Brother Ulissi Bassi, Grande Secretary, and editor of the "Italian Masonic Review," a copy of which I send you. He is, without exception, the most intelligent, zealous, and kind brother we ever met, and we congratulate the Grande Oriente upon having the services of a so very gifted a brother. Long may he live to adorn the position his great talents so eminently fit him to fill. He would, indeed, have done honour to the Tribunes of Ancient Rome, and we hope some day he may those of United Italy. P. M. Bro. Tennant, 289, was prevented attending the banquet, having had commands to attend the Grande Ball at the Palace.—Accepting our hearty good wishes, we are, fraternally yours,

EN VOYAGE.

## MASONIC BIBLIOGRAPHY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I would recommend your correspondent "A Student in Masonry" to get a catalogue of the Worcester Exhibition, post free 2s., from Bro. G. Taylor, Summerdyne, Kidderminster. In it he will find valuable information. Of Preston 1772 (1st), 1775 (2nd), 1792, 1801, 1804, and 1821 editions were represented. The 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th being missing, did not detract from the collection, which also exhibited the 1st (1775) and 2nd (1795) of Hutchinson. Browne's work had two editions—1st (1798) and 2nd (1802)—both represented at Worcester. Prichard is said to have reached 30 editions; but I have only seen one—the 1st, in 1730—and doubt the statement. All the missing editions above-named, being large reprints of the 1st editions, are not of inestimable value. "Ahiman Rezon" was well represented (1764, 1778, 1787, 1800, and 1803 missing); but 1st (1756), 4th (1782), 1801, 1804, 1807, and 1813 are a very good and useful collection. It is possible, of course, to name every edition of the several works, with its date and place of publication, and I should be very glad to see a thoroughly reliable complete list. In the York Exhibition Bro. Whytehead had an American reprint (1825) of "Ahiman Rezon," and I fear the reprints in Ireland and America will add great difficulties to the compilation of such a list, unless my brother student draws a line somewhere as to date. Could he not take 1814 for Hutchinson, and 1818 for Preston, Dermott, and Harper? Then you, Sir, will perhaps give us as good a list as is available in the *Freemason*?—Yours truly and fraternally,

J. RAMSDEN RILEY.

Bradford, February 16th.

## THE GORMOGONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

At the Worcester Exhibition I heard many enquiries, evidently resulting in much disappointment to wives of Masons present, with respect to the Gormogons. I anticipate therefore that the two letters which I have copied (slightly modernised only in spelling, &c.), and now enclose, will be interesting to a large body of your readers. They appeared in the *Plain Dealer* of Monday, September 14th, 1724, the editor of which added the following:

"I acknowledge the honor done me by the illustrious Mandarin HANG CHI, and, though I cannot prevail with myself to be DEGRADED, in the manner required by the Laws and Constitutions of the Order of GORMOGONS, I approve and applaud their admitting none but whom *Merit* recommends into the Fellowship of the ECUMENICAL VOLGEE. Moreover, I propose the Good conduct and Regularity of the GORMOGONS as a pattern to the FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS for the future: and, if I shall

be enabled to make any useful discoveries for the service of the *Brotherhood*, they may depend on my watchful Fidelity."

In transmitting this extract with the two letters I would express a hope that we are not admitting into our Order the same class of individuals, who debase it, as well as practising that preference for *wealth and position* rather than *Masonic merit*, which brought our Order into ridicule 150 years ago. It was the grand *principles* on which Freemasonry is founded which *alone*, by bringing thoughtful men once more within its folds, thinned the ranks of the Gormogons from its foundation.

The Society lasted 13 years, nevertheless, and, however much we may be disposed to ridicule it to-day, there is a pregnant lesson to be derived from the little known history of the Gormogons.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours truly and fraternally,

J. RAMSDEN RILEY.

Bradford, February 14th.

"HANG CHI TO THE BRITISH *Plain Dealer*, HEALTH.  
"Sage Sir,—

"By the help of my Secretary and Interpreter I peruse your lucubrations; and write this epistle to assure you of my esteem. I am informed, that you have taken notice of the advertisement I caused to be published in the newspapers; and that you called at the Castle, to be satisfied of the truth of my arrival in this place.

"Your enquiry and the conversation you had with my Secretary, gave me occasion to gratify you farther; and I am proud to have it in my power to distinguish *you* of your merit in the manner I intend.

"The Laws and Constitutions of the most ancient and illustrious Order of the Gormogons oblige us to be *cautious and frugal* in admitting *new Members*. Remarkable *Virtues* have always recommended the candidates. No rank, station, or condition in life, entitles a person to be of our Fraternity. We know neither *prejudice*, nor *partiality*, in conferring this honour; and all the *interest* in the world to procure it would be fruitless, without *merit*.

"My residence here will be short. It cannot therefore be expected, that I should invite many worthy persons to enter into our Order; nor dare I render it cheap and contemptible, by admitting every Pretender: but I know several who deserve to be received and to whom I have promised the distinction.

"I shall consider it as an Ornament to our *most ancient* and illustrious Order, which is the Honor and Ornament of all its Members, if you Sage Sir, will be pleased to accept the Privileges that I am empowered to bestow on the *Deserving*. I confess, you must first be *Degraded*, as our Laws require, and renounce and abandon the Society of *False-builders*. But as your great judgment must distinguish the excellence of our Order, I hope you will prefer being a *Fellow* with *Us*. Nothing would more sensibly concern me, when I leave London, than not be able to transmit your name in the List, that I must send to the *ECUMENICAL Volgee* in China.

"I am, Sage Sir, your affectionate Friend,  
"HANG CHI."

"SHIN SHAW TO HANG CHI AT LONDON: HEALTH.

"Most Illustrious Brother and Friend,—

"I congratulate you on the speedy progress you have made from the Court of the *Young Sophy*, and your safe arrival in the isle of Britain.

"Your presence is earnestly expected at Rome. The Father of High Priests is fond of our Order, and the Cardinals have an emulation to be distinguished.

"Our Excellent Brother GORMOGON, *Mandarin*, CHAN FUE, is well and salutes you.

"Since my last, I had advises from *Pekin* which confirm former accounts, that our new Emperor is an open enemy to the *Jesuits*: but I pray their disgrace in China may not provoke the *Europeans* to use Us ill. Take care of your health. Farewell.  
"SHIN SHAW."

## THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

As a supporter and admirer of our great Charities, will you allow me to offer a few remarks less pessimistic than most of those which have recently appeared in the *Freemason*, re the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Is there any sound reason why, with an increasing revenue, the number of male annuitants should be limited to 170, and the number of female annuitants to 132? Would it not be perfectly safe to raise the number of male annuitants to 200, and the number of female annuitants to 220?

For 200 at £40 each	...	...	...	£8000
and 220 at £32 each	...	...	...	7040

Total	...	...	...	£15,040
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The income for 1884 has been announced as reaching	...	...	...	£19,900
Now deduct	...	...	...	15,040

And we have a residue of	...	...	...	£4860
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a sum amply sufficient to pay all the office and other working expenses of the Institution, and to leave a surplus for increasing the invested funds of the Charity. But, some will say, "As the annuities are for life, it is safe to make this advance?" Why not? The reserve funds belonging to the Charity amount to £65,000, and one can hardly imagine with the increasing numbers and increasing generosity of the Craft that such a sum is not ample to meet all possible emergencies. But this is not all the security. The £1600 a year given by the Grand Lodge and the £100 a year by the Grand Chapter, £1700 a year, represent a capitalised sum of £50,000, which practically makes the reserve fund of the Charity £121,000. I quite agree with Bro. Hogg, that with such a reserve, we ought not to go on *hoarding*, but dispense liberally what the brethren liberally give.—Yours fraternally,

CHARITY.

February 17, 1885.

## YORKSHIRE LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am glad to see that there is a movement on foot to form, in London, a "Yorkshire," or "Northern

Counties" Masonic lodge, and shall be glad to assist in this laudable object, as I think the object is a good one.

It would be still better if rooms could be got near Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, one, at least, of which might be used as a reading and writing room by brethren from the provinces of Yorkshire who have to attend the Masonic elections, or who may attend Grand Lodge meetings. I take it that the idea is to admit as joining members brethren initiated in or belonging to Yorkshire lodges, or Yorkshire gentlemen residing in or near London who may wish to join our Order. The initiation fee would, of course, be in accordance with the revised Book of Constitutions, but the joining fee and annual subscription should be made as reasonable as possible. In time, perhaps, we might hope to have a library and museum of Masonic books and curios, as suggested, but that would naturally be a work of time.

If there are, in London, any brethren approving of the project I shall be very glad to hear from them as early as possible, with any suggestions, as a meeting will be held at 16A, Great Queen-street (kindly placed at our disposal by Bro. George Kenning) on Wednesday, the 4th March—the day of the meeting of Grand Lodge—at 3.30 p.m. prompt., to consider the matter, and all brethren, qualified as before explained, are fraternally invited to be present.

I ought to say that I have not initiated this movement. It has been suggested to me as one likely to be received with the approval of many Yorkshiremen resident in or near London, and I have gladly fallen in with the idea.—I am, dear sir and brother,

J. S. CUMBERLAND,

P.M. 1611, P.P.G.J.W. N. & E. Yorks.

110, Cannon-street, London, E.C.



THE LIFE ALMANACK AND DIARY OF THE BRITON LIFE ASSOCIATION, LIMITED, 1885. Head Office—429, Strand, London. Printed and published by Veale, Chifferiel, and Co., 31 to 37, Cursitor-street, Chancery-lane, E.C.

This is something more than the ordinary year-book or diary. In addition to the usual contents of such publications we find here an amount of valuable information which is not often met with in a guide compiled and published for a specific purpose. Life assurance, and particularly as regards the condition under which it can be effected at the offices of the Briton Life Association, has very properly engaged the chief attention of the Editor, but the array of useful matter to be found in these pages beyond that which pertains distinctly to this subject is very considerable. In fact, the Briton Life Almanack will be found both specially and generally serviceable. Its chief merit is that it tells us all we require to know about life assurance, but in its character of a general guide, it contains authentic information about such diverse matters as the City companies, food importations, hospitals, newspapers, taxes, and stamp duties, &c. It is, indeed, and in the very best of senses is a "summicum gatherum" of knowledge, and whoever is fortunate enough to procure one will find it invaluable as a handy book of reference in respect of all kinds of subjects. It is more than probable that the merit of having compiled so admirable a guide belongs to Bro. John Messent, P.G.S.B., who is actuary and secretary to the Briton Life Office, and well deserves our congratulations on the judgment shown in the fulfilment of his task.

A SKETCH OF THE LIFE OF MARY ANDERSON. London: David Bogue, King William-street, Charing Cross.

A pleasantly-written sketch of the life and professional career of Mary Anderson, by Mr. J. M. Farrar, has recently been published, and to the many admirers of the celebrated actress will be welcome, as giving authentic information about her youth and early studies, all tending in the one direction—of the stage. Many anecdotes enliven the book, and the true story of her introduction to the Prince of Wales is given. Mary Anderson was (as every one else is) charmed with the Prince's kindly manner, and says: "He said to me more charming things than ever were said to me in a few minutes in all my life." The writer has endeavoured to be impartial in his memoir, and if he has at times erred, the fascination of his subject is a sufficient excuse for him. Fronting the title-page is a very good photo-gravure portrait from one taken by Van der Weyde, and the volume generally, as to print and paper and binding, does credit to the publisher, Mr. Bogue.

#### PROVINCIAL CALENDARS.

THE FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCE OF GLOUCESTER, 1885.

The publication of Provincial Calendars is of great use and benefit to the Craft. Not only available for the special locality, they aid in giving us a satisfactory "coup d'œil" of the life and working of our Brotherhood generally and nationally. This very interesting compilation for the good Province of Gloucestershire is edited by our esteemed Bro. Captain R. V. Vassar-Smith, well known for his many labours, and as a member of that remarkable "Compact," which, under the able management of Duke Humphrey (Homfray), performs such wonders at our annual elections. Bro. Vassar-Smith is a most kindly and zealous Freemason, and has most ably edited his handy little Provincial Calendar.

MASONIC CATALOGUES. LIST OF OLD AND SCARCE BOOKS ON FREEMASONRY, &c. Walter Spencer, 23A, Great Queen-street, W.C.

Ever since the foundation of the *Freemason*, three great aims of the proprietor have been loyally to uphold allegiance to the rulers of the Craft, to advance the great cause of Masonic Charity, and to extend the influence and sphere of Masonic literature and culture. He has from time to time made liberal offers for the extension of lodge libraries, and to-day is still willing to assist in that good object. All catalogues of Masonic books are therefore welcomed gladly and noted from time to time in the *Freemason*.

Both in America and England there is a general collection going on of rare books and interesting curios, and Bros. Hughan, Cumberland, G. Taylor, Shackles, and not to forget our Grand Secretary, and many more are hard at work collecting and arranging. Bro. Kenning himself has some curious specimens of old Masonic jewels and the like. Bro. Spencer's list of books, prints, jewels, and engravings contains much that is valuable and more that is rare. To the Masonic student and archaeologist, and numismatist and print collector, many of the subjects he has got together afford matter of interest and subject for thought. We think it right to note its appearance and commend its idea, as we shall all agree that the diffusion of Masonic light and knowledge, the extension of Masonic literature and culture, is a good thing, a very good thing, for our Cosmopolitan Fraternity.

CALENDAR OF MASONIC MEETINGS IN EAST LANCASHIRE, 1885. Edited by Bro. John Chadwick, P.G. Secretary. Thirty-fifth issue. Published by Bro. O. C. Crompton, Bury.

The compilation of this guide to the meetings of the Craft, Arch, Mark, Templar, Rose Croix, and other Masonic bodies meeting in this portion of Lancashire, has been done admirably, as usual, by Bro. Chadwick, who has spared no pains to make it as complete and as accurate as possible. Unfortunately, his efforts do not appear to have been uniformly appreciated. Hence the delay in issuing the calendar, which is due ordinarily on 1st January, but which has only just reached us, the returns from lodges, chapters, &c., not having been received as promptly as they should have been. We trust this dilatoriness will not be repeated, as it has been decided to omit in future years particulars respecting those bodies which do not respond promptly to the request of the editor and publisher for the requisite information. This is a very proper resolution, which, however, in the interests of East Lancashire itself, we hope it will not be found necessary to carry out.



#### 513] COUNTRY STEWARD'S LODGE.

I see in a list of scarce works, &c., issued by Messrs. Spencer and Co., occurs the following: "Antique Jewel; Massive Silver Allegorical; set round with white crystals on one side, and green on the other. *Granted by G.L. to the Country Steward's Lodge, 1789.*" As no account of this jewel occurs in the financial statements of the Grand Lodge, 1788-93, I presume the grant refers to permission for the members to wear it. Perhaps some London brother will ask for the privilege of examining this medal, and then describe it for the information of all interested, as

W. J. HUGHAN.

#### 514] MASONIC BIBLIOGRAPHY.

In answer to "A Student in Masonry" (512), I have pleasure in informing him that of Preston's "Illustrations" there have been issued editions for 1772, 1775, 1781, 1788, 1792, 1799, 1801, 1804, 1812, 1821, 1829, 1840, 1846, and 1860. It has long been a most popular work. Hutchinson's "Spirit of Masonry" I have seen many editions of, those for England (I believe) being 1775, 1795-6-7, 1802, 1813-4-5, 1843, and 1853. Pritchard first appeared in 1730, and there were at least three editions issued in the same year; 4th edition was in 1731, according to Dr. Kloss, who is, as Bro. Speth truly says, a most excellent authority—none better. There were many published during the last century, but as several had no dates to the title pages, but contain his affidavit (?) of 1730, many imagine them to be of that year (1730). The list of lodges at end of the late pamphlet in late copies, is fair evidence of their approximate age. Browne's "Master Key" came out in 1798 and 1802. The "Ahiman Rezon" of the "Aholli Masons" were published first of all in 1756, and other editions were printed in 1764, 1778, 1787, 1800, 1801, 1807, and 1813, the last two having lists of lodges usually added to the volumes. Of course I refer only to English editions of the foregoing works. There must have been others published of Preston's "Illustrations" between 1775 and 1781, in order to make the total *seventeen*, but it is likely some foreign editions were included.

W. J. HUGHAN.

#### 515] THE STATUTES OF 1755.

I certainly shall not attempt to seek to rival the length of our good Bro. Speth's note, on what is, after all, a somewhat secondary question, the more so as we shall both of us probably have written more about it than your readers will care to peruse. I will therefore only very shortly reply to his remarks. It seems to me perfectly plain, and I am sorry he and I do not agree on the subject, that the Statutes of 1755 are the Statutes of a Rit Ecosais Body, and not of a Craft one. There really would be no sense or meaning in them as the latter. The G. L. of France, so called, had put out earlier "Reglemens." The allusion in these Statutes to Scottish Masters, being sealed with the Rit Ecosais seal, the very terminology of the Statutes themselves, all serve to show that they were the Statutes of a special body, a Scottish body of so-called Scottish Masonry alone. The very allusion to the rules of the G. L. of France, which Bro. Speth triumphantly brings in, is a convincing proof to me,—if proof were needed,—that these are the rules of another body. Otherwise, what need of the allusion? Bro. Speth, who "seemeth to delight in paradoxes," propounds two in this discussion, which are highly original and not a little amusing. The first is, that if the G. L. of France ever was called the G. L. Anglaise at all, which he (Bro. Speth) "seemeth to doubt," it was so-called to show that it was governed by the Rit Ecosais, and had recognized and adopted its grades. Such a "reductio ad absurdum" proves to me the dilemma in which our worthy friend finds himself in his evident zeal to back up Kloss. But I confess I cannot seriously argue it out. The second paradox is, that everybody is wrong in assuming that the G. L. of France ever did call itself the G. L. Anglaise. Yet even Kloss and Findel both say so, to leave out many French writers, and Findel even gives the year 1744 when it took this special name, and says it then issued certain "Reglemens," &c. I therefore also must again decline in our little space to discuss what, with all respect to Bro. Speth, I must say can only be a logomachy, and is

a pure waste of time. From the Handbuch, Lenning in his older form, Kloss, Findel, Thory, and several French writers, it would seem as if the first title of the French Body was G. L. Anglaise la France; then it became the G. Loge de la France. Findel and Kloss think, no doubt, it is the same with the "G. and Souveraine Loge de St. Jean," and here it is I venture to differ from them, as I have for some time accepted Daruty's contention that the G. L. of St. John, of 1761-62 is a High Grade Body, the successor of the Respectable Loge de St. Jean of 1755, in fact a pure Rit Ecosais Body, though it is true that the same G.M. ruled both the G. L. de la France and the G. and Souveraine &c., at the same time, and that under that G. and Souveraine Loge were also Craft lodges—Regulier Lodges, "Loges Regulieres," &c. Findel says no known copy of the French Statutes was extant when he wrote, and that Kloss translated them from the French, but gave only a portion of the French Statutes of 1755. Some writers have hesitated about accepting them; but I for one think they are genuine, and that a copy of them may yet be found, either in Kloss's library at Frankfurt, at the Hague, or in the archives of the G. Orient of France, which has many of the minutes and records of the old G.L. of France. Findel evidently does not like them, and knowing this occur. I do not wonder at his manifest hesitation. They could not possibly have been drawn up by a pure Craft Body; they could not have emanated from the G.L. of France, which repudiated Scottish Masonry, so-called, altogether, and therefore, despite Bro. Speth, I again say they must have been the product of a Rit Ecosais Body. I find no fault with them as Rit Ecosais Laws, but I deny they are or can be Craft regulations. If applicable to any Symbolic Lodge they could only apply to them under the Rit Ecosais itself. I have always until Bro. Speth's "Gloss" understood the French writers to say that the G.L. of France was called the G.L. Anglaise, to show that it adhered to the three Craft degrees alone worked in England, and thus to distinguish it from the Ecosais Degrees. Bro. Speth's is a truly original idea that it was called *Anglaise* to show it had taken up with the *Ecosais* movement. And if it be true that Chapitres Irlandais preceded Chapitres Ecosais, and has not our good brother drifted almost unconsciously into a genuine *Irish Bull*? But here I stop to-day. To sum up—I venture to repeat that Stephen Morin's Patent was signed by a G. Body of "Perfect and Sublime Masonry," that the Statutes of 1755 were not in any sense and could not be Craft Statutes, but, were rightly, those of a Rit Ecosais body, that the G.L. of France never in any form recognized the so-called Higher Grades, and that Kloss is utterly wrong in making the G.L. of France and the G.L. Souveraine Loge of St. Jean one and the same body. I am afraid that, after all, my communication must be long, as one or two facts have come before me when looking into the matter. When, in 1771, June 21 and 24, the G. L. of France, after a "sommell" since February, 1767, met and adjourned to August 14th that year, to elect its G. Officers and put forth some Statutes and Reglemens, and circulars, which contain not the slightest allusion to the Rit Ecosais, or any but the Three Degrees, the death of the Comte de Clermont is alluded to, and therefore Kloss is utterly mistaken in assuming that there ever was any formal recognition of the Rit Ecosais by the G. L. of France further than certain late tentative attempts at a sort of "Concordat," which came to nothing. In a Dutch work, printed at Gravenhage, Holland, 1772, a history of these "Statutes and Code Maconiques" is given. But nothing is there said of the Statutes of 1755. What Kloss published Kloss alone seems to know about, and it would be interesting to see the original French, as so much must depend on the original French words. Kloss admits they were not transcribed until 1761. Giving Kloss every allowance for great correctness, it is impossible in a critical discussion to accept any "ipse dixit" as infallible. These Statutes may still exist; but I wonder that Bro. Speth does not see that if their origin is a High Grade collection of rules and rituals, the presumption is at once that they are, as I contend, purely High Grade themselves. I cannot see the object of Bro. Speth attempting to connect the G. L. of France with the Rit Ecosais, unless it be to prove that Kloss cannot make a mistake. Misled by the words "Grande Loge," Kloss wrote at a time when the history of French Freemasonry was in absolute haze, and he did not realize what now is clear—a succession of short-lived High Grade Bodies. The G. L. of 1761-2 is not the G. L. of France, but a G. L. of "Perfect and Sublime Masonry," and the Statutes of 1755 are the "Statuts" of a body under the Comte de Clermont, yet existing distinct from the G. L. of France.

A. F. A. W.

#### 516] MASON MENDICANTS.

Here is a delicious little extract from Kauffmann Cherpin, *Hist. phil. de la Francmaçonnerie*:—"There exists in Freemasonry a type which is curious to contemplate, the travelling mendicant. He has been initiated one knows not how, sometimes he really does not belong to the Craft, but he has found an accomplice, a friend, a guileless soul, who has taught him more or less what he should know in order to make a creditable appearance when claiming succour. He produces a diploma; his pocket is always full of certificates, delivered and *viséd* with much too easy a complaisance. In one sense he resembles closely the Wandering Jew—he stops nowhere; he only sojourns in a town long enough to gather in the counters which attest his presence in its various lodges and the individual donations of a few brothers; then he resumes his route. Whither does he wend his way? He follows his nose. He has no fixed destination. His diploma is given at Paris, *viséd* not long since at Havre; he had intended to take ship there for London, where he was promised employment, when, at the last moment, he received advice that the post was filled up. Now he is proceeding to Marseilles, where a kind brother has told him that some other kind brother will perhaps be able to give him recommendations which may procure him a place. What sort of place? He does not know. What can he do? Oh! as for that, anything and everything? In reality he goes nowhere with the intention of staying; he goes everywhere to exploit Masonic Charity. He makes the tour of France, he traverses it in all directions, his most precious weapon, an almanack, which indicates where lodges are to be found." This was written in 1850. How true to life! But I fear my clumsy translation has spoiled the exquisitely light humour of the French original.

G. W. SPETH.



### Craft Masonry.

**VITRUVIAN LODGE (No. 87).**—On Wednesday, the 11th inst., the monthly meeting of the above lodge was held, not as formerly at the White Hart, Belvedere-road, but by special dispensation, at the Bridge House Hotel, where in future the lodge is to become located. Bro. W. H. Bale, W.M., presided, and there were present Bros. Davis, S.W.; Minstrell, J.W.; P.M.'s Thurkle, Hon. Treas.; Stuart, Hon. Sec.; Janaway, Harnor, Frindley, Skirving, and Whiting; Bros. J. Terry, Mildred, W. W. Clutton, W. English, Heming, A. E. Birch, W. Watson, E. Chamberlain, R. Lambourne, John Irving, E. Woods, R. Payne, Henry Wright, Huntley, George Isaacs, and about 60 other brethren.

Mr. George Bale was unanimously elected and was duly initiated. The Hon. Sec. read the bye-laws. The brethren then proceeded to the election of a W.M. for the year ensuing, and the choice fell upon the S.W., Bro. Davis, who returned thanks in an appropriate speech. Bro. Thurkle, P.M., who has served the lodge for many years as Hon. Treas., was re-elected to the position. The Auditors were appointed; and on the motion of Bro. Thurkle, P.M., to the effect that the lodge should meet duly six times in the course of the year, it was resolved that the lodge meetings in future should be held in alternate months. Additional subscriptions were announced to the list of the W.M., who is acting as Steward to the Benevolent Institutions, to which the Vitruvian Lodge (including their this year's contribution to the Master's list of £26 5s.) has contributed at various times a total of no less than £420. The lodge will vote the usual valuable P.M.'s jewel to the retiring Master in token of the esteem of the brethren for Bro. Bale and their admiration of the manner in which he has discharged the duties of the chair. Ample justice was done to the excellent banquet, which was served in the adjoining hall.

In proposing the loyal and Craft toasts, the W.M. said that they must all regret to read the news in that day's papers that a price had been set upon the head of their esteemed Grand Master.

Bro. Mildred replied for "The Visitors," the W.M. remarking, in giving the toast, that the brethren of the Vitruvian Lodge were never more happy than when dispensing the bounties of hospitality and the blessings of Charity.

In proposing "The Masonic Charities," the W.M. alluded to the liberality of the lodge to the benevolent institutions. They were all members—many of them of all their splendid benevolent institutions—of one or other of the Charities, and it behoved them to do all they possibly could for them.

Bro. Terry, who replied, said that there was scarcely any other educational institutions, supported by Charity, in the country that could vie with those of the Masonic body. Their Girls' School was maintaining, clothing, and educating 230 girls at that moment, fitting them to become good women in the world. Their Boys' School was doing an equally good work. In the recent Cambridge examinations out of 16 girls sent up 14 passed with honours, and two with great distinction; and out of 19 boys 15 passed with honours, and four with great distinction. The value of the Benevolent Institution was shown by the number of candidates they had for admission. For the election in May they had no less than 127 candidates, viz., 46 men and 81 widows, although they had only vacancies for 12 men and 2 widows. The Committee had, however, determined to increase the number of both men and widows to be elected, depending upon the generosity of the brethren to support them. Masonry was frequently charged with being only a social institution; but three such splendid institutions as they possessed was a sufficient answer to such a charge, especially when they considered that last year no less than £49,000 was raised by the brethren for the purposes of those Charities.

Other toasts followed, including "The Health of the Master," proposed by Bro. Janaway, and that of "The W.M. elect," given in eulogistic terms by the W.M., and greeted with full Masonic honours by the brethren. Considerable sympathy has been felt with the lodge in their failure to obtain a centenary certificate. The lodge works under a warrant dated 1762, and it is admitted that since the Union in 1813 there has been continuous working. Unfortunately, however, it so happens that the Vitruvian is one of the old Athol lodges, and, as every one knows who has studied Masonic lore, in the pre-union days the Athol authorities were by no means particularly distinguished for the accuracy of their record keeping. The old Vitruvian, therefore, suffers by the laches of others, and sees younger lodges honoured by the much coveted jewel, whilst "No. 87" is passed over. It is felt by all who have visited the lodge that the rulers of the Craft would do a very graceful act in conceding in this case that which the lodge cannot claim as a right owing to the lapses mentioned, but which their warrant of constitution on the face of it plainly shows they have for the last 23 years been fully entitled to. Matters no doubt would be different if it could be shown that there was any interregnum since the Union, but this is not for a moment alleged. On the contrary, the fact is fully admitted, and if 40 years after its constitution the lodge is found strong and flourishing, surely the assumption, in the absence of positive proof to the contrary, should be that regular working would mark the earlier years of its existence.

**LONDON LODGE (No. 108).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C., on the 14th inst., when there were present Bros. R. A. McCall, W.M.; J. Edell, S.W.; C. J. Tayleur, J.W.; Raynham W. Stewart, P.M., P.G.D., Treas.; D. R. Philipe, P.M., Sec.; D. Rolls, P.M.; Green, P.M.; Holloway, P.M.; McSweeney, S.D.; Berkeley, J.D.; and others. The following visitors were present: Bros. Dr. Ramsay, P.G.W. Middx.; L. Ruf, P.M. 12; Charles, P.M. 19; Sorrell, P.M. 176, W.M. 1260; I. W. Eastgate, P.M. 1563; J. C. Ward, 2030; W. P. Brown, P.M. 90; H. McCall, 66; and J. E. Shand, P.M., Sec. 1563 and 2030.

The only business was to install Bro. J. Edell, which was accomplished very ably by Bro. R. A. McCall, the outgoing W.M. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. McCall, I.P.M.; Tayleur, S.W.; McSweeney, J.W.; Stewart, Treas.; Philipe, Sec.; Berkeley, S.D.; and Marsh, Tyler. The W.M., in felicitous terms, presented Bro. McCall with a P.M.'s jewel, after which the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet.

The W.M. submitted the usual loyal and Masonic toasts with his accustomed geniality, especially referring to his gaining the chair of so old a lodge—a centenary—as the London, 108. Bros. Eastgate, Ramsay, D. Rolls, and the W.M. sang some capital songs, and with the Tyler's toast brought a very happy and auspicious meeting to a close.

Bro. Painter, who served the banquet in the proverbial style of this old establishment, is now rebuilding the same, at an outlay of about £30,000, to adopt it to modern requirements, Masonic and otherwise.

**TRANQUILLITY LODGE (No. 185).**—Among the laudable aspirations of the zealous Freemason there is none which approaches the desire of attaining to the Master's chair, and to being invested with the distinguishing badge, which is "the highest honour it is in the power of the lodge to bestow on any of its members." This salutary ambition, together with his eventual introduction to a Board of Installed Masters, of which he is about to be admitted, as a component part, is a sure means of inducing a feeling of very pardonable pride in having secured the good will and confidence of the members of his lodge, by whose suffrages he is being placed in so enviable and exalted a position. A Board of Installed Masters is a unique assembly, being composed not only of Past Masters of the lodge where the ceremony is about to be performed, but very frequently of Past and Present Grand Officers and visiting Masters, and Past Masters of sister lodges, and the brother in whose honour they had gathered can scarcely fail to be impressed and gratified, and be filled with the warmest resolve that his future exertions in the cause of the Craft should render him at least, in some measure, worthy of the distinction it has been his good fortune to attain. Reflections similar to these have no doubt on many occasions occurred to those privileged to witness the important, solemn ceremony of installation, and more especially when performed with due regard to every detail, as was the case at the above lodge, which met on Monday, the 16th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C. The retiring Master, Bro. S. Barnett, who at a former part of the evening initiated Messrs. Stanley Bamberger, Van Gelder, and A. Marks, with his usual proficiency, outdid his previous efforts, and by his deliberate address and elocutionary abilities secured for himself the hearty and enthusiastic approval of all present. The newly-installed W.M., Bro. Sydney Boas, commenced his duties by appointing the following as his officers, viz.: Bros. S. Barnett, I.P.M.; H. Peartree, S.W.; H. Tipper, J.W.; W. D. Bayley, P.M., Treas.; A. J. Myers, Sec.; A. Marks, S.D.; J. M. Levy, J.D.; R. Bloomfield, jun., I.G.; J. D. Barnett, P.M., Org.; Thomson, Stwd.; Eiseuman, D.C.; and Potter, Tyler.

A very handsome P.M.'s jewel, 18-carat gold, set with a valuable diamond (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning) the gift of the lodge, was presented to the retiring W.M. for his valuable services during his term of office.

After an excellent and well arranged banquet, under the superintendence of Bro. Silver, the usual toasts were proceeded with. It is needless to say that the loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and received with accustomed cordiality, the newly installed W.M., who it appears had never before an opportunity of presiding at any public gathering, doing this part of his duties in an undeniably creditable manner.

Replying to the toast of "The Visitors," Bro. Valentine, W.M. 1017, disclaimed any personal merit as the cause of the cordiality with which his name was received, but ascribed it to the spirit of sympathy between the sister lodges towards each other. He would be failing in his duty were he to forget to express his approval and admiration of the manner in which the work of the lodge was accomplished, and also to declare his gratitude for the fraternal way in which the visitors were received. Everybody knew the saying that "gratitude meant a lively sense of favours to come," but he could assure them that no such cynical spirit influenced him in what he had said.

Bro. J. Rensworth, S.D. 1728, said his visits to this lodge, through the kindness of Bro. T. W. C. Bush, P.M., had been so frequent, and his sentiments regarding it had so often been reiterated, that he feared his remarks would only be a repetition of what he had expressed on former occasions. He had had opportunities of witnessing the progress of many of the officers, when step by step they ultimately arrived at the highest points. It was not at all surprising that a lodge where the best abilities are exerted in every portion of the work should become prosperous and influential.

Bro. Dr. Harron, P.M. Pilgrim Lodge, said that after the speeches already made by some of the visitors he would have hesitated to make any remarks, were it not that he belonged to a lodge occupying an exceptional position in the Craft. The Pilgrim Lodge, 238, was the only lodge on the register under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England which was permitted to work the ritual in a foreign tongue. The German language was used. The lodge [was] founded in 1779, and therefore reached a century of its existence in 1879. There are some slight divergencies in the work, and he would be happy to meet as many of them at the lodge as could make it convenient to visit it, that they might be able to note in what the difference existed. He was exceedingly gratified to be able to compliment the lodge in regard to the efficiency of its officers, and altogether the whole proceedings had a tendency to create a feeling of wishing to come again.

The I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," thought that under his guidance the duties appertaining to the chair would be creditably fulfilled, and the W.M. in reply expressed his thanks to the brethren for the cordiality with which his name was received. He would ask them to bear with him in his endeavours, and pardon his shortcomings, but, relying on their assistance and co-operation, he trusted to prove himself not unworthy of their confidence.

The I.P.M., Bro. S. Barnett, in response, said that in the performance of his duties it was not nervousness but anxiety to prevent disappointment. But he had always felt that the brethren were "to his faults a little

blind, and to his failings so very kind," which encouraged him in his work, and the assurance of their approval was all he aimed at. He would take the opportunity of again expressing his heartfelt gratitude for the very handsome jewel presented to him, and the kindness evinced towards him would never be effaced from his memory.

The W.M. next proposed "The Prosperity of the Benevolent Fund," coupling with it the name of Bro. Morris Hart, the oldest P.M. of the lodge, who, during a forcible and telling appeal on behalf of the fund, pointed to the excellent effects which had resulted from the timely application of its benefits, and in particular to the fact that in one case it was deemed neither injudicious nor unjust to grant the sum of £200 to one individual brother. It did not transpire how the appeal was met, but, to judge from the generous disposition of Tranquillity members, there is no doubt of a considerable increase to the fund, which now consists of £600 India Four per Cents. and £100 Scinde Railway, against which, however, a balance of £90 to the Treasurer has to be considered.

There was an amiable rivalry between Bros. Bush, P.M., and Staley, P.M., inasmuch as, in giving "The Health of the P.M.'s," the name of Bro. Bush was first mentioned. Bro. Staley, however, briefly responded, and Bro. Bush, who seems to have required the trick of accomplishing the to so many people difficult feat of making an acceptable after-dinner speech, reviewed at some length several phases and experiences he had gathered during his Masonic career. He was pleased with the progress made by the younger members in their official duties, especially with the position of Bro. Peartree, a name never to be forgotten in the lodge; the former bearer of it, by his services, had endeared himself to every member of the lodge. No doubt some faults might be pointed at; but "If from them some errors fall, look in their faces, you'll forgive them all."

The toast of "The Officers" having been proposed and replied to, the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

The musical arrangements were most ably conducted by Bro. Harry Tipper, J.W., chief of the Royal Criterion glee singers, assisted by Bro. Fletcher, and Messrs. James, Wise, and Doyle.

The visitors were Bros. M. Benjamin, 733; E. Walford, S.D. 905; D. H. Jones, P.M. 1694; D. W. Morrison, Sec. 1981; G. Gardner, S.W. 2012; E. Kopf, D.C. 59; C. Colman, 1835; N. P. Valentine, W.M. 1017; T. H. Wilson, W.M. 194; J. Gershen, 1798; Sampson Samuel, 1017; P. B. Harris, 177; J. Rensworth, S.D. 1728; J. P. Cohen, P.M. 205; J. Thompson, 733; B. Maningtree, 342; J. Bedford, 1671; D. Carrie, 1017; J. Maning, 177; B. S. Woolf, 72; Discon, 2012; E. W. Bailey, 2012; D. King, 1445; J. G. Baker, P.M. 753; C. W. Fletcher, 2029; C. Harris, 238; Lazarus, P.M., P.P. G.W. Wiltshire; Alexander, 1614; and Dr. Harron, P.M. The Past Masters were Bros. M. Hart, B. Z. Bloomfield, N. Moss, J. D. Barnett, Org.; Croker, Harfield, Defries, N. Gluckstein, and E. Gottheil.

**LODGE OF FRIENDSHIP (No. 206)**—The first regular meeting of the above old and well-established lodge, since the installation, was held on the 12th inst., at Bros. C. and A. Painter's comfortable hostelry, the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street. Lodge was opened by Bro. J. L. Anderson, W.M., who was assisted by the under-mentioned officers and brethren: Bros. Wm. Gowland, S.W.; W. H. Arber, J.W.; C. Thos. Scrivener, P.M., Treas.; A. R. Rumsey, P.M., Sec.; J. M. Rooney, S.D.; A. Britton, J.D.; Wm. Steel, I.G.; E. H. Marquis, Stwd.; S. Gamman, P.M.; H. M. Collier, P.M.; F. Squirrel, P.M.; and C. D. Moore. Visitors: Bros. E. Clements, I.P.M. 1816; G. H. Stephens, W.M. 1623; and others.

Bro. C. D. Moore, who was initiated at the last lodge meeting, was in attendance, and, having been duly tested, was entrusted and passed to the degree of F.C. by Bro. Anderson, whose initial working proved highly satisfactory. The exercise of that virtue which so strongly characterises our ancient Craft, occupied some considerable time, and we are glad to learn that Bro. Anderson intends to signalize his year of office by standing Steward at the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and that he is already being supported by the lodge and the brethren individually.

Lodge being closed, the brethren passed a social hour together in truly social harmony. The usual loyal and Craft toasts being duly honoured, but the proceedings being free from formality, rendered this, practically an "off-night," a truly enjoyable occasion.

**CITY OF LONDON LODGE (No. 901).**—A meeting of the above lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, on Monday, the 16th inst., when Bros. H. McClelland, W.M.; David Hughes, I.P.M.; H. Harbord, S.W.; D. Hughes, J.W.; Chas. Beaumont, P.M., Sec.; John Hughes, P.M., Treas.; R. P. Stevens, S.D.; J. Hoddinott, J.D.; R. Clinch, D.C.; Hand, Org.; Haylock, Prince, and Rubardt, Stwds.; J. Woodstock, Tyler; G. A. Cundy, P.M.; Newman, Finnister, Pearce, Gross, E. Venner, Gillard, Eade, Taylor, Derry, Clarke, Vale, Follett, and Watkins. Visitor: Bro. J. Bladon, 1839.

The minutes of the installation meeting were read and confirmed. The new bye-laws received final confirmation. The ballot was taken and proved unanimous in favour of Bro. H. Burnell, 1343, as a joining member, also of Mr. Parsons as an initiate. Mr. Parsons being present, was then initiated, and Bro. Pearce received the degree of F.C. The W.M. reminded the members that the Festival of the Benevolent Institution, at which he should represent the lodge as Steward, would take place during the ensuing week, and that he should be glad to receive the names of any subscribers who had not already placed their names on his list. Bro. Johnson, of the Finsbury Lodge, was proposed as a joining member, and the lodge was closed in due form. The brethren then adjourned to dinner, at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were gracefully given and responded to.

**ST. JOHN'S LODGE (No. 1306).**—The regular meeting of the above lodge was held at the Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, on Wednesday, the 11th inst. Bro. J. P.

T. Couture, W.M., was supported by Bros. A. G. Clements, S.W.; G. T. Holdom, J.W.; W. Beck, P.M., Treas.; W. O. Swetman, Sec.; J. G. Twinn, S.D.; J. Loftus, I.G.; J. Magrath, P.M., D.C.; J. Oxley and J. Sommers, Stwds.; T. J. Tyler, P.M.; T. Wooding, and other members of the lodge. Visitors: A. Peterken, W.M. 1805, P.M. 1349; F. H. Dale, 1278; R. Hirst, D.C. 1421; G. H. Stephens, W.M. 1623; and others.

The business before the lodge, and which was done, included the initiation of Mr. J. R. Halcrow into the Order, performed by the W.M., and the raising of two brethren to the Sublime Degree, worked by Bro. T. J. Tyler, I.P.M. Considerable time was devoted to the discussion of several matters of lodge interest, and at rather an advanced hour the lodge was closed.

Subsequently supper was partaken of, and was served in a very nice and satisfactory manner, after which a few toasts were briefly given, and harmony prevailed. Among those who contributed thereto were Bros. W. Beck, P.M., H. J. Hirst, A. Peterken, G. T. Holdom, and others, and a very pleasant evening passed rapidly away, the brethren separating in good time.

**GRANITE LODGE (No. 1328).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday, the 14th inst. Bro. Frank Swain, W.M., presided, and raised Bro. George Wheeler to the Third Degree, passed Bro. V. I. R. Longman to the Second Degree, and initiated Mr. Charles Edwin Layton. Bro. Swain afterwards installed Bro. Thomas Wilson, S.W. and W.M. elect, as W.M. of the lodge. The following brethren were appointed to office: Bros. T. Wilson, W.M.; Algernon Mount, S.W.; Robt. Masefield, J.W.; Fredk. West, P.M., Treas.; J. Lewis Thomas, P.M., Sec.; W. T. Tonkin, S.D.; Dr. J. W. J. Oswald, I.D.; Geo. Lansdown, I.G.; R. White, D.C.; H. I. J. K. Hardcastle, Stwd.; Andrew Edwards, Asst. Stwd.; and Woodstock, Tyler.

The whole of the work was done by the outgoing Master in splendid style, and the new W.M. also exhibited his proficiency in Masonry by investing his officers with the usual ritual. An elegant P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Swain. Bro. J. Lewis Thomas, Secretary, announced the death of the oldest P.M. of the lodge, Bro. Sendy, and thereupon a vote of condolence with the late brother's widow and family was passed, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes. Several letters of apology and regret for inability to attend were read, and the lodge was thereafter closed. The brethren then adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant to banquet.

The P.M.'s present were Bros. J. O. Gardner, J. Oliver, R. Payne, B. Turner, F. West, J. Lewis Thomas, J. W. J. Oswald, R. C. Mount, F. Kirk, and C. A. Cottebrune; and among the visitors were Bros. Col. Peters, P.G.S.B.; F. A. Philbrick, O.C.; G. Reg.; R. Beevers, 57, P.P.G.S. of W. N.E. Yorkshire; G. Davis, P.M. 167; C. F. Hogard, P.M. and Sec. 205, P.P.G.S. of W. Essex; W. H. Jackson, P.M. 1745; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; Chas. Belton, W.M. 165; Wainwright, P.M. 933; Bundy, W.M. 46; Foakes, I.P.M. 1891; Egan, P.M. 858; Stedman, P.M. 1765; Young, S.W. 1745; Simpson, J.W. 1745; Bolding, 91; Peace, 507; Burne, S.W. 162; Clant, 1507; Hunt, 2021; Carliell, S.D. 1592; Weist, P.M. 753; F. W. Chamberlain, 1608; Oliver, 1509; Purchas Hughes, 145; Palmer Jones, 190; Park, 511; Cambridge, P.G.O. Surrey; and Hoyter, 1706.

When the toasts were proposed, Bro. F. A. Philbrick, G. Reg., responded for "The Grand Officers," and said that the duties which attached to the holders of Grand office, and in particular to some of the more exalted of them, such as the Pro G.M. and the Deputy G.M., were duties which not only made great demands upon their time, but which could only be discharged by the most unswerving fidelity, by the most unremitting attention, by the deepest love for the great Craft of which they were for the time being the ministers; and having seen for himself, not once, but often, the manner in which those distinguished noblemen who occupied the positions to which he had referred left the cares of State and the duties which they could ill afford to leave in order to look after the great interests of the Craft, he felt that the brethren's recognition of the debt of gratitude they owed to those Grand Officers was but a due recognition, and that the feeling in which they were justly held by the Craft was a well-merited feeling, and amply deserved by those distinguished men. Having said this much for the Grand Officers, he must congratulate the W.M. of the Granite Lodge upon his installation into office. He must also congratulate the lodge on the position it held, and the progress it made. He saw rising in answer to this toast, as members of this lodge, three distinguished brethren—Bros. J. Lewis Thomas, C. A. Cottebrune, and F. West—who had been honoured in Grand Lodge. That was a matter on which he might fairly congratulate the lodge. He had the pleasure not merely to congratulate the lodge upon numbers, because they knew perfectly well that numbers without quality did not always mean success. Masonry now had a position which rendered the saying true that it was an honour to any man to be enrolled in the Craft. They could not be too careful whom they admitted. Let the voice of good report be really and distinctly heard in their favour, and as long as that was so the great body of Masonry would increase in quality, and its prosperity would be a prosperity founded on solid grounds. He was glad to be able to congratulate the W.M. and the lodge, not only upon its newest recruit, which showed that the lodge was extending, but upon the P.M. who had gone through the chair, who had performed all the ceremonies that evening in a manner which had he supposed been expected, but which had delighted all who had the privilege of hearing it. Long might the career of the lodge be prosperous; long might the work of Masonry be rendered as it had been rendered that evening; long might the lodge be harmonious and united, and this was the wish of the Grand Officers for whom he had the honour to respond.

Bro. Swain, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," and said the lodge was to be congratulated on having such a W.M. as its head, and also because the W.M. was an old friend of his, both in and out of lodge. He knew him to be a good man and true, a thorough Mason, a perfect worker. The brethren had seen the way he had gone through the minor offices till at last he had arrived at the office he now occupied.

The toast having been heartily drunk, the W.M., in reply, said he should always endeavour to carry out the

duties of the chair to the best of his ability during his year of office. It was now ten or eleven years since he was initiated by Bro. Sendy, of whose death they had been sorry to hear, and to whose widow and family they had passed a vote of condolence. He trusted that when he handed to his successor the charter of the lodge it would be found not to have lost any of its former lustre.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Initiate," and said the lodge had undoubtedly obtained that evening a most excellent initiate, who would make a splendid Mason. He had gone through the ceremony in a most admirable manner as far as he knew it, and he showed signs of becoming a capital Freemason.

Bro. Layton, in reply, said he could only express his great gratification with the kind way in which he had been received by the brethren. Of course he had been under some misapprehension as to the mysteries which he had had to pass through. He could only say he had been very much in the dark with respect to them. However, he had to extend his thanks to those who assisted him in his difficulties, and he trusted that having been elected a member of the lodge he might never do anything which would in any way detract from the reputation the lodge seemed to have attained to. He assured the brethren that he would in every way endeavour to promote the interests of the lodge.

Bro. Lieut.-Col. Peters, P.G. Swd. Br., in replying to the toast of "The Visitors," said all the brethren knew the Granite Lodge was noted for its hospitality, and this had been amply exemplified that evening. If the brethren had not had all they desired it was entirely their own fault. He had more than once been a visitor to the lodge by the kind invitation of Bro. Thomas, the Secretary, and it was always a pleasure to come because he met so many of his old friends in Masonry. The lodge progressed in every possible manner. Having been honoured with the purple, he had frequently heard the ceremonies admirably worked, but he had never seen them performed better than they had been that evening by the I.P.M.

To the toast of "The P.M.s," Bro. Swain was the first to respond, and in doing so, said he had not been a P.M. many hours, but what he had seen of the P.M.s. led him to say he had been received by them with open arms, and they appeared to be a capital lot of fellows. He could assure the brethren the P.M.s. would continue to have the interests of the Granite Lodge at heart, and if the W.M. wanted any assistance from them he would be sure to have it.

Bro. Gardner, P.M., also replied. The position he now held was that he had got down to the bottom of the ladder as P.M., and he was very proud to be in the position, because he knew it was a position he had worked for, and it was one to be proud of. He had gone through every office in the lodge, and among the offices that of Wine Steward. He had found the P.M.'s an excellent lot of brethren, and he was proud to be among them, and to have seen that night his twin brother in Masonry installed in the chair. They were initiated, passed, and raised together, and he now saw Bro. Wilson placed in the position that he (Bro. Gardner) was placed in two years ago.

To the toast of "Treasurer and Secretary," Bro. F. West, P.M., Treas., first responded. He very much appreciated the honour that had been conferred upon him by his election again to this responsible office. It was some little gratification to find that year by year they called upon him to resume duties he had endeavoured to fulfil to their satisfaction in years gone by. He then dwelt on the success and prosperity of the lodge, which had been maintained at the same time that all the wishes of the brethren had been met. Some men might perhaps criticise the large amount of expenditure on banquets, but they must look at the number of members who supported the Master upon all occasions, there not having been less than 30 or 40 present on ordinary nights. It was impossible to meet five times a year without some expense. The lodge was not extravagant, but still it treated its guests with fair consideration, and the members enjoyed themselves. Perhaps it would surprise the brethren that the expense per head per dinner, including Bro. Thomas's cigars, was 11s. 6d. Still, all the brethren thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and they had very good dinners. Bro. Thomas arranged all these things, and with such a Secretary he (Bro. West), as Treasurer, as long as the lodge entrusted him with the important office, would endeavour to keep up the dignity and high importance of the lodge with the funds at the disposal of the lodge, without infringing on the normal balance in the hands of the Treasurer.

Bro. James Lewis Thomas responded as Secretary, and complimented Bro. West on his financial ability. The lodge might congratulate itself on the fact that the Treasurer and Secretary thoroughly understood how to manipulate the accounts, so as to make them pleasant to all the members. There was a balance of £80 or £100, which was a great fact for the Treasurer to be proud of. The brethren did not want anything of the kind from him (Bro. Thomas); all they wanted from him was to know what was the progress of the lodge, in another sense, how many initiates they had had, and how many they might expect during the coming year. They had had a great many last year, and they were all good men and true, such as they could welcome in a lodge of that reputation. To-night they had a very excellent initiate, one who would be found to be a very worthy member, and who it was to be hoped would go up to the chair. The history of the lodge was like that of most other lodges. It had had its vicissitudes, but it ranked with nearly the first lodges of its age in London. There were many very, very old lodges existing, of which the Treasurer was a member, which could not boast of greater success; but for lodges of the same age as the Granite, there were few which had shown such extraordinary vitality and force as the Granite Lodge.

The other toasts were also honoured before the brethren separated. The following is the programme of music performed by Bro. Stedman's Choir Boys, Mr. Courtice Pounds, Bro. Franklin Clive, and Bro. Warren Tear, under the direction of Bro. Stedman, 12, Berners-street; "National Anthem," solo, Master Reg. Margetson; Song, "The Bedouin Love Song," Bro. Franklin Clive; Glee, "The Chough and Crow"; Song, "Come into the Garden, Maud," Mr. Courtice Pounds; Duet, "I would that my love," Bro. Stedman's Choir Boys; Song, "The Old Song and the New," Master Reg. Margetson; Quartet, "Night, lovely Night," Song, "In cellar cool," Bro. Franklin Clive; Duet, "The Angel," Bro. Stedman's Choir Boys; Song, "Afterwards," Mr. Courtice Pounds; and Finale, "Good-night."

**ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, on Thursday, the 12th inst., and was numerously attended both by the members and their friends, the latter being fully 40 strong, and including such representative Craftsmen as Bro. Binckes, P.C. Stwd., Secretary of the Boys' School, and Bro. J. L. Mather, who rendered important service in connection with the principal event of the evening. Bro. Henry Cox presided at the opening of the lodge and after the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the previous lodge, proceeded to install as his successor in the chair of K.S., Bro. A. C. Halestrap, S.W., W.M. elect. This function, in which he was very ably assisted by Bro. J. L. Mather, Bro. Cox discharged most admirably, and the usual salutations and greetings having been tendered, Bro. Halestrap appointed and invested the following as his officers for the year, namely, Bros. Hy. Cox, I.P.M.; W. Shurmur, S.W.; Thos. Hunt, J.W.; E. Bowyer, P.G.S.B., Treas.; D. P. Holmes, P.M., Sec.; J. H. Thompson, S.D.; J. Petch, I.G.; Scarlett, Organist; H. Hunt, D.C.; S. Napper, Steward.

Lodge having been closed, the brethren to the number of about 80, adjourned to the billiard-room, where Bro. J. Baker, who is a member of the lodge, had ready for them a banquet, worthy alike of his skill as a caterer and the ancient reputation of his hostelry. Here a most agreeable evening was spent, capital speeches, interspersed with some excellent music, vocal and instrumental, being the order of the proceedings after the cloth had been removed. A detailed account of this part of the celebration is unnecessary. Suffice it to say that the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, that of "The I.P.M. and W.M." were materially complimentary as regards each others undoubted merits; that the welcome previously extended to the visitors was confirmed by the W.M. on behalf of the lodge and acknowledged by sundry brethren, that Bro. Binckes made one of his accustomed powerful appeals on behalf of our Institutions; and last but not least, that Bro. Collins, of the Kingsland Lodge, presided very efficiently at the piano. Nor did the evening close without affording some tangible evidence of the value of our Masonic gatherings, for the W.M. having expressed his willingness to undertake the duties of Steward at the coming Festival of the Boys' School was able to announce a very satisfactory list of promised contributions amounting to about £80. We congratulate Bro. Halestrap on the auspicious beginning of his career as W.M., and trust that he and his brother members of the Islington Lodge will accept our "Hearty good wishes" for the coming year.

**COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).**—The usual meeting of this progressive lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on the 10th inst., when there were present Bros. John Jacobs, W.M.; H. W. Kedgley, S.W.; T. A. Dickson, J.W.; Edw. Jacobs, P.M., Treas.; Wm. Bourne, P.M., Sec.; G. Stacey, P.M., Org.; B. Solomons, S.D.; Bassett, J.D.; G. Reynolds, I.G.; S. Jacobs, P.M., W.S.; G. Howard, A.W.S.; Thorpe, D.C.; R. F. Potter, Tyler; G. Coleman, P.M.; C. Kedgley, P.M.; C. Ralph, T. Snow, G. Foan, J. Napper, A. Bryan, Frank Gulliford, J. Ripley, W. Unwin, J. Woodward, S. Hewitt, W. W. Cousins, J. Alexander, H. Moore, G. Holditch, A. Packham, W. Belham, A. Freeman, J. C. Bond, Turner Wilson, S. Isaacs, L. Goldsmid, J. Jacobs, G. Mills, W. A. Dowling, and G. H. Reynolds. Visitors: Bros. H. Hyams, 1348; A. Kirk, 1681; Wm. Rorts, 1273; F. Redman, 72; E. Isaacs, 1516; T. Butt, P.M. 700; F. Baxter, 1614; S. Jacobs, late of 1614; and J. Daniels, 333.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for the following gentlemen: Messrs. E. M. Carter, A. A. Jacobs, Lambert Goldsmid, Thomas Wilson, and Edward Mills. The candidates were informed that they had been unanimously elected. Bro. G. H. Foan was then raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. The candidates above-named—five—were afterwards duly initiated, the W.M. performing his duties in a very clear and distinct manner. The W.M. having received the "Hearty good wishes" of the visitors, the lodge was closed in ancient form with peace and harmony.

The brethren adjourned to the Victoria Hall, where the banquet was served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Bertini, of Messrs. Spiers and Pond. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts,

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. G. Coleman, I.P.M., who said all knew the reason of the toast. The able manner in which the W.M. had done his work that evening showed that the Covent Garden Lodge had chosen a good Master. He had begun well, and had had plenty of work to do. They must wish him every success with health.

The W.M., in reply, thanked the brethren for the hearty manner in which his health had been drunk. The character that had been given him was most satisfactory, but flattering. He pledged himself to do all he could for the good of the lodge, and trusted he would be enabled to give the brethren great satisfaction.

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Initiates," said it was a great pleasure to have so many that evening. He wished them well, and that they would become a credit to the Craft.

The Initiates made suitable replies, and expressed themselves anxious to become good and useful members of the Craft.

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Visitors," said that the Covent Garden Lodge always tried to give them a hearty welcome, and make them happy. He trusted they had had a pleasant and enjoyable evening.

Bro. Butt, P.M., in replying for the visitors, said he felt sure that all had spent an instructive and pleasant evening. He could truly say that he had never seen such good working by a new W.M.

The W.M., in proposing the toast of "The Past Masters," said he must thank them heartily for the gallant manner in which they had rallied round him that evening, being the first time of his occupying the chair; but he greatly regretted the absence of one familiar face—that of Bro. W. H. Gulliford—whose geniality and brotherly interest was much missed. He had much pleasure in saying the P.M.'s were always willing to do their best for the benefit and interest of the lodge.

Bro. G. Coleman, I.P.M., said the P.M.'s had given him the honour, being the youngest, of returning thanks for

them, and he acknowledged all that had been said in their favour with gratitude. The work that had been done by the W.M. that evening was all that they could wish, and any assistance the P.M.'s could give to the lodge would be done with pleasure.

The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Officers," and said they had done their work most creditably and to his satisfaction. He felt delighted that he had been so well supported.

Bro. H. W. Kedgley, S.W., in replying for the officers, hoped that at the end of the W.M.'s year of office he would be able to give a good account of them. He could safely say they would do all in their power to support their W.M.

The Tyler's toast brought to a conclusion a most enjoyable evening, which the initiates had fully appreciated.

Bros. J. Moore, W. Bourne, P.M. (Initiate's Song), F. Gulliford, Butt, Wilson, and Woodward enlivened the evening with songs and recitations.

**COBORN LODGE (No. 1804).**—The installation meeting of this young but flourishing lodge took place at Bow on Thursday, the 12th inst., when the W.M., Bro. Logan, was supported by a goodly array of members and visitors. Amongst those present were Bros. J. T. Robey, S.W., W.M. elect; C. J. R. Tjouw, J.W.; W. Clarke, P.G.P.; P. Edinger, Treas.; C. Brown, P.M.; F. J. Hunt, P.M.; Souch, S.D.; Johnson, J.D.; Laurence, D.C.; Ellerton, Org.; Wheatley, I.G.; Erlam, Stwd.; and many other members of the lodge. The visitors included Bros. Hancock, W.M. 1716; H. Wildey Wright, P.M. 1827; H. R. Jones, P.M. 1044; J. Taylor, P.M. 753; Huggett, P.M. 1625; L. Potts, P.M. 1716; A. Deason, P.M. 1625; C. Reeve, P.M. 1816; and several other brethren.

The lodge being duly opened, and the formal business cleared off, Bro. W. Clarke, P.G.P., assumed the chair, and installed Bro. J. T. Robey into the chair of K.S. in a most impressive manner, after which the newly-installed W.M. proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows: Bros. C. J. R. Tjouw (for several years Secretary), S.W.; Souch, J.W.; Edinger, P.M. (re-elected), Treas.; F. J. Hunt, P.M., Sec.; E. G. Johnson, S.D.; Wheatley, J.D.; J. A. Ellerton, Org.; C. Laurence, I.G.; C. E. Erlam, D.C.; C. A. Plater, Stwd.; and G. Harrison (re-elected), Tyler.

The sum of 10 guineas was voted to the W.M.'s list for the Benevolent Institution. This lodge is usually enabled to send a Steward to each of the three great Charities, and, judging from the satisfactory report presented by the Auditors, each Institution will have a representative from the lodge at the forthcoming Festivals. A hearty vote of thanks was awarded to the Installing Master, and suitably acknowledged by him.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant to partake of the annual banquet, which was served in the usual *recherché* style of that establishment, and thoroughly appreciated by the W.M. and his guests.

The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W.G.M." having been honoured with the utmost loyalty,

"The Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Officers of Grand Lodge" was given, to which Bro. Wm. Clarke, P.G.P., responded, and urged upon those who were qualified to attend regularly to the duties of Grand Lodge.

"The Health of the W.M." being proposed by Bro. Logan, I.P.M., was received with evident pleasure, and suitably acknowledged.

"The Installing Master" having been submitted, again drew a few remarks from Bro. Clarke, who, in expressing his gratification at attending the lodge and rendering any assistance he was able to give, thanked the brethren for the manner in which they had received the toast. In conclusion he proposed "The Charities," and after reviewing the present position of each, and the urgent need of the personal endeavours of every good and true Mason, Bro. Clarke called upon the members to rally round their W.M. in support of the R.M.B.I., for which he was about to take the Stewardship on behalf of the lodge.

The Worshipful Master replied, and gave "The Visitors," to which Bros. Wildey Wright, P.M. 1827, and H. J. Hancock, W.M. 1716, responded. In submitting "The Past Masters of the Lodge," the W.M. drew attention to the special qualities of each, and on behalf of the lodge presented to Bro. R. Logan, I.P.M., a handsome P.M.'s jewel.

The I.P.M. replied, and Bro. C. J. R. Tjouw, S.W., having responded to the toast of "The Officers," the Tyler's toast was duly honoured and the brethren separated, having spent together a most enjoyable evening.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. J. A. Ellerton, Org., and were carried out, both in the lodge and at the banquet, in his usual impressive manner.

**MANCHESTER.—Caledonian Lodge (No. 204).**—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 11th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street. Amongst those present were Bros. Henry Paulden, W.M.; John Cliffe, S.W.; Samuel Lawton, J.W.; John Roberts, P.M., P.G.D.C., Treas.; Geo. T. Mullock, P.M., Sec.; Samuel Branwell, J.D.; Robert Eldershaw, P.M., D.C.; Jas. Varley, P.P.G. Org., Org.; Thos. Fairrie, P.M.; J. E. Roberts, J. H. Grimshaw, Wilfred Bagnall, Samuel Ayland, H. Guthrie, Rev. Robt. H. Cottam, M.A., B.Sc.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. Samuel Woolley, and being favourable, he was afterwards initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry by Bro. Thos. Fairrie, P.M., who occupied the chair of K.S. by permission of the W.M., and there being no further business, the lodge was closed.

**GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.—Borough Lodge (No. 424).**—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on the 16th inst., for the installation of Bro. J. C. Lawson, S.W., W.M. elect, when there was a good muster of brethren. The lodge was opened by the retiring W.M., Bro. J. W. Courtenay, who was supported amongst others by the following members and visitors: Bros. T. S. Wraith, P.M.; R. W. Cummings, P.M.; Jos. Cook, P.M. 481; R. Whitfield, P.M. 48; John Wood, P.M.

48; J. G. Smith, P.M. 48; H. J. Turnbull, P.M. 80; and B. P. Ord, P.M. 1427. After the W.M. elect had confirmed to the ancient charges he was duly installed in the chair of K.S., by Bro. R. W. Cummins, P.M., who also delivered the charges to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren. The following officers were afterwards invested: Bros. A. P. Anderson, P.M., as I.P.M.; J. E. Reid, S.W.; W. D. Gillies, J.W.; R. W. Cummins, P.M., Treas.; T. S. Wraith, P.M., D.C.; G. Greener, Sec.; T. A. Moffit, S.D.; J. Wainshaw, J.D.; G. N. Patterson, I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; M. D. Davidson, S.S.; H. Nixon, J.S.; and Joshua Curry, Tyler.

There were four propositions for initiations and the W.M. having received the good wishes of the visitors, closed the lodge in good style, assisted by his officers.

The annual festival was held in the Half Moon Hostelry, when between 30 and 40 brethren assembled to partake of the good things provided by Bro. Thomas Pearson in his usual excellent way.

The W.M. proposed the loyal and chief Masonic toasts. Bro. R. Whitfield, P.M., proposed "The P.G. Lodge of Durham," to which Bro. J. Wood, P.P.G.J.W., responded. Bro. H. J. Turnbull toasted "The P.G. Lodge of Northumberland," and Bro. R. W. Cummins, P.M., replied.

Bro. R. Whitfield, P.M., specially requested, placed the toast of the evening before the brethren, and in felicitous terms proposed "The Health of the new W.M., Bro. J. C. Lawson," who replied in a feeling and appreciative manner.

"The Health of the Installing Master" was given by the W.M., and Bro. R. W. Cummins responded.

Bro. B. P. Ord replied for "The Masonic Charities." A very pleasant evening was spent, the toasts being supplemented with songs and harmony from several brethren.

**CHORLEY.—Ellesmere Lodge (No. 730).**—A meeting was held on the 4th inst. at the Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, when there were present Bros. Jos. Barnes, W.M.; Wm. Dorman, S.W.; Thos. Sharples, J.W.; J. M. Kerr, Prov. G.S. of W., Treas.; L. Eccles, Sec.; J. Bradshaw, S.D.; Geo. Tootell, J.D.; Peter Yates, P.M., D.C.; J. Monks and C. Richmond, Stwds.; J. Jolly, Tyler; P.M.'s: Bros. Heald, A. Hall, 1032; J. B. Withnell, and Thomas Forrester, P.P.G.J.D. W. Lanc.; Bros. Dr. Farmer, L. Fairclough, T. F. Jackson, and W. C. P. Grimshaw, Org. Visitors: Bros. T. Ball, P.M. 986; Cottam, 986; and others.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed, and communications read and laid on the table. Bro. L. Fairclough was passed to the Second Degree, and Messrs. E. C. Thwaites and H. C. Bourne having been elected, were severally initiated in the usual solemn and impressive style by Bro. P. Yates, P.M. The accounts of the successful Masonic ball, held in the Town Hall on January 7th, were submitted, and stand over for confirmation after audit. A vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Forrester for his handsome gift of a chandelier, which had been fitted in the lodge room at his sole expense, and the lodge was closed in the usual manner, after which the brethren adjourned.

**DERBY.—Aboretum Lodge (No. 731).**—The regular monthly meeting was held at the Masonic Hall on the 11th inst. Present: Bros. C. Webster, W.M.; J. Bland, I.P.M.; James Copestick, S.W.; Edgar Horne, J.W.; W. Whittaker, P.M., Treas.; A. Woodiwi, S.D.; J. Chadwick, J.D.; J. W. Briggs, Sec.; S. Taylor, D. of C.; J. Walker, I.G.; J. Melrose, W. Forman, Stwds.; E. Holden, Tyler; P.M.'s: Bros. G. T. Wright, John Smith, T. R. Gee, J. Brown, A. Frazer, J. Taylor, Thomas Cox, Prov. G. Sec.; and H. Burn; and the following brethren and visitors: Bros. A. Tyler, J. Jones, E. H. Clay, W. Todd, J. Ascott, F. Ball, J. E. Russell, W.M.; C. Hart, I.P.M. 1085; Rev. C. T. Bromwich, Prov. G. Chap.; E. R. Ward, P.M. 253; T. Boam, 253; H. Marsden, 253, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; and others.

Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last lodge were read and confirmed. The first business was to elect the W.M. for the ensuing year, and the ballot resulted in favour of Bro. James Copestick, S.W., who warmly thanked the brethren for the honour conferred upon him. Bro. W. Whittaker, P.M., P.P.G.R., was re-elected Treas.; the election of a Tyler was postponed. Bro. F. G. Sandeman, P.M. 120, Dublin, was elected a joining member. The next business was the initiation of Mr. Alfred Smith, brother of one of the oldest Past Masters, Bro. John Smith, P.P.G.S.W., the work being most ably done by the W.M. Bro. E. Horne, J.W., gave the charge to the initiate in a very careful manner. A candidate for initiation was proposed, and a banquet committee for the anniversary festival appointed. A letter of apology for non-attendance was read from the Chaplain, Bro. Rev. Thos. Orwell. The W.M. having made the usual enquiries and received the "Hearty good wishes" of the visitors lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and the brethren adjourned to the Lower Hall for refreshment. The W.M. taking an early opportunity of going round with his list as Steward for the next festival of the Boys School, to which he obtained a goodly number of subscribers.

The Prov. G. Chaplain having returned thanks, the Worshipful Master gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

Bro. J. Smith, P.M., gave that of "The Prov. G.M., the Marquis of Hartington," who is to preside at the next festival of the Boys' School.

Bro. Horne, sen., proposed "The Deputy Prov. G.M., and Officers of P.G. Lodge," to which Bro. Rev. C. T. Bromwich, P.G. Chap., and Bro. Marsden, P.P.G.S.W., suitably responded.

The toast of "The W.M.," proposed in his usual happy manner by the S.W., was most heartily received and feelingly responded to.

The Worshipful Master taking occasion to sincerely thank all who had aided him through a very successful year of office.

"The Initiate's Health" was proposed by Bro. John Brown, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., in a most feeling speech, which was warmly applauded by the brethren.

Bro. Smith briefly responded.

The toast of "The W.M. Elect" was then given by Bro. J. Bland, I.P.M., P.G.J.D., who warmly congratulated Bro. Copestick on the high office to which he had

attained, hoping he might have as happy and successful year as most of his predecessors had had.

The Worshipful Master elect suitably acknowledged the toast.

Bro. W. Whittaker, P.M., proposed "The Visitors;" to which able responses were made by Bros. J. E. Russell, P.M.; W.M. 1085; E. R. Ward, P.M.; and H. Marsden, P.M. 253. In the course of Bro. Marsden's reply allusion was made to the forthcoming centenary festival of the Tybrian Lodge, at which it was hoped all who could would be present, as it would be attended by many influential brethren from far and near.

The toast of "The P.M.'s" was proposed by the W.M., to which all those present responded. The W.M. proposed "The Officers," to which the S.W. responded, and the Tyler's toast brought a most successful meeting to a close.

**NORWICH.—Sincerity Lodge (No. 943).**—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 27th ult., at the Masonic Club, No. 47, St. Giles-street. The lodge was opened at about 5.30 p.m., and amongst those present were Bros. E. Baldwin, W.M.; W. H. Moss, W.M. elect; G. W. G. Barnard, P.M.; Chas. Thoms, P.M.; P.P.G.S.B.; Rob. Gunn, P.M.; P.G. Tyler; E. Orams, P.M.; P.P.G.J.W.; Geo. Brittain, P.M.; P.P.G.O.; Thos. Ballard, P.M.; H. W. Stacey, P.M.; P.P.G.S.D.; T. W. Muskett, P.M.; P.P.G.S. of W.; J. C. Chittock, P.M.; P.P.G.S.D.; H. J. Mills, G. A. Vullen, W. R. Newark, Jno. Francis, J. A. Mills, A. C. Clubb, W. F. Ransome, Hy. Bennett, P.M. 502, 92; Robt. Butler, W. R. Spowart, G. A. Fuller, Owen Fiske, Harry Hooper and others.

Among the visitors were Bros. the R.W.P.G.M., Lord Suffield, K.C.B.; J. B. Aldis, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., P.G. Sec.; Henry Barwell, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., P.P.G. Sec.; P.G.S.W.; S. M. Mills, 52; J. B. Bridgman, P.M., P.P.G.R.; T. G. Nurse, C. F. Bond, R. F. Ladell, W.M. 93; A. J. Bellemore, 165 (Nova Scotia); C. W. Bacon, P.P.G. Stwd.; G. Rock, 213; E. Nicholls, 358; Henry Rosling, W.M., P.G.P.; Rob. Baldry, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; A. Barnes, J. W. Browne (Freemason) 807; M. J. Bailey, W.M.; Thos. Lord, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; A. Bullard, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. Harper, P.M., P.P.G.P., 1560; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ceremony of the installation of Bro. W. H. Moss was then performed by Bro. E. Baldwin, the retiring W.M., who did it in excellent style, rendering the charges in a most impressive manner. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. E. Baldwin, I.P.M.; W. R. Spowart, S.W.; Jno. Francis, J.W.; Edward Orams, Treas.; Robt. Gunn, Sec.; G. A. Fuller, S.D.; Owen Fiske, J.D.; Chas. Thom, D. of C.; Harry Hooper, I.G.; and J. Morse, Tyler.

The representative of the lodge was then elected to the Charities Committee, and Bro. G. W. G. Barnard was elected to represent the lodge on the Board of Directors of the Masonic Association. "Hearty good wishes" having been given by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to a most *recherché* banquet, the P.G.M. honouring the brethren with his presence. The usual loyal, Masonic, and general toasts were given and duly acknowledged.

We congratulate Bro. E. Baldwin on his successful year of office; a more worthy, zealous, and indefatigable Mason is not to be found in the province. He holds high rank in the Royal Arch Degree, he being P.G.S.E., and devotes an immense amount of time and labour in furthering the interests of Royal Arch Masonry.

We also congratulate Bro. W. H. Moss on his present position, and look forward to his having a successful year of office.

**MANCHESTER.—St. David's Lodge (No. 1147).**—The installation meeting took place on Thursday, the 12th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, when the following brethren were present: Bros. M. Fairweather, W.M.; R. Chadwick, S.W.; Evan Roberts, J.W.; I. Davies, P.M., Treas.; R. Vawson, Sec.; Geo. Kinloch, S.D.; C. Wren, J.D.; J. R. Warwick, I.G.; R. Bacon, I.P.M.; T. Gibson, P.M.; T. Elliott, P.M.; T. R. Peel, P.M.; E. Jones, P.M., P.P.G.T.; E. Williams, P.M.; J. H. Dalglish, J. Hood, J. Taylor, J. Baird, and C. Rowland. Visitors: Bros. J. H. Sillitoe, Prov. G.J.W.; John Chadwick, Prov. G. Secretary; A. Middleton, P.M. 645; C. R. Cresswell, 1458; J. R. Pickup, 993; T. Nightingale, 146; T. C. Olney, Jno. McAdam, 381; G. W. Williams, E. Williams, and R. R. Lisenden, S.W. 317 (Freemason).

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which Bro. J. Taylor was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by the W.M. The ceremony of installation was then commenced, Bro. T. R. Peel, P.M., undertaking the important duties of Installing Master with his well-known correctness. The W.M. elect, Bro. R. Chadwick, after being presented, was, with all due rite and ceremony, inducted into the chair of K.S., and subsequently proclaimed to, and saluted by, the M.M.'s on their re-entrance to the lodge. The following brethren were invested officers for the ensuing year by Bro. Ishmael Davies, P.M.: Bros. Evan Roberts, S.W.; Robt. Vawson, J.W.; Ishmael Davies, P.M., Treas. (invested by Bro. Peel, P.M.); G. Kinloch, Sec.; Christopher Wren, S.D.; J. R. Warwick, J.D.; R. Barlow, P.M., D.C.; T. Elliott, P.M., A.D.C.; C. Rowland, I.G.; and J. Sly, Tyler. Bro. T. R. Peel, P.M., addressed the W.M., and Bro. Ishmael Davies, P.M., the Wardens and brethren. There being no further business, "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

The brethren then proceeded to the Grand Hotel to celebrate the Festival of St. John, at which truly named "Grand Hotel" a most *recherché* banquet was prepared for them, embracing all the delicacies of the season. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

The W.M. proposed "The Queen," "The Prince and Princess of Wales," and "The M.W. Prov. G.M., Col. Starkie."

The S.W. proposed "The Health of the Earl of Carnarvon, and the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

The J.W. proposed "The Health of the V.W. Deputy P.G.M., Bro. Geo. Mellor; and the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," to which Bros. John Chadwick, Prov. G. Secretary, and Ellis Jones, P.P.G.T., responded.

Bro. Mark Fairweather, I.P.M., proposed "The Health

of the W.M.," which was well received and heartily drunk, after which Bro. R. R. Lisenden sang "Here's to his Health;" and the W.M. returned thanks.

Bro. Ellis Jones, P.P.G.T., proposed "The Masonic Charities," which was responded to by the Prov. G. Secretary.

Immediately afterwards the brethren adjourned for coffee, and upon reassembling other toasts were proposed, including "The Visiting Brethren," "Installing Master," "Past Masters," and others, the brethren separating at a rather late hour.

**ALDERSHOT.**—Aldershot Camp Lodge (No. 1331).—The regular meeting of this popular and flourishing lodge was held on the 11th inst., and in the absence of the W.M., Bro. Barlow, the chair was occupied by Bro. Robertson, P.M., who was supported as follows: Bros. Norton, S.W.; Taylor, J.W.; Thompson, J.D.; Cope, I.G.; Capt. Croisdale, P.M., P.G.S.D., Treas.; Noakes, Sec.; and Burns, Tyler. There was a large muster of the brethren, among whom we noticed Bros. Hall, P.M.; Lewis, P.M.; Stone, P.S.W.; Fletcher, P.M.; Hitching, Campbell, Neill, Lapham, Thomas, Miller, Owens, and other well known brethren. The minutes were confirmed, and Bro. Northover having answered the necessary questions satisfactorily, was passed to the Degree of a F.C. Bros. McMahon, Greenwood, and Bond were then examined, and proved themselves efficient candidates for the Third Degree, and after the lodge had been opened in that Degree, they were raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. in the most impressive manner by Bro. Rix, P.M.

Bro. Robertson, P.M., having resumed the chair, said he had now to announce to the brethren that their esteemed brother, Captain Croisdale, was about to leave this country for Hong Kong, China, and he knew he was expressing the feelings of every brother in the district when he said they deeply regretted losing his valuable services. They had all felt they could not allow the pleasing associations of so many years to be broken without some memento on their part, which might serve to call to his mind in that far off country the fraternal love and regard they felt for him. He would therefore ask the oldest P.M. of the lodge to present to their esteemed brother, Capt. Croisdale, the Past Treasurer's jewel, which had been unanimously voted by the lodge.

Bro. Clisam, P.M., said it gave him the greatest possible pleasure to carry out their wishes in decorating the breast of a worthy brother who had always performed the important duties they had requested him at various times to undertake in a manner which had justly earned their respect and approbation; the zeal, courtesy, integrity, and assiduity of their brother, Capt. Croisdale, were too well known to need any eulogy from him; he had, as they well knew, spared neither time nor trouble in promoting the best interests of the lodge. He had by his conduct and judgment fairly earned their gratitude and brotherly affection, and they felt those qualifications could not be more fully acknowledged than by decorating his breast with a jewel, as a mark of their appreciation of his past services.

Bro. Capt. Croisdale, in reply, said that as Freemasons they were taught that "Secrecy" was one of the fundamental principles of the Order, and he must certainly compliment them upon having kept this presentation a profound secret from him. He had seen and conversed with some of the brethren nearly every day, and yet until that moment he had not the slightest idea that the conferring of so great a favour upon him was even contemplated, much more an accomplished fact. He was deeply conscious all this had emanated more from their kindness than from any merits of his own, for which they would please accept his hearty heart-felt thanks. It was most gratifying to him to find that they approved of the manner in which he had endeavoured to carry out his Masonic duties, and he had always met with so much good feeling of fraternal love, that those duties had never been irksome, but, on the contrary, had afforded him a great deal of pleasure. It was always hard to part from those we love, and it was almost needless to say he parted from them with the deepest emotions of regret. He should never cease to remember the kindness they had shown him, and he should carry with him to his latest moments the remembrance of the many happy hours he had spent amongst them, and he hoped, if he were spared to return from Hong Kong, to be associated with them once again, for he could assure them nothing would give him greater pleasure than to resume Masonic duty with his Aldershot brethren.

The lodge then adjourned for refreshment, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were briefly given and responded to. The amount of enthusiasm with which the name of Bro. Capt. Croisdale was received proved how much this well-known brother has endeared himself to all who know him. When he rose to reply the reception was hearty and enthusiastic, and the proceedings closed by the whole of the brethren, about 60 being present, joining hand in hand and singing "Auld lang syne;" and thus terminated a meeting which will be long remembered by the Aldershot brethren.

The jewel was a very handsome one, designed by Bro. G. Kenning, and was much admired for the excellence of the workmanship.

**TWICKENHAM.**—Sir Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1503).—This prosperous lodge met at the Albany Hotel, on the 11th inst., when there were present among others Bros. the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, M.A., P.G. Chap. Middlesex, W.M.; Briggs, P.M., S.W.; T. R. Richnell, J.W.; Rev. L. M. D'Orsey, M.A., P.P.G. Chap. Middlesex, Chap.; W. H. Saunders, P.P.G.D. Middlesex, P.M., Treas.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, I.P.M., Sec.; E. W. Jenkins, J.D.; H. Jenkins, I.G.; W. Taylor, P.M.; R. H. Saunders, P.M.; Cama, P.G.S.B. Middlesex, P.M.; and also Bro. Alleyne, 1408 (Natal), as a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Rev. Spencer Buller, M.A., and Alleyne (Natal), were passed to the Second Degree by the W.M. in a manner that left but little to be desired. The bye laws having been read, a resolution was passed to revise a portion of them. The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual toasts followed.

Bros. Rev. L. M. D'Orsey and W. Taylor responded on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers." "The Health of the W.M." having been warmly received and

responded to, the toast of "The Visitor" followed, and was replied to by Bro. Alleyne. "The Past Masters" was acknowledged by Bro. R. H. Saunders, and "The Treasurer and Secretary" by Bros. W. H. Saunders and Walls. The toast of "The Officers," coupled with the names of Bros. Briggs, Richnell, and E. W. Jenkins, terminated the proceedings.

**BARNSELY.**—Friendly Lodge (No. 1513).—The installation meeting was held, and St. John's Festival celebrated, at the King's Head Hotel, on Thursday, the 5th inst., when Bro. John Nelson Millar, S.W., was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The lodge was opened by Bro. W. R. Massie, I.P.M., who was well supported by the officers, Past Masters, and brethren. There being no ceremonial working the W.M. elect was presented by Bro. Braithwaite, P.M., for the benefit of installation, which ceremony was undertaken and ably rendered by Bro. W. R. Massie, P.M., and Bro. Millar was duly inducted into the chair of K.S. in ancient form. The ancient charges were given by W. Bro. Ensor Drury, P.M., P.P. G.W. West York; and the W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bro. T. W. Embleton, I.P.M.; C. F. Seward, S.W.; B. Smith, J.W.; John Hutchinson, Treas.; A. W. Gration, Secretary; R. D. Parker, S.D.; C. W. Furken, J.D.; E. J. Massie, D. of C.; W. J. Frankland, Org.; Cheaker, I.G.; Senior, Williamson, and Longley, Stewards; and T. Rogers, Tyler.

The brethren afterwards dined together, the W.M. presided, being supported on the right by Bros. Ensor Drury, P.M., P.P.G.W.; J. H. Gration, P.M., Prov. Grand Treas.; and Geo. Newton, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C.; and on the left by Bro. Field, I.P.M. 1462; Beauland, P.M. 1462; Smith, W.M. 1462; W. R. Massie, P.M.; Lowrance, P.M.; Alderson, P.M.; and Braithwaite, P.M.

On the removal of the cloth the usual loyal, Masonic, and patriotic toasts followed that of "The Queen."

"The M.W.G.M. of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and Present and Past Officers," was given from the chair, and received with all honours.

The toast of "The W. Bro. T. W. Tew, Deputy Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire, and Officers and Past Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge" was given by Bro. T. Braithwaite, P.M., and acknowledged by Bros. J. H. Gration, P.M., Prov. Grand Treas.; and Newton, P.M., P.P.G.D. of Cers.

"The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. W. R. Massie, P.M.," was very cordially drunk and responded to.

Other toasts followed, including "The Past Masters of the Friendly Lodge," "The Worshipful Master of the Friendly Lodge," "The Wardens and Officers," and "The Visiting Brethren," and with songs and recitations by some of the best talent in the north, south, east, and west, a very agreeable meeting closed, with the Tyler's toast.

**HAMPTON WICK.**—Wolsey Lodge (No. 1656).—A meeting of the above lodge was held on the 9th inst., at the White Hart Hotel. Among those in attendance were Bros. R. W. Forge, P.G.D.C. Middx., W.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., J.W.; Rev. C. de Crespigny, P.P.G. Chap. Middx., Treas.; T. W. Ockenden, P.P.G.D. Middx., Sec.; Chandler, S.D.; Elphick, I.G.; W. T. Peat, Org.; A. Jobbins, D.C.; J. Featherstone, P.A.G.P. Middx., I.P.M.; Richer, Bonnell, Dare, T. J. Smith, Plamböck, and others. Bro. Mason, 1328, was a visitor. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Potter was raised, Bro. Gentle passed, and Mr. J. J. Williams initiated into Craft mysteries, the three arduous ceremonies being exceedingly well performed by the W.M. The bye-laws having been read, Bro. Forge, W.M., was elected to represent the lodge at the festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and the sum of five guineas was voted from the funds of the lodge to be placed on his list. The audit meeting having been fixed, the election of W.M. for the year ensuing resulted unanimously in favour of Bro. J. Piller. Bro. the Rev. C. de Crespigny was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Gilbert re-elected Tyler. A Past Master's jewel having been unanimously voted to Bro. Forge in recognition of his valuable services as W.M., numerous letters of apology for non-attendance were read. The lodge having been duly closed, the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The usual toasts followed.

**MANSFIELD.**—Forest Lodge (No. 1852).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 9th inst., at the Swan Hotel. Present: Bros. John Hobson, W.M.; John A. Howitt, S.W.; John Harrop White, J.W.; Rev. Thos. W. Dolphin, Chap.; Thos. Savage, Treas.; Geo. G. Bonser, Sec.; W. F. Sanders, S.D.; Jos. Ward, J.D.; A. H. Bonser, Org.; John H. Cash, I.G.; R. F. Vallance and C. B. Beecroft, Stwds.; R. Watkin, Tyler; A. Lawson, P.M., P.P.G.P.; W. Sibley, P.M., P.G.A.P.; G. H. Hibbert, P.M., P.G.S.B.; John Sansom, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; T. Mitchell, P.P.G.D.C.; E. Hind, W.M. 1405; T. Fisher, P.M. 1405; J. Greenwood, C. Scott, Jas. Wearing, J. W. Fisher, D. Williams, W. M. Meggitt, Jno. Humble, T. Sheldermine, C. B. Sanderson, J. Linney, E. Martyn, H. Linney, F. G. Shields, E. H. Hopewell, and C. J. Reynolds.

Visitors: Bros. Ald. Burton (Mayor of Nottingham), Sir James Aldknow, R. Berridge, S. of G.L.; W. Phelps, P.G.R.; T. Mitchell, P.G.S.D.; Jno. Toplis, P.G.J.D.; J. T. Spalding, P.G.A.D.C.; W. Clarke, P.G.S.B.; H. Vickers, W.M. 47; J. Thornley, W.M. 1435; J. Gall, W.M. 1493; Jno. Gray, P.M. 1126; H. J. Norris, P.P. G.D.C.; H. W. Rice, P.M., P.P.A.D.C.; A. F. Rawson, J. H. Mason, F. W. Brooksbank, S. F. Bestow, W. E. Hartshorn, W. J. Massey, H. A. Lynam, Thos. Page, E. W. Field, E. Griffiths, G. T. Alenson, P.M. 1435; W. Santon, P.M. 1040, P.P.G.S.; W. A. Brown, G. W. Dominy, H. Warsop, W. Wharton, 1405; W. Wharton, 47; Jno. Butler, D. Morton, G. H. Hunt, J. L. Bullock, J. E. Whitehead, I.P.M. 1179; F. J. Turner, and Henry Cupit, I.P.M. 1023, P.G.S.B. Derbyshire.

W. Bro. H. J. Hobson, W.M., most impressively performed the ceremony of installing Bro. John A. Howitt as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, and the following were appointed his officers: Bros. A. H. Bonser, S.W.; W. F. Sanders, J.W.; Rev. T. W. Dolphin, Chap.; T. Savage, Treas.; G. G. Bonser, Sec.; J. Ward, S.D.; J. H. Cash, J.D.; J. W. Fisher, Org.; C. B. Beecroft and Jas. Wearing, Stewards; R. F. Vallance, I.G.; T. Fisher, Dir. of Cers.; and R. Watkins, Tyler.

The banquet was held at the Town Hall, served by Miss White, of the Swan Hotel, in an admirable manner, and at which a bacchanalian glee, composed for the occasion by Bro. A. H. Bonser, was sung during the evening.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of the Organist, Bro. A. H. Bonser, and were much appreciated. The solo, "Be thou faithful unto death," was finely rendered.

**LEEDS.**—Prudence Lodge (No. 2069).—The third regular meeting of this recently consecrated lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, on the 14th inst. The lodge was opened at 2.30 p.m. in the presence of the following officers and brethren: Bros. Ald. Woodhouse, P.M., W.M.; Rev. Dr. Smythe, P.M., S.W.; C. L. Mason, P.M., J.W.; Tudor Trevor, P.M., Sec.; Rev. H. S. Butler, Chap.; W. Watson, P.M., S.D.; Rev. J. E. Player, J.D.; S. Scott Young, as I.G.; Abbott, Hayler, E. A. Wade, and Rev. J. Rosser. Visitors: Bros. E. Woodcock, W.M. 304; Jas. Yates, P.M. 304; Rickard, 304; Tomlinson, 1221; Middleton, 996; and Royland, 1345.

The lodge being opened and the minutes confirmed, the W.M. invested Bro. Barrand as Tyler of the lodge. The ballot was severally taken for Mr. John James Fretwell and Mr. Edward Holt, as candidates for Freemasonry, and proved favourable, and they were afterwards duly initiated. Bro. Guy Hayler was regularly passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft. Bros. the Revs. E. A. Wade and James Rosser were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Masons. Bro. Chas. Middleton, 996, was proposed as a joining member.

"Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the brethren and visitors, the lodge was duly closed at 6.15 p.m., when the brethren adjourned to tea in the banqueting-room. Several speakers complimented the Master and Wardens on the good working of the lodge. The meeting was remarkable for the very unusual and heavy amount of work done, which was divided between the Master and the Senior and Junior Wardens.

## INSTRUCTION.

**PROSPERITY LODGE (No. 65).**—A regular meeting of the above lodge was held on the 17th inst. at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, when there were present Bros. Bentley Haynes, W.M.; Saint, S.W.; Haller, J.W.; D. Moss, Preceptor; Todd, S.D.; Ruse, J.D.; H. Haynes, I.G.; Weil, Rich, Pearson, G. H. Stephens, Roberts, P.M., Webb, P.M., Maidwell, P.M., and others.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the ceremony of initiation was worked, Bro. Weil candidate. Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Ruse was tested, and subsequently the ceremony of raising was worked; both ceremonies being very ably worked. Bro. Pearson, 453, was elected a member of the lodge. Bro. Saint was duly elected W.M. for next Tuesday evening. Bro. Rich then assumed the chair for the purpose of presenting a handsomely illuminated vellum, beautifully framed, to Bro. T. J. Maidwell. Bro. Rich explained that the brethren of the lodge had felt it their duty to present some mark of the high esteem in which Bro. Maidwell was held by all who knew him. They had at all times found in him a genial friend during the nine years the lodge had been under his roof, and they hoped for many future years to work together in harmony.

Bro. Maidwell, in reply, reviewed his many years connection with the brethren, which had afforded him gratification as the years rolled by. He thanked them heartily for the kind recognition of his services, and Bro. B. Haynes for having had so handsome a frame added to the gift. All business being at an end, after this graceful act on the part of the brethren, lodge was closed.

**HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).**—A meeting was held on the 16th inst., at the Fountains Abbey Hotel, 111, Praed-street, W., when there were present Bros. J. Laurence, W.M.; D. Stroud, S.W.; J. H. Wood, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; R. P. J. Laundry, S.D.; J. T. Michelburgh, P.M. 1425, J.D.; G. A. Laundry, I.G.; W. J. Mason, Stwd.; J. Webb, P.M., W.M. elect 55; Hyam Aarons, P.M. 1668; F. Chandler, C. J. Morse, M. S. Rodet, M. J. Green, J. Greenway, D. Hart, G. Simpson, H. Moss, P. W. Rogers, and H. Robinson.

The lodge was opened in due form, and after the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Greenway being the candidate. Bro. Webb then, at the request of the W.M., invested the officers. Bro. Stroud was elected W.M. for next meeting. The lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

**WANDERERS LODGE (No. 1604).**—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 18th inst., at Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., when there were present Bros. Ogr, W.M.; Gibson, S.W.; Montague, J.W.; Wray, P.M., Preceptor; Musson, Sec.; Adams, S.D.; Mimms, J.D.; Dexter, I.G.; Weeks, Tyler; Fraser, Wynn, Hayes, Evans, Saunders, Coughlan, Purnell, Somerville, Stewart, and Greenway.

Lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes were confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Greenway being the candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Coughlan, after which Bros. Fraser and Purnell were duly raised to the degree of M.M.'s. The W.M. then resumed the chair, and Bros. Somerville, 1604, and Stewart, 948, were elected members. The S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks having been passed to the W.M. for occupying the chair for the first time, Bro. Wray gave notice of motion for next meeting. There being no further business, lodge was closed in perfect 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 12th inst., when there were present Bros. Frank Gulliford, W.M.; Kedge, S.W.; B. Solomons, J.W.; Laundry, S.D.; Stroud, J.D.; Cumming, I.G.; Fowles, acting as Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Sec.; W. H. Gulliford, J. Skinner, P.M.; J. Woodward, T. A. Dickson, and Weeks.

The lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge opened in the Second Degree; Bro. Fowles worked the First Section of this Lecture. Bro. W. H. Gulliford having offered himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, he was duly questioned, entrusted, and retired. Lodge opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Sublime Degree of M.M. Lodge resumed to the First Degree; Bro. Fowles worked the Second Section of this Lecture. Bro. Kedge, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, being proposed by Bro. Fowles and seconded by Bro. Solomons. The W.M. elect was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. Bro. G. Reynolds, Secretary, informed the brethren, with a good deal of pleasure, that he had that afternoon seen their worthy Preceptor, Bro. W. C. Smith, who was making good progress towards recovery from his late illness. Bro. Smith hoped to be with them on the Thursday evening, the 26th ult. At the last three meetings of the Charitable Association in connection with the lodge of instruction, six ballots have been drawn for Life Subscriptions to the Royal Masonic Institutions, which have been declared in favour of Bros. J. Napper, G. Reynolds, Wilkie Jones, J. Skinner, P.M.; B. Solomons, and Carman, and at the solicitation of Bro. G. Reynolds, Sec., four of them have been given to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Widows of Aged Freemasons.

**UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1789).**—A meeting was held at the Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, on Friday, the 13th inst., when there were present Bros. Wade, P.M.; W.M.; Hayes, S.W.; Glover, J.W.; Boulton, P.M.; Preceptor; P. Caughlan, Sec.; Ray, S.D.; Green, sen., J.D.; Grist, I.G.; Cross, P.M.; Luckhurst, Forcett, Bunce, and Edwards.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Boulton being the candidate. The ceremony of raising was next rehearsed, Bro. Edwards being the candidate. Bro. Cross, P.M. 1194, was unanimously elected a joining member of the lodge, and Bro. Hayes W.M. for the ensuing week. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed with perfect harmony.

**CHISWICK LODGE (No. 1012).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 14th inst., at the Hampshire Hog, King-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. Geo. Gardner, W.M.; U. Wing, S.W.; Wood, J.W.; Gardner, Treas.; A. H. Strong, Sec.; F. Walden, S.D.; H. Perdue, J.D.; Alf. Bishop, I.G.; T. Weeks, Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. E. Ayling, Preceptor; and Johnson. Bros. A. Tilbury, A. Williams, D. Stroud, Gomm, J. Sims, and several others.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. The brethren assisted the Preceptor to work the Sections of the Lecture in that degree. Bro. Tilbury then answered the questions leading to the Third Degree. Bro. Williams offered himself as candidate for the Second Degree, and he having been examined and entrusted the lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. U. Wing, S.W., was unanimously elected to fill the chair of K.S. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers. It was then announced that the first annual supper would be held at the Bolton Hotel, Duke-road, Chiswick, on Saturday, 28th inst., at 7 o'clock precisely. Stewards have been appointed, and this lodge having a lot of talent amongst its members, a pleasant evening will be looked forward to. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry lodge was closed.

## Royal Arch.

**JERUSALEM CHAPTER (No. 185).**—This old chapter met at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on the 10th inst. Among those present were Comps. A. Stewart, M.E.Z.; Ellborn, H.; T. Davis, J.; Davage, P.Z.; S.E.; Harfeld, P.Z.; Treas.; Cleghorn, S.N.; Harris, P.S.; J. Davis, I.P.Z.; Holbrook, P.Z.; Wagner, P.Z.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., P.Z.; N. Moss, P.Z.; and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bros. Richard Kimpton, 1728, and Richard Andrews, and it proving to be unanimous, they were duly exalted to the degree of a R.A.M. in a highly impressive manner by the M.E.Z., assisted by his officers. The election of officers for the year ensuing then took place with the following result: Comps. Ellborn, M.E.Z.; T. Davis, H.; Cleghorn, J.; Davage, P.Z.; S.E.; Harris, S.N.; Staley, P.S.; Harfeld, P.Z.; Treas.; and Parkinson, Janitor. A Past Principal's jewel having been unanimously voted to Comp. A. Stewart, the chapter was closed, and the companions and the companions and their visitors adjourned to the banquet. Among the visitors were Comps. Williams, 657; Carthy, 933; and Collier, 1507. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual toasts followed, and were duly honoured.

**ALDERSHOT.**—Panmure Chapter (No. 723).—The installation convocation of this chapter was held on the 12th inst., and, although scantily attended, was highly interesting from the great ability which was displayed by the officers in working the different portions of the ritual. There was only one candidate for exaltation—Bro. Miller, 723—and he was evidently deeply impressed with the excellence of the work. M.E. Comp. Capt. Croisdale, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S., then proceeded to install the Principals—M.E. Comps. Pomeroy, as Z.; Glasspool, as H.; and Payne, as J.—and the following companions were invested with their collars and jewels of office: M.E. Comps. Eve, as Treas.; Hacker, S.E.; Tozer, S.N.; Stone, P.S.; and Burns, Janitor.

There being no other business the companions adjourned for dinner, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and, in the course of the evening, the M.E.Z. expressed the deep regret which they all felt at losing the services of Comp. Capt. Croisdale; and, in proposing his health, said their esteemed companion had rendered valuable service to the province in general, and to the Aldershot district in particular. His time and attention had been freely given, and he had spared no pains in order to ensure accuracy in the

working of their various ceremonies, whether in the Craft, Royal Arch, or the Mark Degree, and his devotion and solicitude on behalf of his companions and brethren had been beyond all praise and recompense, and expressed a sincere hope that their esteemed companion would be long spared to assist in diffusing the blessings of Freemasonry. They wished him a pleasant voyage to Hong Kong, and hoped when his duties there were completed he would return to his native land in good health, and that they might then once again have the benefit of his services.

M.E. Comp. Capt. Croisdale, P.Z., &c., expressed his hearty acknowledgments for the marked compliment they had paid him. The effect of their kindness would be to stimulate him to renewed exertions in advancing Masonry by every means in his power, and said that if he, in the performance of his duties, had merited their approbation, he was more than amply repaid. He had been proud and pleased to be associated with them for Masonic work, and it had given him a great deal of pleasure to make himself useful. They might rely upon it he should never cease to remember the kindness he had received at the hands of his Aldershot brethren. Though far away, he should often recall the many pleasant hours they had spent together. It was a great comfort for him to know and to realise that, though he was going a long journey, he should at the termination of it receive the hearty clasp, hand-to-hand, of the brethren already located there; for was not their beloved Order universal, and as we give the honest, hearty grip to a brother, be it of whatever nationality it may, we learn to form that fraternal tie which knits heart to heart, and helps us to realise that we are all members of the one Masonic family? Comp. Capt. Croisdale then concluded by expressing a hope the T.T.L.M.G.H. might spare him to return to England, and that he might then find them flourishing, and making the satisfactory progress they were striving for.

The companions shortly afterwards separated in peace, love, and harmony.

**ALDERSHOT.**—Camp Chapter (No. 1331).—The regular convocation of this chapter was held on Monday, the 9th inst., when there were present M.E. Comps. Hall, Z.; Clissham, H.; Lewis, J.; Captain Croisdale, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S. Treas.; Taylor, S.E.; Hitching, S.N.; Robertson, P.S.; Rix, P.Z.; Burns, Janitor; and several other companions. Bro. Blowey, of Craft Lodge 1331, was exalted, and the ceremony was worked with much impressiveness, and with great accuracy and effect. Bro. Captain Croisdale being under orders to proceed to Hong Kong, China, M.E.Z. Hall was requested to act as Treasurer in his stead, pro tem. The following companions were elected to office for the ensuing year: M.E. Comps. Clissham, Z.; Lewis, H.; Robertson, J.; Comps. Hitching, S.N.; Taylor (re-elected), S.E.; Rix, P.Z., P.S.; Hall, Treas.; and Burns, Janitor.

It was unanimously resolved that a P.Z.'s jewel should be presented to M.E. Comp. Hall, for the very able and efficient manner in which he had carried out the duties of Z. during the past year, and that a Past Treasurer's jewel be presented to M.E. Comp. Capt. Croisdale, who is about to proceed to China; as a mark of the esteem of the companions, and as some slight recognition of the unwearied zeal he had shown in the performance of his Masonic duties. A candidate for exaltation having been proposed, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned for refreshment, and an hour or two was spent very pleasantly.

**LIVERPOOL.**—De Grey and Ripon Chapter (No. 1356).—The February convocation of this, one of the most prosperous chapters in the province, was held on Wednesday, the 4th inst., for the installation of Principals and investiture of officers. The chapter having been opened, the following companions were present: Comps. C. Arden, M.E.Z.; A. D. Hesketh, P.Z.; B. B. Marson, P.P.G.A.S., P.Z.; Wm. Sandbrook, H.; J. Williams, S.E.; T. Wright, S.N.; J. Keet, P.S.; J. H. Tyson, A.S.; A. Woolrich, Treas.; D. F. Simms, Councillor E. Paull, B. Hughes, P. T. Buck, A. Thompson, J. R. Roberts, J. Ashley, J. H. Blair, T. Trevitt, J. Pittaway, S. H. Perry, B. Sampson, J. O. Rea, T. W. Williams, J. Jones, G. B. Kirkland, and A. Barclay. Visitors: Comps. H. Williams, P.Z. 580, P.P.G.S.B.; W. E. Coxon, T. H. Walker, W. Savage, J., and J. Williams, all of 292; J. C. Robinson, J. 249 (Freemason), and others.

After the minutes of the previous convocation had been read, the ballot was taken for Bro. R. W. Chatham, 1356, which being favourable, he was introduced and exalted to the Supreme Degree. Comp. A. D. Hesketh, P.Z., then installed Comps. W. Sandbrook, M.E.Z.; J. Williams, H.; and J. Keet, J. The following companions were then invested: Comps. E. Paull, S.E.; T. Trevitt, S.N.; J. H. Tyson, P.S.; T. Wright and T. Ashley, A.S.'s; and A. Woolrich, Treas. At the conclusion of the ceremony, a vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to Comp. Hesketh, P.Z., for the efficient manner he had performed the installation ceremony. A handsome gold P.Z.'s jewel was presented to Comp. C. Arden, who thanked the companions for their present, which he said he highly appreciated as a mark of their esteem.

After the transaction of the usual routine business, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet room, where an excellent repast had been provided by Comp. Casey, the House Steward. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. The companions separated at an early hour, having spent a most enjoyable evening. The jewel was manufactured by Comp. George Kenning, 2, Monument-place, Liverpool.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Israel Chapter (No. 1502).—The companions of this chapter met at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Thursday, the 5th inst., to install principals and invest officers for the ensuing year. There were present Comps. H. A. Tobias, M.E.Z.; S. J. Henochsberg, H.; M. Hart, P.Z., P.G. 1st A.S., acting J.; D. Gabrielsen, S.E.; H. Archer, P.S.; Brotherton, S.E. 241, and others. Comps. H. A. Tobias then correctly installed his successors as follows: Comps. Ralph Robinson, P.P.G.R., M.E.Z.; S. J. Henochsberg, H.; and M. Aronsberg, J. (by proxy). The remaining officers were then invested, Comps. M. Hart, P.G. 1st A.S., Treas. (re-elected); D. Gabrielsen, S.E. (re-elected); H. Archer, P.S. (re-elected); D. Stern and A. Kirkpatrick, A.S.; and P. Ball was re-elected Janitor.

Before the chapter was closed the M.E.Z. presented a handsome P.Z.'s jewel to the retiring M.E.Z., Comp. H. A. Tobias, on behalf of the members. The jewel was manufactured by Comp. George Kenning, of Liverpool and London.

## Mark Masonry.

**NEWBURY.**—Porchester Lodge (No. 27).—The brethren of this lodge assembled at the Temperance Hall, on Friday afternoon, the 13th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Geo. J. Cosburn, Prov. G.M.O., W.M., who was supported by several distinguished Mark Masons from Reading, and all the Past Masters of the lodge. After an advancement ceremony had been gone through, Bro. Margrett, P.M., P.G.D. of Eng., proceeded to install the Senior Warden of the lodge (Bro. E. Head) as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. After which the W.M. appointed and invested his officers, who included Bros. Cosburn, I.P.M.; Stephen Knight, S.W.; Montagu Palmer, J.W.; George Boyer, M.O.; T. W. Graham, S.O.; Alex. Burns, J.O.; Nundy, Sec.; and James Legg, Tyler. The W.M. nominated Bro. J. Bance, P.M., as Treasurer. On the motion of Bro. Cosburn, P.M., seconded by Bro. Lyon, P.M., a vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Bros. Margrett, Pulley, and Hickie, for their able services in connection with the ceremonies of the afternoon. The lodge business, which occupied about two hours, was succeeded by a banquet at the Queen's Hotel, when Bro. Hamlen catered in his usual good style. The newly-installed W.M. presided, and the company also comprised Bros. Pulley, P.M., Prov. G. Sec.; Margrett, P.M., P.G.D. Eng.; Hickie, P.P.G.O.; John Bance, P.M.; G. M. Knight, P.M.; F. H. Lyon, P.M.; G. J. Cosburn, P.M.; S. Knight, J. T. Nundy, T. W. Graham, J. Legg, and others. The customary Mark Masonic toasts were suitably proposed and cordially responded to. Bro. Margrett replied for the Grand Officers, and concluded by proposing "The Health of Past Senior Grand Warden, General Lord Wolseley, and the other brave Masons engaged in the Soudan campaign." The toast was drunk with immense enthusiasm. Bro. Pulley returned thanks for the Provincial Grand Officers. "The Health of the Worshipful Master" was drunk with much cordiality, and Bro. Head suitably acknowledged the compliment. The toast of "The Installing Master" (Bro. Margrett) also met with a hearty reception. Bro. Pulley gave the toast of "The Mark Benevolent Fund," associating with it the name of Bro. Bance, who dwelt upon the great advantages conferred by the means of this fund. The W.M. volunteered his services as Steward at the next Mark Benevolent Festival. To the toast of "The Visiting Brethren" Bro. Hickie responded. Bro. Cosburn gave "The Healths of the Officers of the Porchester Lodge," who severally returned thanks. The toast of "The Past Masters of the Lodge" was given in complimentary terms by Bro. Stephen Knight, and acknowledged by each of the Past Masters present. "The Health of Bro. Nundy" (newly advanced), and "The Tyler's toast" were also drunk. Some excellent songs were well rendered by Bros. Hickie, Pulley, and Legg, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

**BURNLEY.**—Scarlett Lodge (No. 189).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 12th inst., at the Bull Hotel. Present: Bros. Whitaker, W.M.; J. Harrison, S.W.; R. Nelson, P.M. 14, Prov. M.O. West Yorkshire, acting as J.W.; R. W. Waterson, P.M.; J. Bollard, P.M., and J. Sutcliffe, P.M., acting as Overseers; and G. Astwood, I.G.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. P. C. O'Malley, S.W. 126, which being unanimous, he, along with the following brethren, were advanced to the degree of M.M.M., viz.: Bros. Robinson and Thornton, 126; and Carey, P.M. 116.

After the lodge was closed, the usual loyal toasts were proposed.

"The Health of the Newly-Advanced Brethren" was proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bros. O'Malley, Robinson, Thornton, and Carey.

"The Health of Prov. Grand Officers of Lancashire" was responded to by Bros. Waterson, P.P.G.D.C.; Bollard, P.P.G.S.B.; and Sutcliffe, Prov. G.S.B.

"The Visitors" was responded to by Bro. R. Nelson, 14, Prov. G.S.O. West Yorkshire.

## THE CALEDONIAN LODGE BALL, No. 204, MANCHESTER.

A most enjoyable ball, promulgated by the W.M., Bro. Henry Paulden, and officers of this old and respected lodge came off on Wednesday, the 11th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, the company numbering 105. It was quite in accordance with the eternal fitness of things that after such a successful installation meeting, as Bro. Paulden's undoubtedly was, in January last the ball should be equally successful, and judging from the preparations that had been made, at no inconsiderable cost and labour, to ensure comfort and satisfaction for all present, it was a matter for no surprise that the result was as anticipated, a complete success, there not being a single hitch in the arrangements throughout the entire evening. Shortly after eight o'clock the company began to arrive, and by nine o'clock dancing was proceeding in real earnest and continued until 10.30, when the company adjourned to the lodge room for supper, the preparation of which must have been a great strain on Bro. Phillips's resources, but which he nevertheless combated with and thoroughly satisfied the large assemblage. After supper "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Paulden," was proposed in eulogistic terms by Bro. William Bagnall, P.M., and drank with great heartiness by all present. Bro. Martin Thomas's fine voice was heard to advantage in "Here's to his health," the refrain from which was sung by the company with gusto, after which Bro. Paulden responded.

"The Health of the Ladies" was proposed and drank with enthusiasm, Bro. Artingstall responding for the fair sex.

At midnight, dancing was resumed, and carried on until an early hour, every one seeming to have thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Bro. James Varley, P.P.G.O., rendered valuable service at the piano, and Bro. Oliver Gags was heard to advantage on the flute. The following is a list of

the company present: Bro. H. Paulden, W.M., Mrs. and the Misses Paulden (4); Bro. John Cliffe, S.W., and Mrs. Cliffe; Bro. Samuel Lawton, J.W., Mrs. and Miss Lawton; Bro. J. Roberts, P.M., Treas., P.C.D.C., and Mrs. Roberts; Bro. James Ellis Roberts, Mrs. and the Misses Roberts (2); Bro. Robert A. Eldershaw, P.M., D.C., Mrs. Eldershaw, and Miss Watson; Bro. James Varley, P.M., P.P.G. Org.; Bro. Wm. Artingstall, S.D.; Bro. Samuel Bramwell, J.D., and Mrs. Bramwell; Charles Griffin, Mrs. and Miss Griffin, Bro. Wm. Bagnall, P.M., and Mrs. Bagnall, Messrs. Walter and Frank Bagnall; Bros. J. Hill, P.M., and Mrs. Hill; Bros. Peter D. Apostolu, Charles Duckworth, Bro. William and Mrs. Dearden, and Miss Lomas; Bro. Martin Thomas, Mrs. and the Misses Thomas (2); Bro. Benjamin and Mrs. Taylor; Bro. John and Mrs. Allison; Bros. Bernard Stael, Wilfred Bagnall, Samuel Ayland, J.D. 1134; Bro. J. H. and Mrs. Grimshaw; Bro. P. and Mrs. Akestoridi; Bro. Thomas and Mrs. Woolley; Bro. A. B. Whittaker, P.M. 1633, Mrs. and Miss Whittaker; Bro. Wm. Bynay, I.P.M. 1633, Miss Bynay, and Mrs. Jackson; Bro. W. W. Dawson, P.M. 1219, and Mrs. Dawson; Mr. W. H. and Miss M. A. Dawson; Bro. West, No. 1 (Scotland), and Mrs. West; Bro. Thomas Foxcroft, S.S. 1077, and Mrs. Foxcroft; Bro. S. J. and Mrs. Naphtala, and Miss Smart; Bro. J. Lyons, J.W. 1633; Bro. R. Beresford, I.G. 1993, and Miss Lomas; Dr. Orchard, Messrs. Wm. Shaw, Sidebotham, T. Williams, J. J. Stoddart, jun., Frank Whyte, H. Nuttall, Parker, Wm. Jones, Jeremias, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Roberts; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jennison, sen.; Mr. Richard Jennison, jun., and Miss Jennison; Misses Ross, McMillan, Florence and Eleanor Noar-Dawson, Mr. and Mrs. Barker; Mr. and Miss Mitchell; Mrs. Wintergill, Mrs. Ratcliffe, Mr. and Miss Watson; and Bro. R. R. Lisenden S.W. 317 (*Freemason*), and Mrs. Lisenden.

#### MASONIC BALL AT TORQUAY.

A Masonic invitation ball, given under the auspices of St. John's Lodge, 328, and Jordan Lodge, 1240, was held at the Bath Saloon on Monday night, the 9th inst., under the patronage of W. Bro. Right Hon. Lord Haldon, P.M. 328, P.P.G.S.W., and other distinguished brethren and officers of Prov. Grand Lodges. The Stewards consisted of W. Bros. W. Bradnee, P.M., Prov. G.S.D.; J. Murray, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; J. Grant, W.M.; W. Taylor, I.P.M.; C. J. Harland, P.M., P.P.G.D.; T. Oliver, P.M.; B. Knight, W.M.; G. J. Pepprell, I.P.M.; and Bros. J. Salter, S.W.; R. L. Mugford, J.W.; E. Richards, W. A. Hill, S.D.; R. D. Renwick, J.D.; G. A. Hussey, S. Garcia, S.W.; F. S. Hex, J.W.; Dr. J. B. Richardson, W. Sadler, T. H. Wills, and T. J. Crossman; Hon. Secs., Bros. E. Richards and F. S. Hex.

There were about 150 present, the brethren appearing in Masonic clothing and jewels. The saloon was tastefully decorated with flags, banners of the Craft, and shrubs from Messrs. Philipps's Torbay Nurseries. Lord Haldon telegraphed his regret at being unable to be present. The music was supplied by Miss Bailey's quadrille band, and the supper by Bro. J. R. Cridge, of the Queen's Hotel, whose catering gave unqualified satisfaction. The duties of Director of Ceremonies were efficiently discharged by W. Bro. G. J. Pepprell, I.P.M., and Bro. R. D. Renwick, J.D. The proceeds of the ball are to be devoted exclusively to Masonic Charities.

#### THE FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The second meeting of the Board of Stewards was held on Friday, the 13th inst. Bro. H. B. Marshall, G. Treas., occupied the chair, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the business on the agenda was disposed of rapidly, the principal matter settled being the lists of Ladies' Stewards and Dinner and Reception Stewards, respectively. Seats were also drawn for, and it was announced that, in addition to the usual concert, which is given under the direction, as stated elsewhere, of Bro. Professor Lott, Grand Organist, Lieut. Cole will be present and give his highly attractive entertainment.

Among those present were Bros. Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; R. W. Stead, H. Von Joel, Samuel Jacobs, R. Bird, J. Laurence, H. E. Dehane, C. B. Wickens, C. J. Rich, Alexander Forsyth, John J. Pakes, A. C. Graystone, Edward J. Humphrey, J. Brittain, H. Purdue, C. Weedon, W. Clarke, P.G.P.; J. L. Mather, John C. Woodrow, George Kenning, J. J. Goode, Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. B.; E. L. Horne, J. W. Chapman, S. J. Byng, H. Jenkins, Thos. Clark, T. Gaisford, A. F. Godson, D.P.G.M. Worcestershire; C. F. Matier, Lewis Lazarus, M. R. Sewell, Hugh M. Hobbs, W. H. Bale, W. T. Hughes, G. Powell, J. H. Clare, E. G. Jackson, A. Tisley, Geo. E. Fairchild, G. Norrington, Chas. Sims, and James Terry, Hon. Sec. to the Board.

#### BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

On Wednesday evening the meetings of the Board of Masters and of the Board of Benevolence were held at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn, President of the Board of Benevolence presided; Bro. James Brett, Senior Vice-President, occupied the Vice-President's chair; and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Junior Vice-President, took the chair of Junior Vice-President. There were also present Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary; H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary; A. A. Pendlebury; W. Dodd; W. H. Lee; Charles Fred. Hogard; F. R. Spaul; G. P. Britten; Charles Dairy, P.M. 141; Henry Garrod, A.G.P.; J. H. Matthews, G. Std. Br.; James Smith Eastes, G.J.D.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; Edward F. Storr, P.M. and Treas. 22; R. J. Taylor, P.M. 144; Joseph Clever, P.M. 171; W. H. Perryman, P.M. 3; George P. Gillard, P.M. 657; Thos. Cull, P.M. 1446; W. Henry Stanger, P.G.S., P.M. 197; H. J. Lardner, P.M. 1623; W. Hopekirk, P.M. 179; John Noble, P.M. 975; Isaac Charlton, W.M. 1259; G. H. Stephens, W.M. 1623; George S. Elliott, W.M. 749; James Morgan, P.M. 342; W. P. Brown, P.M. 90; Bruce M. Seton, W.M. 6; James Ollerhead, W.M. 1360; James Stevens, P.M. 1216; F. Ernest Pocock, M.D., W.M. 1891; John C. Innes, W.M. 795; John L. Payne, W.M. 1524; P. Edringer, P.M. 95; R. F. Jordan, W.M. 141; John Brewer, P.M. 251; G. Lambert, P.M. 720; Arthur E.

Gladwell, P.M. 172; W. Nevin, W.M. 1076; J. M. Smith, W.M. 1744; H. Massey, P.M. 1928; G. W. Gillam, P.M. 1632; A. Turner, W.M. 72; Robert C. Grant, W.M. 21; J. W. T. Chapman, W.M. 1922; Edwin Storr, W.M. 167; T. Ovenden, W.M. 700; Fredk. Trinder, W.M. 704; Henry Forss, W.M. 917; Charles Kempton, I.P.M. 1287; William Baber, W.M. 1426; F. Kingle, W.M. 1044; John Taylor, W.M. 554; Bentley Haynes, W.M. 27; J. F. Frye, W.M. 1694; Samuel H. Parkhouse, P.M. 1642; H. S. Hunter, W.M. 1321; W. A. Cubitt, W.M. 193; N. Stanhope Stott, W.M. 1397; G. J. Jones, W.M. 1563; Alex. C. A. Higerty, W.M. 1714; Thos. Shatoo, P.M. 838; Fredk. Green, W.M. 1687; Henri Bué, W.M. 1820; Thos. Weeks, W.M. 1641; J. W. Dewsnap, W.M. 1839; J. J. Berry, W.M. 1278; John W. Smith Harvey, W.M. 25; Geo. L. Anderson, W.M. 206; J. R. Jones, W.M. 1768; James Tatlock, W.M. 142; W. Bailey, P.M. 49; Robert Worth, P.M. 511; G. P. Festa, P.M. 1900; and H. Sadler, G. Tyler.

The Board of Masters was first held, and the agenda paper for the Grand Lodge meeting of the 4th March next was submitted. As the brethren will know, the first business will be the election of Grand Master and Grand Treasurer. The report of the Building Committee and of the Board of General Purposes will be laid before Grand Lodge, and a recommendation that £800 be voted for the decoration of the restored hall will be submitted. This sum is over and above the amount which has been received from the insurance offices. At the Board of Benevolence the brethren first confirmed recommendations to the amount of £340 made at the last meeting. There were 40 cases on the new list. In the course of more than a four hours' sitting four of these cases were dismissed, and six were deferred. The remainder were relieved with a total sum of £710. This amount was made up of one recommendation of £100, one of £50, three of £40 each, four of £30 each, one of £25, and nine grants of £20 each, four of £15 each, four of £10 each, and three of £5 each.

#### FRENCH REVELATIONS OF FREEMASONRY.

Three at least of the French Bishops have taken Freemasonry for the theme of their Lenten pastorals. Not only the Pope's recent denunciation, but the alleged revelations by M. Andrieux have made Freemasonry, indeed, a topic of the day. M. Andrieux is a Radical Deputy, who was formerly Perfect of Police at Paris; and as an attraction for a newspaper lately started by him he is publishing his Perfectorial experiences. It fell to his lot to break up the monasteries—a measure which he is now condemning, but which it would have been better for him to have condemned five years ago.

The moral, however, of his articles is that he is much wiser than the Ministers under whom he served or who have since held office—the latter including Gambetta, whom M. Andrieux took the lead in overthrowing. This last feat seems to have given him a conviction that he has been sent into the world expressly to overturn Cabinets; yet his subsequent efforts of this kind have been signally unsuccessful, while his own chances of office have been seriously diminished by the breach of confidence which he is now committing. The tendency of his articles is to discredit the police and to hold its organisation up to ridicule, M. Andrieux apparently thinking that his obligations to secrecy ceased on his resignation.

With such views, it is no wonder if, when he arrived at official relations with Masonry, he saw no reason for not giving a full account of the ceremonies at his initiation into the order many years ago. It is true little harm has resulted, for Masons alone know whether the ceremonies he ridicules really exist, while the general belief of outsiders is that M. Andrieux has been attempting a hoax on the public similar to that practised on Mr. Verdant Green, and that the subsequent official letter calling him to account for his breach of engagement is simply a second hoax intended to disguise the first.

The Clerical newspapers, however, are making capital out of his revelations, and this evening's *Univers* gravely charges the order with "plots, poisonings, and poinards." It proceeds to say:—

"Have people forgotten the exultation of the lodges at the news of the death of the Prince in whom Royalist and Catholic France placed her hopes and whom the Revolution especially feared? The cause of the Comte de Chambord's death remains unknown. The most eminent doctors could not ascertain it. This unexpected catastrophe which annihilated the Bourbon race and closed the career of Christian monarchy, recalled the murder of the Duc de Berry. Is there not some secret relationship between the father's tragical end and the son's mysterious end? Louvel's dagger sparked to every eye. May not the poison of Frohsdorf be suspected?"

If this were not ludicrous it would be abominable, casting doubt, as it does, on the fidelity of the Comte de Chambord's attendants and physicians. Everybody but the writer in the *Univers* remembers what his malady began with—a sprain caused while mounting his horse. The want of exercise which resulted ended fatally, as might well occur to a man of his build and habits.—*Times*.

#### Ancient and Accepted Rite.

**MOUNT CALVARY CHAPTER (3).**—The members of this chapter met at the Masonic Hall, Golden-square, on the 13th inst. Among those present were Ex. Bro. T. C. Walls, M.W.S.; Ill. Bros. Charles Driver, 32°, P.M.W.S.; Dr. Coffin, P.M.W.S.; W. Paas, P.M.W.S., Treas.; Alfred Williams, P.M.W.S.; Lott, Hon. Org.; Major Gardiner, 2nd Gen.; Ex. Bros. F. Driver, Prelate; Capt. Williamson, acting 1st Gen.; H. J. Lardner, Recorder; Capt. Stohwasser, acting R°; Hawkins, and others. Ill. Bros. Raymond Thrupp, 32°; C. F. Matier, 31°; and Ex. Bro. Godson, P.M.W.S., were visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bros. Alfred Tisley, P.G.S., W.M. 8, 889, and it proving to be unanimous, he was duly perfected. The sum of three guineas was voted to Ill. Bro. C. Driver as Steward to the R.M.B.I. for 1885. Letters of apology for non-attendance having been read from Ill. Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, F. Richardson, Roebuck, and others, the chapter was

duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Café Roya where an excellent banquet was served. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary routine of toasts was duly gone through. The proceedings terminated at an early hour.

#### ANNUAL BANQUET OF THE FRIARS LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1349.

The above-named lodge celebrated their anniversary festival on Monday last, the 16th inst., at Bro. J. H. Pavitt's comfortable hostelry, the Liverpool Arms, Canning Town. Bro. Wm. Musto, P.M. 1449, and Preceptor, acted as President, and was supported in the vice-chairs by Bros. B. Cundick, P.M. 1421, and C. Winterton, 860, Hon. Sec.

Among those present were Bros. G. B. Smith, P.M. 1382; J. A. Keable, I.G. 174; Bechell, 860; McGeorge, 499 (S.C.); Vinnicombe, 1227; Butler, 1076; Carter, 1685; Prosser, 860; Morgan, 1472; Canning, 1472; Ives, W.M. elect, 1472; Dann, 212; Wagstaff, 212; Day, 141; Bennett, P.M. 77; White-Burstow, 212; Wehausen, Lee, 860; Riches, 212; G. Smith, 212; Taylor, 212; Sutton, W. Musto, jun., S.W. 1349; T. Deeks, 1349; G. H. Stephens, W.M. 1623, and others.

A capitally-served banquet having been done justice to, Bro. W. Musto, the Chairman, intimated his intention, under advice, to condense the speech-making, taking into consideration the fact of so many of the brethren being good singers, and that the gentleman who was there to accompany was not a brother. He, therefore, asked them to drink the inclusive toast—"Loyalty to the Throne and Prosperity to the best interests of the Craft." He (Bro. Musto) was sure they were all loyal subjects of her Gracious Majesty, and had the prosperity of the Craft deeply at heart.

Bro. WINTERTON sang "God save the Queen."

Bro. CUNDICK next gave "Prosperity to the Friars Lodge of Instruction, 1349," coupled with the name of the esteemed Preceptor, Bro. Musto, P.M., who was known east, north, and south, although not so well known in the west of London as in other districts. He was sure it required very little from him to recommend the toast, and he asked them to drink heartily the health of his old and esteemed friend, and their Preceptor, Bro. Musto.

Bro. MUSTO, in reply, said he was exceedingly obliged for the manner in which his name had been coupled with the toast of "Prosperity to the Friars Lodge of Instruction," of which he had the honour of being Preceptor. He felt the lodge was now a great success; it had known many ups and downs and changes, but had at last got safely into haven, and since it had been held at Bro. Pavitt's establishment it had found support from brethren in the neighbourhood. He was not egotistical or bashful when, seeing how well the brethren had rallied round, he said he was greatly pleased to do what he had done for the lodge of instruction. Bro. Musto also gave the health of several brethren who had lent valuable aid to the lodge. Of these Bros. W. Hillyers, P.M., was prevented by illness in his family circle from being present, and Bro. J. Lee Dale had sent on a telegram. There were present his old and esteemed Bro. B. Cundick, P.M., and Bro. G. H. Stephens, whom he would call upon to respond.

These brethren suitably replied, and other toasts followed.

The proceedings were more than usually successful, and the vocal ability displayed by the brethren was very satisfactory and enjoyable. Amongst these we may mention Bros. Winterton, Dann, Wehausen, Musto, jun., G. B. Smith, Prosser, Stephens, and others; Bro. J. A. Keable giving a favourite reading very effectively.

The success and unanimity of this meeting augurs well for the good of the Friars Lodge of Instruction, which meets every Tuesday evening.

#### Obituary.

**BRO. ALFRED RICHARDSON, W.M. No. 1977, P.G.A.D.C. ESSEX.**

We have heard with regret of the death of Bro. Richardson, who departed this life suddenly at his residence, Maldon, Essex, on the 4th inst., at the early age of thirty-nine. He had latterly become immensely corpulent, and this circumstance had to a considerable extent prevented his taking so active a share in Masonic duties as he was anxious to do, but he was generally respected both within and without the Craft. The brethren mustered in strong force at his funeral in St. Mary's Church, the following being the representatives of the Blackwater Lodge, viz.: Bros. T. Eustace, I.P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; T. Rix, P.M. and Sec. 697, P.P.G.S.B.; G. A. Eustace, I.P.M. 697, Sec. P.G. Std. B.; R. Smith, W.M. 697, S.W.; S. H. Ellis, J.W., P.G. Std.; W. Strutt, P.G. Std.; S. Shawyer, G. F. Hart, J. G. Renshaw, J. H. Boulton, G. Best, T. Hodson, Jas. Raven, John Grout, John Turner, Mark W. Meade, S. J. Bruce, C. T. Thorn, W. B. Martin, E. Warner, H. Curtis, E. G. Pearman, A. W. Bell, C. Potter, E. A. Basham, W. Rudrum, J. H. Mack, and W. R. Hance. There were also present from St. Peter's Lodge, 1024, Bros. John Hutley, W.M., P.G. Std.; F. G. Green, P.M. and Sec., P.P.G.S.W.; H. J. Sanson, P.M. and Treas., P.P.G. J.D.; D. J. Wright, P.M., P.P.G.P.; Frank Freeman, P.M.; E. Gowers, S.W., P.P.G.O.; E. J. Bridge, J. W. Hawkes, H. F. Christie, C. H. Parker, W. Gower, C. Dibben, and E. J. Smith; and from the Angel Lodge, 51, Bro. R. Howard-Ives, W.M., P.G. Std. At the close of the service the brethren filed past the grave, each depositing the right-hand glove and a sprig of acacia. There was an immense concourse of spectators. Deceased, who was a widower, leaves four children to mourn his loss.

#### Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

##### BIRTH.

**GUNN.**—On the 16th inst., at Acton, W., the wife of E. H. Mayo Gunn, of a son.

##### DEATH.

**FORD.**—On the 1st inst., at 8, Lincoln's Inn-fields, London, Joan Fanny Ford, wife of Gerard Ford, of that place, and of 58, Marine Parade, Brighton.



Bro. E. Clarke, Q.C., M.P., completed his 44th year on Sunday last.

Bro. Alderman and Mrs. De Keyser left London for Brussels on Saturday last, and are expected to return home after about a week's absence.

Bro. Sir C. H. Mills, Bart., M.P., has been elected a vice-president of the Canterbury Diocesan Education Society for the ensuing year.

We are glad to hear that Bro. Sir F. W. Truscott, P.G.J.W., is recovering from his indisposition, and hopes shortly to resume his various duties.

Bro. Captain George Lambert, P.G.S.B., has very kindly offered his services to the Mayor of Pembroke with a view to restoring the official maces, &c., of that town.

Bro. F. P. Alliston has been re-elected chairman of the Markets Committee of the Corporation of London, and Bro. Alderman De Keyser added to the Special Committee.

Bro. A. J. Altman, C.C., presided, on Wednesday, the 11th inst., at a concert given in the hall of the City of London School by the pupils of the Guildhall School of Music.

Bro. Sir D. Gooch, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. Berks and Bucks, presided at Paddington Station on Thursday, the 12th inst., at the half-yearly meeting of the Great Western Railway Company.

The Weavers' Company gave a dinner on Wednesday, the 11th inst., when among the guests were present Bros. H. W. Eaton, M.P., P.G.J.W., Ex-Sheriff Clarence Smith, Major H. A. Joseph, C.C., and Ex-Sheriff Hutton.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. Emanuel, Secretary of the London University Lodge, No. 2033, which occurred at the end of last month in the Engardine, whither he had gone a few weeks before for the benefit of his health.

Sir Sidney H. Waterlow, Bart., M.P., presided on Friday, the 13th inst., at a meeting at the Mansion House of the Improved Industrial Dwellings Company, Limited. Bros. Alderman Stone, P.G.J.W., and H. B. Marshall, G. Treasurer, have been re-elected directors.

The death is announced from Strasburg, at the age of 46, of M. Edmond Weber, the well-known pianist and composer. He was a pupil of his father, Johannes Weber, and was the composer of an opera, "Rosita," and of a large quantity of piano and chamber music. M. Edmond Weber took a great part in the establishment of choral societies in Alsace, where he has resided for many years past.

Prince Edward of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, the Princess Louise, Marchioness and the Marquis of Lorne, the Duke of Cambridge, Bros. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., P.G.M. Derbyshire, the Lord Mayor, Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead, and Sheriff Phillips, have received invitations to be present at the Hon. Artillery Company's Regimental Ball on Wednesday, the 4th March.

Among the guests at the dinner given by the Loriners' Company at the Guildhall Tavern on Friday, the 13th inst., were Bros. the Lord Mayor, Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead, Alderman Sir H. E. Knight, Sir W. T. Charley, Q.C. (Common Serjeant), Alderman Isaacs, Alderman Gray, H. Dwarber, Major H. A. Joseph, Capt. George Lambert, P.G.S.B., Deputy Saunders, Sir J. Bennett, and Lieut.-Col. T. Davies Sewell.

The following dinners took place at the Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending February 21, 1885: Monday—Grand Masters' Lodge; Warre Presentation; British Lodge. Tuesday—Mr. Solomon's Wedding; Cadogan Lodge; Enoch Chapter; Salisbury Lodge; Industry Chapter. Wednesday—Buckingham and Chandos Lodge; Novie Magians; Oak Lodge. Thursday—Universal Lodge; St. Mary's Lodge; Great Northern Lodge; United Pilgrims' Chapter; Globe Lodge. Friday—Jordan Lodge.

The vestry of Lambeth and the District Board of Works for Westminster have respectively notified to Lord Brabazon, as chairman of the Metropolitan Public Gardens, &c., Association, their acceptance of the offer made by the association of £100 towards the cost of planting trees in the public thoroughfares, and the gift of four ornamental seats, to be placed, for the public use, in the passage which crosses the disused burial ground of Christ Church, Westminster. The money has been presented to the association by one of its members, who does not wish his name to be made public.

Owing to the slight numerical changes which have taken place recently in the number of vacancies to be filled, and the candidates who will take part in the election in May next of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, it will be as well to state that in respect of the Male Fund there are now 14 vacancies to be filled immediately and three deferred vacancies, while the Committee of Management have resolved on increasing the number of annuitants by three. Thus the number to be elected in May will be 20—17 immediate and three deferred—from an approved list of 42 candidates. As regards the Female Fund, two deaths have occurred since the appearance of our last report, and the Committee have resolved on creating 10 fresh annuities, so that the number to be elected will be fifteen—12 immediate and three deferred—from an approved list of 77 candidates instead of 81, two candidates having died, and two withdrawn their applications. But even this improvement, great as it undoubtedly is, leaves far too ample room for regret, and unless the celebration of Wednesday proves successful beyond the most sanguine expectations which have as yet been formed, there will still remain unprovided for 22 old brethren and 62 widows of brethren.

A Special Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicestershire and Rutland was held at Freemasons' Hall, Leicestershire, on Monday, the 16th inst., when the Lodge of the Golden Fleece, No. 2081, was duly consecrated in ancient form; the W.M. designate being subsequently installed in the chair and appointing his officers for the year. We hope to give a detailed account of the proceedings next week.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales dined on Wednesday, the 11th inst., with the King of Wurtemberg at Cannes, and afterwards attended a concert at Monte Carlo.

Bro. Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., was present at a most successful dinner given at the Station Hotel, Richmond, on Wednesday, the 11th inst., by the Richmond Piscatorial Society.

The many friends of Bro. W. Stephens, G. Purst., will be pleased to learn that he arrived safely at Auckland on Dec. 27, 1884, better in health, and hopes to return about June.

The Baroness Burdett-Coutts, Bro. Sir Moses Montefiore, and Bro. the Earl of Shaftesbury are among the recent subscribers to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Bro. Edwin W. Streeter, F.R.G.S., so well known as a jeweller in Bond-street for many years, has retired from the retail business, and is now established at 34, Holborn Viaduct, as a pearl merchant.

Bro. the Earl of Dalhousie has consented to preside at the Sixty-fourth Annual Court of the Governors of the Seamen's Hospital Society. The meeting will be held at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, on Wednesday, the 4th March.

The fourteenth annual ball of the A Company (Aldgate and Cheap) of the London Rifle Brigade will take place at the Cannon-street Hotel, to-day (Friday), under the patronage of Bro. Lord and Lady E. Pelham Clinton.

The musical arrangements in connection with the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution have been placed in charge of Bro. E. M. Lott, Grand Organist, who will, no doubt, repeat the success he achieved last year at the same gathering.

Mr. Thomas Brock, A.R.A., has just completed the marble bust of the late Bro. Sir Erasmus Wilson, P.G.D., for which he received commission from Lady Wilson. He has also made considerable progress with another statue of our late distinguished brother, which will be placed outside the Sea Bathing Infirmary at Margate.

Bro. F. Laing announces his seventh annual private fancy dress ball to take place on Thursday next, the 26th inst., at Holloway Hall, Holloway-road. Among the numerous stewards we note the names of many well-known brethren, whose co-operation ensures the same excellency of all the arrangements that has characterised the occasion in previous years.

We are already in a position to announce that the Seventeenth Anniversary Festival in aid of the Mark Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund will take place on the 25th July, and that the chair will be filled by R.W. Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, D.G.M.M.M., and Prov. G.M.M.M. of Cheshire. At no distant date we shall have a few remarks to offer on the progress of this fund.

We have been requested to state that the Fifteen Sections will be worked at the King Harold Lodge, No. 1327, Waltham Cross, at the Four Swans Hotel, Waltham Cross, on Saturday, the 7th March prox. Bros. J. Robinson, T. Reilly, and W. Lewis will occupy the Master's and Wardens' chairs respectively, and we have no doubt there will be a good attendance on the occasion, especially as there are some capital workers among the brethren who will take part in the business.

Among those present at the funeral in Teddington Cemetery on Friday, the 13th inst., of the late Sir T. J. Nelson, City Solicitor, were Bros. Alderman Sir R. Hanson, G. Std., Dresser Rogers (Chairman of the City Lands Committee), F. P. Alliston (Chairman of the Markets Committee), Alfred Brookman (Chairman of the Orphan School Committee), G. C. Boor, Sir J. B. Monckton (Town Clerk), P.G.J.W., G. P. Goldney (Remembrancer), Under-Sheriff Crawford, and others.

Bro. the Lord Mayor presided at the Mansion House on the 12th inst., at the 40th annual meeting of the Governors of the St. Mark's Hospital, and on the 13th inst. his lordship occupied the chair at a meeting of the members of the Parkes Museum of Hygiene, when there were present, in addition to H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge, Bros. Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead, G. Shaw, Mark H. Judge, and Earl Fortescue. Among those who sent letters of apology for non-attendance were Bros. Earl Percy, M.P., P.G.M. Northumberland, Earl of Dalhousie, Sir J. M'Garel Hogg, Bart., M.P., G. Shaw-Lefevre, M.P., J. F. B. Firth, M.P., and Sir P. Cunliffe Owen.

We have much pleasure in announcing that the meeting of the Provincial Grand Royal Arch Chapter for the Province of Norfolk will be held under the presidency of the M.E. Provincial Grand Superintendent, Comp. the Rt. Hon. Lord Suffield, K.C.B., on Monday, the 23rd inst., in the chapter room of the Cabbell Chapter, No. 807, at the Masonic Club, 47, St. Giles'-street, Norwich, at half-past four o'clock in the afternoon, at which all companions are invited to be present. A banquet will be held at the same address at half-past six o'clock; tickets, 7s. 6d. each, to be obtained of the P.G.S.E., Comp. E. Baldwin, Hergham-road, Norwich, and of the Stewards at the Masonic Rooms. Comp. Lord Suffield has signified his intention of being present at the banquet.

220.—Tobacconists commencing.—A pamphlet (80 pages) How to open respectably from £20; three stamps. H. Myers & Co., Cigar and Tobacco Merchants, Euston-rd., London. Telephone No. 7541.—[ADVT.]

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—The stomach and its troubles cause more discomfort and bring more unhappiness than is commonly supposed. The thousand ills that settle there may be prevented or dislodged by the judicious use of these purifying Pills, which act as a sure, gentle anti-acid aperient, without annoying the nerves of the most susceptible or irritating the most delicate organisation. Holloway's Pills will bestow comfort and confer relief on every headache, dyspeptic, and sickly sufferer, whose tortures make him a burden to himself and a bugbear to his friends. These Pills have long been the popular remedy for a weak stomach, for a disordered liver, or a paralysed digestion, which yield without difficulty to their regulating, purifying, and tonic qualities.—[ADVT.]

The first annual supper of the Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012, will take place at the Bolton Hotel, Duke-road, Chiswick, on Saturday, the 28th inst.

Bro. Alderman Staples is one of four gentlemen who have promised to present each a stained-glass window to the Church of St. Botolph, Aldersgate.

Bro. Alderman De Keyser has been elected a member of the Committee of Management of the Farringdon, General Dispensary.

Her Majesty has contributed £200, and the Prince of Wales, President of the Society, £105, to the Royal Fund for the Relief of the Orphans of Sea Fishermen.

Bro. Baron H. de Worms, M.P., has promised to preside at the annual dinner of the South London Rifle Club, of which Bro. Sir C. H. Mills, M.P., and Bro. Sir J. W. Ellis, Bart., M.P., are Vice-Presidents.

Bro. the Lord Mayor will preside this day (Saturday) at the distribution of prizes and certificates to the pupils of the Birkbeck Literary and Scientific Institution, Chancery-lane.

We regret to announce that Bro. John Armstrong, of the Mariners Lodge, No. 168, Guernsey, died on Thursday last, the 19th inst., at the advanced age of 95 years.

Bro. General Sir George Willis, Governor of Portsmouth, was present at the consecration of the Portsmouth Temperance Lodge on Monday last, and was proposed as a joining member.

Bros. Alderman Staples and Gray, and Bros. Deputy Saunders, Deputy East, A. J. Altman, A. Brookman, F. P. Alliston, Sir John Bennett, and G. Shaw, were among those present at the fortnightly meeting on Tuesday, the 17th inst., of the City Commissioners of Sewers.

In our report last week of the installation meeting of the Oakwood Lodge, No. 1126, Romilly, it was stated that the W.M., Bro. R. G. Walker, had, during his connection with the Lodge, proposed nine candidates. Bro. Walker desires us to correct this statement, and substitute five for nine.

The Second Grand Musical Demonstration in favour of the Early Closing Association will take place at St. James's Hall on Saturday next, the 28th inst. An excellent programme of vocal and instrumental music will be given by employes in various wholesale and retail houses of business, representatives of which will have charge of the general arrangements, Mr. Barnby acting as conductor.

The annual supper of the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614, will be held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on Thursday, the 5th of March, at 7.30 p.m. Bro. John Jacobs, W.M. 1614, will occupy the chair, while the vice-chairman will be Bro. G. Coleman, P.M. 1614. A very pleasant evening may be anticipated.

At the annual dinner given to the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs by the Vintners' Company, which took place on Thursday, the 12th inst., the guests including in addition to Bro. Lord Mayor Nottage and Sheriff Phillips, Bros. Alderman Sir W. Ellis, Bart., M.P., P.G.J.W., Alderman Sir H. E. Knight, Alderman Staples, Alderman De Keyser, Alderman Waterlow, Sir W. Charley, Q.C., and Under-Sheriff Crawford.

The installation meeting of the Gladsmuir Chapter, No. 1385, Barnet, Herts, was fixed for Thursday, the 19th inst., at the Red Lion Hotel, Herts, at the hour of 3 p.m. The following were to be installed in the respective Principals' chairs, namely, Comps. J. Parrott, M.E.Z.; J. Cutbush, H.; and F. Venables, J. The business was likewise to include the presentation of a testimonial to Comp. T. S. Carter, P.P.G.H., P.Z., and Scribe E. of the chapter.

Our worthy Bro. W. J. Hugan, P.G.S.D., will give a lecture on Thursday next, the 26th inst., at the Hayshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth, under the auspices of the St. John's Lodge, No. 70, on the subject of the "Old Devonshire Lodges." At the close of the proceedings, which will be held in aid of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund, a collection will take place on behalf of that fund, and the amount so received will be presented to the Institution without any deduction whatever for expenses.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked on the 22nd inst. in the Israel Lodge of Instruction, No. 205, held at the Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, Mile End. Bro. John Lee Dale, W.M. 393, will preside and be supported as follows:—Bros. W. Musto, P.M. 1349, S.W.; W. H. Myers, P.M. 1445, J.W.; B. Cundick, P.M. 1421, I.P.M. First Lecture—1st section, Bro. A. W. Price, 1623; 2nd, Bro. L. Da Costa, 1349; 3rd, Bro. T. Loane, J.W. 1421; 4th, Bro. J. De Casseris, 1349; 5th, Bro. G. H. Stephens, W.M. 1623; 6th, Bro. W. Richardson, 174; 7th, Bro. B. Cundick, P.M. 1421. Second Lecture—1st section, Bro. W. Musto, S.W. 1349; 2nd, Bro. J. Smith, 933; 3rd, Bro. J. T. K. Job, P.M. 1076; 4th, Bro. W. Musto, P.M. 1349; 5th, Bro. B. Stewart, S.D. 1278. Third Lecture—1st section, Bro. J. Taylor, W.M. 554; 2nd, Bro. D. Moss, S.W. 1275; 3rd, Bro. W. H. Myers, P.M. 1445.

In our account last week of the installation on the 8th inst. of Bro. H. Baldwin, P.G.S.B. Middx., as W.M. of the Brixton Lodge, No. 1949, we omitted one or two features which are worth recording. For instance, the ceremony of installation was rendered more impressive by the introduction of appropriate music, Bro. H. Monier Williams, W.M. elect of the Honor Oak Lodge, No. 1986, assisted by Bros. A. Pitman and W. H. Simons, of the same lodge, rendering most effective service in this part of the proceedings, and being afterwards complimented for what they had done with a cordial vote of thanks by the lodge. Then the speeches were interspersed with songs and recitations, to which the brethren just named, as well as Bros. Lee, Reece, and others, very kindly contributed. The speeches were of the usual character, but among them must be mentioned a most eloquent appeal on behalf of our Charitable Institutions by Bro. John Mason, P.P.G.D. Middx., one of the officials of the Benevolent Fund. The menu card, supplied by Bro. George Kenning, was embellished with appropriate and witty quotations from the works of the late Charles Dickens. And last, but not least, the banquet, which was admirably served, did great credit to the caterer, Mr. Leighton, of Brixton.

### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the week ending Saturday, February 28th, 1885.

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

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23.

- Lodge 4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 26, Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.  
 " 28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 79, Pythagorean, Ship Tav., Greenwich.  
 " 183, Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 " 222, St. Andrew's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 " 902, Burgoyne, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 1608, Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hot., Kilburn-gate.  
 " 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq.  
 " 1623, West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall.  
 Chap. 1537, St. Peter Westminster, Freemasons' Hall.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Loughborough, Cambria Tav., Cambria-rd., S.E.  
 Strong Man, Excise Tav., Old Broad-st., at 7.  
 Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st., at 7.  
 St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.  
 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High-st., Camden Town, 8.  
 Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.  
 St. Mark's, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.  
 Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6.  
 Perfect Ashlar, Jamaica Tav., Southwark Park-rd., at 8.  
 John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 8.  
 Hyde Park, Fountains Abbey Hot., 111, Praed-st., Paddington, at 8.  
 Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road, 7.  
 Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hot., Victoria-park-rd., E.  
 Metropolitan, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.  
 United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
 Royal Commemoration, Railway Hot., Putney, 8 till 10.  
 West Smithfield, City Boundary Tav., 109 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 24.

- Lodge 14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 92, Moira, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 " 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 " 145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.  
 " 1348, Ebury, 8, Air-st., Regent-st.  
 " 1742, Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall.  
 Chap. 7, Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 180, St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 548, Wellington, White Swan Hot., Deptford.  
 " 1339, Stockwell, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.  
 Mark 3, Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 Rose Croix 29, Palestine, 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, 8.  
 Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8.  
 South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Waltham 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, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, 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 18.

- Lodge 2, Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 212, Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue.  
 " 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Tav., Tottenham.  
 " 898, Temperance in the East, 6, Newby-place, Poplar.  
 " 1056, Victoria, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
 " 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.  
 " 1589, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 " 1719, Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 1768, Progress, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 1818, Clapham, Army and Navy Hot., Victoria-st., S.W.  
 " 1820, Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hot.  
 Chap. 753, Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.  
 " 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.  
 " 1624, Eccleston, Freemasons' Hall.

#### 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.  
 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, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st. S.W.  
 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-st., Mayfair, at 8.  
 Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., E.C.  
 Creation, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting-hill, 8.  
 Earl of Lathom, Station Hot., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26.

- House Committee Girls' School, at 4.  
 Lodge 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
 " 34, Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
 " 60, Grenadiers, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 " 507, United Pilgrims, Bridge Ho., Hot., London Bdg.  
 " 858, South Middlesex, Beaufort Ho., North End, Fulham.  
 " 861, Finsbury, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.  
 " 871, Royal Oak, White Swan Tav., Deptford.  
 " 1017, Montefiore, 8, Air-st., Regent-st.  
 " 1421, Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, E.  
 " 1563, City of Westminster, 8, Air-st., Regent-st.  
 " 1816, Victoria Park, Queen's Hot., Victoria Park.  
 " 1974, St. Mary Abbots, Town Hall, Kensington.  
 Chap. 29, St. Alban's Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 " 157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 657, Canonbury, Masons' Arms, Basinghall-st.  
 " 704, Camden, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 " 766, William Preston, Cannon-st. Hot.  
 " 1623, West Smithfield, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
 Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.  
 Vitruvian, Bridge House Hot., London-bridge, 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, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.  
 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hot. (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30.  
 Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at 8.  
 The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, 6.30.  
 Leopold, Old White Hart, Borough High-st., at 7.30.  
 Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hot., Maiden-lane, Covent Garden, W.C., 8.  
 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.  
 Guelph, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton.  
 Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham-ct.-road, at 8.  
 Victoria Park, Yorkshire Grey, High-st., Stratford, at 8.  
 Burdett Coutts, Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.  
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-vale, 7.30.  
 North London Chapter, Alwyne Castle Tav., St. Paul's-rd., Canonbury, at 8.

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27.

- Lodge 197, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 569, Fitz-Roy, Head Quarters Hon. Artillery Company, City-road.  
 Chap. 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 749, Belgrave, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 " 1591, Studholme, 33, Golden-square.  
 " 1839, Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall.

#### 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 Muggeridge, 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 28.

House Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Inst., at 3.  
 Lodge 1706, Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall.

#### 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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