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THE Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution is now amongst the notable events of the past. What we have to record may be seen elsewhere. Be it here, however, briefly pointed out, that the Festival for 1885, under Bro. Sir MICHAEL HICKS-BEACH has realised the following striking result, that 350 Stewards have brought in the noble sum of £17,500. We congratulate all concerned on so remarkable a commencement of Masonic Charity for 1885.

THE actual ruling of the Board of General Purposes is as we anticipated! The question of lodge suspension is one thing about which we all agree. The question of the particular suspension of a brother, or brethren by name, is another and very different thing. There is really no practical difference of opinion. We all agree that if a lodge be suspended, the members of that particular lodge, qua members, are suspended too, and cannot exercise any Masonic privileges as regards that particular lodge! But what was broadly stated, was which we felt sure from the first was a misconception of the “ruling,” that a brother belonging to a town and country lodge, if either lodge was suspended, was debarred from his Masonic privileges in the other. It is to this point our remarks have been directed, and alone directed. No one affects to contest or deny that if a brother is suspended by name, he is suspended from all Masonic privileges, and subject to appeal to Grand Lodge; but to suspend a brother outside his particular lodge which happens to be suspended, requires him to be named specifically and reported as suspended individually to Grand Lodge. May all honest differences of opinion thus happily be settled. We agree all round, and a “Lover of Justice” has not comprehended the difference between the two cases, or the real bearing of the “ruling” of the Board of General Purposes.

ALL our readers will sympathize with Bro. CAMA on the great loss he has sustained of his uncle in India. The CAMA family, like many other leading Parsee houses and individualities, have been great benefactors of their species, and the humanitarian and intellectual efforts of many well-known Houses, not excepting the house of CAMA, have been most laudably distinguished by their zealous, and untiring, and philanthropic endeavours to assuage suffering, to mitigate misfortune, and to advance the educational and scientific status of all classes.

EVERY now and then, matters crop up in our columns which afford amusement to the laughing philosopher, if a subdued feeling of regret to those who contemplate the more serious side of human nature. The “genus irritabile vatum” is too often produced in Freemasonry, if in a different form, and amidst varying phases, as Time moves onward, and the world itself changes with the changing animus and “fads” of mankind. It is a striking realism to note and record the touchiness of Masonic writers often, the intense irritability of Masonic correspondents. There are persons who delight in what has been termed a “one-sided controversy,” who seem to think they may say anything, insinuate anything, advance anything, but woe betide the unfortunate wight who dares to seek to controvert magnificent conclusions, or astounding theories. In Masonry and in Masonic controversies there must be, as in everything else, a supreme principle at first of “give and take,” otherwise Masonic controversy on the most peaceable subject of history even, (which may fairly be regarded from two and antagonistic points of view), becomes an impossibility, and Masonic literature resolves itself into a “mockery, a delusion, and a snare,” an unmitigated nuisance and boredom. In all our Masonic controversies and discussions we should temper therefore “zeal with discretion,” and remember that there are two sides to every question almost in the world, so allowance ought always to be made for the infirmities of mortal error, and the idiosyncrasies of the human intellect. Like the Marshal of the Lists in the tourney of old, we have often to throw down our truncheon of editorial authority, between excited combatants, and command the “Truce of Freemasonry.”

One word more of warning. In all discussions writers should avoid the dictatorial and egotistical, and dogmatic utterances far too common just now. If one writer disagreeing from another writer who has confessedly studied the subject carefully, tells him he does not understand what he is writing about, or if in the excess of his zeal he goes in for the popular course of “abusing the plaintiff’s attorney,” it almost always follows that the writer who has based his opinion on a long study of the evidences naturally thinks his opinion as good as that of his impugner, and then it is that he perhaps answers tartly, and so the “battle is set,” and the host is arrayed “army against army.” In all these cases, and they are of weekly occurrence, we can only recommend caution, moderation, consideration, and reticence.

ACCORDING to our contemporaries the *Evening News*, the *Times*, and other papers, Bro. ANDRIEUX has been expelled by the Lodge of Perfect Silence, at Lyons, for his recent foolish letter about Freemasonry. This is what the *Evening News* of Monday last says: “M. ANDRIEUX, the late Prefect of Police, has been expelled from the Lyons Lodge of Perfect Silence. He gaily accepts his expulsion, which he says he meant to provoke. In reply to a request to give up his diploma and other Masonic documents, he replies that he will do nothing of the sort, as he intends to give the documents a place in a work which he is preparing on the lay religions of the nineteenth century.” We confess had we been of the Lodge of Perfect Silence we should have taken no notice of one who, on his own confession, is a wilfully self-perjured individual, beneath the notice of honest men, if what he says be true; and if not he proclaims himself to be a charlatan, playing off a miserable hoax on credulous dupes. Surely as regards such attacks and such assailants, “Silence is golden indeed.”

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The following is the business to be transacted in United Grand Lodge on Wednesday, the 4th prox.:

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 3rd December, 1884, will be read and put for confirmation.
2. Election of a M.W. Grand Master.
3. Election of a Grand Treasurer.
4. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants:—

The widow of a brother of the Islington Lodge, No. 1471, London	£50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Old Dundee Lodge, No. 18, London	100	0	0
The widow of a brother of the St. Mary’s Lodge, No. 63, London	50	0	0
A brother of the Zion Lodge, No. 1798, Manchester	50	0	0
A brother of the Lodge of Tranquillity, No. 185, London	30	0	0
A brother of the St. Luke’s Lodge, No. 144, London	50	0	0
A brother of the Lodge of Benevolence, No. 489, Bideford	100	0	0

5. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.
To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board beg to report that their attention having been called to a printed circular issued by a lodge, inviting the members to disclose their votes on a ballot which had been taken for a candidate for initiation, and which had resulted in five black balls appearing against him, the Master, Wardens, and Secretary were summoned to attend and produce their warrant and books, and it having been proved that the circular was drawn up by the Secretary, and issued by a resolution of the lodge at the recommendation of the Master and Secretary, thus wholly nullifying the principle of the ballot, the Board resolved that the said lodge be suspended for a period of three months, and the lodge was and remains suspended accordingly.

The Board further resolved—That the Master and Secretary, being both experienced Past Masters, be censured for instigating and recommending the lodge to issue such circular, and they were censured accordingly.

A question having arisen as to the effect of this sentence of suspension, it was resolved—That the suspension for any period of a lodge means the suspension of its warrant, during which time the lodge cannot meet or perform any of its Masonic functions. The suspension of any particular brother involves an entire incapacity on his part to exercise any rights or duties as a Mason, or to participate in any Masonic privileges during the period such suspension remains in force.

It will be recollected that in March, 1880, a sum of £3000 was voted by the Grand Lodge for the purpose of painting and decorating the interior of the building. Of this sum about £1300 was expended in the autumn of that year, when the work was unavoidably suspended. The Board have to report that the painting and decorating of the whole of the rooms, together with the grand staircase and corridors, have now been completed, by their order, under the personal superintendence of the Grand Superintendent of Works, at a cost within the sum voted for that purpose.

(Signed)
Freemasons’ Hall, London, W.C.,
17th February, 1885.

THOMAS FENN,
President.

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 13th day of February inst., showing a balance in the Bank of England (Western Branch) of £2697 14s. 11d., and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash, £100, and for servants' wages, £100, and balance of annual allowance for library, £13 17s. 6d.

6. REPORT OF SPECIAL BUILDING COMMITTEE.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Building Committee, in continuation of their report to Grand Lodge of the 4th of December last, now beg to submit as follows:—

In that report reference was made to certain works, not of mere restoration, but of necessary and substantial improvements, including the re-opening of the old Gallery, the various new exits in case of fire, the ventilation, the removal of the dangerous flues, the extra expense on pictures, &c., &c., &c., none of which were of course covered by the monies received from the insurances, and the Committee promised to report to Grand Lodge on the 4th of March the amount required to meet the extra expenditure thus incurred.

The works being now almost completed, the Committee have been able to balance the various accounts, and they have thus ascertained that a sum of £800 beyond the monies received from the insurance offices will be sufficient to defray the entire cost of the restoration, whereby the Order will be once more placed in possession of their ancient Hall, with increased accommodation, with its portraits restored, with its decorations renewed, and with many modern improvements.

The Committee therefore recommend to Grand Lodge that a vote of £800 be made for the above purpose.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON,
Chairman.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
16th February, 1885.

7.—Report of Bro. Stanley G. Harding, Auditor of Grand Lodge Accounts, of Receipts and Disbursements during the year 1884.

APPEALS—

By Bro. Henry Godbier, P.M. of the Victoria in Burmah Lodge, No. 832, Rangoon, against a decision of the District Grand Master of British Burmah ruling that a complaint made by Bro. Henry Godbier against the W. Master relative to confirmation of minutes was frivolous and vexatious.

By the same Bro. Henry Godbier, P.M. of the Victoria in Burmah Lodge, No. 832, Rangoon, against a decision of the Deputy District Grand Master in charge of the District of British Burmah declining to give a separate ruling on a second complaint made by Bro. Godbier against the W. Master and the lodge, on the ground that the ruling of the District Grand Master had covered both cases.

By Bro. Rustomji Cowasji Jaboolee, P.M. of the Cyrus Lodge, No. 1359, Bombay, against a censure passed on him by the District Master of Bombay for printing and circulating documents connected with a complaint which he was submitting to his lodge.

By Bro. Samuel George Davison, S.W. of the Lodge Emulation, No. 2071, Sydney, against the ruling of the District Grand Master of New South Wales, forbidding the election of a second W. Master, in consequence of the Warrant not having arrived from England, and the lodge working under dispensation.

N.B.—The papers relating to these appeals will be in the Grand Secretary's office till the meeting of Grand Lodge, and open for the inspection of the brethren during office hours.

NEW LODGES.

The following is the list of lodges for which warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge:—

- Lodge 2075, The Moorabin, Wilcannia, N.S.W.
- " 2076, The Quatuor Coronati, London.
- " 2077, The Epping, Epping, Essex.
- " 2078, The St. Lawrence, Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire.
- " 2079, The Romsey, Romsey, Victoria.
- " 2080, The Clarke, Melbourne, Victoria.
- " 2081, The Golden Fleece, Leicester.
- " 2082, The Phoenix of Namaqualand, O'okiep, South Africa (W.D.)
- " 2083, The Ballina, Ballina, New South Wales.
- " 2084, The Biggarsberg Unity, Dundee Proper, Natal.
- " 2085, The Tweed, Tumbulgum, New South Wales.
- " 2086, The Dacre, Stevenage, Herts.
- " 2087, The Electric, Hampton Court, Middlesex.
- " 2088, The Congo, Oudtshoorn, South Africa (W.D.)
- " 2089, The Frere, Aliwal North, South Africa (E.D.)

FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of Bro. Sir Michael E. Hicks Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M. for Gloucestershire. Above 400 brethren attended, among whom were

W. Bro. J. Brook-Smith, (M.A.) D.P.G.M. Gloucestershire; V.W. Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall (C.C.), Patron, G and Treas.; Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W.; V.W. Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn, V. Pat., P.M. & Sec. 1629, P.G. Chap., D.P.G.M. Suffolk, P.G.J.W. Gloucestershire; W. Bros. Baron de Ferrieres, M.P., J.P., V. Pat., W.M. 246, G.S.D., P.P.G.R. Gloucestershire; Prof. E. M. Lott, G. Org.; George Lambert, (F.S.A.), V. Pat., P.M. 2021; Edgar Bowyer, V. Pat., P.G. Std. B.; William Clark, V.P., P.G.P.; Charles E. Soppet, P.M. 1627, G.S.; Chas. Belton, V.P., 105, P.P.G. Stwd., P.P.G.D. Surrey; Alfred Tisley, W.M. 889, P.G.S.; A. F. Godson, D.P.G.M. Worcestershire; John E. Dawson, D.P.G.M. Herts; Rev. Evan Yorke Nepean, P.M. 1373, P.P.G. Chap. Hants and Isle of Wight; C. F. Matier, P.D.G.W. Greece; James Terry, V.P., P.P.G.S.W. Norths and Hunts; R. V. Vassar-Smith, V. Pat., P.G.J.W. Gloucestershire; J. S. Cumberland, P.M. 1611, P.P.J.G.W. N. and E. Yorks.; James Moffat, P.M. 74, P.P.G.R. Warwickshire; Wm. Goodacre, P.M. 1730, P.P.G.R. and P.G. West Lancashire; A. C. Spaul, P.P.G.R. North Wales and Salop; Jno. L. Mather, V.P., P.G.D. Herts; George Kenning, V. Pat., P.P.G.D. Middlesex; John Mason, V.P., P.P.G.D. Middx.; George Mickle, (M.A., M.B.), P.P.G.D. Herts.; A. Barfield, V. Pat., P.M. 511, P.P.G.D. Hants, and I. of W.; H. E. Dehane, I.P.M. 1543, P.P.G.D. Essex; T. Mount Humphries, P.P.G. Supt. Works Staffordshire; E. Comp. Chas. F. Hogard, P.P., P.Z. Ch. 142, P.P.G. Supt. Works Essex; W. Bros. T. J. Pulley, P.M. and Treas. 1714, P.G.D. of C. Surrey; E. Comp. D. P. Cama, Patron, Z. 255, P.G.S.B. Middx.; Mrs. D. P. Cama, Patron; W. Bros. J. W. Consterdine-Chadwick, V.P., W.M. 377, P.P.G.S. Worcestershire;

W. J. Crutch, V. Pat.; Geo. Ward Verry, V.P., (P.M. and Sec. 554), W.M. 1421; Capt. Colvill, P.G.S.W. Cornwall; W. Lake, P.P.G.R. (Cornwall); Comp. Jno. C. Woodrow (P.M. 15), (P.Z. 1326), Ch. 1297; Bros. G. S. Recknell, W.M. 1728; Henry Stiles, P.M. 1732; Wm. M. Stiles, P.M. 1744; Comp. Fredk. Brown, P.Z. 538; Bros. W. J. Murfis, H. D. Cama, Major Torkington, C. Lane, J. Larkin, George Norrington, John Sinclair, 470, and others.

After dinner grace was sung, and the speeches of the evening commenced.

The CHAIRMAN said: The first toast at every festive gathering of Englishmen is the health of her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen. (Cheers.) But that toast will be doubly welcome at a meeting of our Craft, whose proud boast and recollection it is that loyalty is one of the first of the attributes of a true Mason, and it will be specially welcome when the occasion on which we meet together is one of Charity. (Hear, hear.) For everyone who remembers the history of the reign of our Queen will know that in her her subjects recognise not merely a great constitutional monarch, but a true and loving heart of a good woman. (Cheers.) She follows with her anxious care her soldiers and her officers fighting for her country in the most distant and inhospitable climes, and her sympathies are never absent from their wives and children; and I may say, alas! their widows and orphans living at home. (Cheers.) Whether it be to high or low, to rich or to poor, the time of distress always brings her Majesty's kindly sympathy. Hence it is that she reigns, and long may she reign. (Cheers.)

The CHAIRMAN, in giving "The Health of the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," said: We shall greet the health of the Prince of Wales not merely with that loyalty which is due to him as that member of the Royal Family who is the heir to our Throne, but also with that peculiar loyalty which we, as Masons, feel to the head of our Craft in England; one whose ability and geniality, I will venture to say, has made him universally popular with every member of the Craft. It is a remarkable testimony to the activity with which his Royal Highness performed the public duties which fall to his share that hardly an occasion arises among those numerous occasions when his health is drunk at public meetings on which is not possible to find some new duties that he has not undertaken, or some fresh idea that has not occurred to him for the benefit of our country. It is but the other day that we were told that it is the intention of his Royal Highness and the Princess of Wales to pay an early visit to Ireland. A very few days before we must all have seen in the Press that treasonable and insulting manifestoes were put forth on the other side of the Atlantic by traitors against the life or liberty of his Royal Highness, who shelter themselves under the protection of a foreign country. The answer of his Royal Highness is worthy of his Royal race and of our future King. He accepts the challenge, and will visit Ireland, and I will venture to prophesy that from that warm-hearted and generous, though often mistaken people, he will receive that cordial welcome which his courage and his genial character deserve, and that the Princess of Wales will exercise over that susceptible race that charm with which she has long ago enslaved us from the first moment at which she set foot on our shores. I give you "The Health of the Prince and Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family."

The CHAIRMAN: The next toast I have to ask you to drink is "The Health of the Pro Grand Master, Lord Carnarvon." (Cheers.) I am quite sure I need say nothing to commend the toast to your sympathy here. You have too often witnessed the ability with which Lord Carnarvon presides, in the absence of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, over the proceedings of Grand Lodge. You know full well that scholarly eloquence with which it is in the power of Lord Carnarvon to expound matters that may be for the welfare of the Craft, or to demolish those foolish prejudices which are the fruit of ignorance of what Masonry means. (Cheers.) You have, I think, appreciated his labours for Masonry in the past, and you hope that they will be long continued in the future. I therefore call upon you to drink with a cordial welcome the health of our Pro Grand Master. (Cheers.)

The CHAIRMAN: The toast which I have now to ask you to drink is "The Health of the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, Lord Lathom, and the Present and Past Officers of Grand Lodge." (Hear, hear.) I need say nothing of Lord Lathom. His interest in Masonry, his popularity among the brethren, is known to all of you, and I am quite sure I need not bespeak from you a cordial welcome for the toast of the officers of Grand Lodge. (Hear, hear.) I wish to speak of these officers as I have found them; and I will venture to say that when any Masonic work has had to be done in the province with which it is my good fortune to be connected, requiring special care in its performance, we have always found the officers of Grand Lodge most prompt and anxious to help us in the working; but, brethren, their assistance is also most freely given in the cause of Charity. Only last year, on this very occasion on which we are met, the brother on my left (Sir John Monckton) at a moment's notice took the place of another brother who was absent owing to illness in order to plead the cause of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. (Hear, hear.) When I tell you I have to couple with this toast the name of our R.W. Bro. Sir John Monckton, I am quite sure you will welcome it, not merely because of his past services to Grand Lodge and to Masonry at large, but because of the good work and the unprecedented results which he last year obtained for this Institution. (Cheers.)

Bro. Sir JOHN MONCKTON, P.G.D., in reply, said: I respond with great gratitude to the toast proposed by the Chairman, and to you, brethren, for the manner in which the toast has been received. I have no hesitation in saying that it is a toast that one may be proud to respond to, connected as it is with the Earl of Lathom, than whom a better Mason, a better man, or better friend to the Craft never existed. The R.W. Chairman has very kindly referred to the proceedings of last year, and has spoken of the result of the Festival as one unprecedented. Let me not be ungenerous if I hope that it may not last much longer, for my hope would be that this should be an unprecedented Festival. This is a great age for thought reading, and, knowing very well your thoughts and the depth of your pockets, I may predict with confidence that the Festival over which Bro. Sir M. Hicks-Beach has presided will go far to remit to posterity that this Festival of the Benevolent Institution has been the most successful of all the Festivals of this Institution.

The CHAIRMAN, in giving the next toast, said: Brethren, I have to ask your patient attention while I endeavour to put before you the reasons for the welcome which I am sure you will give to the toast of the evening. I ask you to drink "Success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons." I do not doubt that nearly every one present knows as much of the benefits of this Institution as I could convey to them. But it is my duty as Chairman to-night to remember that there may be an ignorant brother among you who ought to know more than he does about it, and therefore I will tell you as shortly as I can what this Institution does, and how it does it, and why it is worthy of

your support. Since this Institution was started it has aided with its pensions more than 1000 brethren and widows of brethren of the Craft. At the present moment no fewer than 170 old brethren and 203 widows are in receipt of pensions of £40 and £32 a year respectively from the funds of this Institution, and among these 33 are inmates of your home at Croydon. How is this work done? It is done at a cost of something like £15,000 a year; and how is the sum provided? I believe that not more than £3600 yearly is provided from any certain source of income. There is a sum of something like £11,500 dependent annually upon the charitable gifts of our brethren of the Craft in England. This is a great matter. What I have said as to the expenditure has reference merely, I believe, to the present liabilities of your Benevolent Institution. It would be impossible I would venture to say for such an Association as English Freemasonry to disappoint these old people of the pension which they legitimately reckon on receiving. But you must do more than this, because every year, as you must know, there are more candidates for the benefits of this Institution. At the present moment the Committee have before them no less than 119 approved Candidates waiting election. They are reckoning upon your bounty. They are proposing to elect 19 more than the vacancies would warrant, but even then they can only elect, with any reasonable regard for safety, 35 out of 119. May I not say that you have a reason for the utmost liberality that you can exercise. Remember that this is a constantly recurring need. This Association is, I think, only about 43 years old, part of it even less. It had at its initiation to incur considerable trials and difficulties. Many brethren of eminence doubted whether it was possible for an additional Charity to be added to those already existing in the Craft—whether the Craft could provide sufficient funds for the maintenance of such a Charity as this whether it would not conflict with other claims—whether the Board of Benevolence of Grand Lodge did not already sufficiently supply the needs of decayed brethren. All those doubts had to be met, and I will venture to say that if this Institution at its birth had not been a very strong and vigorous infant it would have perished before it came to perfection. (Hear, hear.) But, brethren, all these difficulties and doubts were surmounted, and the way in which they had been surmounted is perhaps the most extraordinary thing in the charitable records of this charitable country. I will venture to say that 30 years ago, whether we look to the number of Stewards at the Festival of the Institution, to the amount of the contributions, or to the great interest felt by the Craft in the Institution; there was not one-tenth of those funds of those Stewards, or of the interest that there is at the present moment. (Cheers.) It has grown with marvellous rapidity, and I look to you to-night to provide for a further increase of the benefits of this Charity—(Cheers)—because, brethren, I think I may assure you that this Charity fulfils certainly two of those requirements, which all of us in giving Charity should bear in mind. It is, in the first place, a Charity to the needy. There is a most careful sifting of the situation in life and the means of the candidates for its benefits, not only when they are placed on the list of candidates, but also periodically by the Committee which manages the Institution, more than that care taken, that where relatives can aid those for whom they are responsible, those relatives should be compelled to give aid before persons can become recipients of this Charity. Then, brethren, the candidates are deserving objects. The brethren who are chosen as candidates are brethren of standing and character in Masonry, and not men who had entered Masonry in order to profit by it, but brethren who deserve your help. And remember, brethren, that their widows have been the dear partners in life of such brethren, and I will venture to say that every case which appears on the list of candidates, is the case of a person who has been well to do in his past life—often wealthy, always well to do, utterly unfit to cope with the workhouse. (Cheers.) You deliver them by your Charity from that which to persons of this class would often be worse than death itself, and in delivering them you maintain the character of our Craft, by that virtue which above all we ought to cherish among us. Some may think that the claims of helpless children appeal more strongly to our sympathies than those of the old folks and their widows. (No.) I wish anybody who thinks so would do what I did on Saturday last, and go to the Institution at Croydon. He would see the quiet, peaceful comfort, free from anxiety, in which you enable these old people to live. He would see the cordial and kindly relations which exist between them and the Committee which manages the Institution and its officials. He would be touched, and touched deeply, by the gratitude which all these old people testify to your bounty, and by the interest which they show that this Festival shall be made, not so much for their own sakes, as for others who may share similar benefits to those which they enjoy. (Cheers.) Brethren, I assure you that, in my earnest belief, the toast which I recommend to you is success to that which is a true Charity. All your contributions, as probably you know, go directly to its benefit. (Hear, hear.) Finally, I need only remind you of that day in the Masonic life of all of us, on which you were admitted as candidates into Masonry, poor and penniless, and of the admiration which we then expressed of that virtue—Charity—which is not only one of the principal articles of the Masonic creed, but which is the distinguishing virtue in the heart of every true Mason. (Cheers.) I am sure you hope with me that this will be a memorable day not only to those who are office bearers or subscribers to-night, but to the old folk on whose behalf I have, however feebly, tried to plead to you, and, above all, to that Craft whose prosperity and welfare is the dearest wish of all of you in this country.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.D.: Bro. Chairman and Brethren, as I am Vice-President of this Institution, I rise with pleasure to return thanks for the manner in which you have proposed success to the Institution. But I have more than that to do now on behalf of the Institution, and through them, on behalf of those who have borne the heat and burden of the day, I have to return you our heartfelt thanks for the manner in which you, Sir, have presided on this occasion, and this glorious Board of Stewards have seconded your efforts. You, Sir, have so well advocated the cause of this Charity that I feel that any words from me would be out of place. On looking over the list of 300 Stewards who have to-night followed your lead I feel that we have a glorious list, and therefore I feel satisfied that I should be only meeting the wishes of all the brethren if I give place to our Bro. Terry, who will read the list. And this having been done,

Bro. Col. LYNE, Prov. Grand Master for Monmouth: Brethren, I must command your silence while I propose the next toast, which is that of "The Chairman." "Good wine needs no bush," and no oratory is needed from me to commend this toast to your warm and cordial reception. We are under very deep and lasting obligations to your Chairman for the manner in which he has conducted the duties of this evening, and for the time he has devoted to this noble cause. We all know the onerous and important duties which he has to perform, yet, notwithstanding these, he has devoted

not only this evening, but I am sure many, very many, hours in arriving at this satisfactory state we have arrived at this evening. While I congratulate Sir M. H. Beach, I think I may also venture to congratulate him on the success of this meeting. I am old enough to remember when we thought we did very great things indeed when we got up £1000 for this Institution. That sum, however, has now increased, till at this moment there is no less a sum than £17,600. I think this will be a great gratification to him, and I am sure his kind heart will feel that he has not devoted his time to this Institution in vain. I congratulate him most sincerely, and I ask you to drink his health most cordially.

The CHAIRMAN: Brethren, I thank you most heartily for the kindness with which you have received me, and also for the kind way in which you have welcomed this toast. I thank my Bro. Lyne for the way in which he has proposed my health. I can assure you that it is a matter to me of the deepest satisfaction and thankfulness that this festival should have had so triumphant a result as has been announced to you to-night. If I have had, in the opinion of any single brother present, the smallest share in bringing about that result I am more than rewarded for anything I have done. I shall say no more about myself, but in replying to the toast of one's health one may be pardoned for a little egotism, and I do want to say something to you of the province of which I am proud. We are a small body of Masons in Gloucestershire—I don't think we are 600 all told. We are not by any means at this time very well off. We have 14 lodges and three Royal Arch Chapters. Every one of those lodges and chapters is represented by a Steward at this Festival, and most are represented by several Stewards. The brethren in our province—one out of every 10—is a Steward at this Festival; and out of the total number of brethren in the province—600—we have raised something like £1200 for the benefit of your Institution. That is due mainly to our Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Brook-Smith, and our energetic Secretary, Bro. Trinder; but it is due also to the Masonic Charity of the brethren of the province. And why I wish to mention it to you to-night is not for the sake of invidious comparison, but because I would say to other brethren and provinces "Go and do likewise." What we have done every province in England may do. I am sure you will join with me, because you are anxious and warm supporters of the Benevolent Institution, who thank your Gloucestershire brethren for what they have done this year. If I may venture to do so I would ask you to join with me in my warmest thanks for that which I well know is not only a token of their charitable feelings, but also of their kindly feelings towards myself. I am proud to represent such a province as this. I am thankful to have had the opportunity of presiding over you to-night, and I do not think I shall ever forget either the triumphant result of this Festival or the share which my own people in Gloucestershire have had in it.

The REV. C. J. MARTYN, P.G.C., D.P.G.M. for Suffolk: Brethren, it is with very great pleasure indeed I rise to propose a toast which must be dear to all our hearts. We must recollect we have other Charities. I feel that in standing to propose success to those other Charities I stand in a very proud position indeed, because I am intimately connected with the Province of Suffolk, which always supports the other Charities by sending up a Steward to every Festival. I stand here to-night as an old Past Master of Gloucestershire, and a Past Grand Warden of Gloucestershire, and I am very proud indeed that Gloucestershire has done so much. I recognise in your President a very dear old friend, and I am exceedingly happy to support him. I give you "Success to the Girls' School and the Boys' School," and I ask you to do all you can to promote their success by supporting them at their Festivals in May and June.

Bro. HEDGES responded on behalf of the Boys' and Girls' School. He congratulated the Benevolent Institution on the magnificent result of that night's Festival, and in doing so took the opportunity of including in that congratulation the Province of Gloucester and the Chairman; nor could he fail to remember that at a recent Festival of the Girls' School, Bro. Sir Michael Hicks Beach had presided, and was then, as now, loyally supported by his province, £1000 having been raised by them on that occasion.

Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G. Sec., proposed "The Stewards." He said: I am sure we all rejoice exceedingly at the successful meeting we have had to-night and at the magnificent results of the lists that we have lately heard read. Let me ask you one practical question. Should we have a Festival at all here to-night or any list to read if it were not for the invaluable services of a noble band of brethren who have conducted entirely to the success of this meeting? I refer to the Board of Stewards. Most of us in our time have served the office of Steward, and we know what a thankless office it is. We have to use our persuasiveness in every direction in order to make our list a respectable one. To-night that band of brothers has come forward in a most admirable way. We have over 300 Stewards, and from the province of Gloucestershire alone we have received nearly £1200. I therefore think you will unanimously and cordially agree with me that we should not part without giving them our thanks for putting their shoulders so

nobly to the wheel. As Dr. Brook-Smith has left the room, I couple with the toast the name of Dr. Kynaston.

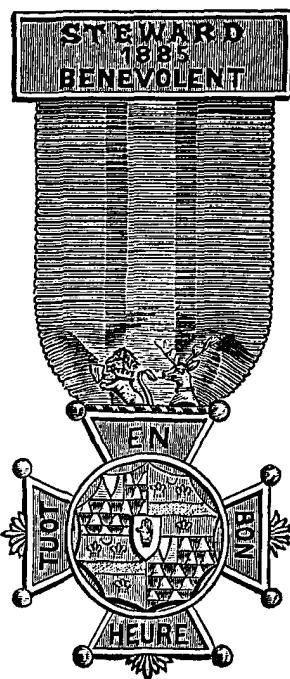
Bro. Dr. KYNASTON replied.

Bro. Baron DE FERRIERES, P.G.D., proposed "The Ladies," after which the brethren adjourned to the Temple to a concert.

The following are the artistes who performed the musical portion of the entertainment, which was under the direction of W. Bro. Prof. Edwin M. Lott, assisted by Miss Margaret Hoare, Miss Maud Cameron, Miss Amy Sargent, Madame Raymond, Miss Eliza Thomas, Bros. Sidney Tower, Arthur Weston, T. Tremere, and Egbert Roberts. The instrumentalists were Miss Nellie Hamilton, Bros. J. Kiff, and Professor Edwin M. Lott, Grand Organist.

The banquet was admirably served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Dawkins.

The favour worn on the occasion by the Stewards was embellished with the arms of the Chairman, Sir M. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., impressed on a Maltese cross, with his crest surmounting it, and his motto, "Tout en bon heure," encircling it. The favour, which was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, gave general satisfaction.



STEWARDS' LISTS.

Table listing stewards for various lodges in London, including names like Edgar Bowyer, Thos. W. C. Bush, and others, with associated financial figures.

Table listing stewards for various lodges in the provinces, including names like Bro. W. F. Masters, Bro. W. C. Wigley, and others, with associated financial figures.

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SUMMARY.

Summary table showing financial totals for various provinces and regions, including LONDON, PROVINCES, and GRAND TOTAL.

ANALYSIS OF THE RETURNS.

Having given, as usual, a full and comprehensive account of the proceedings at the Festival itself, our next duty is to analyse carefully and as minutely as possible the returns, so that the reader may more clearly understand the magnificent result achieved on Wednesday. So brilliant a triumph deserves that it should be carefully studied, and the more so, that, as happened, if we remember rightly, last year, it almost immeasurably surpasses even the most sanguine expectations that could have been entertained. There is no doubt that, having regard to the depression in trade and the anxieties which are so conspicuous just now in the political world, it would have caused no particular surprise had the large amount of over £14,665, which was contributed in February, 1884, still continued to represent the highest total subscribed at any of the Benevolent Festivals. Bro. Terry himself—and he is no mean judge of such matters—seems to have anticipated a falling off of something like £2000, and had his apprehensions being verified, we should now have been considering a return of less than £13,000. Dame Fortune, however, has once again shown herself inclined to assist his efforts, and the anticipated diminution to the extent of £2000, has to our intense satisfaction been transformed into an unanticipated increase of something like £3000 over above what was subscribed in 1884. To put the matter as simply as possible.—The Festival of 1884 yielded £14,665; Bro. Terry seems to have had an idea that the Anniversary this year would yield about £12,600. As a matter of fact it has yielded, as the lists we publish testify, the grand total of £17,500, the sum actually announced being £17,636 6s. 8d. It is needless to say—and yet if we left it unsaid we should feel we had omitted an important as well as a most agreeable duty—that for such a result we are indebted to the eloquence of the Chairman, the successful canvassing of his Board of Stewards, and the untiring exertions of Bro. Terry and his staff. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart, M.P., well deserves and is to be congratulated upon so brilliant a success; he must indeed be gratified that on the occasion of his second Chairmanship he has received so large a measure of support, not only from his province, which backed him up, as every one expected it would, right loyally, but likewise from the other provinces, and in an especial manner from the London portion of the Craft. All, in fact, who lent a helping hand in producing so immense a result are to be congratulated, while the Institution itself and its strong array of aged and indigent applicants are fortunate indeed in being able to show that they have obtained so sure a hold on the respect and support of the Craft. Even the very critical state of affairs seems to have had no effect in diminishing the ardour of this support. It may even be that the present serious commercial depression and its attendant evils have exercised a powerful influence for good on behalf of this Institution, it being recognised as a matter of course that in bad times there must be a larger amount of suffering among the aged and infirm, a greater likelihood of failures in business, and a still greater difficulty on the part of those who fail to recover from their losses. This view may have helped to open wider the purses of the brethren and their friends, or there may have been other causes operating in the same direction. It matters not, however, what explanation may be forthcoming, there stands facing us the splendid work that was done on Wednesday. The special circumstances described not long since in these columns—the fewness of the vacancies and the multitude of the applicants—rendered an exceptionally strong appeal to the Craft imperative, and the answer is before us—an exchequer so generously replenished that we may anticipate the Committee of Management will recommend at the proper time a further increase in the number of annuitants, so that as many as possible of the poor old candidates, both men and women, may be made comfortable for the brief remainder of their days. Masons, like other men, have their faults, but the neglect of their worthy brethren in distress the families of brethren is not one of them.

The total announced was, as already has been stated, £17,636 6s. 8d. the London portion amounting to £9810 16s., and the Provincial to £7825 10s. 8d. The receipt of a few additional items and a clerical error, which in the haste of the moment escaped detection, necessitate the amendment of these figures, the London lists totalling up to £9675 7s., and as the Provincial remain unaltered, the grand total must be stated as £17,500 17s. 8d. This return has been accomplished by the united efforts of a Board of Stewards numbering in all 350, those representing London being 164, and those the different provinces 186. This is undoubtedly a strong Board, but any numerical excess here is at once explained by the large muster of Gloucestershire brethren, who were anxious to exhibit both their loyalty to their P.G.M., and their interest in this important Institution. More than this by way of general introduction, is, we think, unnecessary. At all events, we betake ourselves without further ado to the task of considering in detail the lists which, when taken together, have produced so admirable a result, our attention being in the first instance directed to

LONDON,

Which, as we have said, is responsible for £9675 7s. out of the total. The proportion which this part of the Returns bears to the provincial aggregate is pretty much the same as at the Benevolent Festival last year, nor is there any appreciable difference in the numbers of brethren who undertook the responsibilities of Stewards on the two occasions. In 1884 the Metropolitan Stewards mustered 159, of whom 24 were unattached, and 135 represented among them 129 lodges and six chapters. This year the figures are—unattached 22, and 141 representatives of 131 lodges and eight chapters, together with one lady, Mrs. Cama; so that including her—and it would not be the first time a lady has figured among the Stewards at a Masonic Festival—we have an aggregate of 164. As regards the lists contributed by them, it will be noticed that there are no such exceptionally heavy ones as were included at the Boys' Festival in June last—we are alluding particularly to those of Bros. Scurrah (Lodge No. 1744) and Skudder (No. 169), who figured for £630 and £540 respectively. Even the £325 10s. of Bro. Chas. Taylor, of the Eccleston Lodge, is not reached by any individual Steward, though as we must conjoin the amounts accredited to the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, namely, Mrs. Cama's £262 10s., and Bro. Fred. C. Frye's £154 7s., we obtain the handsome aggregate of £416 17s. In any circumstances, however, we are justified—and we need hardly dilate on the pleasure we and every one else must experience on this account—in assigning the place of honour to the lady we have just named. If the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge with her assistance may be said to head the London list with a total of over £400, Mrs. Cama has five-eighths of the Earl of Carnarvon list all to herself. If we omit the lodge from our consideration, the lady still remains entitled to the position, so that, in this instance at all events, the direction "Place aux Dames" is no mere empty compliment or set figure of speech. As

regards other considerable lists, we find that Bro. G. Ward Verry, acting as the representative of two lodges (the Yarborough, No. 554, and the Langthorne, No. 1421), has succeeded in raising £224 11s. 6d., of which £169 1s. represents the Langthorne share of the contribution, and £55 10s. 6d. that of the Yarborough. Bro. C. J. Rich, however, as representing the Prosperity Lodge, No. 65, has had the good fortune to obtain and place to his and its credit the even larger total of £232 1s.; and Bro. G. Norrington, Steward of the Royal Leopold, No. 1669, is close at his heels with £220; while Bro. George E. Fairchild, acting on behalf of the Urban, No. 1196, figures for £213 1s.; and Bro. W. M. Stiles, of the Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744, with £206 6s. Next come Bro. Chas. Sims, with £175 7s.; Bro. Jas. Terry, with £175; the Highgate Lodge, No. 1366, with a like amount per the hands of two Stewards, Bros. Underwood (£75), and R. W. Galer (£100); Bro. F. A. Pullen, Crystal Palace Lodge, No. 742, with £168; Bro. Edgar Bowyer, unattached, £160 10s.; and then, so close that they may almost be returned as level, Bro. W. N. Phillips, of the Richmond Lodge, No. 2032, with £152 15s., and Bro. George Powell, Lewis Lodge, No. 1185, with £150 3s. Bro. A. McDowall, Steward for that young but zealous lodge, the London Rifle Brigade, No. 1062, makes a goodly show with £141 15s.; and Bro. Herbert James Cant, of the Victoria Park Lodge, No. 1816, figures with £131 5s. Next in order is Bro. F. J. Hunt, Steward of Bro. Terry's mother lodge—the United Strength, No. 228—which would not feel happy if it were not to the fore on the occasion of the Benevolent Festival; the total of this list being £127 11s., while Bro. E. Stimson, of Kent Lodge, No. 15, and Bro. H. McClelland, of the City of London Lodge, No. 901, seem to have run a neck and neck race, the former with £120 4s. 6d., just managing, in sporting phraseology, to beat the tape first, his competitor's total being £120 3s. 6d. Bro. F. C. Mufflet, St. Marylebone Lodge, No. 1305, follows with £118 13s., and then Bro. G. S. Recknell, the recently-installed W.M. of the Temple Bar Lodge, No. 1728, who signals his first appearance as a Steward at one of these gatherings by handing in the handsome sum of £115 10s. 6d., a sum which we need hardly say is most creditable to himself and his lodge. We take the opportunity of offering Bro. Recknell our congratulations on his having made so successful a début, and we are satisfied there are many occasions awaiting us in future years, when it will be a source of pleasure to us, as it will be our duty, to renew our greetings in recognition of similar successful labours. A like measure of praise is due to Bro. Hy. Roberts, of the Pythagorean, No. 79, and Bro. H. Von Joel, of the Leigh Lodge, No. 957, who figure in the returns for precisely the same total, namely, £115 10s.; and then, in the order as given, follow Bro. T. Gaisford, of the Merchant Navy Lodge, No. 781, £111 5s. 6d.; Bro. Geo. Gardner, Chiswick Lodge, No. 2012, £106 10s. 6d.; Bro. H. B. Marshall, Grand Treasurer, unattached, with £106 1s.; Bro. Bro. Wm. Blackburn, Clapton Lodge, No. 1365, £105 15s. 6d.; Bro. Jas. Strugnell, Farringdon Street Lodge, No. 1745, and the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1524, per Bros. C. W. Smyth and Dignam, each with £105; Bro. Kenneth R. Murchison, Steward of that well-found Lodge, the Friends in Council, No. 1383, with £102 14s.; and Bro. H. M. Hobbs, representing the Old England Lodge, No. 1790, with £101 6s. In addition to the foregoing are many other goodly lists, such as those of Bro. Thos. F. Harvey, Sincerity Lodge, No. 174, £90 10s., Bro. Frank Richardson, Steward for the Tuscan Lodge, No. 14, £88 4s., &c.; but any attempt to enumerate them would trench too severely on our space, and those who would go still further into detail will find all needful particulars in another part of our columns.

THE PROVINCES

May also be said to make a goodly show, their share of the grand total being £7825 10s. 8d., which is considerably more than they succeeded in raising at the Benevolent Festival last year, when they figured as contributing just a little short of £6100. As to the number of provinces which have helped to bring about so satisfactory a result we find it about the same as usual, there being, if we include the Channel Islands, which has no provincial organisation, 32 represented out of the 44, into which the country section of the English Craft is mapped out. The 12 absentees are as follow: Bedfordshire (5 lodges), which it seems almost like hoping against hope ever to expect will figure at one of these gatherings; Derbyshire (20 lodges), whose services must be looked upon as pre-engaged for the Boys' School Festival in June, when its Prov. Grand Master, the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., has kindly arranged to take the chair; Dorsetshire (13 lodges), Herefordshire (4 lodges), a frequent absentee, but not, like Beds, an invariable one; Leicestershire and Rutland (11 lodges); Norfolk (16 lodges); Northants and Hunts (10 lodges); Northumberland (21 lodges); South Wales, Eastern Division (16 lodges); Sussex (25 lodges), which, however, as we have said of Derbyshire, must be looked upon as devoting its sole attention this year to the Girls' School, at whose Festival, in May, Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., Prov. Grand Master, has consented to preside; and the Isle of Man (5 lodges), which, as yet, is without a Prov. Grand Lodge, and, moreover, is so far distant, that it can hardly be expected to assist in these celebrations. Most of these have played their part well on former occasions, the Eastern Division of South Wales having figured among the contributing provinces at both the School Festivals last year, and in each case for a goodly sum, while Leicestershire and Rutland helped to swell Bro. Terry's list in February, 1884, with £350. Northumberland did great things at the Boys' Festival in 1883, but has lain quiet since; and Dorsetshire, Norfolk, and Norths and Hunts contribute from time to time, and to an extent more or less considerable.

Taking the contributing provinces in alphabetical order, we come first to

BERKS AND BUCKS,

Which has 21 lodges, 12 in the former, and 9 in the latter county. Of these six have sent up Stewards, though only one of them hails from Buckinghamshire, and the aggregate of their lists is £207 1s., Bro. Saxby, of the Abbey Lodge, No. 945, Abingdon, figuring with £63 1s., and Bro. W. J. Withers, of the Union Lodge, No. 414, Reading, with £51 12s. 6d. Last year it distributed among our Institutions £464 16s. 6d., of which Bro. Terry was so fortunate as to secure rather more than one-half, while in 1883 it raised some £472, and the year previous not far short of £620. In fact, it rarely happens that this province allows a Masonic Festival to pass without sending up a representative, though it must be conceded that Berks does the lion's share of the work.

BRISTOL,

With its eight lodges, would seem to have a decided preference for the Old People, at whose Festival in 1884 the same Bro. Purnell who figures in Wednesday's list with a useful £59 11s. handed in the still more useful sum of £293 11s. In 1883, also, Bro. Purnell was one of the three Stewards representing as many lodges, whose contributions found their way to the Benevolent Institution. Perhaps, as the amount is smaller this year, we may look to see this province figuring at one or other of the School Festivals.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE,

Which now has five lodges, owing to the removal of Lodge Alma Mater, No. 1492, within its borders, and which till recently was more frequently absent than present at these festive gatherings, is now evidently bent on making up its lost ground. Of course, with such a limited array of lodges, it cannot be expected to play a very conspicuous part, but it has done exceedingly well on the occasions when it has sent up Stewards, as for instance in 1883, when it raised £128 for the Girls' School, and again last year, when it proved still more successful, and helped to swell Bro. Binckes's total in June last with £174 6s. It has now contributed by the hands of Bro. Hiscox, of the Lodge of United Good Fellowship, No. 809, Wisbeach, the sum of £106 11s. 6d. We congratulate this small province on the zeal it is now displaying on behalf of our Institutions.

CHESHIRE

has 39 lodges on its roll, and its presence in a Festival list may be looked for with certainty, though the aggregate of its contributions is rarely as formidable as some perhaps might expect from so strong a province. But, as we have had occasion to remark more than once previously, it bestows a large amount of its care on the local Institution which it set on foot some 22 or 23 years since. On Wednesday seven of its lodges contributed, the total of their lists amounting to £244 15s. Bro. George Bland, as Steward for the King's Friends Lodge, No. 293, Nantwich, heading the array with £73 15s., and the Lodge of Unanimity, No. 287, Stockport, standing next with £52 10s. In June last it raised very little short of £500 for the Boys' School; the total for the year being some £680.

The fair fame of

CORNWALL,

With its 29 lodges, could hardly have been in better hands than those of Bro. Charles Truscott, who, as the representative of the province, has succeeded in raising the round sum of £200, which is just a little more than double what it raised last year, when Bro. Controller S. Graham Bake was Steward at all three Festivals, and handed in a total of £98 14s. In 1883, Bro. Bake being again the most prominent figure, the amount raised by the province was £243 10s.

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND

Has 20 lodges on its roll, and one of them—the Sun and Sector Lodge, No. 962, Workington—contributes, per Bro. P. de E. Collin, the sum of £50 8s. 6d. This is its first appearance since the Boys' School Festival of 1883, when, with Bro. George McKay for its Steward, it raised no less than 1000 guineas (£1050) for that one Institution. A year's rest after so considerable an effort was justly earned, and doubtless we may now look for a further conspicuous exercise of zeal on the part of the province which is ruled so admirably by Lord Bective.

DEVONSHIRE,

Which musters just half a century of lodges, has sent up per Bro. John Lane, of the Jordan Lodge, No. 1402, Torquay, the sum of £135. Last year it figured, but for small amounts, at all three Festivals, while in 1883 and 1882 it raised £595 and £565 respectively, and as it is not so very long ago that it started an Educational Fund, there is evidently a sound appreciation among our Devonian brethren of the heavy requirements of our Institutions, and an equally marked desire to contribute towards them.

DURHAM,

Which has just had the misfortune to lose its chief—the late Marquis of Londonderry—and has not yet had time to settle down under its successor, has two of its 30 lodges represented, the total of the lists being £120 15s. In 1884 it raised £452; in 1883, £265; in 1882, £412; and in 1881, £1024, so that we have good reason to appreciate highly the zeal and liberality of our Durham friends.

Very great praise is due to

ESSEX,

Which always makes strenuous efforts to be well represented on these occasions, and is invariably successful. Moreover, though it musters 23 lodges, it cannot boast of any large industrial centres, as some of our provinces can, and Lord Brooke, its P.G.M., must be highly gratified at the zeal of the lodges which pay him obedience. On the present occasion no less than 9 lodges send up Stewards, and there is one other—Bro. Richard Clowes—who figures independently. The total of their lists is £456 13s. 6d., the highest being that of Bro. F. A. White, of Liberty of Havering Lodge, No. 1437, Romford, whose total is £152 5s.; Bro. J. Sadler-Wood, Steward for the Brooke Lodge, No. 2005 taking second place with £63. Last year it raised in all £1546, of which £1000 found its way into the coffers of the Girls' School, at whose Festival Lord Brooke presided as chairman. In 1883 it distributed among our three Institutions over £490, Bro. Terry obtaining not far short of one half, and in 1882 it gave them £354. Such a record for the three preceding years makes the performance of Wednesday still more creditable.

As a matter of course, the chief interest of the Festival was directed towards the province of

GLOUCESTERSHIRE,

Which, though mustering only 14 lodges, has figured very conspicuously during the last few years. Its popular and respected chief, Sir M. Hicks-Beach, Bt., M.P., was in the chair, and consequently there was every inducement for its lodges to put forth their strength, if only that they might show how warmly they appreciate his interest in the central Masonic Charities. When he occupied a similar position at the Girls' School Festival in 1881, they gave a specimen of their loyalty by subscribing a round £1000, and it was in the order of things that his second appearance in the chair should be made the occasion for a still stronger and a more successful effort. Our anticipations have been realised to their fullest extent; all its lodges and two out of its three chapters were represented, the



THE CHAIRMAN.

number of brethren acting as Stewards being 56, and the aggregate of their lists £1205 8s. 6d. In 1884 it raised £609, of which over £429 was contributed to the Benevolent Institution; in 1883 its total for the three Charities was, in round figures, £852, the Boys' School being the recipient of £602; in 1882 it raised £548, and in 1881 £1547, of which, as we have said, £1000 was handed over to the Girls. Thus, at the last ten Festivals, the small province of Gloucestershire has raised no less than £4772; yet even so large a sum is not surprising when we bear in mind that among the brethren in the province are such constant and zealous workers as Bros. Vassar-Smith, Brook-Smith, D.P.G.M., and the Baron de Ferrieres. It only shows how true is the old saying "that where there's a will, there's a way."

HANTS AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT

Has 41 lodges, and a deservedly popular chief to rule over it. It has also many zealous brethren to work for it, and the result is that it never fails to put in an appearance at our Festivals, and, what is still more to its credit, its appearance is always most serviceable to the object in view. Its total on Wednesday exceeded £550, three of its nine Stewards' lists running into three figures, that of Bro. John Brickwood, representing Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 342, Landport, amounting to £127 3s. 7d., that of Bro. Morris Miles, Steward for Royal Gloucester Lodge, No. 130, Southampton-Southampton, to £110 5s., and Bro. J. G. Niven's, of the Landport Lodge, No. 1776, to £105 3s. Eight lodges and a chapter contributed amongst them the total of Wednesday. In June last it raised £512 for the Boys' School, in May £295 for the Girls, and in February £373 for the Benevolent, giving a total for the year of £1180. In 1883 it put forth its strength to still greater purpose, the sum of its contributions (to the three Institutions being £1832, of which £1307 was raised for the Girls' School, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, Grand Master of the Province, being the chairman on the occasion. Bro. Mursell, Steward for lodge No. 35, served in a like capacity at the Boys' School Festival in June last, his lists on the two occasions being £60 10s. and £76 13s.

We next in order of sequence come to

HERTFORDSHIRE,

A small province numerically—having but 13 lodges—but a regular and generous contributor to all our Institutions. Its total on Wednesday reached £353 13s. 6d., the most considerable lists being those of Bro. the Rev. C. E. Mayo, who acted for the Gresham Lodge, No. 869, Cheshunt, and Bro. C. E. Keyser, representative of the Watford Lodge, No. 404, the former's total being £85 1s., and the latter's £65 12s. Six other lodges were also represented, and there were in addition two unattached Stewards, of whom Bro. John E. Dawson, D.P.G.M., was one. Last year it contributed £470 and a few odd shillings, in 1883 some £496, and in 1882 not far short of £1050, the Benevolent Institution being successful in obtaining by far the largest share in each year. But this is not surprising when we remember that Bro. Terry has been intimately connected with the province for several years past.

Turning to

KENT,

With its 53 lodges, we have a somewhat similar picture presented. It is true that only three of these lodges and a chapter figure in the returns, but the aggregate is £531 12s., while in 1884 it made up a total of some £1332—Benevolent, £271; Girls' School, 562; and Boy's School, £499—and in 1883 it showed to still greater advantage, the sum of its contributions being £2700, by far the greater portion of which—some £2316—was raised at the Boys' Festival, when Lord Holmesdale, P.G.M., presided. Here, then, and without carrying our researches further, we have a total of some £4563 at the last seven Festivals, which by the usual arithmetical process is found to represent an average per Festival of little short of £653, which even for a strong province, must be set down as handsome. But then, they always do the thing handsomely in Kent.

LANCASHIRE (EAST DIVISION),

Considering that it has 93 lodges on its roll, six of which were represented on Wednesday by 10 Stewards, does not, it must be admitted, show to very great advantage, its total being only £136 10s. all told. Yet there have been Festivals when it has figured in a manner worthy of its strength, and there is also this to be said, when, as in this instance, the total is comparatively small, that like its two immediate neighbours—West Lancashire and Cheshire—it bestows a very liberal amount of support annually on its local Charitable Association, and by so doing, of course, helps materially to lighten the pressure on our central Institutions. It is necessary to bear this in mind when analysing these returns, or the false impression will be conveyed that our strongest province—speaking numerically—is not so earnest in its support as others which are not so well provided with lodges.

Our remarks in reference to

LANCASHIRE (WEST DIVISION),

With 82 lodges, must be similar in character. Three of these and a chapter were represented on the present occasion, the number of Stewards being six, and the sum of their lists amounting to £330 15s., that of Bro. Wm. Goodacre amounting to £134 8s. Here again we have a large province with a comparatively small total, but here also we recognise that it will not do to judge things superficially. We must recollect the amount of money which is annually raised for the local Provincial Association; nor must we lose sight of the fact that when it is called upon to put forth its strength adequately, West Lancashire knows well how to set about it. Under these circumstances its present contribution as well as its totals of £731 in 1884, and £813 in 1883, are both worthy and acceptable.

The Province of

LINCOLNSHIRE,

After a prolonged absence from our Festival lists, made a fresh start in June last, and though the amount which its single representative handed in was not excessive—if we looked upon it as representing the assistance that might be forthcoming from the whole province—yet we took the opportunity of offering our congratulations on such renewed evidence of the vitality of Masonry in this part of the country. On Wednesday two lodges and a chapter sent up Stewards, the joint representatives of the latter—Comps. Thos. Coates and T. C. Hill, of Oliver Chapter, No. 792, Grimsby—making up between them a list of £47 5s., while the other two Stewards handed in £29 10s. and £13 respectively. Thus Lincolnshire figured on Wednesday for close on £90, and we hope and believe it will show to greater advantage at the two remaining Festivals of the year. It has 21 lodges, and, encouraged by the traditions it has received from past Lincolnshire worthies, will no doubt go on contributing progressively larger sums.

MIDDLESEX,

As the metropolitan county, and having a strong array of 34 lodges under

one of our most popular Prov. G. Masters—Sir Francis Burdett, Bart.—may always be reckoned upon as a steady and liberal contributor. On Wednesday nine of these lodges sent up thirteen Stewards—Lebanon Lodge, No. 1326, of Feltham, being represented by as many as five brethren—and among them they contrived to enrich the Benevolent Institution to the extent of £322 9s. In June last it gave to the Boys' School £157; in May to the Girls' School £354; and in February to the R.M.B.I. £213, making a total of some £724 for 1884, while in 1883 it raised £616, and in 1882 £1212, giving an aggregate of about £2874 for the last ten Festivals, or an average per Festival of over £287.

Turning our steps westwards we come next in order to

MONMOUTHSHIRE,

Which, though it musters only eight lodges, figures in the present Returns for £200, per Bro. Samuel Davies, as Steward for the whole province, and that, too, notwithstanding it raised over £307 for "Our Boys" in June last. In 1883 it raised £236 for "Our Girls," so that it has now gone the round of the three Institutions, having raised at the three Festivals specified over £743. And yet it is a weak province, as far as mere numbers go!

NORTH WALES AND SALOP,

With its 28 lodges, does not show to advantage by comparison with its immediate predecessor, the total of its two Stewards' lists—Bro. Spaul's for the whole province, and Bro. J. C. W. Lister's for St. Milburga, No. 1120, Ironbridge—reaching only £97 5s. 6d. However, in June last, it raised £186 for the Boys' School, and in May £70 for the Girls, making a total for the year of £256. In 1882 it contributed £537. We shall probably hear of it again before the present season is ended.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

Has a capital plan for making the most of its resources. It supports our Institutions turn and turn about, and thus is in a position to concentrate its strength. On Wednesday one of the Nottingham lodges—the Annesley, No. 1435—played the part of representative of the province very satisfactorily, the list of Bro. Wm. Phelps, its Steward, amounting to £158 13s. In June last it raised over £231 for the Boys, and nearly £143 for the Benevolent, or together £374. In 1883 it gave the Benevolent £190, so that the next time it appears in a Festival return we may look to see it helping the Girls' School. At all events, if not always represented, it figures well when it does send up a Steward or Stewards from one or more of its 14 lodges.

OXFORDSHIRE,

With its modest array of 10 lodges, is a compact little province, and, what is far more to our present purpose, it makes a point of being regularly represented on these occasions. It could not in reason be expected that its total should ever be a formidable one, but it contributes promptly at all times and freely whenever there is a special call to be answered. On Wednesday its five Stewards, three of whom hailed from the Alfred, No. 340, Oxford, made up a total of close on £105, or about £15 more than it raised for the same Institution last year. Its total for 1884 was some £293, of which the smaller half figured in the returns of June last, and it has always maintained a fair average—at all events, since so much prominence has been given to these anniversary celebrations. Strangely enough we miss the familiar presence at this gathering of Apollo University, No. 357, a circumstance which is perhaps more noteworthy, as the Chairman, Sir M. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., was initiated into our mysteries by its then acting W.M., Bro. Beach, M.P.

In respect of

SOMERSETSHIRE,

Whose chief is Pro Grand Master of England, we have but little to say, but that little is infinitely to its credit. Its returns on Wednesday reached a total of £175, of which £105, per Bro. Cater, stands credited to the Royal Cumberland Lodge, No. 41, Bath, while Bro. Tompsett, acting for the province, is responsible for the balance. As Somersetshire has 25 lodges on its roll, the figures we have just given are not, perhaps, very formidable, but it distinguished itself greatly in February, 1884, when Bro. Else, Lord Carnarvon's Deputy, raised a total of over £500, and that after it had contributed upwards of £357 to the Boys' School the June previous. The fact is Somersetshire, like all our other provinces, finds it cannot always be as generous as it would wish to be, and the times just now are somewhat trying.

SOUTH WALES, WESTERN DIVISION,

Is on the point of settling down under a new Prov. Grand Master—Lord Kensington—whose induction into his new office appears, however, to have come sufficiently near this particular Festival for it to have been made a suitable opportunity for discussing the necessities of our poor old people, Bro. Samuel Read's list of £90 being apparently the outcome of such discussion. As there are but 10 lodges on its roll, South Wales West follows the wise example set by other small provinces, and gives its chief attention each year to one particular celebration. Last year the Girls' School had the benefit of this arrangement, and was the richer in consequence to the extent of 250 guineas (£262 10s.); the year before Bro. Binckes had his turn, its contribution to the Boys' Festival in 1883 being £350, and in 1882, when its late chief, Col. Lloyd-Philipps, presided at the Benevolent Anniversary, it loyally seconded his advocacy with some £360. These things are worth recording, if only to show that Lord Kensington's province has a mind to do what is right, and does it.

For the 27 lodges of

STAFFORDSHIRE

Two brethren did duty as Stewards on Wednesday—Bros. T. Mount Humphries and C. Graham—their joint list figuring up to £141 15s. In June last it raised over £313, in May some £181, and for the Benevolent in February £152, making a total for 1884 of £646, while in 1883 and 1882 its contributions amounted to £790 and £616 respectively, giving an average for the last 10 Festivals of £220 each. There must be some energetic brethren in the province, when we find it so regularly and liberally assisting all our Charities.

The same remark is applicable to the case of

SUFFOLK.

Though it musters only 21 lodges, and is an agricultural county, it has in Lord Waveney and his worthy Deputy, Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, two brethren of conspicuous zeal, who personally interest themselves not only in what passes in the province, but likewise in whatever is best calculated to promote its welfare and enhance its fame. Hence on Wednesday its representative, Bro. Major Dods, had the satisfaction of handing in a total of £220 10s., and this, notwithstanding it raised over £600 last year—£201

for the Old Folks in February, £248 for the Girls' in May, and £157 for the Boys in June. In 1883 the sum of its contributions was £568, of which Bro. Binckes was able to announce as the Boys' School share over £265, and in 1882 and previous years its support is known to have been equally generous. There has, indeed, been a considerable amount of Masonic work done of late years in this province, and it is evident our Suffolk friends take kindly to our principles, in practice as well as in precept.

Six out of the twenty-six lodges in

SURREY

Sent 'up as many Stewards, of whom Bro. Dr. Strong, the honorary medical adviser of our old people at Croydon, did duty for Friendship and Harmony, No. 1616. The total of the lists handed in exceeded £222; that of the worthy doctor being only a few shillings less than £100. In June last it gave £252, in May £89, and the February previous £244; and in 1883, when Gen. Brownrigg, P.G.M., took the chair at the Benevolent Festival, its total for the year was £1083, of which the Institution that was chiefly favoured received over £900, or most decidedly the lion's share. If a table of contributing provinces at our anniversary gatherings were compiled, we should find that Surrey made it a rule to be represented, and is consequently worthy of high commendation for its faithful discharge of an admitted duty.

If we look to the number of its Stewards we shall find that

WARWICKSHIRE,

With its 30 lodges, makes a fair show. But nine out of the twelve brethren who volunteered their services in this capacity on Wednesday hailed from Lodge No. 74—the Athol, of Birmingham—and they raised amongst them a fraction over £96. The remaining three belonged to the Grosvenor, No. 938—also a Birmingham lodge—but somehow the number of brethren who give their services and the amounts they succeed in obtaining do not strike us as bearing a fair proportion to each other. Nor does it occur to us as being quite in accordance with what people call the "eternal fitness of things" that one or two lodges should bear the chief part of the day's burden. Having the fear of over-sensitive criticism before us, we shall refrain from saying more. Perhaps it is only a reminder which is needed in order to re-awaken the activity of the bulk of the Warwickshire lodges.

It may be contrary to the canons of good taste to suggest a comparison between any two of our Masonic provinces, yet we cannot help noticing that

WILTSHIRE,

Though it has only a third of its lodges, makes a very good appearance even by the side of Warwickshire. The list of Bro. Chandler, as Steward for the Province, totals up to £185 14s., and it raised £253 in 1884, £185 in 1883, and £300 in 1882, or something like £924 at the last ten Festivals, or about £92 per Festival, and every one knows that Wilts is by no means strong even among the smaller provinces.

If we turn to

WORCESTERSHIRE

We find results equally to be commended. Here we have a province with a limited roll of 12 lodges, yet it sent up six Stewards on Wednesday, three of them representing as many lodges, and the other three, including Bro. A. F. Godson, Sir E. Lechmere's most approved good Deputy, acting independently. Its total was £171 3s., and in 1884, 1883, and 1882 it raised £416, £764, and £387 respectively, the several amounts being distributed with a fair amount of impartiality among the three Institutions. This fortunate state of things is but one more piece of evidence as to the beneficial effects of zeal.

NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE

Has 28 lodges, a popular chief—the Earl of Zetland—and a numerous array of exceedingly active members. A conspicuous result of this is that it now invariably figures to advantage at one of our three anniversaries, and sometimes it secures a very high place among the contributing provinces, as in 1883, when it raised over £873 for the Boys' Festival, and in 1882, when the Girls' School benefited to the extent of £500. On this occasion its four Stewards, headed by the Very Rev. the Dean of York, Past G. Chaplain, as representative of the York Lodge, No. 236, with £89 5s., gives over £200—in precise figures £203 19s. 6d.—so that it may be said to have begun the new year well, and must be congratulated accordingly. We feel justified in looking for equally commendable returns at the remaining Festivals of the year, as in 1884 the Province would seem to have enjoyed a well-earned rest in this branch of its labours.

The contiguous province of

WEST YORKSHIRE,

Owing, it may be, to its being a little out of gear through the resignation of Sir H. Edwards, Bart., P.G.M., was not seen to advantage at this Festival, its total reaching only to £122 17s., which is a mere flea bite in comparison with its ordinary returns, and considering it musters 68 lodges. But, after all, it is not very surprising that even so conspicuous a province as this should occasionally be found among the lesser contributors. Last year its aggregate reached £1841, of which the Girls' School received £900, and, as we pointed out in our analysis of the Returns in June last, in the ten years 1875-84 its contributions amounted to £20,463, or not much less than £700 per Festival. However, if our West Yorkshire friends have been comparatively inactive on this occasion, we dare say it will not be long before its new chief calls the brethren to order and reminds them—if indeed a reminder in this instance is not unnecessary—of the calls which are regularly being made upon them and must be satisfied.

JERSEY,

With its seven lodges, figures for £157 10s., its representative being none other than Bro. Le Cronier, D.P.G.M., whose influence may always be commended—in good season of course—on behalf of our Institutions. Its presence is most welcome, though, like the

CHANNEL ISLANDS,

Which has no provincial organisation, we do not seem to expect it. However, Bro. Bichard, of Lodge No. 1809—the Fidelis, of Guernsey—is entered for a list of £110 5s., so that Bro. Terry, who is evidently well known to the brethren in Guernsey and Jersey, is indebted to them for two very excellent contributions, amounting together to £267 15s. This is about £50 more than he received last year, when the Channel Islands sent up over £218, the Province of Jersey, however, not figuring in the returns for that Festival. Of course, contributions, which in the ordinary course of things are not looked for, are the more welcome for that very reason, and we are glad to find the brethren in these parts have given us this further evidence of their quality. These two lists serve admirably as the conclusion to a very handsome array of provincial contributions.

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To Correspondents.

The following communications stand over—
In consequence of the pressure on our space caused by the lengthy report of the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, we are reluctantly compelled to hold over many reports and articles of interest, including the following:

CRAFT LODGES—

Somerset House and Inverness, 4; Industry, 48; Palatine, 97; Southampton, 359; Philanthropy, 940; Hemming, 1512; St. Augustine's, 1941; Army and Navy, 1971; Temperance, 2068.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION—

Constitutional, 55; Faith, 141; Clapton, 1365; Hyde Park, 1425; Ubique, 1789; Wanderers, 1604.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS—

Royalty, 1051; Ley Spring, 1598.

MARK LODGES—

Aldershot Military, 54; Excelsior, 226; Prince Leopold, 238.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 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.]

"IN REBUS MASONICIS."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Your leaders in yesterday's *Freemason* and Notes and Queries 512 and 514, lead me to make a request I have long wished to make. Will you, or Bro. Hughan, or Bro. Speth, or some other well qualified brother kindly give us an idea of a course of *Elementary* Masonic reading?

If two or three brethren of standing would give us their idea of a few standard explanatory works, of the order in which they should be read, where they can be obtained, and the price, I hope that a few brethren, at all events, may be shortly in a better position to understand one of the most interesting parts of your paper, and be relieved from such a humiliating position as the present writer was recently placed in, when, having rashly ventured an answer in Notes and Queries, he received a very kind letter from Bro. Speth, which made him (knowing his utter ignorance of the veriest elements of Masonic history) feel such an utter humbug and impostor that he has never ventured even to thank Bro. Speth for his kindness, and now asks Bro. Speth's forgiveness for his seeming rudeness.

But my difficulty, and I have no doubt that of other young Masons, is not knowing *where to begin*, so as to get any intelligent bird's-eye view of the ground before going into detail.—Yours fraternally,

February 22nd.

S. R. B.

[We will consult with our Bros. Hughan, Gould, and Speth, and see if we cannot set out a "syllabus" of Masonic reading and study.—Ed. FM.]

THE GORMOGONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Such a lively interest appears to be excited by my last communication, as evidenced by the correspondence I have had on the subject (to only one of whom I can at present privately reply), that I send you a further transcript, which, besides being interesting in a Masonic sense, will be partially explanatory of my remarks.

One valued friend and brother in the South takes me to task for an expression which a few additional lines would doubtless have made clearer; but I could not have imagined any such construction being placed upon it.

Of course I don't hold any such absurd idea as that wealth and position unfit any one to be a Mason, but exactly the contrary. I have the honour to know personally many such of whom the Craft may well be proud. I referred, of course, to wealth and position *alone*, or with positive disqualifications.—Yours truly and fraternally,

J. RAMSDEN RILEY.

Extract, *Plain Dealer*, September 14th, 1724.

"I will not be so partial to our Worshipful Society of FREE and ACCEPTED MASONS, as to forbear reproving them on this occasion, for the unaccountable Pother and Noise they have lately made in the world.

"What Stories have been told to amuse and engage the *Credulous*? What Reflections, what Reproach, have they brought upon That Ancient ORDER, by making Proselytes, in so cheap and so prostitute a manner? It afflicts me sensibly, when I see Coxcombs introduced into our Lodges, and made privy to our *Secrets*. I have often entered my protest against this Abuse, in private Society; and must use the Freedom to offer this Memorial in my public Character.

"'Tis my opinion that the late Prostitution of our Order is in some measure the betraying it. The weak Heads of Vintners, Drawers, Wigmakers, Weavers, &c., admitted into our Fraternity have not only brought Contempt upon the Institution, but do very much endanger it."

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"My Female Readers, and I'm afraid some of the *Brotherhood* may stop here, and stare as if I had blabb'd out the whole *Mystery*. They may be doubtful whether the above words and dashes may not be deciphered into the famous *Mason Word*. But I leave the ignorant to their *Wonder*; and proceed to assure my Brethren that they have promoted Superstition and Babbling, contrary to the Peace of our Sovereign Lord the King, by their late Practices and Condescensions.

"Alarming Reports, and Stories of Ladders, Halters, Drawn Swords, and Dark Rooms have spread Confusion and Terror, and if the Government does not put the Laws against us in execution it will be an extraordinary Favour

or Oversight. For my own part I am so faithful a subject, and have the Weal of Our Ancient Order so much at heart, that unless the Grand Master puts a Stop to these Proceedings, by a peremptory Charge to the Brotherhood, I wish I could honourably enter into Another."—Yours fraternally,
J. R. R.

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To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
I hasten to thank Bro. Hughan for his list, which will doubtless be satisfactory to "A Student in Masonry." It serves to show also how ready our dear brother always is to communicate his knowledge for the information of Masonic students, and will, I hope, encourage similar queries of general interest in your columns.

In my own communication read largely for large in the thirteenth line; 1807 for "1607," in the seventeenth; and if a comma be supplied after "available," in the last line, probably your editorial susceptibilities will be less likely to be offended.—Yours truly and fraternally,
J. RAMSDEN RILEY.

Bradford, February 21st.

SUSPENSION OF LODGES.

To the Editor of "The Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
In reply to the request of your correspondent "S.M.M.C.O." in last *Freemason*, I beg to say that the circumstances of the case were simply that a lodge was suspended for a certain period, and that the ruling was clearly that the brethren of that lodge were "suspended from their Masonic functions," and prevented from attending any Craft meeting during that time.

I can easily imagine that my statement is regarded by you with doubt, and that you think there must be some "grave misapprehension," and that it is "more than doubtful whether the Board of General Purposes ever so distinctly 'ruled,'" and that I must have been misinformed. Yet, Sir, I adhere to the correctness of my statement.

It is a misfortune for us all that there are not more written laws to guide the Craft, instead of our being subjected, as we now are, to the vicissitudes of fortune.

You also question my assertion as to the presence and sanction of our distinguished brother, the Grand Registrar. My reply is that the decision I refer to was given at the December meeting of the Board, and that the Grand Registrar was present, and that there is not a doubt about it. I cannot speak as to his sanctioning the ruling, but it was that of the President, and I submit that I have a right to assume that the Grand Registrar agreed with it.—Yours fraternally,
A LOVER OF JUSTICE.

February 23rd.

[We think our correspondent has not quite understood the ruling.—Ed. FM.]

BRO. J. W. WOODALL AND THE GRAND TREASURERSHIP.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
I have been given to understand that a rumour is rife to the effect that if Bro. J. W. Woodall should be elected to the Grand Treasurership on the 4th of March, it is the intention of his supporters to nominate him again next year for a second term of office. Will you allow me to state that there is no foundation for such a statement, and that Bro. Woodall would himself object to any such attempt to monopolise the office? The provincial brethren are as anxious to see a continuation of the one-year service system as their Metropolitan brethren.—I am, yours fraternally,
T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

York, February 25th.



THE SPECTATOR.

517] What is the exact passage in the *Spectator* often stated to refer to the Freemasons?
A STUDENT.

DEAN SWIFT.

518] A discussion arose some time back as to the actual passage in which Swift is alleged to ridicule Masonic usages. There was some difficulty of verification. Is the passage yet quite clear?
A STUDENT.

THE STATUTS OF 1755.

519] Can any brother at Frankfort, A.M., give me a clue to the original MS., whether still at Kloss's library or at Frankfort? Can Bro. Findel help us? A letter to the Editor, *Freemason* Office, 16, Great Queen-street, London, W.C., will be esteemed a favour.
MASONIC STUDENT.

THE G. L. SYMBOLIQUE.

520] A question having been asked about this new body and so-called G. Lodge, on looking back to the *Freemason*, it seems it was formed, after some agitation, only a few years back. Its recognition by the G. Orient of France took place almost quite recently; but the exact dates are a little hazy. According to our views, it is hardly a G. Lodge proper, being a swarm of Symbolic lodges out of the A. and A.S. Rite of France.
ED. FREEMASON.

THE G. L. ANGLAISE.

521] For fear of any misunderstanding between friends and confrere students, I wish to say that it seems Bro. Speth from a private communication, has hardly realized that what I said in answer to his note anent my erroneous conclusions, as he puts it, was partly chaff, in consequence of his line of argument as regards the title of the G.L. Anglaise,

and the alleged predominance of "Scots" Masonry. The truth is, he and I see the matter from different points of view, and are not likely to agree. He takes up with Kloss, I do not; and Findel's hesitation might have led him to see "where the shoe pinches." I am in communication with Bro. Findel on the subject, as I am determined to try and get to the bottom of the above matter; believing Daruty perfectly right in his conclusions, and that the alleged "Scotticisms" of the Grand Lodge Francaise are a myth and a mistake. Of my friend Bro. Speth's ability, clearness, and cleverness, it is impossible to speak too highly, though I cannot agree with him.
A. F. A. W.

COUNTRY STEWARDS' LODGE.

522] In reference to Bro. W. J. Hughan's note (513), I have already informed him that I am the possessor of the jewel there alluded to. No doubt, a description will interest others also. It is circular in form, of plain and frosted silver, cased in glass. The outside edge is an ornamental rim of silver, in which are set a double row of brilliants on each side the medal, the extreme circumference being 8 in., and the weight 4 ozs. Obverse—A winged female figure, draped; to her left a representation of rocks and a cascade; to her right a row of trees; at her feet a cornucopia and ewer; in her left hand a wand; in her right hand a collar, or ribbon, to which is attached the same jewel in miniature; the whole surrounded by a double row of green brilliants. Reverse—A plain ground of frosted silver, upon which is the following inscription, in 10 lines: "Granted by Grand Lodge in Quarty. Communn., 25 Nov., 1789, to the members of the Country Stewards' Lodge. Samuel Clanfield, 1790," the last two lines—"Samuel Clanfield, 1790," being engraved, the remainder being in raised characters, and the whole surmounted by a double row of white brilliants. There is a loop at the top for attaching the jewel to a ribbon or collar. I should surmise that "Samuel Clanfield" was the Master of the lodge, and that the jewel was identified with the office. Can Bro. Hughan or others enlighten us further? It is alluded to in Marvin, page 1798, as being in the Rostock collection. Merzdorf also records this jewel—No. 5—at page 46.
GEORGE TAYLOR.

523] Several of your correspondents having expressed a desire to know something of the functions and character of the Country Stewards' Lodge, the following extracts may possibly interest as well as enlighten them.

Having carefully searched the records of Grand Lodge from the earliest period I can find no mention of Country Stewards before the 4th May, 1772, when at the end of the Grand Lodge minutes for that meeting, being the Grand Festival of the Order, it is recorded that "The Deputy Grand Master acquainted the brethren that the country feast was to be held at the long room at Hampstead, on the 25th day of June next."

The "Freemason's Calendar" for 1785 contains the following notice: "The annual country feast will be held this year on Tuesday, 5th July, Stewards, Brothers Harris, Clarke, Nield, Barker, of whom tickets may be had."

Grand Lodge minutes 25th November, 1789.
"On a motion made by Bro. Whalley, Master of the Lodge of Antiquity, and duly seconded, it was resolved: That in consequence of the trouble attending the Office Steward of the country feast of the Society, the brethren who have served that office be permitted to wear a suitable jewel pendant to a Green Collar."

At this meeting the warrant of the Country Stewards' Lodge, No. 540, was paid for. I find that lodge continued to be represented in Grand Lodge, and was credited with various sums of money down to 1799.

The brethren named in the Warrant of Constitution are Richard W. Whalley, aged 44, Button Manufact., Strand; James Bliss, 34, Attorney, Southwark; James Benwell, 30, Sadler, Bartholomew-lane; Richd. Emblin, 40, Wine Merchant, Fountain-court, Strand; Peregrine Palmer, 35, Attorney, Barnard's Inn; John Heming, 28, Merchant, Bear Binder-lane; Benjn. Pownall, 40, Wine Merchant, Guildhall Coffee House; and Joseph Moore, 36, Printer, Drury-lane. Forty-six other names appear in the register, all London men; and many of them prominent Masons—such as Ruspini, the founder of the Girls' School; James Dean, Christopher Cuppage, W. Hannam, John Allen, and Saml. Clanfield—all of them, with the exception of three, appear as Joining Members. The last named registered while the lodge was in London was in 1793, being Thomas Davis, aged 36, Broker, Bishopsgate.

Grand Lodge minutes, 25th November, 1795.

"A Memorial was presented from the Master, Wardens, and the rest of the officers and brethren of the Country Stewards' Lodge, No. 449, setting forth 'That they were induced to form themselves into a lodge, the better to regulate and manage the Deputy Grand Masters, or Annual Country Feast of this Society, and for that purpose obtained a Constitution, since which time the Country Stewards have been regularly Balloted for and approved in that Lodge, and the Country Feasts, as well by those means as thro' the indefatigable exertions of the Stewards, have been numerous and respectfully attended. That, owing to the unremitted attention of the Stewards, and the prosperity with which they have conducted the Country Feasts, the Grand Lodge was pleased to permit them to suspend a jewel by a Green Ribbon, as a mark of their having served the office of Country Steward; but which they humbly conceive does not sufficiently distinguish them, particularly as most of them are Officers in other Lodges, whereby they are prevented from wearing the Green Collar at the time they have on the jewel of the Lodge. That they humbly conceive it would make the dress more consistent and uniform were they to be permitted to wear the same coloured ribbon to their aprons, and that it would be the means of creating an emulation among the Brethren at large, which would ultimately tend to the benefit of the Society. They therefore prayed that the Grand Lodge will in future permit them and the succeeding members of the Country Stewards' Lodge to line their aprons with Green Silk as a more certain and distinguishing mark of their having had the honour of serving that office.' The said Memorial having been read, after debate thereon, a motion was made and seconded—'That the prayer of the said Memorial be complied with,' and, on the question being put, it passed in the Affirmative."

10th February, 1796.

"The Minutes of the last Grand Lodge were read, and, after debate, a motion was made and duly seconded—'That

the minutes be confirmed, except what relating to allowing the Stewards of the Country Feast to line their aprons with Green Silk, and on the question being put and the numbers counted by the Senior Grand Warden, there appeared

"For the motion 53
"Against it 48."

In the "Freemasons' Magazine" for 1796, amongst the meetings of Grand Lodge announced for this year is

"Country Feast, July 5th."

Grand Lodge minutes, Nov. 23rd, 1796.

A Memorial was presented by the Country Stewards Lodge, No. 449, and read as follows:

"The Memorial of the Master, Wardens, and the rest of the officers and brethren of the Country Stewards Lodge, No. 449, sheweth,

"That your Memorialists did at the Quarterly Communication in November last present a memorial to the Grand Lodge, wherein it was stated 'That they, in the year 1789, were induced to form themselves into a lodge, the better to regulate and manage the Deputy Grand Master's or Annual Country Feast of this Society, &c., &c.'"

This part of the Memorial being merely a recapitulation of that presented on the 25th November, 1795, I need not repeat it, suffice it to say, it is precisely the same as the former down to the words "having had the honour of serving that office," after which it goes on in these words, "which memorial, with the allegations advanced in support of the same, was duly considered, and the prayer thereof granted by a considerable majority of one of the most numerously attended Communications ever witnessed, but which was rejected at the subsequent Communication, when the minutes of the Grand Lodge stood for confirmation by a majority of 5 or 6 only.

H. SADLER.

(To be continued).

SIR RICHARD STEELE.

524] Is it not possible to throw more light upon the asserted Masonic membership of Sir Richard Steele? A theory once propounded by some one that he was an "Antient Mason" is hardly, I think, chronologically correct. In the plate in Picart's ceremonies, he is represented as "A Freemason," before Antient Masonry was to the fore.
A. STUDENT.

EARLY FRENCH MASONRY.

525] I observe that "Masonic Student" (508, 510) has now come forward to corroborate Bro. Woodford. Two to one is long odds, but I must do the best I can. I claim that the Knights of the East are anterior to the Emperors. I do not rest on the authority of Tschoudy. I wish I did, because had he distinctly stated such a fact, being a contemporary, his evidence would have been conclusive. My authority is Kloss, France, p. 87, and his authority an old ritual of the "Chev. d'Orient." At the end of the statutes are two attestations, under date 1758, as follows: "We, Knight of the East, perpetual Grand Warden of the Seals of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Knights of the East in the Orient of Paris, testify, that the preceding copy of the Rules and Constitutions of the Order, in 15 Articles, coincides with the original deposited in the Archives." Signed, De Valois. Immediately under this— "We, Deputy Grand Warden of the Seals for the North, of the Parisian Sovereign Grand Lodge of the very free Chevaliers de l'Orient, Princes and Sovereigns of Masonry, do attest, that this copy of the Rules and Constitutions of the Knights of the East, in 15 Articles, agrees with the original in the possession of the Sovereign Knight Br. de Valois, Grand Warden of the Seals of the Loge at Paris. Given at St. Petersburg, 15 Jan., 1758." Signed, Baron Von Tschoudy. This is good evidence, and what does it prove? 1. That there was at Paris a Sovereign Grand Lodge of Knights of the East. 2. That the Grand Warden of the Seals was de Valois, and his Deputy G.W. of the S. for the North, i.e. for Russia, was Tschoudy. 3. That Valois had caused to be prepared for St. Petersburg a copy of the Statutes, and had attested their exact conformity under his own hand. 4. That Tschoudy had further attested the same copy in St. Petersburg, on the 15th Jan., 1758. Allowing for the necessary time to elapse for the organisation of the Paris body, for the organisation of the affiliated body in St. Petersburg, for drawing up the Statutes and transmitting them to Russia in pre-railway days, say in all 18 months, which is certainly a moderate computation, and we arrive at a date somewhere in 1756, as the Paris origin of the Knights of the East. Q.E.D. Therefore, as the Emperors started into being in 1758, my first contention, that the Knights preceded the Emperors, I take to be proved. But there is as yet only mentioned a Grand Lodge of Knights—no Sov. Council—that came later in 1762, hence all the confusion. It was the second phase of the same Society. The subordinate bodies of this Grand Lodge were called colleges. At Paris existed the College de Valois. In this college transformation took place, and the account is preserved to us in two works of 1780 and 1781 (*vide* Kloss, Bibliographie 1915 and 1916; also France, Vol. I, p. 95). Boucher de Lenoncourt in 1762 proposed two brethren in the College de Valois; they were received, but failed to please the other brethren. Quarrels ensued, and a resolution was taken to dissolve the College. On its ruins the Sovereign Council of the Knights was formed by these two brothers, Pirlot, de la Chaussée, and other Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge. The title of Sovereign Council was no doubt adopted in imitation of the Sovereign Council of the Emperors, which had meanwhile been established. Brest de la Chaussée belonged to both bodies, no unusual occurrence. Tschoudy, who had meanwhile returned to Paris, and was preaching his "Eccossais de St. André," had written some very bitter things about his former friends, the Chevaliers; but when he saw all these Officers of the Grand Lodge in the new Council, he admitted them gratis to his new rite, and altered the obnoxious passages very materially. Pirlot having taken the leading part in the revolution, it would be difficult to imagine him one of the Emperors. Nor was he then, in spite of Thory's assertions. But in 1765 we find him and seven other Chevaliers, partisans of the four-graded "Eccossais Trinitaire," proscribed by the Chevaliers; and there is reason to believe that at this time he joined the Emperors. This will explain why he did not join the Emperors in signing Morin's patent. He did not join them till afterwards. I fail to find anywhere that he was a member of the Emperors in 1761, and certainly do

not admit it. The whole mistake arises because Thory chose to confound the College de Valois with the Emperors, when in reality, as the above attestations show, Valois, and therefore his college, was a member of the Knights organisation. Masonic Student makes another assertion which he will have difficulty in proving: that the Sovereign Council Sublime Grand Lodge of the Grand French Globe existed or is mentioned before the Chapter of Clermont. I am open to conviction, but I find no mention of it before the foundation of the Grand Orient in 1773, say Ca. 1780. It is the last name of the Sovereign Council of the Emperors. I should much like a reference to it before 1754. Clavel's contention with respect to Irish Chapters is founded on Thory, and although, as Bro. Woodford says, all French writers accord precedence to the Emperors over the Knights, this merely signifies that they have one and all copied Thory. Now, I hardly know of a worse authority than Thory. Apart from *mistakes*, to which we are all liable, he is repeatedly guilty of premeditated perversion of facts to suit his own theory. Twice has he misquoted very gravely Anderson's Constitutions. I would not believe him on his oath. This is such a serious accusation that I must give my reason. In his history of the Gd. Orient of France, Appendix VII., p. 183, we read these words: "As regards the ceremonies used (*formules usitées*) in the Order of H. D. M. of Kilwinning [Royal Order of Scotland] we confess that we are absolutely ignorant of them." This was written in 1812. In 1808 he was the *Tersata, i.e., Gd. Master*, of a Paris Chapter of this Order. If Bro. Gould was to solemnly declare in his work that he was absolutely ignorant of the ceremonies of the Craft, what would be the value of his history? Would his uncorroborated evidence on any single point be worth taking into account? This is only one instance; if any believer in Thory require further support of my accusation, I am ready to produce any amount. But some few French authors have not followed Thory. Take Rébold, p. 602: "A certain Pirlet created . . . le Chapitre des Chevaliers d'Orient (1757). Afterwards they propagated the *Conseil des Empereurs*." Jouast says very truly (p. 87): "Since Thory wrote others have contented themselves with copying and quoting him without any effort de le contrôler." I should much like to be confronted with any trace of either a Scotch or Irish Chapter in 1728 outside the covers of Thory's two works. Can "Masonic Student" oblige me? I trow not. Can he also quote any *real authority* for the assertion that previous to the *Gde. Loge Anglaise* there was a Prov. Gd. Lodge of France? This would also be interesting, for at present I do not believe that such a title ever existed. Findel's Constitutions of 1744 are really of date 11 December, 1743. No original exists in France or elsewhere. No writer previous to Kloss had ever mentioned them. Kloss had before him the original minute book of the Lodge "Chambre du Roi," erected at Versailles, 26 October, 1745. Preceding the minutes come the Statutes headed, "General regulations extracted from the minutes of the lodges [which?] for the use of the lodges in France, together with the alterations which were made at the Assembly of Gd. Lodge, held on the 11 December, 1743, in order to serve as a guide to all the lodges of said Kingdom." They were reprinted in German in the *Zeitschrift für Freimaurer*, Altenburg, 1836, pp. 151-187, with notes. There are 19 Articles, really taken from Anderson, 1723 and 1738, and slightly modified to suit French circumstances and then follows an extra Article, No. 20, which is quite new. It cites that Scots Freemasons having lately appeared in the lodges and claimed exceptional privileges, these are in no way to be conceded. This copy of the Statutes is *visdā*, and declared correct by the Deputy Grand Master of the lodges in France. (Signed) LA COUR, D.G.M. Does Bro. Woodford now see why from this date the Gd. Lodge takes the title *Anglaise*? Does not Article 20 account for it? These Statutes are certainly not preserved in the minutes of G. Orient. The earliest minutes preserved in the Archives date from 1773, which is the reason Thory was able to assert what he liked. Again, "Masonic Student" is in error when he thinks that the *Grande Loge de France de Clermont* is a Scots body. It is simply an alternative name for the Gd. Loge de France from 1755 or even 1743 to 1773, and again to the Gd. Lodge rival of the G. Orient from 1773 to 1796 or 1797. This body always called itself the *Gde. Loge de France*, and sometimes officially added to it "*seul et unique Gd. Orient*." But the Gd. Orient from 1773 claimed to be the Gd. Lodge, and styled its rival "The Grande Loge de Clermont;" that is when it wished to be polite; on other occasions it spoke of it as a "body claiming to be a Grand Lodge." Very many documents can be adduced in support of this contention, but I need, perhaps, not now name them. I will do so on occasion if "Masonic Student" desire it. It will be observed that I am given to quoting Kloss copiously. Let me explain my reasons. Kloss was G.M. of the G.L. Unity, at Frankfort, which had enjoyed an uninterrupted existence from 1741, and had never been contaminated by High Degrees. From its very first installation its members were of a very superior class, men of learning and high attainments. Therefore its archives are a pattern to all lodges. Every letter or circular has been religiously docketed and preserved. Well, Kloss when writing his histories had of course the run of this library, as well as of his own and of his friend Mossdorff's large collections. French writers have had no such collections to fall back upon. The Gd. Orient possesses no minute books prior to 1773; no lodge list earlier than 1807; no collection of circulars or of party pamphlets. All such materials as came into the possession of the Unity Lodge, Frankfort, are still to the fore, and therefore where other authors have had to accept the partisan statements of De la Chaussée, 1773, Thory, 1812, or the traditional act and hearsay of De la Lande, 1773, Kloss has often been able to refer to contemporary documents; and moreover he always quotes his authority, referring in brackets to the numbers in his bibliography. Add to this his impartiality, not being a Frenchman or mixed up in the quarrels between rival High-grade systems, and a wonderful critical ability, and it is not surprising that no history of French Freemasonry can come any way near his. In turf language, Kloss is first, Rébold and Jouast bad seconds, the rest nowhere. Unfortunately, the copy I am now using is lent to me by the lodge at Ulm (it is annotated by Findel) and must soon be returned. I hate the thought of returning it. Can any brother put me on the track of one? I am open to purchase. I could fill this column for a year with little known facts extracted from this precious volume, and all properly vouched for.

G. W.M. SPETH.



Craft Masonry.

CONSTITUTIONAL LODGE (No. 55).—A meeting of this lodge was held at Cannon-street Hotel, on Thursday, the 19th inst. Present: Bros. Henry Potter, W.M.; Jubal Webb, W.M. elect, S.W.; Edward Brown, S.D.; George Laker, P.M., J.D.; Frank Unite, D.C.; R. P. Atkins, P.M., Treas.; George M. E. Snow, P.M., Sec. Bros. Balfour, J.W., and Ernest Miroy, I.G., were absent through illness, also Bros. Thomas Catherwood, P.M.; Dwarber, P.M.; W. Farthing, P.M.; A. Melhuish, P.M.; J. T. Robertson, P.M.; J. H. Dodson, P.M.; S. Pownceby, P.M.; W. H. Marston, P.M.; Jas. Cooper, P.M.; Thomas B. Linscott, P.M.; Jas. Johnston, P.M.; also 40 members, some of whom are P.M.'s of other lodges. The visitors included Bros. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sec.; H. Buss, Asst. Grand Sec.; Frederick Binckes, P.G. Stwd.; W. Herbage, P.G.R. Essex; G. F. Rossinieu, P.P.G.R. Surrey; J. C. Dehane, P.P.G.S.D. Essex; J. P. Curtis, P.P.G.D.C. Gloucester; George Harding, P.G.D.C. Middx.; Thomas Grove, P.M. 1709; George Lea, P.M. 9; W. Ansell, P.M. 30; J. Shipley, P.M. 30; G. Watts, P.M. 194; J. S. Brown, P.M. 862; Thomas Peacock, P.M. 21; James Unite, P.M. 144; Charles Hume, P.M. 209; A. Beasley, P.M. 780; George Elliot, W.M. 749; J. G. Rayner, W.M. 803; Charles Beaumont, P.M. 903; Gooding, P.M. 171; A. Dottridge, P.M. 172; Thomas Cross, P.M. 104; W. Laker, P.M. 1362; W. Church, P.M. 1347; J. W. Hay, P.M. 1627; W. Daniels, 1107; R. H. Pearson, P.M. 1196; J. H. Pearson, P.M. 1567; Geo. Croxton, W.M. 1769; J. Booth, W.M. 1642; D. Holmes, P.M. 1471; G. Stephens, W.M. 1623; H. Higgins, P.M. 1381; together with many more distinguished brethren, bringing up the list to 83 visitors.

The lodge was duly opened, and the Auditor's report, together with the accounts which had been printed and a copy sent to every member with his summons were duly received, and a copy ordered to be entered upon the minutes. Bro. Jubal Webb, W.M. elect, was duly installed W.M. in the presence of over 50 P.M.'s, after which he duly appointed his officers, investing those that were present, viz.: Bros. Henry Potter, I.P.M.; James Balfour, S.W. (absent); H. Brown, J.W.; George Laker, P.M. 1599, S.D.; Ernest Miroy, P.M. 1599, J.D. (absent); Frank Unite, I.G.; and Herbert Roach, D.C. He also invested Bro. R. P. Atkins, W.M., with the Treasurer's collar, and appointed and invested Bro. M. E. Snow, P.M., as Secretary; the last two brethren were received and acknowledged with enthusiasm in the lodge. Bro. H. Thomas was invested as Tyler. Ten guineas were voted to each of the Masonic Charities. Bro. Jubal Webb having consented or volunteered to represent the lodge as Steward at the forthcoming Festivals for the Boys' and Girls', two brethren's names were added to the list of country members, one having subscribed to the lodge for nearly 30 years. The Secretary announced the death of a member, viz., Bro. Henry Greenfield, who was well known amongst them for his kind and genial manner, which statement was evidently received with sorrow and regret. That concluded the lodge business.

At the banquet which followed, the menus, which were works of art, had been, like the words of the songs sung after the dinner, set up in antique type, with quotations from Shakespeare and others around them.

"The Grand Officers" was responded to by the Grand Secretary; "The Visitors" by Bro. Binckes and others; and "The P.M.'s" by Bro. Cooper. The brethren all appeared thoroughly to enjoy themselves. The banquet gave credit to the hotel, more especially as a large dinner (Chamber of Commerce) was taking place at the same time in the large hall, where, "on dit," over 300 were dining. Every member of the Constitutional Lodge was initiated therein and a thorough brotherly kind feeling exists amongst them. No one has ever proposed a joining member, for it is an understanding amongst them not to have any. The two oldest members of the lodge, viz., Bros. Nevill and Whalley, have never filled or held any office. The lodge has 80 members, 17 being P.M.'s. The W.M. invested after the banquet Bro. Henry Potter, I.P.M., with a P.M.'s jewel, which had been unanimously voted to him.

WESTBOURNE LODGE (No. 733).—The installation meeting of this very successful lodge was held at Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, on Thursday, the 10th inst., when Bro. Samuel Richard Walker, the W.M., installed his successor, Bro. Matthew Charles Joy, the Senior Warden of the past year, who had been unanimously elected by the members of the lodge to preside over them for the next twelve months. There was a large gathering of members and visitors to witness Bro. Walker's performance of the important ceremony he had undertaken, and it was manifest when the work was finished that their expectations had been well founded, and that all were highly gratified at the masterly manner in which Bro. Walker had performed the duties of Installing Master. It is a remark well within the truth that Bro. Walker did full justice to the beautiful ritual he was reciting. The excellent arrangement of having all ordinary work cleared off at an emergency meeting (which in this instance had been held the previous evening) left nothing but the installation ceremony for the meeting to which this report applies; and the consequence was that there was no hurry or inconvenience to any one. Among the Past Masters of the lodge present at the Board of Installed Masters were Bros. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; Kershaw, P.G.P.; Hitchcock, Welford, Ascott, Goodwin, Hallett, Collins, and T. W. Allen. Among the visitors present at the meeting were Bros. Dr. J. H. Casson, P.M. 1706, P.P.G.O.; W. Side, W.M. 2045; H. J. Phillips, P.M. 205; R. H. Dillon, J.D. 1667; J. W. Harvey, W.M. 25; Saml. Studd, 1575; M. Ansell, 1502; Wm. Bailey, 1425; J. J. Thomas, 753; W. Heath, 1642; C. A. Ralph, 1614; S. Hewitt, 1614; G. Dorsett, 172; J. Lichtenfeld, 205; A. W. Groves, 172; J. C. Conway, 1891; C. W. Hunt, W.M. 1425; J. Stephens, J.W. 1425; C. Coleman 1425; W. Mills, D.C. 1716; J. Cuthbertson, 1507; Barradell, 1425; Alf. Stead, 1622; W. A. Shaw, 1406; W. Blank,

704; Taylor, 1642; J. Hoddinott, 901; H. Dobbin, 1732; H. M. Levy, P.M. 188; E. T. Parr, P.M. 102; Frank Leach, 25; James Flood, 1642; and E. C. Massey. The officers of the lodge elected, appointed, and invested for acting during the ensuing year were as follows: Bros. W. C. Wickens, S.W.; S. J. Humfress, J.W.; J. Welford, P.M., Treas.; T. W. Allen, P.M., Sec.; C. Bjorns, S.D.; W. Drew, J.D.; W. Burton, I.G.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.M., D.C.; Wm. Bell, Asst. D.C.; Eaton, Org.; F. W. Curtis, W.S.; Belsham, Asst. W.S.; and Thomas, Tyler.

At the conclusion of a very sumptuous banquet which followed the closing of the lodge, to which some ninety brethren sat down, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the chairman, Bro. M. C. Joy, the new W.M., and were all received in the heartiest manner by the brethren present. After the toasts "The Queen and the Craft," and "The Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Prince of Wales," had been disposed of, the W.M. briefly proposed "The Pro. G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present," and Bro. Cottebrune responded, saying that as it had been his duty in that lodge to respond to this particular toast for the last 27 years, he had nothing new to add on the present occasion. The Grand Officers were extremely bashful, and had a delicacy about telling people that they were the best men in the world; but they bashfully admitted that they desired to be at the very top of the tree, and that for his own part he was very proud of the fact that he was a Grand Officer, and also that he took his rank from the Westbourne Lodge, No. 733, of which he had the happiness to be one of the founders.

Bro. Walker, I.P.M., said that he had very great pleasure to propose the next toast, the subject of which was Bro. Joy, their W.M. It was some years since Bro. Joy was proposed for initiation in the lodge, and he (Bro. Walker) was quite sure that since Bro. Joy first saw the light in Freemasonry, that the Craft in general and that lodge in particular had gained by his membership. He had passed through most of the offices in the lodge, and had filled them to the satisfaction of every one, and it was patent to everybody that a brother who could perform his duties as he had done, was quite competent to undertake the duties of the chair. He (Bro. Walker) could vouch for their Master's ability to perform any duties they might put upon him, but would remind them that a successful year did not depend entirely on the Master, but depended equally upon the members. He trusted therefore that they would give Bro. Joy plenty of work to do, and he thought he should be enunciating the sentiments of the brethren of the Westbourne Lodge if he wished Bro. Joy a most successful and prosperous year of office.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said that he thanked Bro. Walker, the Past Masters, and brethren generally for the very cordial way in which they had drunk his health. He assured them that he was very pleased and very proud at having been installed into the honourable position of Master of the Westbourne Lodge. He had done his utmost to fulfil the duties of every office which had been conferred upon him—and he had filled nearly all the offices—and to give pleasure and assistance to the brethren; but he felt that he had a very difficult task before him now, as he had to follow so efficient a Master as the brother who had just vacated the chair of the Westbourne Lodge, which was a lodge that was second to none. Bro. Walker had brought that lodge to the splendid position it had now attained. This made him feel very nervous at the work before him; but he hoped, with their knowledge and forbearance, to be able to fulfil his duties to the satisfaction of the brethren. And he returned them his heartfelt thanks for the manner in which they had elected him, in his absence, and he thanked them also very sincerely for the manner they had welcomed the toast to his health. The W.M. went on to say that he had now a very pleasing duty to perform, which was to propose "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Walker, the Installing Master." They all knew Bro. Walker's work, and he need not dilate upon his excellences, and therefore whatever he might say would not add one bit of lustre to what Bro. Walker had attained in the lodge. He therefore left the toast with the brethren with confidence that they would give it a hearty welcome. There was one thing more. He had another pleasing duty to perform in presenting their most esteemed I.P.M. with a jewel and collar (from the atelier of Bro. George Kenning), which in their kindness they had voted to him. Bro. Walker, said the speaker, in conclusion, I have much pleasure in pinning this jewel upon your bashful breast; a remark which was received with cries of "Walker" and much applause.

At the conclusion of this speech, Bro. J. Bell sang an impromptu song in honour of Bros. Walker and Joy, in which he did full justice to his opportunities.

Bro. Walker, in reply, said that he scarcely knew what to say in his present position; there had been so much said and sung. As I.P.M., he should do all in his power for the Westbourne Lodge, and, as regarded the installation ceremony, he had done his very best to rehearse and perform that ceremony properly. It had been a very great task to prepare for that work. Most of them knew that during the past year he had had a great deal of work to do in the First, Second, and Third Degrees, and a Master who really desired to perform those duties with satisfaction to himself and the brethren had enough to do. On the previous evening he had had both passings and raisings to do, and the preparation for the installation ceremony, he was conscious, had interfered somewhat with the ceremonies he had then performed. The installation ceremony had not been performed without an effort; but it had been a labour of love. When first he was put into office he formed a resolution that if he was spared to come to the chair he would do his utmost to perform the ceremony of installation. He was pleased to feel that he had performed it to the satisfaction of the brethren. He now came to the very handsome jewel which they had so kindly and very generously given to him. He hoped he should look upon that jewel for many years to come, and to wear it in the Westbourne Lodge. He had only had two loves in his life, as he had been told the other day, and the Westbourne Lodge was the second. When he looked upon that jewel it would remind him of that second love, and when his time came to go over to the glorious majority he should be able to hand over that badge, collar, and jewel to his sons. Bro. Walker concluded by returning his heartfelt thanks for the good wishes that had been expressed towards him.

The W.M. proposed "The Health of the Visitors," with which he coupled the names of Bros. Dr. Casson, Ralph, Studd, Phillips, Ansell, and Flood, who responded.

as well as others, for whom there were calls by the brethren. "The Health of the Officers of the Lodge" was also proposed, all of whom responded, before the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Hodges, who, together with Bros. Hanson, Lawler, and Linlay, sang several glees and songs in a manner which their well-known ability makes it unnecessary particularly to describe. The only lady performer was Miss Meredith Elliott, who sang "The Lost Chord," and so delighted the brethren with her lovely voice and perfect management of it, that she had to yield to a unanimous call for another, and, on her return, sang "The Better Land," in which she gave equal satisfaction.

BURGOYNE LODGE (No. 902).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 23rd inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. There was a large attendance of members and visitors, the following brethren being present: Bros. George D. Bundy, W.M.; Wm. Wilkins, I.P.M.; Wm. Batty, S.W.; W. Williams, J.W.; R. H. Harvey, P.M., Treas.; H. C. Jeffreys, P.M., Sec.; R. N. Field, P.M., D.C.; H. Norrington, S.D.; Chas. Castell, J.D.; J. C. Lavington, I.G.; George Wale, P.M.; S. J. Byng, P.M.; H. A. Pocock, P.M.; George Gabb, P.M.; Edwin S. White, John C. Cross, S. Rashleigh, Walter Smith, John Beddoes, Thos. Spearing, E. Floyd, Edward Terry, John Leys, C. Hilliard, H. N. James, C. Simpson, Wm. C. Poole, Hy. W. Morint, Jos. Noble, Jas. Phillips, A. J. Sendell, C. Woolveridge, John Dickson, Chas. Robertson, J. H. Prince, Hy. Windybank, C.C.; Chas. Fry, J. W. Dawson, J. F. Dunn, H. Dale, Wm. Hammond, Lewis P. Crowe, Geo. Fox, Walter Bean, and others.

Visitors: Bros. E. Tappendin, 700; J. F. West, P.M. 753; G. T. Chrelien, 1328; E. Wood, 1420; C. Salter, 1743; D. Ferguson, W.M. 1791; W. C. Davidson, 173; V. F. Murche, 1641, 196; F. Swain, P.M. 1328; B. A. Griffin, 975; W. Williams, I.P.M. 1791; H. Lutwyche, P.M. 1365; W. Bartlett, 1936; R. P. Forge, P.M. 1693; J. H. Sharpe, 1437; W. Downing, P.M. 20; A. J. Blackman, 469; F. Seifert, 238; M. Hirst, P.M. 15; J. Fidler, 1550; F. Betts, 1815; F. R. W. Hedges, P.M. 1900, Sec. R.M.I. for Girls; H. Wildey Wright, P.M. 1827; Alfred Jay, 1931; Th. Furst, 238; F. Binckes, P.M., Sec. R.M.I. for Boys; H. Williams, George Edwards, 144; E. Woolmar, P.M. 1950; J. G. Cantle, 1791; Basil Cooke, 1928; and others.

The lodge having been duly opened, and the minutes confirmed, Bro. Bundy, W.M., proceeded to install Bro. W. Batty, S.W., into the chair of K.S. The ceremony was admirably performed by the Installing Master, and, indeed, the working of the lodge throughout was most excellent. The newly-installed W.M. next appointed and invested its officers as follows: Bros. G. D. Bundy, I.P.M.; W. Williams, S.W.; Chas. Castell, J.W.; R. H. Harvey, P.M., Treas.; H. Chas. Jeffreys, P.M., Sec.; J. C. Cross, S.D.; Walter Smith, J.D.; T. Spearing, I.G.; R. N. Field, P.M., D.C.; E. S. White, Org.; W. Bean, Asst. D.C.; and J. Beddoes, W.S. Mr. Walter Herbert George, and Mr. Henry Walter Clarke having been balloted for, were duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry.

The lodge was then closed in perfect harmony, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall. The usual formal toasts having been drunk with full Masonic honours, Bro. Bundy, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said it gave him especial pleasure to propose that toast, as some few months ago he feared that the W.M. would not be amongst them on this occasion. In Bro. Batty they had an excellent worker, and one who would do credit to the Burgoyne Lodge.

The Worshipful Master, in response, thanked the I.P.M. for the kind, and even flattering way in which he had proposed his health. He felt that it was only by the indulgence of the brethren that he now occupied the proud position of W.M., but he would do his utmost to carry out the duties of his high office. If he wanted any assistance he was sure the Past Masters would give it him, and as for the rest he should do his best to practice the three great principles of Freemasonry—brotherly love, relief, and truth. While he was talking of relief he wished to inform the brethren that he intended to go up as a Steward for the Girls' School, and any contributions to his list, however large or small, would be gratefully received by him.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Health of the Installing Master," said that the brethren all knew how Bro. Bundy had performed the duties of W.M. of the Burgoyne Lodge. There was no brother amongst them who was more ready, who was more willing, or who was more capable of serving that lodge than Bro. Bundy. They all had seen the able manner in which he had installed his successor, and it gave him (the W.M.) great pleasure in pinning on to his breast the Past Master's jewel of the lodge, which could be handed down to his children and grandchildren, as won in the cause of Masonry.

The I.P.M. thanked the W.M. for the handsome jewel he had pinned on his breast. He hoped he had deserved it, for he had certainly tried to deserve it. He wished that every prosperity should attend the Burgoyne Lodge in the future.

The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Initiates." From their very attentive manner during the ceremony, he was sure that they would in course of time become worthy members of the lodge.

Bro. Clarke, in response, said he had been deeply impressed by the ceremony, and he should endeavour to live up to the principles of Freemasonry. He thanked the brethren for the cordial way in which they had received him amongst them.

Bro. George also responded. Bro. Wildey Wright, in acknowledging the toast of "The Visitors," said that he had been much struck by the working powers of the officers. Freemasonry was a most useful institution, as it taught them to be friendly to their fellow-men and to each other. Of the Burgoyne Lodge he could say with the poet—

"I have been there and still would go,
It's like a little heaven below."

Bros. Hirst and Wood likewise responded. The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Masonic Charities."

Bro. Binckes said that he had the honour of representing one of the Masonic Charities, and he would remind the brethren of the work being done by the Masonic Schools. They had now in their two Schools 200 daughters and 215

sons of Masons, who were being educated and cared for. They were very anxious to increase the number of the boys to 250. There was a large amount of Masonic distress, which called for their sympathy, and he trusted that the brethren would always support the Masonic Charities.

Bro. Hedges thanked the W.M. for his kindness in taking up a Stewardship for the Festival of the Girls' School. They had now 241 girls in the School, which was the largest number they had ever had, and the School was never doing more active service than it was at present.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Health of the Past Masters," remarked that he was glad to see so many of them present, as they were always glad of their support.

Bro. Wilkins, P.M., briefly replied, observing that the Past Masters were ever anxious to promote the well-being of the Burgoyne Lodge.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary in suitable terms.

Bro. Harvey, in responding as Treas., said that he had received £164 12s. 6d., for subscriptions, and had paid £47 to Grand Lodge for dues. They had a balance of £100 at their bankers. The lodge was in a very prosperous condition, and they could afford to give £10 10s each to the Boys' and Girls' Schools.

Bro. Jeffreys, the Secretary, acknowledged the toast. The remaining toasts were "The Officers of the Lodge" and the Tyler's toast, which brought a most pleasant evening to a termination.

GREAT NORTHERN LODGE (No. 1287).

On Thursday afternoon, the 19th inst., a meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. There was a large attendance of brethren and visitors, amongst whom were the following: Bros. Thos. Ellis Bathard, W.M.; Chas. Kempton, I.P.M.; Richard Cane, S.W.; J. B. S. Lancaster, J.W.; Thos. Henry Staton, P.M., Secretary; Samuel Webb, P.M., Treasurer; Joseph Edgar, S.D.; James Hemming, J.D.; Rev. John H. Rose, Chap.; J. Paul, D.C.; W. R. Brooks, I.G.; H. T. Reed, P.M., W.S.; W. Cleghorn, P.M.; Thos. Owen, P.M.; P. G. Jupe, P.M.; E. Lancaster, P.M.; W. Soden, George H. Dean, C. T. Zichlinski, H. M. Bleakley, George Edwards, Henry J. Hill, J. M. Jackson, A. Farey, T. Youens, E. R. Gosling, Charles Traise, F. Osborne, H. J. Bell, Wm. H. George, P. Bosco, M. J. Ruthe, J. F. Davey, A. L. Thierry, Auguste Thierry, J. E. Davies, Jas. How, E. Dawkins, and Thos. Myatt. Visitors: Bros. Henry Cox, P.P.G. Supt. Works Herts; E. Valeriani, 1687; B. Kauffmann, 1732; John C. Cross, 1929; H. C. Turner, 1093; Frank Daniel, 1507; R. Mordenitz, 1744; M. Graham, P.M. 975; Harry Grass, 1314; James C. Smith, 1744; H. White, 1671; Wm. Proctor, 1288; and others.

The lodge having been opened in due form, Bro. Zichlinski was entrusted and afterwards raised to the Sublime Degree. Mr. Robert Chambers was balloted for, and being elected was, together with Mr. Jas. Jackson, duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. On the W. Master rising for the third time, Bro. Samuel Webb, P.M. and Treasurer, said: W.M. and brethren—Our lodge has during the last few years been unfortunate, inasmuch as we have lost several of our members by death. Last year [we lost two, and now in the present year we have already lost another member—one than whom no member was more esteemed by the lodge. He was a worthy man, a good Mason, and beloved by all who knew him. It is not the good fortune of every man to be so constituted that he can please every one, but our late Past Master Bro. Jas. Forbes was a most genial and pleasant man. There was something about him that everybody seemed to admire, something which made him liked by all who knew him, male or female, Masons or non-Masons. We have now unfortunately to mourn his loss. He was one of the brethren who assisted me to found this lodge, and he adhered to us throughout until illness prevented him attending any longer; and could he but observe what we are doing he would be pleased that this lodge did not forget him while he was no longer with us. Many of us went to his funeral this day week at Kensal Green. It was a solemn funeral, void of all unnecessary display or show. It was unostentatious—just such a funeral as Bro. Forbes would have ordered for himself had it been possible. I am sure the brethren will pass an unanimous vote of condolence to Mrs. Forbes, and express to her the regret we all feel in losing so valuable and highly esteemed friend and brother. I therefore propose that a vote of condolence be entered on the minutes, and a copy of it be sent to Mrs. Forbes.

Bro. Owen, P.M., having seconded the motion, it was agreed to unanimously.

The brethren who followed from the house in private broughams were: The W.M., Bro. Bathard; the Treasurer, Bro. S. Webb, P.M.; the Secretary, Bro. Staton, P.M.; Bros. Reed, W.S., P.M.; E. Lancaster, P.M.; Jupe, P.M.; Tribbel, P.M.; Cleghorn, P.M.; C. Kempton, P.M.; Cane, S.W.; J. B. Lancaster, J.W.; John Jackson, Lloyd and several private friends.

Bros. Christie and Owen, P.Ms. were mourners with the family. Many other members and friends were in attendance at the cemetery.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall. The banquet being ended,

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Queen and the Craft," and the other formal toasts, which were heartily received with full Masonic honours.

Bro. Kempton, I.P.M., next proposed "The Health of the W.M." in suitable terms, wishing him a successful and happy year in the chair.

The Worshipful Master, in response, thanked the brethren for the very kind and cordial manner in which they had received the toast of his health. He trusted that he should do his duty to the lodge in a manner that would give satisfaction to the brethren. He had not accepted the office of Master earlier because he felt that no brother should accept an office unless he was ready and able to do the work. He hoped he should please them all during his term of office.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Health of the Initiates," said that was a toast which was always well received in a Masonic lodge. The two brethren who had that afternoon joined their ranks were promising Masons, and, judging from the close attention they had paid to the ceremony, he believed they would make good progress in the Craft.

Bro. Chalmers in acknowledging the toast observed that

the brethren could rest assured that he would always endeavour to uphold the dignity of the Order, and do nothing to bring discredit on the lodge which had that day admitted him into Freemasonry.

Bro. Jackson also replied. He said he had been very much impressed with the ceremony he had gone through. For a long time he had contemplated becoming a Mason, and now he had become one he hoped he should never give the brethren of the Great Northern Lodge any reason to regret having admitted him amongst them.

In reply to the toast of "The Visitors," Bro. Cox said it had given him great pleasure to come amongst them again and to find the Great Northern Lodge upholding its prestige for good work. He was sorry to hear the loss they had sustained by the death of Bro. Forbes, whom he had known for 20 years.

Bro. Graham congratulated the lodge on the numerous attendance of the members, and on their eminently respectable appearance. He himself had come early, and had been much pleased and delighted to see the capital way in which the W.M. and the officers of the lodge had performed their several duties.

Bro. McLeary, who described himself as a country Mason from Kingston-on-Hull, thanked Bros. Powell and Davies for his first introduction to a London lodge. When he returned home he should report so favourably of the Great Northern Lodge, that they might expect a good many country visitors. His lodge he might tell them ranged upwards of 400 members under its banner. He could only say that if any member of the Great Northern ever came to Kingston-on-Hull, he could promise him a hearty Masonic welcome, as well as a Yorkshire one.

Bro. Kauffmann also responded.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Past Masters." Without them, he remarked, they could do nothing, and it was to them that the Master of a lodge should fly in times of trouble.

Bro. Kempton, I.P.M., in acknowledging the toast, said he was proud to have worked his way through the lodge until he had become a Past Master of the lodge. In all that he had done, his only object was the good of the Great Northern Lodge, and he trusted that his future amongst them would be as pleasant as his past had been.

Bro. Webb, the Treasurer, in replying to "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary," said he had been associated with Bro. Staton, who was one of the first members of the lodge. They had together seen all the ups and downs of the Great Northern Lodge, which now, he was proud to say, was second to none in London. The lodge in 15 years had done as much for the Craft and for the Masonic Charities as many lodges that had been in existence for 100 years.

Bro. Staton, the Secretary, thanked the brethren for the kind way in which they had drunk his health. He had always, as Secretary, done his best to support the W.M. and to uphold the interests of the lodge. He had had some intention of not continuing in office, but he had not been able to resist the wish of the W.M. in the matter, and so he was still the Secretary of the lodge.

The Worshipful Master also proposed "The Health of the Officers of the Lodge," and the Tyler's toast, after which the brethren separated.

The proceedings at the banquet table were much enlivened by the excellent singing of Bros. Soden, Webb, E. Lancaster, J. Paul, R. Cane, and others.

SELWYN LODGE (No. 1901).

—This lodge met on Thursday, the 19th inst., at the East Dulwich Hotel. There were present Bros. W. R. Burnett, W.M.; A. Powles, S.W.; R. Anderson, J.W.; E. Eagle, Treas.; L. E. Eagle, S.D.; J. Wimble, J.D.; E. Gauntlett, I.G.; B. Morgan, Org.; Rowan and Davis, Wine Stwds.; and numerous other brethren.

The lodge having been duly opened, and the minutes of the past meeting read and confirmed, the Worshipful Master proceeded with the ballot for the initiation of Mr. Arthur Briant, which being unanimous, he was impressively initiated into the ancient mysteries. The following visitors were also present: Bros. Voysey, P.M. 1641; Dudley, P.M. 1178; Stevens, 126c; Barham, 144; Forbes, 1329; and Bridger, 72. There being no further Masonic business the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where an excellent menu was in waiting.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily received and responded to.

The Worshipful Master, in returning thanks, took the opportunity of notifying he was going up as Steward to the Royal Benevolent Institution, when a considerable sum was added to his list by the brethren.

The visitors each spoke in high terms of satisfaction at the working in the lodge by the W.M. and his officers, and the candidate made a brief but pertinent response to his toast.

The toast of "The Officers" and the Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant evening to a close. The toasts were intermixed by songs and recitations contributed to by Bros. Voysey, Morgan, Barham, L. E. Eagle, Collins, and F. Dodd.

LONDON RIFLE BRIGADE LODGE (No. 1962).

—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 20th inst. Present: Bros. A. Haig Brown, W.M.; W. McDougall, S.W.; A. H. Sandle, J.W.; A. McDowall, P.M., Treas.; Walter C. Claridge, P.M., Sec.; J. D. McAlpin, I.G.; J. C. Tilt, D.C.; H. Bing, Stwd.; and J. Lackland, Tyler; also Bros. Levey, Heward, Rix, McNish, Tayton, Stein, Morris, and Mardell. Visitor: Bro. G. Ward Verry, W.M. 1421, P.M. 554, and others.

The lodge was opened in the customary manner, and the minutes of the previous lodge meeting read and confirmed. A vote of condolence was unanimously passed to the family of the late Bro. H. W. Kitchingman, whose sudden decease took place only three days after the installation meeting, at which he was present. A candidate was proposed for initiation, after which the lodge was closed.

Bro. and Mrs. Purkiss, of the Royal, Holborn, entertained a large party of friends on Ash Wednesday, the guests mustering to the number of quite a hundred, and included Lieut.-Col. Hope, Major Burton, Col. Wortham, Bro. Thomas Beard, C.C., Bro. and Mrs. and Miss Holland, Major Spark, Captain Clayton, Captain Pickwood, Bro. Shirley Brooks, and others.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

WHITEHAVEN.—Dykes Conclave (No. 36).

—The quarterly meeting of this conclave met in the Freemasons' Hall, College-street, on Wednesday, the 18th inst. Sir Kt. George Dalrymple, M.P.S., presided, supported as follows: Sir Kts. Col. F. R. Sewell, P.S. Intendant General of the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland; Ewd. Tyson, P.S., as Viceroy; Rev. E. M. Rice, S.G.; Charles Gowan, I.G.; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.S. Recorder; J. Mills, H.P.; Thomas Atkinson, Prefect; Thomas Dixon, Std. Br.; A. E. Sadler, Almoner; W. Bradley, H.; J. Hewson, Sentinel; J. F. Kirkconel, J. J. Robinson, James Bush, A. Moordaff, J. Bownes, and Jas. Hunter.

The minutes of the last meeting held at Cleator Moor were read and passed, and the ballot was taken for Bros. John Paterson, W.M. 962, and J. C. Thompson, S.W. 962, which was unanimous in their favour and they were installed Sir Kts. of the Order, after which the M.P.S. intimated that the Grand Sovereign had been pleased to approve of their petition expressing the desire to have Col. F. R. Sewell appointed Grand Intendant General of the province, and successor to the late Col. Whitwell.

Sir Kt. Sewell was then greeted according to ancient custom, and received a hearty welcome from all present. He then thanked the sir knights for the honour they had conferred upon him, which was quite unexpected, he only having heard of it about ten days ago, adding that it gave him much pleasure to see the Dykes Conclave in such a flourishing state, and he hoped by a still united action it would still continue to prosper.

A recommendation was then handed in for the next quarterly meeting to be held at Workington, when the conclave was closed in perfect harmony.

Turkey.

CONSTANTINOPLE.—Oriental Lodge (No. 687).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 29th December, when Bro. William Henry Willis was duly installed into the chair of K.S. The Installing Master was Bro. J. Blair, Bro. Charles Vinicombe acted as D.C. The officers for the ensuing year are Bros. C. G. C. Norton, S.W.; P. S. Nissen, J.W.; F. Frewen, S.D.; T. Newton, J.D.; S. Nowel, I.G.; A. W. Mountain, Treas.; J. U. Streater, Sec.; and Gingell, Tyler. A handsome jewel was presented by Bro. Mountain, in the name of the lodge, to Bro. J. Blair for the able way in which he performed his duties as W.M. A cordial vote of thanks was given to the outgoing W.M., Bro. T. F. Nunn. Deputations from the Bulwer, Leinster, and Italia Risorta Lodges were present, and the proceedings closed with the usual seasonable greetings.

Bermuda.

BERMUDA.—Broad Arrow Lodge (No. 1890).

—On St. John's Day the following officers were installed for 1885: Bros. Surgeon-Major J. A. Campbell, W.M.; S. Duffield, S.W.; Rev. C. F. Reilly, Military Chaplain, J.W.; J. H. Robertson, S.D.; R. Latham, J.D.; D. Davies, I.G.; James Smith, P.M., Treas.; and G. Wise, Sec.

Following the installation ceremony W. Bro. James Smith, P.M., was presented with a very beautiful Past Master's jewel, locket pattern, of exquisite workmanship, at the Unity Lodge banquet hall, where some sixty-five of the Fraternity afterwards celebrated the annual festival of St. John the Evangelist. The hall was decorated with Masonic devices and emblems in floral work, and the table richly laden with a supper that could not fail to satisfy the most fastidious. The novelty of the evening was a prettily arranged programme of the installation, containing a photographic group of the newly-installed Master and his officers, and an ode specially composed for the occasion by W. Bro. J. Smith.

ROYAL ARCH.

HAMILTON.—Atlantic Phoenix Chapter (No. 224).—On the 17th ult. Comp. J. A. Campbell was duly installed M.E. King; Comp. A. Smith, High Priest; and Comp. C. F. Reilly, Chief Scribe. The other officers invested were Comps. Flynn, Barnes, Robertson, Bradshaw, Wise, and Bullock; Comp. J. Smith, P.K., Treas.; and Comp. Sidney Duffield, Registrar.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE GUELPH LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1685.

The first anniversary of this lodge of instruction was celebrated on the 5th inst., by working the Fifteen Sections, at the Leyton Town Hall, the usual place of meeting—the Three Blackbirds Inn, Leyton—not affording the accommodation required on this occasion. The noble hall presented an imposing appearance, filled, as it was, by from 150 to 200 brethren in Masonic costume, amongst whom we noticed Bros. Purdue, 834; E. Brown, W.M. 1685; E. Triggs, 749; R. Vincent, 1585; A. Robins, 1056; M. Bean and W. Dawson, of 1228; R. Hunter, 1685; W. N. Taylor, 1421; Tiedeman, 1685; D. Crombie, 28; M. Hobbs, 749; T. Holden, 1693; Thorpe, 1228; besides the distinguished brethren who worked the various Sections. There were also present representatives from the under-mentioned lodges: Nos. 9, 28, 58, 81, 95, 141, 159, 174, 202, 212, 230, 243, 453, 554, 749, 820, 831, 834, 860, 893, 933, 1056, 1076, 1158, 1228, 1278, 1349, 1364, 1365, 1382, 1424, 1445, 1457, 1528, 1593, 1598, 1605, 1607, 1662, 1685, 1693, 1702, 1719, 1728, 1776, 1804, 1805, 1816, and 1964. The officers for the evening were as follows: Bros. James Boulton, P.M. 1056, J.W. 28, W.M.; B. Cundick, P.M. 1421, P.Z. 933, S.W.; J. J. Berry, P.M. and P.Z. 554, J.W.; A. P. Holden, 1693, S.D.; T. F. Tyler, 1685, J.D.; Edwin Bare, P.M. 1685, I.G.; F. Y. Latreille, P.M. 1056, I.P.M.; and J. Slade, J.D. 1685, Hon. Sec.

The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the W.M. commenced the business of the evening, of which the detailed programme was as follows: First Lecture—First Section, Bro. F. Carr, P.M. 1607; Second, Bro. A. G. Watkinson, 1728; Third, Bro. W. Musto, P.M. 11349

P.Z. 933; Fourth, Bro. J. E. Terry, I.G. 1964; Fifth, Bro. W. H. Myers, P.M. and P.Z. 820; Sixth, Bro. A. Calver, S.D. 933; and Seventh, Bro. B. Cundick, P.M. 1421, P.Z. 733. Second Lecture—First Section, Bro. T. Barnes, P.M. 454; Second, Bro. J. J. Berry, P.M. and P.Z. 554; Third, Bro. Stewart, J.D. 1278; Fourth, Bro. M. Christian, S.W. 860; and Fifth, Bro. F. Y. Latreille, P.M. 1056. Third Lecture—First Section, Bro. F. King, P.M. 1057 and 1613; Second, Bro. McDonald, P.M. 1445; and Third, Bro. G. W. Verry, P.M. and P.Z. 554, P.M. 1580, and W.M. 1421.

The whole of these Sections were worked, as might be expected after the recital of the foregoing names, in most admirable manner, scarcely a single correction was needed throughout, and, indeed, the officiating brethren may be said to have surpassed any previous effort. Thanks to them and to the perfect knowledge and graceful guidance of the W.M., the whole proceedings may be said to have presented the legends and ritual of the Craft in their most exalted aspect. Where all were so proficient it is impossible to select any Section for particular praise; but a word of commendation is certainly due to Bro. Barnes, who worked the First Section of the Second Lecture, at a few minutes' notice, in a masterly manner, the brother appointed—Bro. W. G. Durrant, P.M. 1056—not being able to attend at the last moment.

At the conclusion of the working, the following brethren were elected members of the lodge of instruction: Bros. C. Reeve, 816; F. Bassett, 1382; H. Hunt, 243; E. Waller, 9; A. Govier, 1816; G. F. Thompson, 831; W. H. Tharpe, 1228; W. Musto, 1349; J. Cudmore, 1158; G. W. Verry, 554; McDonald, 1445; C. Webster, 1804; W. Holloway, 1158; R. Perry, 1382; W. Brown, 1598; G. H. Woodland, 1953; J. F. Cliburn, 834; G. P. Allen, 1056; G. F. Robinson, 58; and C. Cole, 1424.

It was also carried, on the motion of Bro. E. BARE, the worthy Preceptor of the lodge, that the brethren who so ably worked the Sections should be elected honorary members.

The business being concluded, Bro. E. BARE proposed, and Bro. J. SLADE seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Jas. Boulton, the W.M., for the efficient manner in which he had worked the Sections that evening, which was carried unanimously, and responded to in suitable terms by the W.M.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER then proposed a vote of thanks to the various brethren who had worked in the individual Sections, which was seconded, and carried with enthusiasm.

The lodge was then closed in the usual manner, and the meeting broke up. A word of praise is certainly due to all who arranged this festival; there was not the smallest detail but had evidently been carefully provided for. Possibly this completeness of detail made the meeting so enjoyable, for it was undoubtedly one of the most splendid gatherings of Freemasons ever held in the district.

OPENING OF THE NEW MASONIC HALL AT SOUTH SHIELDS.

On Monday night, the 9th inst., the commodious, new Masonic Hall in Ingham-street, South Shields, was opened by the St. Hilda Lodge, 240, Bro. G. Robson, W.M., holding their first meeting in the new premises. The brethren have every reason to feel proud of their new home, which is a credit to themselves and the town. Although not much pains in point of architectural embellishment have been bestowed upon the exterior, the premises are certainly a valuable addition to the public buildings of the borough, and it is somewhat a pity that they should be so hidden. But this could not be otherwise—quietness being the one desideratum in the matter, and that has been secured. Internally, the Masons will find every comfort. The principal entrance, which is in Ingham-street, admits through a porch or lobby to a spacious hall with a grand curved staircase. On the ground floor is a billiard room, 47 feet by 18 feet, for two tables, and lighted by eight windows; a reading or club room, 33 feet by 25 feet, which is entered both from the staircase hall and the billiard room. The club room will also be occasionally used as a banquetting hall, and has a separate entrance from a lobby communicating with the kitchen, which is fitted up with every convenience for dining a large company. There are also cellars, pantries, lavatories, and other conveniences on this floor. Ascending by the grand staircase, there is a landing planned in the centre of the building, from which doors communicate with all the principal rooms. The hall or lodge room is of noble proportions, being 52 ft. by 25 ft. and 23 ft. to the ceiling. There is a raised platform all round, with seats for the brethren, and a dais on a high level at the east end for the accommodation of the Master, Past Master and other officers. The room is lighted by six windows at each end. The ornamentation of the walls and ceiling is in the Ionic style, and executed entirely in plaster work. Twenty-four fluted pilasters, with richly-ornamented caps, support an entablature with a deep overhanging cornice. The central portion of the ceiling is flat, and is divided into 21 panels. A large cove about 6 ft. in depth, running all round the room, supports the ceiling, and is divided in elevation into 20 semi-circular arches, forming deep recesses, the faces of the walls, soffits, and spandrels being richly panelled and moulded. The floor is covered with a rich Brussels carpet. The seats running round the room are polished mahogany frames with hair cushions, upholstered in Persian rep. A novel appliance has been introduced. The cushions rest on Patent Excelsior Springs, especially adapted to this kind of seat, and the effect is all that could be desired. Every attention has been paid to ventilation, and Howard Bros.' patent ventilators are plentifully used. The chandeliers, which are in painted metal and polished brass, represent various emblems of the Craft, the designs having been specially made by the architect. They are most effective and beautiful. We may mention that in the central light of the window at the head of the room a stained glass memorial to commemorate the year of office of Bro. T. Binks has been placed. This memorial will include, in its design, the portrait of that popular gentleman. The lodge room will comfortably hold one hundred persons. On the same floor there is also an ante room, 22 ft. by 18 ft., a candidate's room, and rooms for the caretaker, the latter being approached by a separate staircase. The whole of the rooms are warmed by large ventilating fire-places. The building has been erected by

Bro. Robert Atkin, South Shields, from the designs of Bro. J. H. Morton, P.M., architect. The whole of the furnishing, in which is included the covering of the floors with linoleum, the upholstery, and the designing of the excellent spring seats in the lodge room, has been done by Messrs. Walter Ross and Co., under the personal superintendence of Mr. Walter Ross. The painting has been done by Mr. Wm. Lusher, and the plumbing work by Mr. Jno. Dugleas, who has given every satisfaction. A fine piece of Brussels carpet was given by Bro. Adam Hope for the entrance corridor to the lodge room. Other valuable presents, including two glass doors, by Bro. Coulson; a Bible, by Bro. J. A. Hall, J.W.; and a handsome cushion, by Bro. Sutcliffe. The columns, presented by Bro. Mabane, P.M., and intended to stand within the lodge, one on each side of the doorway, are of the Doric and Corinthian Orders, with celestial and terrestrial globes at summit, standing 12 feet high and handsomely marbled, representing the two pillars which stood in the porchway entrance of King Solomon's Temple. They were designed and executed by Bro. George Kenning.

The following is a report of the ceremony, and in it are given interesting details both as to the lodge and the cost of the new home. A procession was then formed in the lower rooms, under the direction of Bro. T. G. Mabane, P.M., P.P.G.S.D. There was a very large attendance of members and visiting brethren. The Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. W. C. Harris, P.P.G. Chap., read a portion of Scripture, after which the Masonic Anthem, "Hail, Eternal, by whose aid," was sung, and the lodge was then opened in the usual form. The Secretary, Bro. J. S. Wilson, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., read the dispensation granted by the acting Prov. Grand Master, Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., from Bro. R. Hudson, Prov. G. Sec., for the holding of the meetings in the new hall. The W.M., Bro. Robson, then introduced Bro. T. G. Mabane, P.M. (the Mayor), who had laid the foundation-stone of the new building. He gave an interesting address upon the origin and progress of Freemasonry in South Shields from March, 1780, to the present time, prepared, as Bro. Mabane stated, from extracts from the records made by the late Bro. J. H. Thompson, P.M. Bro. Mabane congratulated the W.M.'s and officers and members of the lodges in South Shields upon the opening of the new hall, and he hailed with great satisfaction the erection of an additional new building in the town. The cost of the site, paving, and kerbing had been £289 19s. 5d., the contract for the building £2,147; the total cost with furnishing, &c., amounting to about £2800. In regard to the subsequent negotiations, Bro. Mabane recognised the efforts of Bros. Binks, P.M., and T. Coulson, P.M., P.P.G.D. In commemoration of the many kindnesses he had received from the lodge, and of his two years as chief magistrate of the Borough, Bro. Mabane then presented two handsome ornamental pillars to be placed near the entrance, inside the lodge room. He hoped they might stand there for many years to be an ornament to the lodge, and a quiet humble remembrance of himself. In recognition of the labours of Bro. Binks, to whom great credit was due. It had been thought fit to place some tangible memento, and he then unveiled a handsome stained glass window of Masonic design, surmounted with a portrait on glass of Bro. T. Binks. (Applause.)

The W.M. next read a telegram from Bro. R. Hudson, Prov. G. Sec., congratulating the lodge on the opening of their new hall, and regretting that he could not be present. The ordinary business then proceeded.

The following were present: Bros. G. Robson, W.M. 240; T. Binks, I.P.M. 240; Rev. N. C. Harris, P.P.G.C., 1970; T. G. Mabane, P.M.D.C., 240, P.P.G.S.D.; T. Coulson, P.M. 1970, P.P.G.J.D.; W. Ross, W.M. 1970; W. Davidson, I.P.M. 1970; C. Cobham, P.M. 949, P.G.S. of W.; J. Perkins, W.M. 431; W. B. McLaren, P.M., D.C. 431; G. Tulloch, P.M. 431, P.P.G.S.W. Northumberland; J. C. Moor, P.M., P.G.J.D.; J. J. Clay, P.P.G.D. of C.; J. R. Pattison, W.M. 97; J. Dobson, W.M. 80; J. Egglestone, P.M. 949; J. Hinde, P.M., Treas. 240; J. H. Morton, P.M. 240; J. Athey, P.M. 240; J. S. Wilson, P.M. Sec. 240, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. R. Walker, Sec. 1970; T. Potter, P.M. 240; A. E. Cowell, S.W. 240; J. A. Hall, J.W. 240; L. Inkster, S.D. 240; R. Purvis, jun., J.D. 240; H. Hinde, I.G. 240; T. D. Marshall, S.S. 1970; J. Wheatley, S.W. 1970; J. Heppell, J.W. 1970; G. Wilson, Org. 240; R. Blance, 240; G. Johnson, 240; J. Tenmouth, 240; C. Baguley, Sec. 431; C. L. Taws, J.W. 431; J. Robertson, P.M. 991; W. Reed, J.D. 431; J. Kirby, 431; A. Robson, 431; Bedford, 431; Roddam, 431; and Martin, 431.

After the business was concluded, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquetting room, where an excellent repast, supplied by Bro. Henderson, was partaken of.

MASONIC BALL AT CONSTANTINOPLE.

A Masonic Ball was held at the Teutonia, Constantinople, under the auspices of the Oriental Lodge, No. 687, and Bulwer Lodge, No. 891, on Wednesday, the 6th inst. Everything had been done to insure the success of the festive meeting. The great hall of the Teutonia was splendidly appointed and decorated for the occasion, there being a profuse display of flags and banners, rare plants, and Masonic emblems, all arranged with the most perfect taste. The entrance and staircase were handsomely carpeted; a buffet, laden with choice refreshments of the lighter order, was laid in a kind of ante-room, and the cavasser showed every attention to his guests on their arrival and departure. There must have been fully 250 present, and dancing, which began about 10 p.m., was continued with almost unremitting satisfaction till close on 4 a.m., an elegant supper for those who desired to partake of it being served in the interim.

Most of the leading members of the British community were present, among them being her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires and Miss Wyndham, H.M.'s Consul-General and Judge of the Consular Court, Admiral Woods Pasha and Mrs. Woods, Bro. Mountain, D.D.G.M. Turkey, and Chairman of the Executive Committee. The scene was a most brilliant one, the elegant toilettes of the ladies and the rich insignia of the brethren adding naturally to its splendour.

The wife of Bro. Alderman Evans gave birth to a son at Ewell-grove, Surrey, on Tuesday, the 17th inst.



Bro. the Earl of Milltown, P.G.S.W., and the Countess of Milltown have arrived in town from Wicklow.

We regret to state that Bro. the Lord Mayor was prevented fulfilling his numerous engagements last week by indisposition.

Bro. Lord and Lady Hothfield have returned from Paris to their seat, Hothfield Place, near Ashford, Kent.

Bro. F. R. Seager, Secretary of the City Liberal Association, Watling-street, has just had published by Messrs. Warne and Co. a valuable treatise on the Representation of the People Act, 1884.

It has been resolved on calling Duke-street, Little Britain, Little Britain—which, indeed, it is a continuation—instead of Biggerstaff-street, as at first proposed.

Bro. Edward J. Watherston was last week unanimously re-elected chairman of the Putney and Roehampton Branch of the Borough of Wandsworth Liberal Association.

Bro. E. C. Beedell, who has recently been elected Common Councilman for the Broad-street Ward of the City, is a Past Master of the Loyalty Lodge, No. 1607.

Bro. Sir C. H. Mills, Bart., M.P., as Chairman, and the Earl of Dunraven, attended a meeting held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Tuesday, for the purpose of considering the advantages of establishing a closer relationship between Great Britain and the Colonies.

Bros. the Lord Mayor and J. Glaisher, P.G.D., are members of a Committee which has been formed for the purpose of raising a testimonial for Mr. Walter B. Woodbury, who has done such signal services towards improving the art of photography.

Bro. J. G. Shaw was the recipient of a testimonial presented to him on Thursday evening, the 19th inst., at the usual weekly meeting of the City of London Tradesmen's Club, on the occasion of his giving up the Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street.

The Prince of Wales reached Charing Cross Station from the Continent about 4 a.m. on Thursday, the 19th inst., having left Paris by the mail train the previous evening. His Royal Highness was attended by Captain Stephenson, R.N., and Bro. F. Knollys, C.B.

Mr. Walter S. Paget, who has been selected to go to the Soudan as additional representative of the *Illustrated London News*, is a son of Bro. Paget, Vestry Clerk of Clerkenwell. Mr. Paget started for Egypt on Wednesday, the 18th inst., and will accompany Gen. Sir G. Graham's force from Suakim.

The Annual General Court of the Royal Hospital for Women and Children was held in the Alexandra Ward of the Institution, Waterloo Bridge-road, on Friday, the 20th inst., under the presidency of Sheriff Phillips, there being present among other ladies and gentlemen the Lady Mayoress, Mrs. Phillips, Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead, and Lady Knight.

We are asked to state that in future the meetings of the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge of Instruction will be held at the White Horse Tavern, Liverpool-road—corner of Theberton-street—at 8 p.m., on Thursday in each week. Bro. C. Weeden is Preceptor, and Bro. J. Hughes, Hon. Secretary, from the latter of whom all requisite information can be obtained.

The Court of the Spectacle Makers' Company gave a dinner at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, on Friday evening, the 20th inst., when there were present among other guests Bros. Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead, Alderman Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., P.G.I.W.; Alderman Staples, J. Pender, M.P., Under-Sheriff Crawford, Captain G. Lambert, P.G.S.B.; Major H. A. Joseph, C.C., C. G. Nottage, and Lieut.-Col. Davies Sewell.

Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead and Sheriff Phillips, accompanied by Bro. G. P. Goldney (Remembrancer), appeared at the bar of the House of Commons, on Thursday, the 19th inst., and presented a petition on behalf of the City of London, against so much of the Redistribution of Seats Bill as concerned its future representation. They afterwards entertained at dinner about 60 guests, among whom were Bros. Sir G. Goldney, Bart., M.P., Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., P.G.I.W., Alderman Fowler, M.P., G.J.W., Norwood, M.P., Ex-Sheriff Clarence Smith, and Col. Gourlay, M.P.

OLD FREEMASONS.—Mr. John Armstrong, who was believed to be the oldest Freemason in the world, died at Guernsey on Thursday, the 19th inst. He was 95 years of age, and was initiated into the Order in 1815, when he entered the Mariners' Lodge, Guernsey, No. 169.—*Liverpool Mercury*.—Another Liverpool contemporary, the *Courier*, says: "It appears that the late Mr. Chetham, of Stockport, was not the oldest Freemason. He was initiated in 1811, but Mr. Crowle, of Truro, was initiated in 1806, and Mr. John Tresidder, of Falmouth, was made a Mason in 1805, in the Lodge of Love and Honour. Mr. G. Stirtan, of Cupar Angus, was initiated in 1808. He is 103 years old, and Mr. Crowle and Mr. Tresidder have attained their hundredth year. Sir Moses Montefiore took his First Degree before United Grand Lodge was formed, and this occurred in 1813."

CURE OF SEVERE COUGH AND COLD BY DR. LOCOCK'S PULMONIC WAFERS.—From Mr. T. Johnson, Chemist, Leek: "An elderly gentleman in this town was a short time since labouring under a severe cold and cough; he obtained from me a box of Dr. Locock's Wafers, from which he derived so much benefit that he now recommends them to all his friends suffering in a similar manner. I could, if necessary, furnish you with numerous testimonials from persons who have derived special benefit from their use." They instantly relieve and rapidly cure asthma, consumption, coughs, bronchitis, colds, gout, rheumatism, and all nervous complaints, and taste pleasantly. Sold by all druggists at 1s. 1½d. and 2s. 9d. per box.—[ADVT.]

A man was charged at the Bow-street Police Court on Tuesday, with having committed a forgery on Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., P.G.M. Derbyshire. Mr. Vaughan remanded the prisoner.

Bro. J. D. Allcroft Past G. Treas., presided at a meeting in Myddelton Hall, Islington, on Monday, the 23rd inst., of the Young Men's Christian Association.

Bro. the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M., P.G.M. West Lancashire, arrived in town on Monday, the 23rd inst., from Lathom House, Ormskirk.

Mr. A. Melville, of Gloucester-road, Regents' Park, has just completed a portrait of Bro. the Lord Mayor in his robes of state.

We regret to hear that Mr. H. P. Monckton, a relative of Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton, P.G.W., is suffering from a fractured collar-bone, caused when playing in a football match between Maidstone and the Eton Rovers.

Mr. R. G. Salmond, Secretary of the Home for Incurables, was initiated into Freemasonry at the recent meeting on Tuesday, the 18th inst., of the Cadogan Lodge, No. 1602.

The death is announced of the Rev. Capel Wolseley, rector of Sacred Trinity Church, Salford, and cousin of Bro. Lord Wolseley. The deceased was in his 70th year.

The Prince and Princess of Wales will visit Ireland in April and spend some considerable time in the sister island. Their Royal Highnesses will be the guests of the Lord Lieutenant.

Bro. Joseph Dodds, M.P., presided over, and Bro. Goldney, Remembrancer of London, was present at a meeting on Thursday, the 19th inst., of the Association of Municipal Corporations.

Bros. Norwood, M.P., Sir B. Samuelson, M.P., Sir H. E. Knight, Sir J. Bennett, and D. P. Cama, were among the principal guests at the Third Annual Dinner of the London Chamber of Commerce, on Thursday, the 19th instant.

Bros. the Earl of Arran, Sir John St. Aubyn, Bart., M.P., the Hon. John F. W. Fiennes, and Sir F. G. M. Boileau, Bart., were present at Brook's on Saturday evening, the 21st inst., at the first meeting this season of the Fox Club.

Bros. C. Dalrymple, M.P., P.G.M. Ayrshire and the Isles, and the Dean of York, P.G. Chap. England, attended the meetings on Thursday and Friday, the 19th and 20th inst., of the Cathedral Establishments Commission.

Her Majesty has been pleased to confer on Bro. Sir James Fergusson, Bart., K.C.M.G., C.I.E., Governor of Bombay, Past P.G.M. Ayrshire, the distinction of a Knight Grand Commander of the Order of the Star of India.

Bros. Sir J. Mowbray, Bart., M.P., and Sir E. Colebrook, Bart., M.P., are among the members who have been appointed to act as the Standing Orders Committee of the House of Commons, while Bros. Sir H. Wolff, Bart., M.P., and Sir J. Mowbray are on the Committee of Selection.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., Secretary of State for War, was present on Friday evening, the 20th inst., at Charing Cross Railway Station, when Lieut.-General Sir Gerald Graham, V.C., K.C.B., who has been appointed to command the Suakim-Berber expedition took his departure for the East.

Comp. J. H. Sillitoe, P.G.J. East Lancashire, installed Comps. Squire Holt, Z.; Fredk. Wood, H.; and Henry Rigley as I. of the Prince Edwin Chapter, No. 128, Bury Bridge, on Monday, the 16th instant. Comp. Saml. Wood, P.Z., who has been 43 years a continuous subscribing member of the chapter, was invested as Treasurer, which office he has held for many years.

A grand fancy dress ball will take place at Freemasons' Tavern on Thursday, the 16th April, in aid of the funds of the British Home for Incurables. The ball will be under the patronage of Bro. the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, Bro. Viscount Holmesdale, Prov. Grand Master Kent, President of the Home, and the Management. Vouchers and information of Bro. R. G. Salmond, 73, Cheapside.

Bro. the Lord Mayor has taken steps for forming a Mansion House Committee to raise a fund for erecting a memorial to the late General Gordon. Among the members are the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Cambridge, Bros. the Marquis of Hartington, Earl Granville, and Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead, while Lord Mayor Nottage is Chairman and Treasurer. All letters must be addressed to the Lord Mayor, Mansion House, and marked "Gordon Memorial."

Bro. James Stevens has requested us to state that he is arranging to deliver his lecture, "Knobs and Excrescences" at Margate, under invitation from the Union Lodge, No. 127, on or about the 13th prox., and would be pleased to arrange dates with other lodges in North Kent between that place and London. Bro. Stevens has also accepted the invitation of the Wallington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1892, to deliver his lecture on the Ritual and Ceremonial of the First Degree at the festival meeting to be held at the Public Hall, Carshalton, on the 26th inst., at 6 p.m. A large gathering of brethren is expected on this occasion.

The brethren of the Aldershot Military Mark Lodge, No. 54, entertained their Past Master, Bro. Capt. Croisdale, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., in the Imperial Hotel, Aldershot, on Thursday, the 19th inst., and presented him with a very handsome and costly silver salver, bearing the following inscription, with the Masonic emblems appertaining to his position in the Province of Hants and Isle of Wight: "Presented to W. Bro. Captain R. Croisdale, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., by the brethren of the Aldershot Military Mark Lodge, No. 54, as a mark of their esteem for the zeal he has shown in the discharge of his Masonic duties." Bro. Captain Croisdale left for Hong Kong on the 25th instant.

£20.—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.]

H.R.H. the Princess of Wales presided over a meeting held at Lansdowne House, on Tuesday, of the Princess of Wales's branch of the Ladies' National Aid Society. Donations amounting to £600 were announced.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Bros. Sir Charles Dilke, Bart., M.P., and Lord Carrington, P.G.S.W., were presented at the fifty-third meeting on Tuesday, of the Royal Commission on the Housing of the Working Class.

The bazaar in connection with St. Mark's, Dalston, which was recently opened by Bro. the Lord Mayor, has resulted in a great success, the profits amounting to over £1200.

Bro. Alfred Brookman was present at the meeting of the Aldersgate Club, at the Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, on Wednesday evening, the 18th inst.

H.R.H. the Princess Louise has graciously consented to lay the memorial stone of the new out-patient wing of the Victoria Hospital for Children, the ceremony being arranged to take place in the month of June.

The marble bust, which is about to be placed in Westminster Abbey in memory of the poet, Bro. Robert Burns, and which is the result of a shilling subscription by Scotchmen throughout the world, is now ready, and will be fixed in its assigned position at an early date.

The Prince of Wales presided on Saturday, the 21st inst., at a meeting, held at the office of the Duchy of Cornwall, of his Royal Highness's Council, among the members present being Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, P.G.M. Cornwall.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Dalhousie and Bro. the Right Hon. G. O. and Mrs. Trevelyan were amongst the guests entertained at dinner on Saturday, the 21st inst., at their residence in Grosvenor-square, by Sir A. and Lady Hayter.

Bro. E. Dresser-Rogers, C.C., is a candidate to represent the Camberwell Division of the Metropolis in the next House of Commons; Bro. F. Seager Hunt for the Marylebone division; and Bro. Ex-Sheriff Cowan for that of West Ham.

Bro. Sir C. H. Mills, Bart., M.P., who for the last 16 years has represented West Kent in the House of Commons, has been ordered by his medical adviser to discontinue his parliamentary duties, and his eldest son, Mr. C. H. Mills, has been unanimously chosen to represent the division in his stead.

The Prince of Wales, as President of the forthcoming International Inventions Exhibition, has delegated to a Commission chosen from the members of the Executive Council, the duty of arranging for the effective carrying out of the work of the international juries. As was the case last year, the exhibitors will have a voice in the election of the juries.

Her Majesty returned to Windsor Castle from Osborne on Thursday, the 19th inst., and the same afternoon inspected the 3rd Battalion Grenadier Guards prior to its departure for Suakim. The Duchess of Albany, accompanied by her daughter and the infant Duke of Albany, left Osborne the same day for Claremont.

At a special meeting of the Royal Yacht Squadron, held at Marlborough House on Saturday, the 21st inst., it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Commodore H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, seconded by Lord Colville, that the Marquis of Ormonde, the Vice-Commodore of the Squadron, in place of the late Bro. the Marquis of Londonderry, P.G.M. Durham.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445, in Bro. Myers's Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road, on Monday, the 2nd prox., at 7 p.m. punctually. Bro. John Lee Dale, 933, will preside, with Bros. H. Cundick, P.M. 1421, P.Z. 933, as S.W.; Wm. McDonald, P.M. 1445, as J.W.; and W. H. Myers, P.M. 1445, P.Z. 820, as I.P.M. The Sections will be worked as follows: First Lecture—First Section, Bro. Dominy, 1445; Second, Bro. Myers, P.M. 1445, P.Z. 820; Third, Bro. Loane, J.W. 1421; Fourth, Bro. C. Robson, 960; Fifth, Bro. Stewart, S.D. 1278; Sixth, Bro. McDonald, P.M. 1445; and Seventh, Bro. Cundick, P.M. 1421, P.Z. 933. Second Lecture—First Section, Bro. Twinn, S.D. 1306; Second, Bro. Kimbell, S.W. 1445; Third, Bro. Fenn, P.M. 171; Fourth, Bro. Pringle, S.W. 781; and Fifth, Bro. West, J.W. 933. Third Lecture—First Section, Bro. W. Musto, P.M. 1349, P.Z. 933; Second, Bro. J. T. K. Job, P.M. 1076; and Third, Bro. G. Ward Verry, P.M. and P.Z. 554, P.M. 1580, and W.M. 1421, &c.

Bro. Dr. Whalley, M.A., and Bro. Jules Reichét, D.C.L., had the high honour to give recitals from Shakespeare on Friday evening, the 20th inst., before a very elite and distinguished assembly at a drawing room conservazione given at Windsor. Holding the highest honours and orders both in England and the continent, they rank as the Shakespearean exponents of England and France. The beautiful passages from "As You Like It," "Romeo and Juliet," "Much Ado about Nothing," and "Midsummer's Night's Dream," given by Mons. Jules Reichét, contrasted well with the selections from "Macbeth," "Hamlet," "Othello," and "Richard the Third," given by Dr. Whalley. The beauty, pathos, and sweetness of one, along with the fire, polish, and culture of the other could not fail to produce a wonderful effect, and the ringing cheers which greeted each piece, only amply testified that here the most particular had been more than satisfied. On Saturday they were engaged on behalf of those noble institutions connected with the Destitute Women and Girls of London, in which an especial interest is taken by her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, the Prince and Princess of Wales, and most of the Royal Family, to which they extend their august patronage.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Few persons are so favoured by circumstances, or so fortified by nature, as to enable them to pass unscathed the sore trials of an inclement season. With catarrhs, coughs, and influenzas everywhere abounding, it should be universally known that Holloway's Ointment, diligently rubbed upon the chest, checks the worst assaults of these maladies, and securely wards off more grave and dangerous diseases of the throat and lungs. The truth of this assertion may remain unquestioned in the face of thousands of unimpeachable living witnesses who have personally derived the utmost possible benefits from this treatment when their present sufferings were appalling, and their future prospects more disheartening. Both remedies act admirably together.—[ADVT.]

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

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

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

MONDAY, MARCH 2.

- Lodge 12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
 " 16, Royal Alpha, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
 " 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
 " 144, St. Luke's, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
 " 188, Joppa, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 256, Unions, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1069, Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.
 " 1731, Cholomeley, 8, Air-st., Regent-st.
 " 1924, Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Wickham Park, Brockley.
 Chap. 91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1056, Victoria, M.H., Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-st.
 " 1015, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq., W.
 " 1704, Cable, Cannon-st. Hot.
 Mark 139, Panmure, 8a, Red Lion-sq.
 Premier Conclave Red Cross.

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.
 Premier Conclave Red Cross.

TUESDAY, MARCH 3.

- Colonial Board, at 4.
 Lodge 7, Royal York, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 9, Albion, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 18, Old Dundee, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 106, Union, The Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
 " 172, Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 235, Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey.
 " 765, St. James's, Bridge House Hot., London Bdg.
 " 1257, Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav., Commercial-road, E.
 " 1261, Golden Rule, 8, Air-st., Regent-st., W.
 " 1298, Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-st., Islington.
 " 1383, Friends-in-Council, 33, Golden-sq.
 " 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
 " 1472, Henley, Three Crowns Hot., North Woolwich.
 " 1501, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq., W.
 " 1693, Kingsland, Railway Hot., Highbury, N.
 Chap. 255, Iris, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey.
 Mark 315, Henniker, 8a, Red Lion-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bdg., at 7.
 St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
 Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's-gate, at 8.
 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
 Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
 Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.
 Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues.
 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
 Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
 Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8.
 Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8.
 South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.
 Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.
 Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
 Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.
 Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Plough-rd., Rotherhithe, 8.
 Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.
 Emblematic, Red Lion, York-st., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.
 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.
 Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington, 7.30.
 Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 7.
 Mount Edgcombe, 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.
 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, MARCH 4.

- GRAND LODGE, at 7.
 Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.
 " 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1491, Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden-rd., Islington.
 " 1585, Royal Commemoration, Fox & Hounds, Putney.
 " 1687, Rothesay, Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's Inn.
 " 1707, Eleanor, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1766, St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch.
 " 1827, Alliance, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 Charity Com. Berks and Bucks.

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 5.

- Lodge 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 45, Strong Man, Masonic Hall Tav., Basinghall-st.
 " 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 227, Ionic, Ship & Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 231, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 538, La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
 " 823, Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 913, Pattison, Assembly Room, High School for Boys, Brook Hill, Plumstead.
 " 1155, Excelsior, Sidney Arms, Lewisham-road.
 " 1288, Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
 " 1351, St. Clement's Danes, The Palsgrave, 225, Strand.
 " 1425, Hyde Park, The Westbourne, 1, Craven-road.
 " 1445, Prince Leopold, Three Nuns Tav., Aldgate.
 " 1539, Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey M.H., Camberwell
 " 1672, Mornington, Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct.
 " 1765, Trinity College, 13, Mandeville-place, W.
 " 1950, Southgate, Railway Hot., New Southgate.
 Chap. 2, St. James's, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 174, Sincerity, London Tav., Fenchurch-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, Pensonby-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.
 Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tav., Liverpool-rd., at 8.
 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 Courts, 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, MARCH 6.

- Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, William-st., Woolwich.
 " 890, Hornsey, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, 33, Golden-sq.
 " 1627, Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1815, Penge, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
 Chap. 3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Tav.
 " 8, British, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 7.

- General Committee Boys' School, at 4.
 Lodge 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 1622, Rose, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
 Chap. 975, Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.

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.

SEWER GAS IN THE SYSTEM.

For several years the public press has been filled with articles relative to the deleterious effects of sewer gas. Sanitary engineers have racked their brains to devise means for preventing its entry into our houses, so as to avoid the many fatal diseases which are traced directly to its poisonous influences upon the human system. While we have been diligent and watchful in preventing sewer gas from entering our houses, we have been neglectful and allowed its formation within our own bodies. Sewer gas is as fatal in its effects upon the system whether formed inside our bodies or without. The food taken into the stomach, if not properly digested, ferments, decays, and becomes putrid. The effect of this putrefaction is the production of a gas precisely like sewer gas, and just as poisonous. This poisonous substance enters the circulation, and pervades the whole system, and then people wonder they feel tired and languid, with a swimming, dizzy head—wonder why the appetite has failed, and that they feel weak and feeble—they wonder why the breath has become offensive, and that they have pain and distress. But when this matter is fully understood there is no cause to wonder, for this foul gas has poisoned the whole system. The food we eat should be digested, or it does us injury. The familiar saying that "it is not what we eat that makes us strong, but what we digest," is a truthful saying, and we cannot be too particular about the digestion of our food. *More than nine-tenths of all our diseases arise from imperfect digestion.* When we know that imperfect digestion is followed by the production of this foul gas within the body, and that it is absorbed into the system as fast it is formed, is it a wonder that we are ill? *The wonder is that we are alive.* How important it is, then, that the digestive organs should be made to perform their functions by the timely use of Seigel's Curative Syrup, which has proved an unfailing remedy in such cases. Its reputation is based upon a trial that has extended over a period of many years. It seldom fails.

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