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THOSE who have had the opportunity of reading our Summary of the year 1885 will have gathered from the opinions therein expressed that the Craft enters upon the new year under most auspicious circumstances. We pointed out last week that Freemasonry had done more during the past year in the way of consolidation than in that of extension, and it follows, as a matter of course, that it will be in a better position to face any trials that may await it during the period of 12 months just entered upon. This is most gratifying. We do not anticipate there will be any severe trials in store for us; but there is fair reason for believing that there is plenty of hard work awaiting us, which it will tax all our energy and resources to carry out satisfactorily; nor are the times just now, either commercially or politically, as bright and encouraging as we could wish. Yet the work before us is of no ordinary character. It will not be the easiest thing in the world to satisfy the pressing requirements of our three Institutions. The Benevolent Institution will have as many candidates as last year, and whatever may chance to be the number of vacancies to be declared at the appointed time, there will be needed close on £17,000 for annuities and cost of management. The Girls' School, too, has been under the necessity of incurring an extra expenditure of £5700 in the purchase of land, and the Boys' School will need a round £3000 to make good the moneys already expended on the New Hall and Preparatory School Buildings. It is, perhaps, unfortunate that all this additional outlay should have been incurred at or about the same time; but we do not see how the mishap could have been prevented. In any circumstances, the needs of our three Charities for the coming year will be unprecedentedly heavy, and if they are to be maintained at their present standard, there is no doubt that unusual exertions must be put forth by the brethren, in order to enable the several Executive Committees to accomplish that indispensable condition of good management, which is commonly known as "making both ends meet." We know of nothing else in the way of any pressing emergency which may await us in the coming twelvemonth; but, apart from what is as yet unforeseen, it will be allowed that the provision out of voluntary contributions of over £40,000 for the requirements of our Institutions is a matter which must cause a large amount of anxiety, and we can only express a hope that the requisite funds may be forthcoming. For ourselves, we have no serious misgivings that the obligations which have been undertaken by the brethren of this country will be fulfilled, and with probably a small margin over; but we should be shirking a manifest duty if we do not place the whole of the picture before our readers at once, so that any assistance they may propose to offer may be regulated with a view to the benefit not so much of this or that Institution as of the three taken together. However, as we have remarked already, we enter upon the year 1886 under very favourable conditions as regards the interior condition of the Craft, and though, if matters do not go smoothly in the political and commercial worlds, we cannot expect to escape wholly from the general depression that must follow, we must take care that our means are sufficiently well organised to provide what is indispensable. If we cannot go beyond the point we have already reached, let us endeavour to avoid a retrograde movement. Whatever happens, our necessitous brethren and the widows and families of deceased brethren must be provided for adequately.

OUR good Brother SPETH objects to our interpretation of Rule 141 (Constitutions, 1884), and maintains that "neither the I.P.M., nor the P.M., nor any other Past Master can claim" the Chair "as a right" in the event of the "outgoing Master being present, but unwilling to perform the installation ceremony." We assume that "I.P.M." meant that the W.M. did not intend to occupy the Chair, during the ceremony being worked by a P.M. Of course, so long as the Master occupies the Chair, he can call any one to his side, to assist him in the "work," that he feels inclined to ask, and no one else then has a right to object, or to claim the Chair. If, however, the W.M. is present in the lodge, but not in the chair, and not intending to occupy it, the only brother who has the right to take the chair is the I.P.M.; or failing him, the senior P.M. present, and willing so to do. We take it,

that the Grand Lodge assumes that when the W.M. is present, he is able and willing to discharge all the duties of his office (though unfortunately it is but an assumption in numerous instances). Hence should the W.M. be present, yet not be competent to instal his successor, or not desirous of doing so, and hence not be in the chair, such action would be equivalent to his absence as respects his control of the then lodge business and ceremonies. Surely to be Ruler in the lodge means to be Chairman, and therefore to cease to be Chairman, by leaving the chair, of necessity should be treated as if the W.M. were absent personally from the lodge; when the law provides for the occupancy of the Chair by the I.P.M. or Senior P.M., as a matter of right, though that right might be waived. At least this is our view of the point raised, and we consider it is based on the Ex-Grand Registrar's decision respecting the privileges of the W.M. and his predecessors in the Chair.

It appears to be a sin, or something very closely akin to it, that a young English Prince, who has expressed a wish to become a member of our Society, should prefer being initiated into our mysteries in as quiet and unostentatious a way as possible. Otherwise, it is difficult to account for the angry—and we are compelled to add, in some instances, the stupid—twaddle which has been published by some of our American contemporaries as to the alleged irregularity of Prince ALBERT VICTOR'S initiation into our Order in the earlier half of last year. We can hardly imagine they would have had the Royal Alpha Lodge, in which the event took place, hire St. Paul's Cathedral, or the Tower, or the Houses of Parliament, for the occasion. Yet they seem to think that because the initiation was not carried out in a room as big as one of these buildings, and as capable as they are of accommodating a few thousands of brethren, it was carried out irregularly, and that Prince ALBERT VICTOR OF WALES is not a duly made Mason. Bro. JOHN W. SIMONDS, for instance, a Past Grand Master of New York, and the Masonic editor of the *New York Dispatch* refuses "to admit his initiation as regular." The *Portland Masonic Journal* "says amen to this;" while as regards the *International Masonic Review*, of Detroit, Michigan, its editor tells us that "a sort of chill comes over our Masonic corpus (sic!) to learn that any one person is entitled to a more grand, select, aristocratic making than this fellow." We should feel some sympathy with our contemporary's "corpus" if it were of a more refined quality. As it is we content ourselves with pointing out that this kind of vulgar comment is humiliating to the journals which make them or permit them to be made. They show, too, that our contemporaries, whatever else they may have gained from their connection with Freemasonry, have not, as yet at all events, made acquaintance with that courtesy and kindness of spirit which is presumed to have a place among the attributes of our Craft. The Prince's initiation was perfectly regular, none but members of the Royal Alpha being present, because the lodge, being a small one, has the good sense to meet in a small room, and consequently there was no accommodation for visitors. But even if the room had been as big as a continent, we fail to see why a young Prince may not be introduced into our Society as ceremoniously, yet with as little formality, as plain unsophisticated Mr. A B C, or Mr. X Y Z. The next time any of our American Masonic contemporaries discover a mare's nest, we trust it will have about it a slight amount of reputability.

THE Committee to whom was entrusted the question of the portraits for the Corinthian Hall, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, one of the grandest, and probably the finest of its kind in the world, reported that they had secured a full length painting of Bro. STEPHEN GIRARD, the well known Masonic and general philanthropist of the past, whose good deeds will always proclaim his worth in the state of Pennsylvania. The portrait is one of four now placed in position, the remainder being those of BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, GEORGE WASHINGTON, and the Marquis DE LA FAYETTE. These portraits are objects of just pride to our brethren in the "Keystone" state, as also another in the same Hall of "Bro. GEORGE WASHINGTON, as a Mason," who has been well described as "the Father of his Country."

THE "Masonic Record of Western India" is just to hand for November, 1885. There are several items of interest therein worth noting. The Grand Lodge of Scotland has tendered to the Scottish Masons in South Australia its thanks for the courteous manner the translation was made from the older to the new régime, and has consented to their Warrants being retained "as mementoes of the Grand Lodge from which they sprung, and as a fraternal recollection of the advantages both obtained." The prosperity of the Craft in South Australia is so marked that a movement is on foot for the publication of a Masonic Journal. The failure of the "Rough Ashlar" evidently does not deter the brethren from again seeking light through local channels, as well as by reading the *Freemason*, which seeks to be the organ of the Craft universal; and so we wish their project every success.

COLONEL GEORGE BENJAMIN WOLSELEY, C.B., was installed as Prov. Grand Mark Master of Bengal by Major J. G. KELLY, Past G.D., at Freemasons' Hall, Dalhousie, on 31st August, 1885. The patent was signed by the Earl of KINTORE, as M.V.G.M., and bears the signature likewise of the lamented Bro. H. C. LEVANDER as Grand Registrar. The date—6th October, 1884—is explained by the fact that Colonel WOLSELEY'S absence from Bengal was due to his being in Egypt on service; hence the delay. The "Record" states that "the Communication was an overflowing meeting, and the well-expressed sympathy of crowds of absent brethren declared beyond all doubt the general feeling of approval and welcome to the new ruler." The latest published returns exhibit a total of 27 lodges in the Province of Bengal, with 425 members on the roll, the senior lodge being the Cape Stone, No. 80, Calcutta, and the junior lodge the Behar, No. 335, Somastipore. Lodges of Royal Ark Mariners are also at work, and others are being applied for. We congratulate Colonel WOLSELEY on his installation, and feel assured that his province will do him honour.

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We gladly take the opportunity of reminding our readers that the New Year's Entertainment to the Old Folks at Croydon will take place next Wednesday, so that those who have not yet handed in their mite towards the fund which is raised for the purpose among the friends and supporters of the Charity, should lose no time in placing themselves in communication with Bro. TERRY, the Secretary, to whose initiative our worthy Old People are indebted for this annual festivity. It is well these little gatherings should take place; they constitute the bright page in what must otherwise be, of necessity, an uneventful year's history. But they cannot be held, or held on a suitable scale, if the requisite funds are not forthcoming, and this year it happens, unfortunately, that the moneys received or promised fell short by from £10 to £12 of what they were for the 1884 entertainment. This is not a very formidable deficiency to make good, and we have no doubt the "needful" will be forthcoming, when it is known that any is wanted, and that, though the Committee loyally contribute towards the entertainment, there is no fund at their disposal out of which the cost can be defrayed.

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EVERYONE will sympathise with Bro. C. J. PERCEVAL in the misfortune which befel him on Christmas Day. It is not agreeable—on returning home from a pleasant festivity—to find one's house has been broken into, and the drawers and sideboards, &c., &c., have been ransacked of all their more valuable contents. It adds, too, very considerably to the annoyance when one learns, on no less an authority than one of the burglars, that the "poke" has been carefully stowed away—possibly in some receiver's melting-pot—beyond all hope of recovery. This, however, is among Bro. PERCEVAL'S latest experiences of Christmas, and all that he and we can hope is that the fellows who appear to have mistaken his property for their own will meet with condign punishment.

### MASONIC BENEVOLENCE IN 1885.

A glance at the following statistics will show that the total of the sums received by our three Institutions during the past year is, in round figures, quite £5600 in excess of the total for 1884, though, owing to the exceptional circumstances connected with 1883, it is still considerably short of the £56,110 received by them during that successful year. Part of this increase, as compared with 1884, is, no doubt, due to the receipts by the Institution for Boys in respect of its Preparatory School Building Fund; but even when we have deducted these, we shall find there has been an advance of probably some £3000. This, of course, is very gratifying to the Craft generally, but especially to those who have had a hand in raising or contributing the money; nor will it surprise our readers when they look into our figures and discover that the septennial average we published last year is exceeded by the new average we publish in the present number.

We give the returns, which have been furnished to us officially from the respective head-quarters, in the order of their several totals:—

#### ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

|                             |     |     |     |         |    |   |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|---------|----|---|
| Donations and Subscriptions | ... | ... | ... | £17,570 | 11 | 4 |
| Dividends                   | ... | ... | ... | 1,890   | 1  | 6 |
| Grand Lodge                 | ... | ... | ... | 1,600   | 0  | 0 |
| Chapter                     | ... | ... | ... | 150     | 0  | 0 |
| Legacy                      | ... | ... | ... | 105     | 0  | 0 |
| Rent of Meadow              | ... | ... | ... | 18      | 0  | 0 |
| Interest on Cash at Call    | ... | ... | ... | 31      | 14 | 3 |
|                             |     |     |     | £21,374 | 7  | 1 |

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

|   |     |     |     |         |    |   |
|---|-----|-----|-----|---------|----|---|
| Donations and Subscriptions (including £1050—Sir Henry Edwards Presentation, West Yorkshire | ... | ... | ... | £14,203 | 15 | 8 |
| Dividends—"General Fund"—5 qrs.   | ... | ... | ... | 1,575   | 0  | 0 |
| " " "Sustentation Fund"—6 qrs.  | ... | ... | ... | 474     | 3  | 0 |
| Grand Lodge   | ... | ... | ... | 150     | 0  | 0 |
| Chapter   | ... | ... | ... | 10      | 10 | 0 |
| Admissions under Law LXIII.   | ... | ... | ... | 100     | 0  | 0 |
| Music Fees  | ... | ... | ... | 193     | 14 | 6 |
| Miscellaneous   | ... | ... | ... | 61      | 16 | 4 |
|   |     |     |     | £16,768 | 19 | 6 |

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

|                                 |     |     |     |         |    |    |
|---------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|---------|----|----|
| Donations and Subscriptions     | ... | ... | ... | £14,423 | 1  | 10 |
| Music Fees                      | ... | ... | ... | 80      | 17 | 0  |
| United Grand Lodge—Annual       | ... | ... | ... | 150     | 0  | 0  |
| " R.A. Chap. "                  | ... | ... | ... | 10      | 10 | 0  |
| " " Special Grant               | ... | ... | ... | 1000    | 0  | 0  |
| Sale of Lists of Subscribers... | ... | ... | ... | 2       | 12 | 0  |
| Dividends on £17,000            | ... | ... | ... | 553     | 5  | 2  |
| Legacy                          | ... | ... | ... | 52      | 10 | 0  |
|                                 |     |     |     | £16,272 | 16 | 0  |

It appears from the foregoing particulars that the aggregate of the moneys received by the three Charities in 1885 is £54,416 2s. 7d., or about £5600 more than in 1884; the R.M.B.I., which still maintains the lead, having received some £1470 more than last year; the Girls' School being also better off to the extent of £1840, and the Boys' School by close on £2280. Thus all three have gone ahead in the matter of receipts, the greater increase in the Boys' School being due to the subscriptions on account of the Preparatory School, while the Benevolent Institution owes its retention of the premier place to the tremendous success of its Festival.

The annexed table shows (1) the amounts received by each Institution during the Septennial period—1879-85—the fourth column giving the aggregate of the three for each successive year; and (2) the average per year for each Institution, as well as for the three taken collectively:

|                                  | R.M.B.I.      | R.M.I.B.     | R.M.I.G.      | Total.        |
|----------------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1879                             | £17,781 12 10 | £13,923 4 4  | £13,025 12 1  | £44,730 9 3   |
| 1880                             | 16,301 4 10   | 15,673 15 8  | 17,787 10 11  | 49,762 11 5   |
| 1881                             | 17,736 14 6   | 12,993 9 11  | 12,557 4 7    | 43,287 9 0    |
| 1882                             | 16,595 7 7    | 14,879 15 8  | 15,969 15 8   | 47,444 18 11  |
| 1883                             | 18,449 6 0    | 25,010 17 1  | 12,650 1 2    | 56,110 4 3    |
| 1884                             | 19,901 7 8    | 13,993 10 11 | 14,928 19 0   | 48,823 17 7   |
| 1885                             | 21,374 7 1    | 16,272 16 0  | 16,768 19 6   | 54,416 2 7    |
| Totals for 7 years.              | £128,140 0 6  | £112,747 9 7 | £103,688 2 11 | £344,575 13 0 |
| Average per year.                | £18,305 14 4  | £16,106 15 8 | £14,812 11 10 | £49,225 1 10  |
| Average per year per Institution |               |              |               | £16,408 7 3   |

The following table gives the number of cases relieved, and the total of the sums voted, in each month of the year, by the Board of Benevolence. The returns show a very considerable increase both in the number of cases relieved—387, as compared with 323 in 1884—and in the sum total of the grants—£10,153, as against £9252 in 1884:—

| Month.    | Cases relieved. | Amount. |
|-----------|-----------------|---------|
| January   | 36              | £750    |
| February  | 30              | 710     |
| March     | 34              | 755     |
| April     | 43              | 983     |
| May       | 28              | 620     |
| June      | 27              | 703     |
| July      | 25              | 770     |
| August    | 17              | 415     |
| September | 27              | 675     |
| October   | 35              | 1185    |
| November  | 38              | 1075    |
| December  | 47              | 1512    |
| 387       |                 | £10,153 |

### CONSECRATION OF THE DALHOUSIE CHAPTER, No. 860.

The consecration of the Dalhousie Chapter, No. 860, was performed at Anderton's Hotel on Monday evening last. The Consecrating Officer was Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E., who was assisted by Comp. Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br., as 2nd Principal; Comp. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, as 3rd Principal; and Comp. Frank Richardson, as Director of Ceremonies. The other companions present were Comps. H. Massey, P.Z. 619 and Z. elect 1928; J. Boulton, J. 898 and 1st Asst. Soj. 933; J. G. Tongue, 1201; Thos. Clark, P.S. 1524; John Wade, 1634; John W. Ray, 1624; Joseph J. Marsh, H. 1324; Egbert Roberts, 1623; Robert P. Tate, H. 862; J. M. Chamberlin, P.Z. 1319; A. Tisley, M.E.Z. 1319; C. Wellard, P.Z. 1319; Frederick Walters, P.P.G. 1st A.S. Middx., P.Z., S.E. 1765; W. H. Lee, P.Z. 975 and 1524, Prov. G. Std. Br. Middx.; C. S. Jekyll, 1319; John Hodges, 19; Jas. Kift, 180; H. Jenkins, Edward Bond, Thos. Markland, M. Christian, Robert Burleton, Robert Perry Tate, R. J. Taylor, and T. B. Dodson.

The founders of the new chapter were Comps. Thomas Blossom Dodson, 1540; Robert Burleton, 1589; Michael Christian, 1589; Edward Bond, 1540; Henry Jenkins, 1540; Robert John Taylor, 1540; Robert Perry Tate, 862; William Bristo, 1589; and Thomas Markland, 1540.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Comp. Egbert Roberts, who was assisted by Comps. C. S. Jekyll, John Hodges, and James Kift.

After the opening of the chapter, Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke addressed the companions on the object of the meeting, and congratulated the founders of the chapter on the important step they had taken in adding another Royal Arch body to those already on the roll of Supreme Grand Chapter. He was pleased to see the great and steady progress which Royal Arch Masonry was making, more especially by the addition of chapters to the younger lodges. From what he knew of the members of the Dalhousie Lodge he felt assured that the Dalhousie Chapter would be prosperous.

The Rev. R. J. SIMPSON delivered an oration.

The remainder of the ceremony of constituting and consecrating the chapter was then performed, and the following companions were installed: Comp. T. B. Dodson, M.E.Z.; Comp. R. Burleton, H.; and Comp. M. Christian, J. Comp. Robert John Taylor was elected and invested as Scribe E.; Comp. Edward Bond, as Scribe N.; and Comp. Henry Jenkins, as P.S. Comp. Thomas Markland was elected and invested as Treasurer; Comp. Marsh was elected and invested as Janitor.

A list of twelve brethren was read out as intended candidates for exaltation, nine of them being members of the Dalhousie Lodge. The Consecrating Officers were afterwards elected honorary members of the chapter. A vote of thanks to them for consecrating the chapter was also proposed, seconded, and carried.

Comp. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE acknowledged the compliment, and the chapter was then closed. The companions afterwards banqueted together.

At the conclusion of the banquet the customary Royal Arch toasts were proposed and honoured.

After "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry" had been drunk, the M.E.Z. proposed "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.E.Z.," and said that Royal Arch Masons were pleased to have such a superior companion as the Prince of Wales at the head of the Order, and long might he live to act as he now did.

The M.E.Z., in giving "The Pro G.Z., the H., and J.," said he hardly knew how to use words which would properly express his sentiments, because he had that night been so well treated by the Grand Officers. The companions had all heard the excellent working of Comp. Shadwell H. Clerke, and the other Grand Officers who assisted him, and he tendered his sincere thanks to them for their services, and especially to Col. Shadwell H. Clerke for installing him as Z. He should never forget these services. Nothing could express the gratitude he felt, and he was sure all the companions would feel with him. He was delighted to be placed in that chair, and to preside over the companions that night.

Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON, who was called upon to respond, said the toast was so comprehensive, embracing such names as the Earl of Carnar-

von, the Earl of Lathom, and Lord Leigh, that it was difficult to find words properly to respond to it. He felt as all other Grand Officers of this Degree did—that to have one's name coupled with the names of such noblemen was a great honour, and the Grand Officers ought therefore at all times to be ready and willing to lend a helping hand whenever called upon to assist Royal Arch Masonry. There was no task they took so much pleasure and delight in as the bringing a new chapter into existence. They knew that great care was taken by those who ruled in Grand Chapter that no chapter was warranted unless properly recommended and attached to lodges which ought to possess a chapter. They were glad to see new chapters all doing good service, and before long to take a great place on the roll of Supreme Grand Chapter. He was quite sure the Dalhousie would in due time take such a place. The Dalhousie Lodge had a foremost place on the roll of Grand Lodge, and he was glad the Royal Arch Masons who belonged to it had taken the necessary steps to perfect the lodge.

Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE proposed "The Principals." That the founders of the chapter had chosen these three companions for the first year of office was, of course, a very high compliment. The Three Principals were good and true Royal Arch Masons. Comp. Dodson had done excellent service in Masonry for many years. He was an old P.M. of the lodge to which this chapter was attached—indeed, he was the senior P.M. and father of the lodge—and he had that night been so fortunate as to be run suddenly through the three chairs. He hoped Comp. Dodson remembered all he had told him. (Laughter.) However, here he was, a full-blown First Principal in the course of a very few hours. He congratulated him on such a leap—he would not say "in the dark," but a leap. At the same time, the new chapter might be fairly congratulated also on having such a good and energetic Mason at its head. Comp. Dodson believed that in a few years every member of the Dalhousie Lodge would be a member of the Dalhousie Chapter. He (Col. Shadwell H. Clerke) hoped they would. They must remember that the Royal Arch was the completion of the Master Mason's Degree, and he thought every M.M. ought in the fulness of time to be a Royal Arch Mason. He was glad that more opportunity was given in the present day than was the case a few years ago for taking the Degree, and therefore for completing the Masonic curriculum.

The M.E.Z., in responding to the toast, said he had told the companions before that his heart was rather too full for him to make long speeches; but he had been so impressed with the ceremony of that evening that it really made him feel more on his head than his heels. Comp. Frank Richardson had asked him to repeat the pass words he had received from the chair; but he would be very much puzzled to do it. He trusted this chapter would prosper, and that Comp. Shadwell Clerke would come to see them when the chapter was in prosperity, and when it had companions round the board and young members coming forward in the position of exaltees. He had laboured very hard to gain the knowledge he now possessed, and he trusted the Great Architect of the Universe would give him strength to carry the work through, and when Comp. Burlington next year took the chair, that the Dalhousie Chapter would muster not only those brethren who had been proposed as exaltees that night, but fourfold the number.

The M.E.Z. next proposed "The Consecrating Officer, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke," whose high position in the Arch and the Craft all the companions were aware of. It seemed as if it were only a day or two ago when they were forming the Dalhousie Chapter, and he (Comp. Dodson) was made the representative to go and see Comp. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke. He felt a little flurried and dubious at first, but when he met Comp. Col. H. Clerke he found him a gentleman whom it would please the heart of any one to go and see. Nervousness left one as soon as he began to talk with him. You had only to explain the nature of your visit, and you were at home with him there and then. He thanked Comp. Col. Clerke on behalf of himself and of the other founders of the chapter for his kindness in coming that night to consecrate the Dalhousie Chapter, which the members of the chapter would never forget. He trusted Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke would live many many years to see the chapter flourish, and that he would come many times to witness the working.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G.S.E., replying, said it had been a very great and sincere pleasure to him to be there that day to take whatever part fell to his lot in launching this new chapter into existence. He need scarcely tell the companions that he felt a very deep interest in the Order, and he was only too glad to put his shoulder to the wheel to further its interest. He wished to take this opportunity of expressing his thanks to the other Grand Officers who had been associated with him. He was quite sure that without the assistance of Comps. Simpson, Bowyer, and especially Comp. Richardson, he should never have managed to carry out the ceremony so well. As for himself, he was deeply gratified by the way in which his official services were always so kindly acknowledged, both in the Craft and in the Arch. Holding a high official position, it was his pleasure, as it was his duty, to do everything he possibly could to further the interests of Masonry, and he could only hope that those efforts were successful. The companions and brethren were kind enough to say they were successful. He could only promise that, so far and so long as he could, he would continue to do all he could to promote the honour and prosperity of Masonry, which he had so much at heart.

The M.E.Z., in proposing "The Visitors," said he hoped the visiting companions would forgive all imperfections they might have seen, but he would assure them that the work would be carried out thoroughly when the chapter met for work. The chapter was very pleased to see the visitors and to welcome them on any future chapter evening. He trusted at the first regular meeting the companions of this chapter would be able to show the visitors that the Dalhousie Chapter would keep up the prestige of the Dalhousie Lodge for its working.

Comp. A. TISLEY said they knew that imitation was the sincerest form of flattery, Comp. Dodson and the other Principals had imitated him in initiating a soiree. They had also imitated him in starting a chapter. But they had beaten him that night, because when the St. Dunstan's Chapter was consecrated the then G.S.E., Comp. Hervey, was unable to perform the ceremony. He must say that he never heard the ceremony so beautifully performed as it had been that evening by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke. The companions had had a great Masonic treat.

Comp. J. BOULTON, J. 898, and 1st A.S. 933, and Comp. F. WALTERS also responded.

The M.E.Z. next gave the toast of "The Officers of the Chapter." The companions, he said, had had no opportunity of seeing the work of the officers yet, but they were all good and true Masons and companions of the Order. The longer the chapter lived the better the officers would be known. The officers of the chapter were members of the Dalhousie Lodge, whom he had worked with for years. He had seen them go through their different

offices. The W.M. of the lodge he had seen go from office to office up to the chair which he now occupied, and he was sure that he would be an ornament to the chapter that had been so well consecrated that night. The other officers would also do all in their power to assist him and the two other principal officers in working the ceremonies they had to perform.

Comp. M. CHRISTIAN, J., in responding, said he had not expected to be left to respond, as he thought his superior officer, Comp. Burlington, would have been able to stay. However, as he was called upon to reply, he would say he would not trouble the companions with a lengthened speech, but he would simply thank them for the kind way in which they had drunk the toast.

The companions shortly afterwards separated.

### CONSECRATION OF ST. EILIAN MARK LODGE, No. 360, AT AMLWCH.

On Tuesday, the 22nd ult., the R.W. Bro. Capt. Hunter (Plâs Côch), Prov. Grand Master, consecrated the new lodge—St. Eilian, No. 360—at the Castle Hotel, Amlwch. The lodge has been formed by Bro. Owen Thomas (Neuadd), as first W.M., and the Wardens are Bro. the Rev. H. Thomas (Rural Dean) and Bro. the Rev. Henry Lloyd (Amlwch), and the petitioners, with Bro. Owen Thomas, being Bro. Dr. T. C. Roden, M.D., and Bro. J. Lloyd Griffith (Holyhead). Bro. Capt. Hunter was assisted by Bro. Dr. T. C. Roden, D.P.G.M., and the Prov. Grand Officers, and Bro. Geo. L. Woodley (Llandudno), P.G. Sec., Past G. Stwd. of England, acted as Installing Master.

An address was given by Bro. Capt. HUNTER to the brethren on Mark Masonry, and the great progress the Mark Degree has made in North Wales, and an interesting ceremony followed. The Prov. Grand Chaplains were Bro. the Rev. Hugh Thomas (Rural Dean) and Bro. the Rev. Henry Lloyd.

Bro. Williams, Organist of Christ Church, Carnarvon, presided at the organ, and conducted the musical arrangements. Col. Tudor, Prov. Grand Master of Staffordshire (a Past Grand Warden of North Wales), was present.

After the consecration the brethren adjourned to the Dinorben Hotel, where they dined. Capt. Hunter presided, and was supported on his right by the R.W.P.G.M. of Staffordshire and the W.M., Bro. Owen Thomas, and on his left by the Prov. Grand Chaplains and the Rural Dean of Llanulian. After a pleasant evening, most of the brethren had to leave by the 7.30 train, having to go long distances.

### FREE CRAFTSMEN OF EDINBURGH.

A curious work was published at Edinburgh in 1826, entitled "An Historical Sketch of the Municipal Constitution of the City of Edinburgh." The name of the author is not stated; but, as the dedication to the Lord Provost was by permission, we may be assured that the volume is authoritative.

The loss of early charters is a great misfortune for the City; but it is believed to have been a Royal Burgh in the time of King David I. The interest of the work Masonically, however, is what we have to consider, and so we pass over the learned introduction as to the antiquity of the "Modern Athens."

James I., it appears, empowered the handicraftsmen to elect a *Preses* for their different branches, who was called "Deacon," or Kirk-Master. This was in 1424; but two years later the office was abolished, to be again instituted 1457 in part, and generally restored among the artificers soon after. The office of Deacon was an important one, and carried with it so many privileges, some being considered detrimental in character, that it is declared to have been finally abolished in 1555. It is curious that if this statute has never been repealed how the office was so soon revived, and as the years rolled onward the Craftsmen had more privileges extended, such as a voice in the election of Magistrates, Council, &c.

The "Decreet-Arbital" pronounced by King James VI., 1580, provides that the Council consists of "the auld Provost, four auld Baillies, Dean of Guild, and Treasurer of the next year preceeding, and three other Merchants to be chosen to them, and also to consist of eight Craftsmen thereof, six Deakens, and two other Craftsmen, makand in the hail the said Counsel eighteen persons." The fourteen crafts are thus enumerated: "Chirurgyans, Goldsmiths, Skynners, Furriers, Hammer-men, Wrights, Masons, Tailyeours, Barters, Fishers, Cordiners, Websters, Waulkers, Bonnet-makers." It will be remembered that the Hammer-men and Masons granted a charter to St. Clair of Roslin in 1628, which has been erroneously termed his appointment as Grand Master of the Freemasons.

No one was allowed "to use merchandice (1580) or occupy the handiwork of our free Craft within the Burgh, without he be Burgess and Freeman of the same."

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The constant occurrence of such descriptions as "Frie-men," "Un-Friemen," "Frie-Burgess," is a strong evidence in favour of Bro. Gould's contention that *Free-Mason*, means Free to be a Mason, *i.e.*, Free of the Guild, rather than that the prefix is a corruption of the word *Frère* (Brother), as Bro. G. F. Fort contends.

There are many voluminous Tables, containing the names of Aldermen and Lord Provosts from 1296 to 1826, as also other important Officers. The List of Deacon Conveners from 1578 to 1730 is an interesting one, John Milne being noted from 1653-4 and 1657-8, and Andrew Wardrop 1721-2. The other years were filled in by the Hammermen, Surgeons, Tailors, &c. John Milne (or Mylne) was Deacon of the Lodge of Edinburgh and Warden from 1636, and before that year was Master Mason to Charles I. His portrait and particulars of the Milne family of Masons, from the 16th to the 19th centuries, will be found in the History of the Lodge of Edinburgh, by the Scottish Masonic Historian (Bro. D. Murray Lyon).

Then follows a reprint of "An Historical Account of the Blue Blanket, or Crafts-Men's Banner, by Alexander Pennecuik, Burgess and Guild-Brother of Edinburgh, 1722," of which we shall have a few words to say another time.



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SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, 1886.

**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.]

**A CORRECTION.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,  
In your issue of December 26th, under the heading of "Masonic Literature," you mention my name in connection with a new work, showing the histories of all the lodges warranted by the Grand Lodge of England, &c. As this work is being prepared by my brother, John Lane, P.M. 1402, Torquay, kindly correct in your next issue, and oblige.—Yours fraternally,

CHAS. S. LANE, P.M. 645, 764, and 1862,  
P.G.D. Durham.  
West Hartlepool, December 28th, 1885.



**MASONIC ALMANACK AND CALENDAR FOR THE PROVINCE OF SUSSEX.**—Farncombe & Co., Publishers, Lewes.

We are pleased to note the advent of another Masonic Calendar. This time it is called a "Masonic Almanack," and is for the Province of Sussex. Though the editor's name is not mentioned, we shall not go far wrong in ascribing it to the courteous Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. V. P. Freeman, of Brighton. The calendar portion must have involved no little labour, as it includes the meetings for all the Degrees. The rules of the "Sussex Provincial Association of Benevolence" are inserted, but no statistical information is afforded, either financial or numerical, as to the funds or the members respectively in relation to the 22 lodges. We note that A.L. 5890 is explained to mean A.D. 1886, whereas only 4000 should be added to the A.D. according to the usage of the Grand Lodge of England. We consider Bro. Freeman has made a good start, and the publishers have turned out a neat and handy little volume. We learn that Devon is not to be long without its directory, and certainly in a province of 50 lodges such a want should long ago have been supplied.

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We note with pleasure that Messrs. Cassell and Co., the enterprising firm of publishers, have undertaken the very responsible task of bringing out in weekly volumes, price threepence each, what is rightly designated as a "National Library." The care of editing the works as they appear will devolve on Mr. H. Morley, LL.D., Professor of English Literature at University College, London, who will

be answerable for the selections made, and will write a short introduction to each. The volumes already announced include works by Lords Byron, Macaulay, and Bacon, and Hallam, Isaac Walton, R. B. Sheridan, Burke, &c., &c., the first of the series, which appeared on the 21st ult., being Lord Macaulay's "Warren Hastings." Each volume will be distinct in itself, and a piece of good literature; it will be printed in small, but readable type, and will contain about 100 pages. It is unnecessary we should say that we wish all possible success to so worthy an enterprise.



### Craft Masonry.

**WHITTINGTON LODGE (No. 862).**—A meeting of this lodge took place on Monday, the 21st ult., at Freemasons' Hall. The W.M., Bro. John Collinson, presided, Bro. Packer, P.M., acting pro tem. as Secretary, in the absence of Bro. James Weaver, P.M., who could not attend. Bro. Pauncefort presided at the organ. After the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, Mr. J. J. Nannetti, having been balloted for nem. con., was initiated by the W.M., who then proceeded to pass Bro. Sharp to the Second Degree. Bro. Anderson, who had been initiated at the November meeting, was also to have been passed to the Second Degree, but business arrangements prevented his attendance. Afterwards, when the ordinary business of the lodge had been disposed of, Bro. Brown, P.M., gave notice that at the next meeting he would invite the members to consider Bye-law No. 11 of the lodge, with a view to its amendment.

After the lodge had been closed, the brethren and visitors retired to the Holborn Restaurant, where an excellent dinner awaited them. The evening was spent in the usual Masonic fashion, the brethren and visitors being particularly pleased with the proceedings, each doing his best to foster good fellowship and kindly feeling.

The brethren present were Bros. J. Collinson, W.M.; O. J. Ross, S.W.; W. Hill, J.W.; T. Kingston, P.M., Treas.; J. Irvine, S.D.; J. Brocklehurst, J.D.; A. V. H. Pauncefort, I.G.; V. Day, W.S.; Brown, P.M.; Packer, P.M.; Bolton, P.M.; Richardson, I.P.M.; Sharp, Bentley, Quangerelli, and Thrower. The visitors were Bros. Coles, Higgins, P.M., and Bailden.

**THE QUEEN'S (WESTMINSTER) LODGE (No. 2021).**—This lodge held its installation meeting on Tuesday, the 15th ult., at 8A, Red Lion-square, Holborn, W.C., there being present Bros. C. Probyn, W.M.; R. Payne, S.W.; H. C. Lambert, J.W.; C. B. Bellerby, Treas.; G. Coop, Sec.; A. W. Jones, S.D.; A. Jones, J.D.; W. Brown, D.C.; P. J. Canning and W. R. Hunt, Stwds.; F. Delevanti, Org.; T. Bradley, Tyler; Godfrey, Kempton, Russell, Merryweather, Ford, Shipway, Girdlestone, Harnell, jun., Fowler, Hodges, Currie, Beard, Dray, A. J. Brown, Mundell, Rose, Jordan, Rowe, A. J. Payne, F. Kingdon, Daniell, Goldney, Walters, Gungel, Rosenberger, Willis, Bradshaw, Brockman, and Howard Vincent. The visitors were Bros. W. J. Mason, 1328; W. Keatir, 1004; G. Flint, 558; J. Blundell, 742; J. L. Corun, 800; C. Wilkes, 858; W. Smith, 902; A. J. Hewitt, 1328; H. T. Reed, 1287; W. B. Heath, 198; A. P. Leite, 795 and 180; J. Pullman, 1305; H. Ashwell, 1305; C. Lambert, 198; W. Barnard, 749; A. Rideal, 850; A. Solbe, 1789; R. V. Seton; J. R. Harnell, 511; P. Herold, 1056; H. Von Joel, 957; G. F. Edwards, 706; W. D. Townsend, 3; E. J. Aclworth, 1612; N. Reed, 1572 and 1601; E. M. Daniell, 1694; A. C. Stephens, 1425; E. Moore, 1671; W. C. Smith, 1563; W. Woodruff, 957; T. B. Dodson, 863; and R. B. Hunter, 129.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and a ballot was then taken for Messrs. Rosenberger, Ginzell, Willis, Bradshaw, and Brockman, and proving unanimous in their favour, those gentlemen were initiated into the Order. The report of the Auditors having been adopted, and ordered to be inserted in the minutes, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. R. Payne, S.W., P.M. 1328, was installed W.M. by Bro. C. Kempton, 2021, P.M. 1287, in faultless style. On the return of the brethren below the chair, the following officers were appointed: Bros. H. C. Lambert, S.W.; C. P. Bellerby, J.W.; G. Lambert, P.G.S.B., P.M., Treas.; G. Coop, Sec.; A. W. Jones, S.D.; A. Jones, J.D.—the last two brethren keeping the same positions they held in the past year in favour of Bro. Bellerby—W. Brown, I.G.; P. G. Canning, D.C.; W. R. Hunt, Asst. D.C.; F. Kingdon and A. J. Payne, Stwds.; F. Delevanti, Org.; and T. Bradley, Tyler. In investing Bro. A. J. Payne, the W.M. stated it was not often that a father had an opportunity of placing his son on the first rung of the ladder leading to the chair; but he felt sure that he would endeavour to emulate the best in the Craft; and the W.M., in investing the different officers, congratulated them for the excellent working during the past, and felt sure that his successor would be able to speak in the same way of each and all of them in the future. The addresses were given in a most impressive manner. The W.M. proposed, and the S.W. seconded, that Bro. Colonel Howard Vincent, M.P., should be elected an honorary member of the lodge, which, on being put, was unanimously carried. A Past Master's jewel was then presented to Bro. C. Probyn for his services to the lodge. The brethren then adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, and Bro. Hamp superintended a most enjoyable repast.

After the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," &c., had been given, the Immediate Past Master rose and proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master" in a very felicitous manner.

The Worshipful Master thanked the brethren and Bro. Probyn for the honour they had done him in placing him in the chair, and assured them it would be his best endeavour to still further enhance the welfare and prestige of the lodge.

"The Visitors" were proposed, coupled with the name of Bro. Howard Vincent, who, in responding, thanked the

W.M. and brethren for the hearty feeling shown towards him, and thanked them most sincerely for electing him an honorary member, and it would be ever remembered by him, and while he continued to be the colonel of The (Westminster) corps, a suitable room at head-quarters and every facility should be given to the lodge, and also a lodge of instruction, which he understood was about to be formed.

Previous to the Tyler's toast, Bro. Howard Vincent, in very flattering terms, proposed "The Health of Bro. Bradley, Tyler of the lodge, and formerly Drill Instructor and Sergeant-Major of the Second Battalion," and wished him long life and prosperity.

Under the superintendence of Bro. Delevanti, an excellent list of songs and recitations were given by Bros. Pren-ton, Parkin, Dutton, and Pritchard.

**HALIFAX.**—Probity Lodge (No. 61).—The centenary festival of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall on Monday, the 21st ult. The chair was occupied by the W.M., Bro. J. W. Davis, and there was a large muster of brethren. The Lodge of Probity holds the distinguished position of a consecutive record of its transactions and workings ever since the date of its warrant in August, 1738, and according to the minutes the centenary was celebrated in 1838, the members marching in procession to the Parish Church, where a special service was held. It was, however, considered by the present members of the lodge desirable to have the event more distinctly marked, and accordingly application was made to the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, for the centenary warrant, and his authority for the brethren to wear the jewel. This request was gracefully acceded to, and at this meeting the Provincial Grand Master for West Yorkshire, Bro. T. W. Tew, attended and delivered to the lodge the warrant bearing the signature of His Royal Highness, and also presented jewels to several members of the lodge.

The business of the lodge having been completed, the brethren retired to the banqueting room, where an excellent repast was served, toasts suited to the occasion being afterwards proposed and responded to. The gathering was altogether of an enjoyable character. To Bro. Herbert Crossley, the Secretary, the lodge is indebted for specially valuable services. He has collated a large mass of interesting information respecting the lodge, which, it is understood, will shortly be published.

The lodges represented on the occasion, besides the sister lodges of the town, were the following: Prudence and Defence, Leeds; Sykes, Ripon; Prince George, Eastwood; Prince Frederick, Hebden Bridge; Airedale, Shipley; St. Andrew's, Farnham, Surrey; Three Grand Principles, Dewsbury (this lodge being represented by Bro. T. B. Fox, the Mayor of Dewsbury); Sincerity, Wakefield; Ryburne, Sowerby Bridge; Three Graces, Haworth; Savile, Elland; Temperance, Birmingham; and Brighthouse.

**SUNDERLAND.**—Palatine Lodge (No. 97).—The annual meeting of this lodge took place on Thursday, the 18th ult., and was of a very unusual character, by reason of the lamented death of Bro. W. B. Ferguson, the W.M. elect, in the interval between the previous meeting for the election and the present meeting. Bro. J. R. Pattison, the W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. John C. Moor, P.P.G.D., I.P.M.; Robert Singleton, S.W.; C. M. Wake, acting J.W.; Thos. Millican Watson, P.M., Treas.; G. C. Watson, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., Sec.; John G. Nasbet, S.D.; W. Birch, acting J.D.; Wm. A. O. Sutcliffe, I.G.; John J. Ciay, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., P.G. Deputy D. of C., D. of C.; E. G. Watson, Org.; James R. Nicholson and Thomas Campbell, Stwds.; J. Storey, Auditor; and J. Brown, Tyler. There were also present Bros. W. Beattie, P.M.; G. Low, P.M.; J. Dobson, I.P.M.; J. J. Wilson, W.M. 80; P. Hewson, W.M. 949; J. G. Kirtley, I.P.M. 949, P.G.J.D.; T. G. Garrick, W.M. 94; and others. The lodge was draped in mourning, in allusion to the lamented death of Bro. Ferguson, J.W.

The Worshipful Master, Bro. J. R. Pattison, on the reading of the minutes said: Brethren, it is my painful duty to announce that we cannot confirm the minutes of our last general lodge, as far as the election of W.M. is concerned, owing to the most unexpected and lamented death of the W.M. elect, Bro. Wm. Bramwell Ferguson, J.W. An event of this kind has in all probability never previously occurred in the history of the Palatine Lodge. At a later period of the evening I shall have occasion to return to the subject, as it is my intention to propose that a letter of condolence be sent to the widow and family of our late brother.

The Worshipful Master, in afterwards moving a letter of condolence, said: Brethren, as I have already announced, since last meeting the lodge has suffered a severe loss by the death of Bro. Ferguson, J.W., who on that occasion was elected W.M. for the ensuing year. I might remind you, brethren, that our late brother was initiated into Masonry in the Palatine Lodge on April 28th, 1859, and has remained a subscribing member to the lodge the greater part of the time up to the present year. He was also a member of the Lambton Lodge, 375, occupying the position of J.D. It was but natural that his preference and interest in his mother lodge should be paramount, and this we all knew was the case. Had he been spared to occupy the Master's chair during the year we have now entered upon, there is not the slightest doubt that his services would have been of great advantage to the lodge, and his Mastership a most popular one with the brethren, not only of our own lodge, but also with the visiting brethren from the town and district. We much regret his sudden decease, and I am sure you will join with me in the following letter of condolence, which I purpose addressing to his widow and family.

"Sunderland, Dec. 10th, 1885.

"Madam,—The W.M., officers, and brethren of the Palatine Lodge respectfully tender you our deepest sympathy in your affliction at the death of your dear husband, and our highly esteemed brother. During his long connection with the lodge, extending over a period of 26 years, he greatly endeared himself to the members by his courteous bearing and kindly disposition. As a mark of their appreciation and esteem the brethren elected him to the position of Worshipful Master of the lodge at their last meeting. We pray that the Almighty may support you

and your estimable family in this great affliction.—I remain, madam, yours most respectfully,

"JOSEPH ROBSON PATTISON,

"W.M. Palatine Lodge, No. 97."

"Mrs. W. B. Ferguson, South Cliff, Roker."

The motion was supported by Bro. R. Singleton, S.W., and carried unanimously.

Allusion was next made to the death of Bro. Clifford, of Darlington, and on the motion of Bro. J. C. Moor, I.P.M., seconded by Bro. G. C. Watson, P.M. and Secretary of the lodge, it was agreed to address a letter of condolence to the bereaved widow and family of the deceased. Bro. T. McLaren and Bro. Hartley Campbell were elected Auditors for the ensuing year, and the W.M. announced that the lodge would proceed at their next meeting to elect a W.M. The lodge was then closed. The annual festival was not held.

The brethren adjourned for refreshment to the banqueting hall, where the memory of the deceased brethren was honoured in a silent toast.

**DEVONPORT.**—Fidelity Lodge (No. 230).—The members of the above lodge held their annual meeting on the 17th ult., at the Ebrington Masonic Hall. The W.M. elect, Bro. Edwd. Hatherton Littleton, was installed by Bro. James Border, P.M. 230, assisted by Bro. R. Pike, P.M. 230, and supported by a very large Board of Installed Masters. At the close of the installation the W.M. invested the following brethren as his officers: Bros. W. S. Rattenbury, S.W.; J. J. Meadley, J.W.; Jas. Border, Chap.; John Lynn, P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; R. Cawsey, P.P.G.S.D., Sec.; F. Orchard, S.D.; A. Maddock, J.D.; R. E. J. Lamb, D.C.; J. Harrison, A.D.C.; R. Pike, Org.; W. H. Burt, I.G.; W. V. Harris, R. H. Penberthy, and A. Farr, Stwds.; and Harvey, Tyler. Bro. R. Cawsey was re-elected the representative of the lodge on the Committee of Petitions, and Bro. J. Lynn the Charity Steward.

In the evening the members of the lodge and a large number of visitors was present at the installation banquet in the lodge-room. Bro. E. H. Littleton presided, supported by his officers, and among the brethren present during the day were the following officers: Bros. J. Whitford, J. R. H. Harris, A. Rowe, R. W. Pitcher, P.M. 230; the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 189, P.P.G. Chap.; T. Heath, 1136, P.P.G.R.; E. Poor, 1136, P.G.S.D.; F. Hooper, 1212, P.P.G.D.C.; H. Miller, 223, P.P.G.D.C.; R. Pengeley, 70, P.P.G.D.C.; J. R. Lord, 1247, P.P.G.S.B.; E. J. Knight, 202, P.P.G.S.B.; C. Haggarty, A. W. White, P.M. 1136; J. Jolliffe, W.M. 954; J. Gould, W. J. Stanbury, P.M. 1099; A. E. Lean, P.M. 70; W. Allsford, R. Jackson, P.M.; J. Price, W.M. 202; D. Cross, P.M. 1205; E. Pillar, W.M.; J. Giffard, P.M. 105; J. Y. Avery, P.M. 156; E. Prout, W.M. 189; Byron Elliott, P.M. 1247; and J. Gidley, P.M. 2025.

**YORK.**—York Lodge (No. 236).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, on Monday, the 21st ult. Present: Bros. Dr. Draper, W.M.; Dr. Henry Foster, S.W.; T. G. Hodgson, J.W.; the Very Rev. A. P. Purey-Cust, Dean of York, P.G. Chap., Chap.; J. Todd, P.P.G.T., Treas.; Wm. Smith, Sec.; P. Border, S.D.; C. Anderson, D.C.; C. Forbes, I.G.; S. Crummack, Stwd.; W. G. Calvert, Tyler; P.M.'s G. Garbutt, A. H. M. Gachen, J. Sykes Rymer, Mark Rooke, A. Buckle, G. W. C. Lee, R. W. Hullon, G. Kirby, and J. E. Macnay; Dr. J. Ramsay, Tom Archey, J. Toos, E. Houlden, Lambert Hick, the Rev. C. Linley, J. Biscoombe, E. Carter. Dr. Mungo Bryson, W. G. Thomas, and E. W. Purnell. Visitors: Bros. J. M. Blenkin, P.M. 1611; F. Smith, P.M. 837; W. B. Smith, 837; G. W. Hudson, 566; R. Hodgson, 566; W. H. Beverley, 200; W. H. Cowper, 1848; W. G. Watson, 602; R. C. Faulkner, 1555; J. W. Woodall, G.T., 200; J. Brookes Parkin, 837; L. A. W. R. Barnes, 113; H. Allison, 1001; F. Bateman, 837; and others.

The lodge was opened by Bro. W. Draper, W.M., and after the reading of the minutes, Bro. J. Todd, P.M., P.P.G.T., took the chair, and proceeded to install Bro. H. Foster, the W.M. elect, the Wardens' chairs being occupied by Bros. A. Buckle, P.M., P.P.G.D., and J. Sykes Rymer, P.M., P.G. Reg. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. Draper, I.P.M.; T. G. Hodgson, S.W.; W. Smith, J.W.; the Dean of York, P.G.C., Chap.; J. Todd, P.M., Treas.; E. W. Purnell, Sec.; S. Border, S.D.; C. M. Forbes, J.D.; H. S. Hopton, D.C.; A. Sample, Org.; J. B. Sampson, I.G.; S. G. Crummack and T. Watkinson, Stwds.; and W. G. Calvert, Tyler. The Secretary read letters of apology and regret from Bros. Dr. Bell, D.P.G.M.; Peck, P.G.T.; Tew, P.G.M. West Yorks; Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, P.P.G.S.W.; Sir F. Milner, P.G.S.W.; T. B. Whythead, P.P.G.W.; and several others.

The lodge being closed in peace and harmony, subsequently a banquet, to celebrate the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, was held in the lodge room, and presided over by the W.M., supported by a great number of brethren—the room being quite full. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the rest of the evening spent in characteristic harmony and brotherly love.

**SOUTH SHIELDS.**—St. Hilda's Lodge (No. 240).—On Monday, the 14th ult., the annual meeting of the brethren of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Ingham-street, when Bro. A. E. Cowling, S.W., and W.M. elect, was installed into the chair of K.S. There was a large attendance of brethren of the lodge, and also of the Hadrian and other lodges, amongst whom were Bros. T. Coulson, P.P.G.D.; J. C. Moor, P.P.G.D.; J. A. Witter, P.P.G.P.; G. Turnbull, P.G.O. Northumberland; T. G. Mabane, P.P.G.S.D.; J. J. Athey, P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. S. Wilson, P.P.G.S.W.; J. T. Wilson, P.P.G.P.; J. Sedcole, I.P.M. 1119; J. Armstrong, 1119; W. Ross, I.P.M. 1970; and M. J. Wheatley, W.M. 1970.

The lodge having been opened in due form, Bro. Cowling was presented by Bro. T. Coulson, P.M., and in an impressive manner was installed as W.M. by Bro. Geo. Robson, the retiring W.M. The W.M. then appointed and installed his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. Geo. Robson, I.P.M.; J. A. Hall, S.W.; L. Inkster, J.W.; J. Hinde, Treasurer; G. W. Mitchell, Secretary; R. Purvis, jun., S.D.; C. F. Sutcliffe, J.D.; W. E. Moffett, I.G.; Rev. W. C. Harris, Chap.; G. Wilson, Organist; T. M. Young, S.S.; R. Purvis, sen., J.S.; T. G. Mabane, P.M., D. of C.; and T. Potter,



P.M., Tyler. The W.M., in appropriate terms, presented to Bro. Robson a Past Master's jewel and apron, which were suitably acknowledged. A letter of condolence to the widow and family of the late Bro. Morton, P.M., seconded by Bro. Mabane, P.M., P.P.G.D. Owing to the recent death of Bro. Binks the annual festival was abandoned.

**CHELMSFORD.**—Lodge of Good Fellowship (No. 276).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Corn Exchange, on Thursday the 17th ult. Lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, Bro. E. W. Holland was raised to the Degree of M.M. Bro. A. C. Durrant was then introduced, and the chair having been taken, in the absence, through illness, of Bro. F. A. Philbrick, O.C., Grand Reg., D.P.G.M. Essex, by Bro. H. Dehane, P.P.G.S.D., Bro. Durrant was formally installed in office, and having been saluted and congratulated, appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the year: Bros. R. G. Maskell, S.W.; W. Metcalfe, J.W.; Rev. F. B. Shepherd, P.M., P.P.G.C., Chap.; F. Whitmore, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., Treas.; Dr. Nicholls, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., Secretary; W. Langham, S.D.; T. R. Jarvis, J.D.; Andrew Durrant, P.M., P.G. Treas., D.C.; T. W. Smith, Organist; J. Tomlinson, I.G.; E. Durrant, Stwd.; and T. Sarel, Tyler.

At the banquet, held at the White Hart Hotel, in the evening, under the presidency of Bro. A. C. Durrant, W.M., about fifty brethren were present. The following brethren, members of the lodge, attended the proceedings, in addition to those already named: Bros. E. Shedd, P.M.; J. P. Lewin, P.M.; A. F. Ginn, P.M.; A. C. Veley, P.M.; J. L. Brown, P.M.; T. J. D. Cramphorn, F. H. Meggy, C. C. Creswell, J. W. Hair, P.P.G.R.; and the following visitors: Bros. J. S. French, 433; J. C. Hennah, 698; W. W. Chadwick, 1704; V. D. Colchester, 114; J. Grimes, 51; G. A. Eustace, P.M., and Sec. 1977, P.P.G.S.B.; J. T. Bailey, W.M. 697; A. Wolton, 1216; E. H. Wolton, P.M. 99; A. J. Bailey, 1704; H. Wolton, 1216; T. J. Ralling, P.G. Sec. Essex; J. Corble, W.M. 453; F. T. Burnett, 33; E. Gowers, W.M. 1024, P.P.G.O.; R. G. Greene, 1543; and J. A. Reed, 228.

**HEBDEN BRIDGE.**—Prince Frederick Lodge (No. 307).—On Monday afternoon, 21st ult., the brethren of this lodge met at their rooms at the White Horse Hotel, to celebrate the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, and the installation of the W.M. for the ensuing year. The lodge having been opened by Bro. Wade, W.M., Bro. F. Rushworth was duly installed W.M. by Bro. T. Gaukruger, P.M. After the ceremony, the newly-installed W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. R. Crabtree, S.W.; T. Uttley, J.W.; T. H. Wade, I.P.M., Treas.; Cockroft, P.M., P.P.S.A.P., Sec.; Varley, S.D.; H. King, J.D.; Briggs, I.G.; T. Hodgson, Tyler; Hulme and Huddard, Stwds. Bro. T. Gaukruger, P.M., was appointed D.C., also Charity Steward.

Afterwards the brethren sat down to an excellent dinner, provided by Bro. Winterbottom, P.M. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to. Amongst the visiting brethren were Bros. Rickard, 61; Sudall, 215; Barker, 219; Walker, P.M. 1231; Whitaker, 448; and Kindon, 600. During the evening some excellent songs were given by Bros. Rickard, Buckland, Kindo & Walker, and King.

**MOTTRAM.**—Lodge of Loyalty (No. 320).—On Wednesday, the 16th ult., this lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John the Evangelist at the Junction Inn, where the lodge was duly formed, and after the usual routine of business had been transacted, the ceremony of installation was proceeded with according to ancient rite and custom, the W.M. elect being Bro. James Crook, J.W. The Installing Masters were Bros. W. R. Bachelor, P.M. 1245, and the Rev. T. Newton Rigby, M.A., P.M. 1246, P.P.G.C. Warwickshire, who were assisted by the following P.M.'s: Bros. J. Turner, W. S. Hadfield, R. Woodhouse, W. Birch, and J. Wagstaffe. The W.M. afterwards nominated his officers for the ensuing year in the following order: Bros. Wagstaffe, I.P.M.; J. Saxon, S.W.; T. Newton, J.W.; S. Hadfield, P.M., Treas.; Woodhouse, P.M., Sec.; Alf. Turner, S.D.; Geo. Sykes, J.D.; J. Walker, I.G.; R. Collier, P.M., Tyler; and C. Britnor, P.M. Asst. Tyler; and they were severally invested with the insignia of their respective offices.

Bro. Crook, W.M., on behalf of the lodge, presented a handsome jewel to Bro. Wagstaffe for his services during the past year, after which the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren sat down to a grand banquet, which was served up in an admirable manner by Mrs. Tinker. Besides the above-mentioned brethren there were present Bros. J. Shenton, W.M. 461; T. Harding, P.M. 461; W. Westwell, P.M. 830; S. Warhurst, S.W. 625; A. Walker, Senior Deacon 625; W. Fielding, 625; W. Chadwick, P.M. 1088; W. C. Dawson, 1408; S. Brown, 660, New York, U.S.A.; W. Lucas, J. Brooke, J. Whittaker, E. Taylor, H. Wyatt, J. Phair, Jas. Roberts, A. Nield, T. Howard, H. Roberts, G. Fielding, S. Smith, J. L. Wood, and J. Mills. Bro. Crook, W.M., presided, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Songs, glee, and duets were given by a glee party, consisting of Bros. W. Fielding, A. Walker, S. Warhurst, and J. Walker.

**PRESTON.**—Concord Lodge (No. 343).—The annual Festival of St. John in connection with this lodge was held at the Bull Hotel on Thursday, the 17th ult. Bro. George Dawson, S.W., was duly installed into the chair of K.S., the ceremony being performed—in the absence of Bro. Beattie, P.M., through illness—by Bro. W. Cottam, P.M. 113, P.P.G.S.W. West Lancashire. The Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Goodacre, also took part in the ceremony.

There were present Bros. Galloway, P.M., P.P.G.S.W. East Lancashire; Fryer, P.M., P.P.G.S.W. West Lancashire; Greaves, P.M., P.P.G.O. East Lancashire, P.G.O. West Lancashire; Collins, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. West Lancashire; Wray, P.M., P.P.G.S. West Lancashire; Hayheust, W.M. elect 113; Worsley, P.M., W.M. elect 314; and Worthington, W.M. 333. Among the visitors were Bros. Major Little, R.A., Thornton, W. Thompson, McConnell, Christian, and Bowling.

The W.M. appointed his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. W. Troughton, I.P.M.; W. H. Stevenson, S.W.; A. Gordon, J.W.; R. Robinson, jun., P.M., Treas.; W. Troughton, P.M., Sec.; T. Thompson, P.M., S.D.; N. Miller, J.D.; Beattie, P.M., D.C.; H. Moss, I.G.; Elton, P.M., and Roe, P.M., Stwds.; and Moss, P.M., Tyler.

At the conclusion of the business an excellent banquet was served up, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed from the chair.

**HANLEY.**—Menturia Lodge (No. 418).—On Tuesday, the 15th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Bro. E. B. Jackson was installed as W.M. of this lodge in the presence of upwards of 60 brethren. Bro. J. L. Hamshaw, the retiring W.M., very ably officiated as Installing Master, assisted by Bros. T. Taylor, P.P.G.S.W.; J. B. Piercy, P.P.G.S.W.; W. H. Hales, P.P.G.S.W.; T. Bickley, P.P.G.J.W.; and Dr. J. S. Crapper, P.P.G.A.D.C. The following officers for the ensuing year were invested with their insignia of office: Bros. E. V. Greatbatch, S.W.; W. Tunnicliff, J.W.; E. Devereux, Sec.; W. H. Hales, Treas.; the Rev. F. E. Waters, Chap.; H. Windle, S.D.; J. Robinson, J.D.; T. Taylor, D. of C.; George Barlow, Org.; D. Jones and J. Barlow, Stwds.; W. Hampton, I.G.; and Wilkes, Tyler.

After the business of the lodge had been finished, the brethren adjourned to the Angel Hotel, where the customary annual banquet was provided. Amongst the brethren present at the lodge or the banquet, or both, in addition to those above mentioned, were the following Past Masters of the lodge: Bros. G. Pitchford, P.P.G.J.D.; J. Bromley, F. Brandon, S. Lawton, J. Stringer, J. Beardmore, and W. J. Carr; also Bros. J. Charlesworth, J. Clare, and others. The visiting brethren included Bros. W. Cartwright, 460, P.G. Sec.; E. H. Croydton, 460, P.G.A. Sec.; the Rev. T. Lloyd, 526, P.G. Chap.; F. Mountford, 460, P.G. Org.; A. L. Broad, 460, P.P.G.J.W.; J. Webberley, 546, P.P.G. Reg.; R. Tooth, 637, P.P.G. Reg.; J. Ingamells, 460, P.P.G.J.D.; J. Payne Hall, 456, P.P.G.A.D.C.; F. Weston, 98, P.P.G.S.B.; J. T. Snape, W.M. 460; G. C. Kent, W.M. 546; and G. S. Furnival, P.M. 533.

After the banquet the loyal and other leading toasts were proposed by the W.M. Bro. Taylor proposed the toast of "The R.W.P.G.M.," and Bro. Bromley that of his Deputy and "The other Officers of P.G. Lodge, Present and Past," on whose behalf Bro. Lloyd made a suitable response.

Bro. Hamshaw proposed in eulogistic terms "The Health of the W.M.," which was drunk with much heartiness, and Bro. Jackson duly responded.

Bro. Stringer gave the toast of "The Visiting Brethren," which was acknowledged by Bro. G. C. Kent.

Bro. Bickley proposed "The Officers of the Lodge," to which Bro. Robinson responded.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Hamshaw, who, he said, at an early period in his Masonic career manifested his interest in the Craft by becoming a Steward of the Charities.

The toast was well received, and Bro. Hamshaw, in responding, spoke warmly in praise of the sentiments used in the Masonic ritual, which, he said, made a deep impression upon him as he passed through the different Degrees.

Bro. Charlesworth, in submitting the toast of "The Masonic Charities," observed that the word Charity was dear to the heart of every true Mason. They were taught at their initiation that charity was one of the chief characteristics of the Fraternity, and by the practice of it they had brought the Institutions embraced in the toast to their present high position. He dwelt upon the importance of the work done by those Institutions in providing for aged and distressed Masons and training up the sons and daughters of deceased brethren, observing that at the present time there were 242 girls and 230 boys in the Masonic Schools. Since the founding of the Boys' School in 1798 there had been 1694 passed through it, properly educated and fitted for the duties of life. He noticed that the Menturia Lodge had always done well in supporting the Charities, the contributions from that lodge the last year but one amounting to £90, while nearly as much was sent to the Charities from the lodge last year. He pointed out the great value of the Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Association, and concluded, amidst applause, by speaking of the unceasing devotion of Bro. E. V. Greatbatch to the interests of the Charities.

Bro. Greatbatch, in reply, said that during 1884 the contributions to the Masonic Benevolent Institution and the Boys' and Girls' Schools amounted to £41,000, and that sum was exclusive of the amount granted to the indigent brethren throughout the country, which last quarter was £2300. During the 14 years the Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Association had been in existence up to the end of 1884 the Menturia Lodge had sent to it £580, and it was a matter of good fortune that none of the children of brethren of that lodge were being educated at the expense of the Craft. He urged all who did not support the Staffordshire Association to do so without delay.

"The Health of Bro. W. H. Hales" having been drunk with much heartiness, the Tyler's toast followed.

During the evening several brethren contributed vocal music, and the evening was spent very harmoniously.

**SOUTHPORT.**—Lodge of Unity (No. 613).—On the 23rd ult. a meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Eastbank-street. There was a goodly number of officers, members, and visitors present, among whom were Bros. J. Hatch, P.M.; T. Cory, P.M. 613; S. Kershaw, P.M., Almoner; C. S. Hope, P.P.G.C.; Sillitoe, P.P.G.J.W.; J. Dawson, P.M. 317; J. Hesketh, W.M. 1070; W. E. Hobbs, P.M. 1313; R. H. Johnson, P.M. 1313; T. Whitehead, P.M. 1313; S. Boyce, W.M. 1313; T. Chambers, S.D. 1313; Hurst, P.M.; W. H. Marsden, P.M. 1070; J. H. Barrow, P.M. 613, P.G.S.D.; J. F. Roberts, P.M., P.P.D.D.C.; Hayes, and others.

After the disposal of certain lodge business, the installation of the W.M. was proceeded with, Bro. Herbert Kidson, the retiring W.M., performing the ceremony in a most impressive manner, the W.M. elect being Bro. E. Bradshaw. This business having been accomplished, the following officers for 1886 were invested with their respective insignia: Bros. E. Bradshaw, W.M.; H. Kidson, I.P.M.; J. Witham, S.W.; J. T. Gale, J.W.; J. Sutton, P.M., P.G.D.D.C., D. of C.; T. Adams, P.M., Treas.; G. Duxfield, P.M., Sec.; T. Rigby, Chaplain;

H. Hawkins, Org.; R. A. McFeeter, S.D.; H. Sherrington, J.D.; M. Blundell, I.G.; Geo. Rockliffe, Tyler; J. L. Kirkbride, Asst. Tyler; and S. Kershaw, P.M., Almoner.

Later in the day the festival of St. John was celebrated at the Queen's Hotel, Bro. J. P. Deussen providing a repast which fully maintained the reputation of the Queen's.

On the removal of the cloth a most enjoyable evening was spent, the W.M., Bro. Bradshaw, presiding. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were drunk with enthusiasm. These were followed by the Masonic toasts—"The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M. of England; the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Dep. G.M. of England, R.W.P.G.M.; and Officers of Grand Lodge;" "The Right Hon. Col. Stanley, R.W.D.P.G.M., and Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, Present and Past."

"The Health of the W.M. of 613" was received with enthusiasm, as was also that of "The Installing Master" and "The W.M.'s of 1070 and 1313, Bros. Hesketh and Boyce."

Among the other toasts were "The Past Masters," "The Newly-Invested Officers," and "The Masonic Charities."

The various toasts were interspersed with several well selected songs, ably rendered by the brethren, as well as numerous recitations. The concluding toast was "All Poor and Distressed Masons," which brought to a close a most pleasant gathering.

The following brethren contributed to the enjoyment of the evening: Bros. Hesketh, Boyce, J. F. Roberts, R. H. Johnson, T. Whitehead, T. Chambers, Leyland, T. T. Marsden, Hayes, G. Duxfield, Geill, Rigby, and Crane. Bro. H. Hawkins officiated as accompanist with his usual ability.

**CHIPPENHAM.**—Lansdowne Lodge of Unity (No. 626).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the New Hall on Tuesday, the 15th ult., when, after the usual preliminaries, Bro. A. H. Lapham, W.M. elect, was installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. Sir Gabriel Goldney, Bart., D.P.G.M. Wiltshire, in the presence of a numerous gathering of members and visitors. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Bro. Lapham appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the year: Bros. the Earl of Cowley, I.P.M.; the Rev. Canon Millar, S.W.; E. R. Henly, J.W.; the Rev. G. L. Elliott, Chaplain; Jos. Lane (elected), Treasurer; E. Neale, Secretary; C. J. Hibbard, S.D.; Herbert Harris, J.D.; G. W. Collen, D.C.; J. James, I.G.; and G. Munday, Tyler. The banquet which followed took place at the Angel Hotel, where a most enjoyable evening was spent.

**SOUTHEND-ON-SEA.**—Priory Lodge (No. 1000).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 17th inst., at Middleton Hotel. Present: Bros. F. Donnell Grayson, P.M. 160, Prov. G.J.D., W.M.; G. R. Dawson, S.W.; J. F. Harrington, P.M. 160, P.P.G.P., J.W.; H. J. Hatch, P.M. 160, P.P.G. Chap.; F. Wood, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., Treas.; A. Lucking, P.M., A.G.P. Sec.; C. Floyd, P.M. 1817, P.P.A.G.P., S.D.; L. Warren, jun., J.D.; C. F. Woosnam, I.G.; G. L. Wood, J.W. 160, and E. F. Wood, Stwds.; A. W. Martin, Tyler; G. F. Jones, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; T. F. Barrett, P.M., P.P.G.R.; H. Halls, T. A. R. Whistler, G. Tyrrell, A. G. Rennison, W. E. Bridgeland, W.M. 933; A. Cayton, J. R. Brightwell, and A. M. Gerussi. Visitors: Bros. Col. the Hon. O. G. Lambert, P.M. 1460, and C. L. Constandiniti, 1009.

Bros. G. Tyrrell and A. G. Rennison were raised to the Third Degree. Bro. R. G. Dawson, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. F. Wood, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., the senior member of the lodge, was again unanimously re-elected Treasurer. Bro. A. W. Martin was unanimously re-elected Tyler. A P.M.'s jewel was voted to the W.M. for his services during the past year. Bro. G. L. Jones, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., intimated his intention to serve as Steward at the next festival of the Girls' School. Auditors were appointed, and the lodge was duly closed.

**LEEDS.**—Excelsior Lodge (No. 1042).—The installation of Bro. W. M. Tyers as W.M. of this lodge took place on Thursday, the 17th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, when there were present a considerable number of Provincial Officers, including R.W. P.G.M. Bro. T. W. Tew, Masters of kindred lodges, and other visiting brethren. The installation ceremony was performed by the I.P.M., Bro. E. Crosby, and the officers for the ensuing year were invested as follows: Bros. Wm. Flockton, S.W.; W. Bingham, J.W.; Farrar, Sec.; Cowbrough, Treas.; Thompson, P.M., D. of C.; P. N. Allison, Charity Steward; Carter, S.D.; Booth, J.D.; Jowitt, I.G.; Barrand, Tyler; and Thorp and Womersley, Stewards.

The usual banquet was afterwards held in the dining hall, and Masonic toasts, music, and recitations followed. It was a very enjoyable evening. This lodge has just attained its majority of twenty-one years, and in celebration of that event the members have by individual subscriptions raised £100 as a special donation to the Masonic Charities.

**NEWNHAM-ON-SEVERN.**—Royal Forest of Dean Lodge (No. 1067).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 22nd ult., at the Town Hall, when there were present Bros. J. Shaw Carleton, W.M.; J. S. Bradstock, S.W.; Rev. Wm. Lynes, P.M., J.W., and Chap.; S. W. Woods, Treas.; M. F. Carter, Sec.; W. G. Roberts, S.D.; T. Cadle, P.M., I.G.; John Shiles, Stwd.; Job Webb, Tyler; W. C. Heane, P.M.; S. W. Haddingham, C. A. Goid, Wm. Jones, Wm. Spence, and G. H. R. Holden. Visitor: Bro. E. Milford Cocks, P.M. 589, P.P.G.J.D. Cornwall.

The lodge was opened in due form, and Mr. Geo. H. R. Holden, who was elected at the last meeting, was initiated by the W.M., who also gave the charge after initiation. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the banqueting room, where a harmonious evening was spent.

**MIRFIELD.**—Mirfield Lodge (No. 1102).—The installation meeting of this well-known lodge was held on Friday, the 11th inst., by special dispensation, the regular meet-

ing falling this year on Christmas Day. There were present Bros. John Walmsley, W.M.; T. B. Fairclough, P.M., S.W.; J. H. Simpson, J.W.; T. Lang, P.M., Treas.; A. A. Stott, P.M., Sec.; W. Bailey, S.D.; F. H. Hare, J.D.; J. Walmsley, P.M., as I.G.; W. Booth, Tyler; J. Ibberson, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; John Barker, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Wks.; J. K. Ibberson, P.M.; James Barker, P.M.; T. Normington, F. J. Crowther, T. W. Sproule, J. Womock, W. Wilson, and J. Hilton. The visitors were Bros. A. Macaulay, W.M. 258; J. Blackburn, W.M. elect 827; F. Fearnside, 974, P.G.O. Suffolk; and W. H. Wilson, 1231. Letters of apology were read from several brethren who were unable to be present.

The lodge being duly opened, Bro. Jos. Ibberson, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., duly installed Bro. T. B. Fairclough, W.M. elect, in his usual efficient manner. Bro. J. K. Ibberson, P.M., gave the address to the I.P.M.; Bro. John Barker, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Wks., the working tools in the Third Degree—he also acted as D. of C.; Bro. John Walmsley, P.M., the working tools in the Second Degree; and Bro. A. A. Stott, P.M., the working tools in the First Degree. The newly-installed W.M. then appointed and invested the following officers, viz: Bros. J. H. Simpson, S.W.; W. Bailey, J.W.; Thos. Lang, P.M., Treas. (elected); F. H. Hare, Sec.; W. Wilson, S.D.; J. Womack, J.D.; A. A. Stott, P.M., D. of C.; James Barker, P.M., Org.; F. J. Crowther, I.G.; T. W. Sproule and J. Hilton, Stwds.; and W. Booth, Tyler (elected). The charge to the W.M. was given by Bro. J. K. Ibberson, P.M.; to the Wardens by Bro. A. A. Stott, P.M.; and to the brethren by Bro. Jos. Ibberson, P.P.G. Reg. Bro. John Barker was elected member of the Charity Committee.

After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge closed in peace and harmony.

It is not in many lodges that so many P.M.'s take part in the ceremony of installation, and this speaks well for the character of the general working of the lodge.

The brethren then proceeded to the Black Bull Hotel, and sat down to a substantial repast, which was served up in good style by Mr. Beaumont. In addition to the brethren who attended the lodge, the following brethren supported the newly-installed W.M., viz: Bros. R. Lister, P.M.; John Crowther, P.M.; T. Tattersfield, Joseph Lister, W. Whiteley, S.W. 208; and J. Rhodes, 1231.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given; to one, "The P.M.'s of the Mirfield Lodge," no less than ten Past Masters stood up, only two being absent.

The Tyler's toast brought a most pleasant evening to a close.

**TORPOINT.**—Carew Lodge (No. 1136).—The members of this lodge held their annual meeting on the 16th ult., when the W.M. elect, Bro. John Pearce, was installed by his predecessor, Bro. C. Haggarty, assisted by Bros. A. W. White, George Cassell, E. Pood, P.G.S.D. (Cornwall). At the close of the installation the W.M. invested the following brethren as his officers: Bros. C. Haggarty, I.P.M.; A. K. Collings, S.W.; J. Black, J.W.; J. Jewell, Chap.; E. Pood, Treas.; G. Cassell, Sec.; T. B. Tresise, S.D.; H. Williams, J.D.; A. Akenhead, Org.; J. Harris, D.C.; T. Jeffery, I.G.; C. Davis, C. Carey, T. Bennett, Stwds.; and P. Lewis, Tyler.

In the evening the members and a large party of visiting brethren dined together at the Royal Hotel, Devonport.

**BATTLE.**—Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).—The regular monthly meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Thursday, the 17th inst., at the Masonic Hall, when there were present Bros. the very Rev. E. R. Currie, M.A., P.G. Chap., W.M.; W. Lamborn, P.P.G.P., P.M., acting S.W.; Henry Kimm, 40, J.W.; H. G. F. Wells, P.P.G.P., P.M., Treas.; Robert Hughes, Sec.; J. B. Ford, 40, S.D.; T. J. Walder, J.D.; J. Fielding, Org.; W. T. Walder, I.G.; C. Leary, Tyler; Charles Martin, W. C. Till, R. T. Davison, M.D., J. B. Farr, P.P.G.S.B. Essex, P.M.; D. White, J. W. Pepper, Edward Davis, and others. Visitors: Bros. F. Duke, I.G. 40; and Randall, 40.

The minutes of the last meeting having been passed, and communications read, successful ballots were then taken on behalf of Messrs. H. T. Simmons, F. W. Cock, M.B., and Victor Baumann, of Berlin. The W.M. then initiated the two former, the latter being unavoidably absent, after which Bro. Davis was duly passed as F.C., both ceremonies, together with the working tools and charge, being rendered in Bro. Currie's faultless manner.

There being no further business, the lodge was closed in harmony.

**ENFIELD.**—Enfield Lodge (No. 1237).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the George Hotel, on Monday, the 14th ult. The W.M., Bro. George Tegg, opened the lodge, supported by P.M.'s Bros. R. Mathison, J. H. Thompson, P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex; J. A. Taverner, A. Bryant, P.P.G.J.D. Middlesex; and A. G. Fidler, P.P.G.S.D. Middlesex; the officers, many brethren of the lodge, and visitors.

After the minutes had been confirmed, and the report of the Audit Committee adopted, Bro. Frederick Eastwood, late of the Doric Lodge, 933, was unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. Fidler, I.P.M., then presented the W.M. elect, Bro. W. Binnie, P.M. 209, P.P.G.S.B. Berks and Bucks, who was in due course obligated as W.M. elect. A Board of Installed Masters having been formed, and Bro. Binnie regularly placed in the chair of K.S., the officers were appointed as follows: Bros. G. Tegg, I.P.M.; H. V. Clements, S.W.; J. B. Ward, J.W.; R. Mathison, P.M., Treas.; J. H. Thompson, P.M., Sec.; S. Parsons, S.D.; D. D. Rees, J.D.; B. G. Poulton, I.G.; A. Bryant, P.M., D.C.; A. C. Hide, Asst. D.C.; G. C. H. Jennings, Org.; and J. Very, Tyler.

The Installing Master, Bro. G. Tegg, was much complimented on his excellent rendering of the beautiful ceremony of installation. The sum of 15 guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to be placed on Bro. G. Tegg's list as Steward representing the lodge. A gentleman was proposed for initiation and two brethren as joining members, and, after "Hearty good wishes" from all present, the lodge was closed.

The banquet that followed was presided over by the new W.M., Bro. Binnie, who, upon the removal of the cloth, gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured.

Bro. Fidler, P.M., responded for "The Provincial Grand Officers."

Bro. G. Tegg, I.P.M., then proposed "The Health of the

W.M.," who, he was sure, they were all pleased to see occupying the chair of the lodge. He most heartily congratulated him on attaining to his present high position, and hoped he would enjoy as pleasant a year of office, and be as well supported as he (Bro. Tegg) had been during the past year.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, expressed his great obligations to the brethren for so unanimously voting him to the chair of the lodge, a position he was proud to attain to, but at the same time felt he had a difficult task before him in following such able W.M.'s as had preceded him; however, he should strive to do his best to give satisfaction, and hoped for the support of the brethren. He thanked all present for drinking his health so cordially.

The Worshipful Master then gave "The Health of the I.P.M." The brethren all knew how well Bro. Tegg had discharged the duties of the chair during his year of office—no better proof could be given than the way in which he had discharged the difficult duties of Installing Master. The brethren of the lodge desired he should receive some mark of their approval, and he (the W.M.) had now the pleasure of presenting to Bro. Tegg the P.M.'s jewel that had been unanimously voted him, in appreciation of his services as Master, and hoped he would have health and strength to be amongst them for many years to come.

The I.P.M. thanked the W.M. and brethren for this mark of their esteem, and he should feel very proud to wear the P.M.'s jewel. He scarcely knew what he had done to merit the many kindnesses he had received. He had endeavoured to properly discharge the important duties of the chair, and was only too pleased to find his efforts had given satisfaction. He thanked them all for drinking his health so cordially, and should do all that lay in his power to further the interest of the lodge.

The toast of "The P.M.'s" was responded to by Bro. Bryant, P.M.

To "The Health of the Visitors," Bro. Scurrah, W.M. 2048, responded in an eloquent speech.

The various officers having replied to "The Officers'" toast, the proceedings concluded with the Tyler's toast.

During the evening some excellent vocal harmony was given by various brethren.

The visitors present were Bros. P. Baidon, 160 (S.C.); G. Richards, W.S. 1707; A. Money, S.W. 1707; W. S. Cooper, S.W. 754; J. H. S. Reid, P.M. 209; J. Driscoll, P.M. 30, Sec. 1579, P.P.G.P. Middx.; T. Jones, P.M. 1607; W. M. Stiles, P.M. 1744, &c.; T. Jones, P.M. 754; M. Moseley, 228; J. R. Rignall, 869; W. A. Scurrah, W.M. 2048; R. Jennings, P.M. 907; G. J. Jennings, 554; E. G. Lewis, P.M. 754; J. Smith, 754; James Garrod, P.M. 754, M.E.Z. 1237; J. Maller, P.M. 754; and A. Scurrah, 2048.

**FELTHAM.**—Lebanon Lodge (No. 1326).—

An emergency meeting of this well-established and prosperous lodge was held on Tuesday, the 29th ult., at the Railway Hotel. In spite of the adverse weather, the following brethren were present: Bros. Joseph John Marsh, P.P. G. Std. Br. Middx., I.P.M.; Edwin Gilbert, P.G.A.P. Middx., P.M., Treas.; Frederick Walters, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M. 73, Sec.; Rev. Reuben Seddon, D.D., A. A. Ward, A. Coleman, and some others. Amongst a large number of visitors we noticed Bros. James Sims, W.M. 834; J. G. Tongue, S.W. 534; R. Godden, 975; E. A. Tilbury, 975; H. P. Harris, 1567; and others.

In accordance with the Book of Constitutions, sound and good reasons having been given for holding the emergency, Bro. J. J. Marsh, in his usual masterly manner, passed Bro. Rev. Reuben Seddon, D.D., to the Degree of F.C. The ballot was taken for Mr. Alfred Coleman, which was favourable, and having been introduced by the veteran Secretary, Bro. Frederick Walters, who is a personal friend of Bro. Coleman, by the kind permission of the W.M., Bro. F. Knight, Bro. Frederick Walters was allowed to initiate his friend into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry, which he did in his usual excellent manner. It was mentioned that he had not performed the ceremony of initiation in the lodge since 1880, when he initiated his eldest son, Bro. T. F. E. Walters; but he was still as good as ever at his work. In acknowledging all the kind remarks about his working, Bro. Walters stated it was now over 30 years ago since he commenced his work in Masonry by rehearsing the initiation ceremony at a lodge of instruction. Bro. J. J. Marsh, I.P.M., resumed the chair, and closed the lodge.

The usual refreshment followed labour. All the regular toasts were given and responded to. Songs and recitations made pass away a very pleasant and an agreeable evening. After wishing each other "A Happy New Year" the brethren separated. Bro. Harris catered well and gave great satisfaction.

**TWICKENHAM.**—Era Lodge (No. 1423).—

An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 19th ult., at the Albany Hotel, when there were present Bros. J. T. Moss, P.M., P.G.R. Middx., acting W.M.; G. S. Elliott, S.W.; Wm. H. Matthews, J.W.; John Faulkner, P.M., P.S.D. Middx., Treas.; Ed. William Devereux, P.M., Sec.; G. L. Wingode, P.M., acting S.D.; H. B. Hassell, Stwd.; John Gilbert, Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. G. H. Thielay, P.G.S.B. Middx.; Dr. J. Beresford Ryley, G.S. Middx.; also Bros. W. Lovelock, H. B. Hassell, J. Baker, J. R. Seymour, R. M. Jones, D. Hart-Davies, H. T. Tallock, R. Corney, and George Seymour.

This emergency meeting was held under the fiat of the W.M., for the purpose of initiating into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry Messrs. Corey, Hart-Davies, Tallock, and G. Seymour, the passing of Bro. J. R. Seymour, and raising Bros. Jones and Baker. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. Jenkins, the chair was occupied by Bro. J. T. Moss, P.M., who initiated the candidates, and Bro. E. W. Devereux, P.M., Sec., the passing and raising of Bro. John Faulkner, P.M., Treas. It is needless to say that the work throughout gave satisfaction to the brethren, though it entailed heavy work upon these Past Masters.

At the conclusion of the working the brethren proceeded to banquet, when the usual toasts followed. The proceedings were varied by an excellent selection of songs rendered by several members of the lodge. Bro. R. M. Jones did efficient assistance on the pianoforte. Altogether a very happy evening was spent.

**LOWESTOFT.**—Lodge St. Margaret's (No. 1452).—The installation of Bro. J. B. Blackmore, Prov. G.

Chaplain, as W.M. of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, London-road, on Thursday, the 10th ult. The Installing Master was Bro. N. Tracy, Prov. G. Sec., who most efficiently performed the ceremony. The W.M. afterwards appointed his officers as follows: Bros. B. S. Bradbeer, S.W.; H. B. Walker, J.W.; P. Allez, P.P.G.S.W., Treas.; H. J. Eastaugh, Prov. G.S., Sec.; Theodore S. Tearne, S.D.; D. Chadwick Smith, J.D.; F. A. Mann, P.P.G.O., Org.; W. J. Roberts, I.G.; and J. Wright, Tyler. The I.P.M. was Bro. Geo. Bush, Prov. G.S.D. In the evening the banquet was held at the Crown Hotel, Host and Hostess Seeley catering in a magnificent style, to the great satisfaction of all the brethren.

The following toasts were ably given and well received: "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W. the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G.," "The M.W. the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, and the other Grand Officers, Present and Past," "The R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Lord Waveney," "The V.W. Dep. Prov. Grand Master, the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., and Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," "The Worshipful Master," "The Installing Master," "The Visitors," "The Masonic Charities," "The W.M. and Brethren of the Sister Lodge Unity," "The I.P.M. and P.M.'s of Lodge St. Margaret's," "The Officers of Lodge St. Margaret's," and the Tyler's toast.

Amongst the visiting brethren we noticed Bros. N. Tracy, P.G.S.; W. B. Cooper, P.M.; S. C. Allerton, W.M.; and Major Dods, P.M. 1631, P.P.G.J.W. Major Dods is also in Royal Arch P.Z., P.P.G.H., and Chap. 1631. In Mark Masonry he is W.M. Youell Lodge, 317, and P.P.G. Swd. Br. Major Dods went up in February for the Benevolent Institution, and took up the largest list that has been taken from the province for years. Also Bro. A. Stebbings, 71, and others. The lodge is in a flourishing condition.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—

The usual monthly meeting of the members of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 22nd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street. Bro. J. M. Boyd, the W.M., was supported by Bros. Richard Burgess, J. L. Shrapnell, W. Savage, W. Sanderson, J. Orr Marples, J. B. McKenzie, Josef Cantor, H. Round, E. H. Allen, T. L. Duncan, J. H. Light, A. E. Workman, and W. H. Ball. The members present were Bros. J. Galloway, J. Hoult, H. Bennett, P. Lowndes, E. Graham, I. Jacob, Eaton Batty, H. Heard, Tudor Rogers, B. Hughes, J. T. Bramley, Lewis Peake, E. Dotteridge, B. Hamann, and W. Briscall. The visitors were Bros. R. Walker, F. T. Reade, T. W. B. Sturt, F. W. Hawkins, and J. P. Bryan. Mr. Donkin, proposed for initiation, was unanimously elected, and admitted into the Order with much impressiveness by the W.M., who received valuable help from his officers.

After business the brethren adjourned to the banquetting room, where dinner was served by Bro. W. S. Vines, of the Canton Hotel. An excellent musical programme was given by Bros. R. Burgess, A. E. Workman, J. Orr Marples, J. P. Bryan, H. Heard, W. Savage, and E. H. Allen. A seasonal and suitable gift was made by the W.M. to Bro. Savage (respected as a Mason and admired as a vocalist of no ordinary type) in the shape of an 8lb. loaf, specially manufactured for the interesting occasion. The mammoth gift was acknowledged in suitable terms by the recipient, who had much difficulty in bearing away his treasure.

**PADSTOW.**—St. Petroc Lodge (No. 1785).—

The annual meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, on the 18th ult., to instal Bro. J. A. Blamey as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was conducted by the retiring W.M., Bro. F. G. Harding, assisted by the following Board of Installed Masters: W. Bros. W. E. Michell, P.M. 1528, P.P.G.S.W.; T. Hawken, P.M. 330, P.P.G.S.W.; T. Hicks, P.M. 1529, P.G.J.W.; Frank Bray, P.M. 1785, P.G. Purst.; J. F. Clemow, P.M. 1785; and W. H. Pope, P.M. 1785. The Board of Installed Masters being closed, the officers were invested as follows: Bros. F. G. Harding, I.P.M.; J. Stribley, S.W.; James Nicholls, J.W.; H. F. Marley, Chap.; Frank Bray, P.M., P.G. Purst., Treas.; R. Beatt, Sec.; John Hawken, Org.; W. H. Martyn, jun., S.D.; J. B. Williams, J.D.; R. S. Langford, D.C.; P. Blake, I.G.; W. H. Philp and A. Sloggat, Stwds.; J. D. Lobb, Tyler. Bro. W. Williams was elected Steward of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund.

After the ceremony the brethren proceeded to the St. Petroc Private Hotel, where an excellent banquet was provided by the hostess, Mrs. Wills, and a pleasant evening was spent. Among the visitors present at the installation ceremony and at the banquet were Bros. C. M. Bevan, 1223; C. Brewer, 1529; J. Old, 1529; and E. Rickard, 1529.

**NARBERTH.**—Narberth Lodge (No. 2001).—

On Monday afternoon, the 21st ult., Bro. George Lort Bushell was duly installed W.M. in the presence of a fairish number of the Craft. The ceremony was most impressively performed by Bro. Lewis Roberts, assisted by Bros. Ellis, P.M. 464, and John James, P.M. 464. The following brethren were appointed by the W.M. as his officers: Bros. Lewis Roberts, I.P.M.; R. H. Buckley, S.W.; John Roberts, J.W.; Rev. T. David, B.A., Chap.; A. G. P. Lewis, Treas.; Richard Thomas, Sec.; J. Evans, S.D.; J. Lewis, J.D.; J. Harries, D.C.; H. R. Shield, I.G.; J. A. Davies, Org.; H. P. Tupell and W. G. Thomas, Stwds.; and David Lloyd, Tyler.

The lodge having been closed in due form, the brethren adjourned to the banquetting room, where a sumptuous repast was served up by Host Lewis, of the Rutzen Arms Hotel. The usual Masonic toast list was subsequently gone through, and an enjoyable evening was spent.

**ALTON.**—Shalden Lodge (No. 2016).—The installation of Bro. Harbor, W.M. elect, took place on

Thursday afternoon, the 24th ult., at the lodge-room, the Assembly Rooms. There was a large assembly of brethren of the lodge and visitors, among the latter being Bros. Shalden-Smith, P.P.G.S.W., W.M.; Gammon, P.P. G.J.W.; Dew, P.P.G. Reg.; Hervey, P.P.G. Chap.; W. Aylward, P.P.G.S., W.M.; Marks, W.M.; Powell, P.M.; W. Stopher, S.W.; Chapple, L. Carter, of 76, and others. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. W. H. Jacob, P.M., and the following officers were invested: Bros. H. Harbor, W.M.; Major W. Shalden-Smith, I.P.M.



P.P.G.S.W.; T. G. Timbrell, S.W.; G. H. Swansborough, J.W.; Rev. F. Whyley, Chap.; E. Loc, Treas.; H. Cooper, Sec.; J. Barlow, S.D.; J. H. Farthing, J.D.; H. Piggott, L. Mus., T.C.L., Org.; J. Ackland and T. Vallet, Stwds.; J. Marks, D.C.; and J. R. Adams, Tyler. At the conclusion a P.M.'s jewel provided by the lodge, as a mark of high appreciation of Bro. Shalden's zeal for Masonry and genuine kindness and liberality in starting and sustaining the Lodge 2016, was given. Bro. Harbor presented the jewel and fastened it on Bro. Shalden-Smith's breast with some well-chosen words of fraternal recognition. Bro. Shalden-Smith feelingly acknowledged the presentation. After a vote of thanks to Bro. Jacob for his able and impressive manner of performing the ancient and beautiful rite of installation, the lodge adjourned to the banquet well served by Bro. Vallet, to which 40 sat down.

**SUNDERLAND.**—Londonderry Lodge (No. 2039).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday evening, 26th ult., at the Y.M.C.A. lecture hall, Sunderland. The officers present were Bros. J. C. Moor, P.M., P.P.G.D., W.M.; T. Henderson, P.M., P.G.S.B., acting I.P.M.; J. Deans, S.W.; J. E. Nelson, P.M. 80, D. of C.; Thomas Atkinson, acting J.W.; J. R. Pattison, W.M. 97, Sec.; W. A. Priestly, S.D.; A. R. Brown, J.D.; H. Havelock, I.G.; W. Milburn, jun., J.S.; J. Brown, Tyler. There were also present Bros. M. Frampton, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. J. Wilson, W.M. 80; J. B. Wilkinson, W.M. 1389; the Rev. Reginald Gold, S.W. 1389, P.P.G.C.; F. S. Cowper, P.S.W.; F. Keiffer, W. Dawson, S.W. 94; T. A. Simpson, S.D. 949; G. W. Errington, J.W. 949; R. Redpath, G. T. Egdell, 240; R. Singleton, S.W. 97; G. C. Alder, 531; and others.

The lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., after which the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. R. Redpath was examined in the usual questions prior to being passed to the Second Degree, and after he had retired the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Redpath was introduced and passed to the Second Degree by the W.M. Bro. G. T. Egdell, 240, was proposed as a joining member by the W.M., and seconded by Bro. J. Deans, S.W. The sum of £1 3s. 3d. was afterwards contributed towards the Masonic Fund for the relief of the distress in Sunderland. The lodge was then closed.

**INSTRUCTION.**

**WANDERERS LODGE (No. 1604).**—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 30th ult., at Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W. Present: Bros. Gibson, Treas., and W.M.; Dotterill, S.W.; Hayes, J.W.; Wray, P.M., Preceptor; Musson, Sec.; Wynn, S.D.; Grist, J.D.; Spon, I.G.; Weeks, Tyler; W. Brindley, P.M.; Holland, Adams, Evans, Simales, Mimms, and Folsom.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Evans being the candidate. Bro. Mimms having answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, was entrusted. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Mimms duly passed to the Degree of F.C. Bro. Simales, a candidate for raising in the mother lodge, answered the usual questions, and retired. The lodge was called off and on. The lodge resumed to the First Degree. The S.W. was duly elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The lodge was then closed.

**Royal Arch.**

**MARLBOROUGH.**—Methuen Chapter (No. 1533).—The annual convocation of this chapter was held on Tuesday, the 22nd ult., for the installation of the officers for the ensuing year. Amongst those present were Comps. the Rev. J. A. Lloyd, M.E.Z.; J. Campbell Maclean, H.; George Pike, J.; Surgeon-General Theobald Ringer, P.Z.; John Chandler, P.Z.; and others.

After the chapter had been opened in due form, and the minutes of the last convocation read and confirmed, the Treasurer's report was submitted, and its consideration postponed to the next convocation. A dispensation from Provincial Grand Chapter was then read for the exaltation of Bro. Meddows Taylor to act as Janitor. The ballot was then taken for Bros. T. C. P. Calley and Meddows Taylor, which proving unanimous, they were exalted by the M.E.Z. in a most impressive manner. Comp. Chandler ably acted as P. Soj., in the unavoidable absence of Comp. Risdon. The three newly-elected Principals—Comps. J. Campbell Maclean, M.E.Z.; A. Plummer, H.; and G. Pike, J.—having already occupied the position of Z. in a chapter, were clothed, invested, and placed in their respective chairs by the retiring M.E.Z., after which, the Board of Installed Principals being closed, the companions below the rank of Third Principal, who had previously retired from the chapter, were readmitted, and the following officers invested: Comps. Lord Henry B. Bruce, Treas.; E. B. Merriman, Scribe E.; Alfred Risdon, Scribe N.; W. S. Bambridge, P. Soj.; R. W. Merriman, 1st A.S.; and Brooks-Hill, 2nd A.S. The chapter was then closed in due form.

**PROPOSED PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE FOR THE ISLE OF MAN.**

There are five Craft lodges working under the English Constitution in this most interesting island, viz., the Athole Lodge, 1004; St. Manghold Lodge, 1075; Tynwald Lodge, 1242; Ellan Vannin Lodge, 2049; and St. Trinian's Lodge, 2050. The St. Manghold Lodge meets in Ramsey, the other four in Douglas. In Castle-town there is also the Lodge of Mona, working under the Irish Constitution.

The Ellan Vannin and St. Trinian's Lodges were constituted, according to ancient usage, by the Grand Secretary, V.W. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, acting as Deputy of the M.W. Grand Master, in October, 1884. During his visit to Manxland, the Grand Secretary strongly impressed upon the insular brethren the desirability of having a Provincial Grand Lodge established in the Isle of Man. Accordingly, we understand, the four lodges first mentioned have lately passed resolutions petitioning for the appointment of a Provincial Grand Master, which petition the Grand Secretary has undertaken to lay before the M.W. Grand Master. We understand, further, that the matter has recently been under the consideration of the St. Trinian's Lodge, but that a slight majority of the members present, decided, for financial reasons, not to join in the petition.

The St. Trinian's Lodge is the junior lodge upon the island, and numbers less than 30 members. Considering that under no circumstances could the lodge be called upon to contribute to the Provincial Fund more than 2s. per year for each contributing member, 5s. for each initiate, and 1s. for each joining member, it would not appear that the expense would fall very seriously on it. We believe it is not absolutely necessary, though desirable, that all the lodges in a proposed province should join in the petition; we trust, therefore, that the resolutions passed by the four senior lodges will meet with a favourable consideration, and that before long we may have the pleasure of announcing the appointment of the first Provincial Grand Master for the Isle of Man.

**MASONIC BENEVOLENCE IN LANCASHIRE.**

According to financial tables just issued, compiled from official sources, it would appear that the support given by the Provinces of East and West Lancashire to Masonic Charities during the past year has been most gratifying, and compares favourably with the returns issued from other provinces, especially so when the amount claimed on behalf of the various Charities has been unusually heavy. The eastern division of the county shows the more satisfactory returns. During the past seven years this province has sent £5186 to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, or a yearly average of £740 19s. 3d.; the demands for the past year on this Institution on behalf of aged and decayed Masons were £720, leaving a balance in hand of £20 19s. 3d. On behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys seven years' contributions amount to £3307 14s., being an annual average of £472 16s., whilst the disbursements for last year were £360, so that the sum of £112 16s. stands to the credit of the contributors. Towards the sister Institution for Girls the yearly average of the last seven years is £169 4s. 6d., and the cost to the province for 1885 was £136. The total amount contributed by the members of the Craft in East Lancashire in aid of the three great Masonic Charities during the last seven years is £9679 1s. 6d., or a yearly sum of £1302 14s. 6d. The total cost under all heads during the past year was £1216, so that the Freemasons of this division of the county can congratulate themselves on a balance of £166 14s. 6d. of receipts over expenditure. With regard to the western province of the county, a satisfactory balance is shown on the year's accounts. The total amount collected on behalf of all the Charities during the past seven years is £7090 9s. 6d., being a yearly average of £1014 18s. 6d. There is a deficiency on the Benevolent Fund account for the year of £112 16s. 10d., and also one of £27 15s. 6d. in respect of the contributions to the Girls' Institution; but these deficiencies are more than balanced by a surplus of contributions to the Boys' Institution of £193 10s. 10d. The total cost to the province for the past year has been £960, and a balance to the good of £54 18s. 6d. is placed to the credit of the members of the Craft.

**ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.**

The General Committee held their regular meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Thursday afternoon. Bro. F. Richardson, P.G.D., occupied the chair, and among those present were Bros. J. L. Mather, H. A. Hunt, J. H. Matthews, P.G. Std. Br.; Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; J. J. Caney, Major Finney, S. H. Parkhouse, and F. R. W. Hedges (Hon. Sec.)

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, and those of the House Committee read for information, certain recommendations of the House Committee were taken into consideration, with the result that the Notices of Motion, as enumerated later on, were given by Bro. J. L. Matthews, P.G. Std. Br., Vice-Patron, for the Quarterly Court on Saturday next.

The sum of 10 guineas was voted towards a Twelfth Night treat for the children, and also £50 for the purpose of a paling towards completing the enclosure of the grounds.

Ten petitions were then carefully sifted, and the names of the applicants, placed on the list of candidates for the April election.

It having been resolved to recommend to the Quarterly Court on Saturday next that the list of candidates should include 37 applicants, and that the number of vacancies to be filled should be 22, the Committee closed with the usual compliment to Bro. Richardson for his services as Chairman.

The following are the Notices of Motion for the Quarterly Court on Saturday, the 9th inst.:

(1) Upon recommendation of the House Committee, by Bro. J. H. MATTHEWS, P.G. Std. Br., Vice-Patron:—"That the House Committee be authorised to expend a sum not exceeding £1300 in the erection of an entrance lodge, a carpenter's cottage, and the extension of the front fencing along that part of the frontage of the newly-acquired land facing the Common."

(2) Also, upon recommendation of the House Committee, by Bro. J. H. MATTHEWS, P.G. Std. Br., Vice-Patron:—"To add to Law LX., following Clause II.:—"In case a vacancy occurs from any cause before the newly-elected children are received into the School, the next highest unsuccessful candidate on the list may be admitted at the next Quarterly Court."

(3) Also, upon recommendation of the House Committee, by Bro. J. H. MATTHEWS, P.G. Std. Br., Vice-Patron:—"That one additional girl be elected at the Quarterly General Court in April, thereby raising the number of elected girls in the Institution to 237."

**BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.**

The last meeting of the Board of Benevolence for the year 1885 was held on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Senior Vice-President, occupied the President's chair; Bro. C. A. Cobbe, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, acted as Senior Vice-President; and Bro. Henry Garrod, G.P., acted as Junior Vice-President. A large number of brethren were present.

The ACTING PRESIDENT announced that several letters of thanks had been received from recipients of relief at the November meeting.

The brethren afterwards confirmed recommendations made at that meeting to the amount of £440. The new list contained the names of no less than 53 petitioners from London, Portsmouth, Tynemouth, North Shields, Farnham, Liverpool, Teddington, Birmingham, Dinapore, Brighton, Meerut, Boston, Bingley, Dudley, Lichfield, Hull, Whitehaven, Stalybridge, Woolwich, Scotland, Worthing, Pembroke Dock, Kamptee, Newcastle-on-Tyne, St. John's, New Brunswick, Huddersfield, Paignton, Salford, Plymouth, Ryde, and Croydon. The brethren sat more than four hours, in the course of which time five cases were deferred, being incomplete. One petitioner had died since his petition was on the list. The remaining 47 cases were relieved with a total of £1512. This was composed of recommendations for the following sums: Three for £100 each, and three for £75 each; five for £50 each; four for £40 each; six for £30 each; and one for £25. Thirteen grants were made of £20 each; one for £15; nine for £10 each; one for £5; and one for £2. The total amount granted during the year has been £10,153.

**EMULATION LODGE OF IMPROVEMENT OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**

This lodge, which is held in the Masonic Hall, at the Bell Hotel, Gloucester, during the winter months, was inaugurated about four years ago, under the warrant of the Royal Lodge of Faith and Friendship, No. 270, for the purpose of propagating and establishing a correct and efficient knowledge of the working of the ceremonies, under the able guidance of Bro. J. Brook-Smith, D.P.G.M., who has been for many years a member of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement in London.

A numerously attended meeting was held on the 12th ult., the officers present being as follows: The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Preceptor; Bros. J. Albin Roberts, W.M. 702, as W.M.; Rev. H. Kynaston, D.D., P.M. 82, as S.W.; Chas. Taynton, W.M. 839, as J.W.; Thos. Taynton, P.M. 839, Treas.; R. W. White, P.M. 839, Sec.; Rev. C. J. Baxter, W.M. 82, as S.D.; J. Butler, P.M. 246, as J.D.; R. Sumner, I.G. 839, as I.G.; together with a large number of P.M.'s and other brethren belonging to the different lodges in the province, and Bro. H. Sadler, Grand Tyler, who attended by invitation from the D.P.G.M. to act as Preceptor for the evening.

The work arranged for the occasion was a rehearsal of the Third Degree and the ceremony of installation, the first portion of which was performed by the W.M. and his officers in a manner highly creditable to them; indeed, the acting Preceptor had a very easy time of it, and those who know how critical Bro. Sadler is on all matters appertaining to Masonic ceremonial, will readily understand how well the work must have been done.

The lodge having been called off for a brief interval, the W.M. vacated his post in favour of Bro. Sadler, who, with the assistance of the D.P.G.M., proceeded to install Bro. J. Albin Roberts in the chair of K.S., which ceremony he performed in all its details to the complete satisfaction of the brethren, and in strict conformity with the well known practice of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, the D.P.G.M. delivering in a most impressive manner the address to the brethren generally.

The D.P.G.M. then moved—"That a cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Sadler, G. Tyler of England, be recorded on the minutes, for his kindness in coming such a long journey to give them the benefit of his experience, and for the very able manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation." He said he himself some years ago had received very great assistance and instruction from Bro. Sadler, and he felt certain that brother would agree with him that he had made the very best possible use of the knowledge he had gained by endeavouring to the best of his ability to communicate it to the brethren of the province.

The vote having been put, and carried by acclamation, Bro. SADLER thanked first the D.P.G.M. for the kind way in which he had referred to him, and also the brethren for this signal mark of their approbation. He had not expected it, and felt that he scarcely deserved it. He always had the greatest pleasure in attending instruction meetings at which the Emulation work was properly appreciated, but that evening he had had very little to do—indeed, the corrections he had felt it his duty to make in the course of the evening, had been so few and so trivial in their nature, that he had been almost ashamed to mention them, but knowing how strict their Preceptor was in carrying out the Emulation work in its entirety, he was rather afraid of being "pulled up" if he had allowed the smallest deviation from the established usages. He was glad to see that the one or two suggestions he had made on the occasion of a former visit had been adopted, and in conclusion begged to congratulate the brethren generally on the excellence of their working as well as the Preceptor on having such apt pupils.

After several new members had been proposed the lodge was closed in due form.

**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LODGE OF INDUSTRY, No. 48.**

On Monday evening, the 28th ult., the 150th anniversary of the connection of the Lodge of Industry, No. 48, with the Grand Lodge of England, was celebrated at the last meeting of the year at the Masonic Hall, Jackson-street, Gateshead. The W.M., Bro. Adamson Rhagg, presided, and was supported by Bros. R. B. Reed, P.M., P.G. Treasurer; J. Mout, I.P.M.; James Beveridge, P.M.; M. Corbitt, P.M., Treasurer, P.P.G.S.D.; D. Sinclair, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C.; R. Whitfield, P.M., D.C.; John Wood, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; J. G. Smith, P.M., P.G.S.D.; M. H. Dodd, P.M.; R. F. Cook, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; W. M. Pybus, S.W. 48; A. Simpson, as J.W.; W. Dalrymple, Sec.; Wm. Brown, S.D.; W. F. Raeburn, J.D.; Thos. Thompson, I.G.; W. Richardson, S.S.; R. Ferry, Org.; Joshua Curry, Tyler; R. Swanson, J. A. Cowen, W. Whitfield, W. F. Brown, H. Charlton, E.

Carr, J. T. Coelling, W. Stafford, W. W. Ferguson, T. Swan, T. Shepherd, R. Brason, M. R. Wright, C. G. Nicholl, J. T. Harrison, W. B. Greene, T. Graham, and T. L. Hall. Visitors: Bros. R. Luck, P.M. 111, P.P.G. Reg.; John Spearman, P.M. 481, P.P.G. J.W. Northumberland; W. S. Armstrong, W.M. 1342; W. Smith, P.M. 1342; G. Brown, J.S. 1342; J. Livingstone, J.S. 1712; G. Forster, I.G. 1119; G. Hardy, P.M. 1643; J. Stokoe, 541, P.P.G. J.W.; J. McCulloch, P.M. 1643, P.P. G. J.W.; W. Atkinson, J.W. 1643; W. Eckford, P.M. 1643; D. Lewars, 541; Thos. Dinning, P.M. 481, P.G. A.D.C. Northumberland; T. S. Wraith, P.M. 124; and W. Mathieson, 481.

During the evening Bro. R. B. REED, P.M. 48, P.G. Treasurer, delivered an historical address. One hundred and fifty years ago, he said, the Lodge of Industry joined the London lodges. Freemasonry was then emerging from a cloud that had enveloped it for nearly three centuries. In the third year of the reign of Henry VI. an Act was passed for the abolition of the societies of Masons. The Art was not altogether extinguished, however; in secret and by stealth, our glorious principles were kept alive. Upon the achievement of the great Revolution of 1688, the surface of society became calmer, and learned and good men had time to turn their attention to the principles of Masonry, which continued to develop from that time. Having referred to the labours of Sir C. Wren, who was permeated with a love of both practical and speculative Masonry, he said it was not till the year 1717 that the London lodges met together, at the sign of the Goose and Gridiron, when they resolved upon electing a Grand Master. In 1721, a Deputy Grand Master and Wardens were appointed for the first time, and then began the organisation of the Grand Lodge of England as we now know it. How the Lodge of Industry began, and how it was begun, they did not know; but, by tradition and inquiry, they found that in 1690, or about that time, when Sir Ambrose Crowley, an ironmonger, of London, established his works at Winton, in the county of Durham, the Operative Masons also practised the Speculative Art. Minutes of this date were perhaps the rarest things to be got in Masonic lodges, because it was dangerous to keep them while Masons were under the ban of the law. The minutes of Industry Lodge went back to 1723, however, two years after the commencement of the Grand Lodge, and the first entry was dated 29th September, 1725: "Then Matthew Armstrong and Arthur Douglass had their names registered as Entered Apprentices." In 1735, they joined the Grand Lodge, and in 1867, when the lodge resolved to apply to the Grand Master of England for permission to wear a centenary medal, which was granted, the then Grand Secretary, Bro. W. G. Clarke, in reference to the age of the lodge, stated that the Lodge of Industry first appeared in the books of Grand Lodge in 1735, and had continued on the roll of Grand Lodge regularly since then. They might well ask themselves how, when Masonry was in such a languishing condition, the voice spoken in London found an echo in this obscure village in the North. He attributed it in a great measure to the establishment of the fortnightly packets between London and the Tyne by Sir Ambrose Crowley, who had works at both places. He had gone over the roll of lodges in 1813, when the Union of York and the Grand Lodge of England took place, for the purpose of showing the very honourable and distinguished position Industry Lodge occupied. There were about 14 London lodges in existence. As to the strength the Grand Lodge of England had in the provinces, the lodges were as follows: Medina, Cowes, 1731; Anchor and Hope, Bolton, 1731; St. John the Baptist, Exeter, 1731; Royal Cumberland, Bath, 1733; Relief Lodge, Bury, 1733; St. Paul's, Birmingham, 1733; Lodge of Industry, Swallow, 1735; Angel, Colchester, 1735. With the exception of the Relief Lodge, Bolton, and the Anchor and Hope, Bolton, Industry was the only provincial lodge connected with the Grand Lodge of England prior to that time. It would thus be seen that Industry Lodge was one of the few lodges in the country that had been an Operative as well as a Speculative lodge. In turning over the ancient records he found the following entries:

"That no Master or Fellow shall take an apprentice for less term than seven years, and one that is able of birth, free born, whole of limbs, and as a man ought to be."

"That no man go into the town at nights except he hath fellows with him that may bear witness he was in good company."

"That every Master and Fellow shall cherish strange fellows when they come out of strange countreys, and set them on work if they have any, and they willing to work—if not, to supply them with money to the next lodge if need be."

After a while the lodge meetings were held at Swalwell, a village contiguous to Winton, and Swalwell was first mentioned in an entry on June 24th, 1735: "A lodge was held at Bro. Thompson's, at Swalwell, when the lodge was constituted by Joseph Laycock, Provincial Grand Master." Joseph Laycock was mentioned in the Grand Lodge as being the first Provincial Grand Master for the county of Durham. The minutes also recorded the election by the lodge of the Provincial Grand Master—the privilege being claimed from a charter granted to them in 1734 by the Earl of Crawford, then Grand Master. When the Provincial Grand Lodge was formed on its present basis, and William N. Lambton was made Provincial Grand Master, negotiations had to be entered into with Industry Lodge, to which some little privileges were accorded. In 1845 the lodge was removed from Swalwell to Gateshead. Bro. Richard Bennett was the last Master at Swalwell, and Bro. John E. Wilkinson was instrumental in removing the lodge from Swalwell to the town of Gateshead. Bro. Bennett was present at his (Bro. Reed's) installation, and he had also had the pleasure of meeting Bro. Wilkinson in the lodge. The lodge met first at the Black Bull, and afterwards at the Grey Horse. In 1869 the Masonic Hall was built. They left that place for reasons he need not enter into, and were for a while located in Denmark-street. In March, 1881, the foundation-stone of the present hall was laid, and in January, 1882, the hall was opened. They had been a prosperous lodge since then. Amongst the valuables of the lodge were the shear legs from the old lodge at Swalwell, the scagliola pillars, presented by the late Earl of Durham, a Bible, dated 1615, a copy of the Constitutions of Freemasonry, published in 1723, edited by Dr. J. T. Desaguliers. They had also Entick's Constitutions of Freemasonry, 1767. The Master's chair, a very valuable one, was presented to them by the Duke of Sussex, the first Grand

Master after the Union in 1813. He urged upon the brethren individually to promote the welfare of such a lodge, and eloquently pointed out that the working tools were only the symbols of rules of moral conduct. He was one of those who believed that Speculative Masonry began when Operative Masonry began. He had no doubt that while the building of the Tower, prior to the confusion of tongues, was going on, Speculative Masonry had its beginnings. It was carried on by the Phœnicians, the Egyptians, and the Israelites; and just as architecture was developed, and great and material buildings were erected, so Speculative Masonry was developed. They knew the position it occupied in reference to King Solomon's Temple. While the Temple grew, another unseen temple was rising—a temple founded on the claims of brotherly love, relief, and truth—a house perfect in its parts—a house not made with hands, eternal in the skies. The real lodge was not the building. The lodge was found in the principles they imbibed. Their Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Tristram, the greatest living authority upon Masonry, had done a great deal to elucidate the manner in which Masonry had spread. In the course of his (Bro. Reed's) own researches, he had come across a curious piece of information, which he had not seen communicated to any lodge hitherto. In the journal of Mr. John McDouall Stuart, the celebrated Australian explorer, and a brother Mason, kept during his fourth expedition in 1860, for fixing the centre of Australia, he spoke of encountering some natives. "One was an old man, and seemed to be the father of these two fine young men. He was very talkative, but I could make nothing of him. I have endeavoured by signs to get information from him as to where the next water is; but we cannot understand each other. After some time, and having conferred with his two sons, he turned round, and surprised me by giving me one of the Masonic signs. I looked at him steadily; he repeated it, and so did his two sons. I then returned it, which seemed to please them much, the old man patting me on the shoulders and stroking down my beard. They then took their departure, making friendly signs until they were out of sight." So that where a white man or a civilised man had not been before, they found the Masonic signs in use amongst the heads of the tribes, for no doubt the natives put the Masonic sign to Mr. Stuart to see if he were a headman. "Go on and prosper, old lodge, beneficent mother," concluded Bro. Reed, "that through all these years has brought generation after generation to drink the philosophical truths that are embodied in Speculative Masonry; that has brought the brethren together for social reunion and social enjoyment; which has helped to cultivate the finer feelings by the great Masonic philosophy which underlies all our rites and all our ceremonies. I hope when the next jubilee of the lodge arrives—the 200th anniversary—it may be our privilege, those of us who are not here, to look down from the 'Grand Lodge above' to see this lodge more and more prosperous." (Applause.)

Bro. COOK, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Reed for his address, and remarked that Degrees had been given in that lodge in three foreign languages.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER seconded the motion, which was carried by acclamation.

Bro. J. G. SMITH, P.M., afterwards presented to the lodge a Parian bust of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, showing him adorned with the collar of G.M.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER thankfully acknowledged the gift.

After many hearty congratulations from the numerous visitors, the proceedings terminated at 8.30 p.m., when an adjournment was made to the banqueting hall, and about 70 brethren partook of a substantial repast, provided by Bro. J. S. Tait, Crown and Mitre, Newcastle. A pleasant evening was passed in harmony, and all present enjoyed themselves heartily.



The management of the Novelty have announced the withdrawal of "Vanderdecken," and the substitution for it of "The Babes" for a few weeks. We think they will find they have made no mistake in changing the programme, and the theatre will be again full.

Mr. Edgar Bruce has announced that Mrs. Langtry has exercised her option, and will resume the management of the Prince's Theatre for six months from February, where she will appear in, we believe, a new play. This lady has now made her mark in the profession she has adopted, and seems likely to hold the reputation she has gained. "The Great Pink Pearl" will probably be moved to another theatre, as it still is in the height of its popularity.

"On 'Change" has quitted theatre number two, and is now being played at the Opera Comique. It speaks well for its popularity, as a play has frequently been done for by its removal to another theatre, especially one whose fortunes are not of the brightest. Any one who goes to see "On 'Change" will have a couple of hours' hearty and harmless laughter.

Miss Minnie Palmer has returned to London from a successful tour in the provinces. On Monday she re-opened in "My Sweetheart," at the scene of her former occupation—the Strand—and was received with as much applause as ever. The piece has been much improved, and certain suggestions of the press when Miss Palmer was last in London have been carried out. It is now a happy-go-lucky play. No misery, only natural events. Shatwell, the Old Sport, who was such a popular character, has been transferred to the last act. Miss Grey, Mr. Hawkins, and Mr. D'Orsay still play their old parts. A new character has been introduced, which we think will be cut out, as on Monday the black man was greeted with groans, why, we could not make out, but audiences are not always easy to please, and it is difficult to gauge their taste. Miss Baldwin, who plays Mrs. Hector, is a decided acquisition to the cast. Miss Minnie Palmer was in good form on Monday, vivacious, bright, and charming as ever, and we think improved, both in singing and dancing. A

very pretty chorus of children on a see-saw, with song (Mr. Arnold), is a new and beautiful introduction. We do not notice the name of Miss Palmer's indefatigable and impressive manager, John Rogers, on the bills this time. Certainly, for the variety style of entertainment, Miss Minnie Palmer has the field all to herself, and we should say will draw for some time.

"The Mikado" was visited on Monday by Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, P.G.S.W., the Duchess of Connaught, and H.R.H.'s brother, the Prince Leopold of Prussia, who is the son of the late Prince Frederick Charles, commonly called the "Red Prince." "The Mikado," on account of its excellence, both in dialogue and music, holds its own at the Savoy. Even with all the counter and many attractions of Christmas, there is the greatest difficulty in getting seats unless one books far ahead. We think the opera goes better than ever; specially we notice how Mr. Grossmith has improved his part with his familiarity with it. "The Mikado" is one of those theatrical pieces one can go and see over and over again. Mr. Beckwith is now installed as manager in succession to Mr. Edwardes. We are sure Mr. Beckwith will discharge the duties of his position with the same courtesy as did his predecessor. The comforts of the audience are perfectly safe in his able and experienced hands.

With respect to the pantomime of "Aladdin" at Drury Lane it is not a question whether Bro. Augustus Harris has eclipsed every one else—of that there can be no doubt, for no West-end theatre ventures now to produce a pantomime against such a formidable rival; but we go further, and assert that Bro. Harris has eclipsed himself, for as a spectacular piece Drury Lane has never had its equal. And so evidently thought the hundreds and hundreds who assembled outside its walls on Boxing-night. It is not our intention to explain, or try to explain, the story of "Aladdin." It has been told many a time and oft, and in various renderings. Mr. E. L. Blanchard, who has again written the pantomime for this Christmas, as he has done so many times, has added all sorts of additional interest; Mr. Oscar Barrett has composed and arranged music to suit the dialogue and to tickle the ears of the audience; the ladies and gentlemen of the company put a deal of enthusiasm into their parts; and Bro. Augustus Harris, assisted by his brother Mr. Charles Harris, has produced the whole on a scale of extraordinary magnificence, and it would seem, lavish expenditure. On the first night everything went without a hitch, for which much credit is due to the stage management, the scene shifters, and the excellent rehearsals the piece has had. The comic business and topical songs are much weaker in this year's pantomime than in those of recent date, but probably as the run extends additions will be made and more fun added thereto. There are only one or two songs touching upon things of the current period. One song by Mr. Herbert Campbell, who is the base magician, Abinazar, is very funny, but we think there is a verse which might well be left out. Allusions to the private lives of public men at their expense to raise a laugh from the public is, we think, not in the best of taste. We are not referring to the politics of the gentleman who is the subject of this jest. Scene VII. is the grandest of all—it is the procession of famous beauties from the earliest ages down to the last generation. Mother Eve, Venus, Diana, Cleopatra, Helen of Troy, Queen Eleanor, Fair Rosomond, Lady Godiva, and Nell Gwynne, all are there. Each representative is accompanied by attendants clothed like herself in the garments of the period the heroine lived in, which tend to give a characteristic colour and effect to the whole group. We thought that Georgina, Duchess of Devonshire, who kissed the butcher for his vote, was received the best. This scene winds up with a gorgeous ballet, and the stage sparkles as though lit up with the precious stones of the East and West Indies. Another scene, sure to be popular, is that of the building of Aladdin's Palace. There the little pupils of Madame Katti Lanner display their marvellous training. The lilliputian wives of the lilliputian gardeners, masons, &c., wheel on their perambulators and dance with their husbands in a most sedate manner. Mr. Harry Nichols is the Widow Twankay, and plays with much taste. Miss Grace Huntley makes a graceful Aladdin, and all the characters are thoroughly satisfactory. For weeks and months the auditorium of Drury Lane will be crowded by both old and young to witness Bro. Harris's latest and best achievement.

#### THE NEW ARGOSY SILVER.

The inventors claim for Argosy silver the merit of being the most perfect substitute for silver yet discovered. The brilliancy of this metal is surprising, and the prices are absurdly low, as will be seen on inspecting the goods; the appearance of the tea-spoons at four shillings the dozen would lead the uninitiated to the inference that they were worth at least six times that amount, so that no one need now make use of articles in the presence of their friends which at once betray the worthless character of the family plate. It is pleasing to note that the merits of this newly-discovered metal have not been altogether overlooked, being used by ten of thousands of persons in the United States of America and Canada, and will be as generally used in this country and elsewhere when its good qualities are more widely known. It has also earned for itself the highest award at the New Orleans Exhibition, and at many of the chief Continental Exhibitions. The reputation it has acquired has necessitated the erection of extensive works at Sheffield, the industrial home of hardware goods of this description, as it has been found impossible to supply the growing demand for the goods, which so closely resemble sterling silver as to defy detection. The head quarters of the Argosy Silver Company are at Chicago, United States, the London agents being the Gilding and Silvering Company, 113, Edgware-road, of which Mr. S. Gorer is the manager, and from whom all particulars can be obtained. The introduction of this metal into England is a step in the right direction, and before long its popularity will be spread throughout the length and breadth of the kingdom. All discoveries merit reward, and we trust an ample fortune awaits the inventor.

The Queen has been pleased to confer the distinction of a Companionship of the Bath upon Bro. Howard Vincent, M.P., formerly Director of the Criminal Investigation Department, London.





Bro. J. E. Ponder has resigned the office of Secretary to the Joiners' Company, and it is expected the vacancy thus caused will be filled up about next March.

A banquet to celebrate the return of Bro. T. W. Board as member for Greenwich, will be held at the Greenwich Conservative Club, on Monday, the 11th inst.

Messrs. Spiers and Pond have recently become the proprietors of the Albion Tavern, close by Drury Lane Theatre, which has been known for so many years as a theatrical resort.

Bro. the Earl of Onslow has offered to pay the whole of the tithes ordinary and extraordinary, and half the rates heretofore paid by his tenants as soon as their rents have been readjusted.

Bro. the Right Hon. Hugh C. E. Childers has been invited to become a candidate for the seat for Edinburgh which has just been rendered vacant by the death of Sir George Harrison.

The following dinners took place at the Freemasons' Tavern for the week ending Saturday, the 2nd inst. Tuesday—Grand Masters' Lodge. Friday—Fidelity Chapter.

Bro. Lord Wantage has received from the late seat of war in Eastern Europe several interesting communications which have been forwarded for information to the National Society for aid to the sick and wounded in war.

The firm of Freeman, Headon, and Co., of which our worthy Bros. Freeman and N. B. Headon are members, has removed its quarters from 65, Friday-street, to more convenient and commodious premises at 44, Gutter-lane.

The Prince and Princess of Wales and their family spent Christmas, as usual, at Sandringham Hall. On Saturday his Excellency Bro. Count Nigra, lately the Italian Ambassador in London, arrived on a visit to their Royal Highnesses.

Bro. Sir H. Drummond Wolff, our Special Envoy in Egypt, was on the platform of the railway station at Cairo on Sunday afternoon and greeted Ahmed Mouktar Pasha, the Sultan's special envoy, on his arrival. The rest of the civil and military authorities, both English and Egyptian, were also in attendance.

Bro. A. B. Hudson, who was last week elected a Common Councilman for the Castle Baynard Ward in place of Sir G. H. Chubb, retired, and Bro. Joseph Renals, returned a member of the same court for the Ward of Aldersgate, are the Deacons of the Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1057.

Bros. Earl Granville and A. Akers-Douglas, M.P., were among those present at the funeral, at Walder-share Park, near Dover, on the 24th ult., of the Earl of Guilford, who died from injuries received when out hunting. The deceased earl was in his 35th year. There were over 4000 spectators of the sad ceremony.

Thanks to the kind liberality of Bro. J. D. Allcroft, P.G. Treas., who is Treasurer of Christ's Hospital, the pupils and friends of that ancient institution were afforded the opportunity on Thursday, the 24th ult., of hearing a fine vocal and instrumental concert in the Dining Hall. In addition to the boys, there were present about a thousand visitors.

An offer having been made at the meeting last month of the General Purposes Committee of the Corporation of Ashford, Kent, by the brethren of that town to purchase two of the plots of land on the Gracehill site for £450 for the purpose of erecting thereon a Masonic hall, it was resolved, after a long discussion, to offer the land for sale to the brethren, but for the increased price of £550.

We announce with regret the death, at the Mansion House, on the 23rd ult., of the City Marshal, Bro. Major Dugald J. P. Campbell. The deceased had been in attendance on Bro. the Lord Mayor at the Ward-mote in Aldersgate Ward on Monday, and again at the poll which took place on Tuesday, but not feeling well on the latter day he returned to the Mansion House earlier than usual, when serious symptoms setting in shortly afterwards, the best medical skill was summoned to his assistance, but he gradually grew worse and died at 8 a.m. on Wednesday morning. Bro. Major Campbell, who was 57 years of age, had been City Marshal since 1873, and previously had served in India during the Mutiny. He has left a widow and six children to mourn his loss. The funeral took place on Saturday last, at Highgate Cemetery, Bro. Col. Sewell, who had acted for some time as Macebearer, and other Civic officials being present.

We are pleased to state that the pupils at the United Westminster School, of which Bro. R. E. H. Goffin is the esteemed Head Master, have won the following scholarships: At the City and Guilds of London Technical Institute Charles Priest had won the Siemens Scholarship (£50 a year for three years); J. M. Smith had won the Holl Scholarship (£30 a year for two years); W. M. Heller, son of Bro. T. E. Heller, had obtained the Mitchell Scholarship (£30 a year for two years); W. Garner had obtained a studentship to Finsbury Technical College, and the two scholarships from the school had been won by W. M. Heller (to the Central Institute of the City Guilds, £30 a year for three years); and E. T. Williams (to University College, London, £30 a year for two years). High places have also been secured by those who have matriculated at London University, one pupil taking the tenth place in honours. Good work is also being done in the Civil Service Department; seven pupils obtained boy clerkships at the May examination, one boy securing the first place out of 537 candidates, while 14 others have obtained posts in various departments of the service. The school re-assembles on Monday, the 11th inst., when early applications to secure vacancies are solicited.

Bro. George R. Sims's new story, "The Ring o' Bells," will shortly be published in a popular form.

Bro. Sir Charles Warren, G.C.M.G., was entertained at a complimentary soiree at Sheffield, on Monday evening, by the Hallamshire Liberal Association.

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught left Osborne at the termination of their visit to the Queen on Monday, and the same evening visited the Royal Savoy Theatre.

Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., arrived in Dublin on Tuesday morning, having left London the previous evening, and is the guest of the Attorney-General for Ireland.

Bro. Captain A. H. Middleton, Sutherland House, Stirling, R.W.M. of Ancient Lodge, No. 30, Stirling, was affiliated a companion of the Stirling Rock Chapter, No. 2, on Friday, the 18th ult.

Bro. the Right Hon. Sir John Macdonald, Prime Minister of the Dominion of Canada, will be the principal guest at the new year's house dinner on Monday next of the St. George's Club, Hanover-square.

St. James's Lodge, No. 171, Doune (S.C.), held their annual meeting at the Masonic Hall, Doune, on Wednesday, the 16th ult., when Bro. James Cadien was nominated R.W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Adam Winter, S.M.

The London Select Choir, under Bro. W. G. Cousins, P.G. Organist, rendered a number of part songs and Christmas carols at the concert given on Boxing Day at the Royal Albert Hall. Bro. Santley was among the principal vocalists.

Bro. W. Holland, manager of the International Circus at Covent Garden Theatre, has been favoured with a letter of thanks from the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs Committee of Arrangement for his valuable services in organising the procession on Lord Mayor's Day.

A concert will be given at West Kensington Hall on Thursday next, the 7th inst., in aid of the funds of the West London Hospital. Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., is among the patrons, and Bro. Maybrick, with other artists, will give their services gratuitously on the occasion.

Bro. Lord Mayor Staples presided at the annual dinner held on Monday evening at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, of the Commercial Travellers' Benevolent Institution, Bro. E. Clarke, Q.C., M.P., being one of the principal guests. The donations and subscriptions announced in the course of the evening amounted to £1550.

The Queen's annual gifts to the poor of the parishes of Windsor, Holy Trinity, and Clewer will be presented to-day (Friday), being New Year's Day, the beef being distributed in the Royal Riding School, Windsor Castle, while the coals will be sent to the houses of the several ticket holders. The value of the Royal Gifts is about £200.

The members of the Royal Arch Lodge, No. 314, West Kilbride, N.B., held their annual supper in the Good Templars' Hall on Tuesday, the 15th ult., when there was a considerable attendance and an interesting programme of entertainment including dancing. Several members from the Largs Lodge were present. A capital supper was served by Bro. George Rae.

Bro. A. T. Hawkins, who was elected on the Court of Common Council as a representative of the Cordwainers' Ward, in place of Mr. C. Grimwade, retired, was born in 1837, and besides being a liveryman of the Turners' Company, holds several positions of responsibility and trust in connection with the Metropolis, besides being a popular member of sundry clubs. He is a member of the Knole Lodge, 1414, Sevenoaks, and the Keystone Mark Lodge, No. 3.

The second annual ball of the Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744, has been arranged to take place at Freemasons' Tavern on Wednesday, the 15th instant. A very efficient Committee including Bros. J. W. Smith, W.M., as President; J. Willing, jun., P.M. and Treas.; W. M. Stiles, I.P.M.; W. A. Scurrah, &c., has been formed, and the G. Master has granted a dispensation to the brethren to appear in Craft clothing. Tickets (including supper and light refreshments), 13s. 6d. each. Full particulars of Bro. H. Dickey, Hon. Sec., 32, Southampton-row, W.C.

The *Keystone* of Philadelphia records the death on the 10th ult. of Sir Knight W. T. Adreon, P.G.C. of the Grand Commandery of Maryland. The deceased, though far from having recovered from a serious illness, was able to be present at the meeting of the Grand Commandery on the 24th and 25th November, and then there seemed every prospect of his speedy restoration to health. Unfortunately, he suffered a relapse and died as stated at Baltimore, his funeral being attended by a large number of brethren and the pall being borne by eight Past Grand Commanders of Maryland.

Mr. Archibald Nagle gave the usual dinner to the sandwich men on Christmas Day, at his premises in Ham-yard, Great Windmill-street. The place was tastefully decorated, and the guests sat down at 1 p.m. to a plentiful supply of roast beef, greens, potatoes, and plum pudding, a pint of stout being allowed each man. After dinner a glass of Encore Whisky was given the poor fellows, together with a pipe and packet of tobacco, and most of them could have stood a good many more "encores." Mr. Nagle himself carved for the entire party (about 75), and was assisted by his staff, Mr. W. Smith and Mr. J. T. White rendering valuable assistance. In replying to the toast of his health, proposed by Mr. Ward, who, it was stated, has been a "sandwich man" 50 years, Mr. Nagle said that he intended to give the dinner next year on a much more extended scale, the guests, in reply, giving expression in a most audible manner to the hope that their benefactor would be spared for a good many years to come.

During every break of wintry weather exertions should be made by the afflicted to recover health before unremitting cold and trying storms set in. Throat ailments, coughs, wheezings, asthmatical affections, shortness of breath, morning nausea, and accumulations of phlegm can readily be removed by rubbing this fine derivative Ointment twice a day upon the chest and neck. Holloway's treatment is strongly recommended with the view of giving immediate ease, preventing prospective danger, and effecting permanent relief. These all-important ends his Ointment and Pills can accomplish, and will surely prevent insidious diseases from fastening themselves afterwards in those disastrous forms that will probably embitter life till death itself is almost prayed for.—[ADVT.]

The W.M. of the Medina Lodge, No. 35, Cowes, is Bro. Manners, S.W., Collector of H.M.'s Customs.

Bro. J. Brooks has been unanimously elected W.M. of the Lion Lodge, No. 312, Whitby, for the ensuing year.

Bro. E. C. Keevil, on Thursday, the 24th ult., introduced a deputation of the Regent-street ratepayers to the Vestry of St James's, Piccadilly, with a view to having measures taken for the better lighting of the street.

At a meeting of Lodge True and Faithful, 318, Helston, held on Friday, the 18th ult., Bro. R. Dunstan, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Trevenen re-elected Treas., and Bro. Richard James re-elected Tyler.

A dinner to celebrate the return of Bros. Lord Charles Beresford and F. Seager Hunt as members for the two divisions of Marylebone is proposed to be held in the Baker-street Rooms on the 3rd February next under the presidency of Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill.

Bro. the Earl of Airlie convened a meeting at his Forfarshire residence on the 23rd ult., with a view to forming a volunteer corps for the neighbourhood, his lordship expressing it as his belief that it was the duty of every young man to become a volunteer. It was resolved to establish a corps.

Over 600 brethren are reported to have been present at the stated meeting, on the 3rd ult., of Hiram Lodge, No. 1, New Haven, Conn., when Bro. D. Waugh, M.W.G.M. of Connecticut, and his Grand Officers, made a visitation of the lodge and witnessed the rehearsal of the ceremony of the Third Degree.

Washington Lodge, No. 59, Pennsylvania, has lately received an old flag and musket of the Revolutionary war, which had been bequeathed to it by Bro. W. J. Fulton, a late member. The *Keystone* states that these relics have been entrusted to the Library Committee of Grand Lodge for preservation.

The brethren of the Zetland Lodge, No. 603, and Friendship, No. 750, both of Cleckheaton, in accordance with their annual custom, entertained the aged poor of the town at the George Hotel, on Tuesday, the 22nd ult. The guests numbered about 110, all being over the age of 60 years. A happy evening was spent, and on leaving the old folk were presented with sundry Christmas gifts.

The brethren of the Okeover Lodge, No. 1324, Ripley, Derbyshire, have decided on opening a soup kitchen, with a view to alleviating, to some extent, the distress among the poor of Ripley. For this purpose a Committee has been formed. Bro. James Crossley has placed his premises at its disposal. The distribution of soup will take place twice a week—on Tuesdays and Fridays—during the winter months.

The Rev. Charles Raikes Davy, of Tracy Park, Bath, died at the Albion Hotel, Gloucester, on Christmas morning, from an attack of paralysis. He was the son of Sir William Davy, and was a magistrate for the county of Gloucester. He was Past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge, and lately Provincial Grand Master of Mark Masons for Gloucestershire. The deceased was born in 1819. The body was taken to Bath on Saturday.

ST. LEONARD LODGE, LOANHEAD AND LASWADE, No. 580 (S.C.)—The following brethren have been elected office bearers for the ensuing year: Bros. Charles K. Brown, R.W.M.; William Fowler, I.P.M.; Wm. Henderson, S.W.; Andrew Baisley, J.W.; D. Kellie, S.D.; J. McLeish, Treasurer; R. Lunn, Secretary; Wm. Hall, D.M.; John Graham, S.M.; Wm. Macfarlane, Chaplain; and R. Steven, Tyler.

At the last meeting of the Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017, Bro. Joseph Sebag Montefiore was unanimously elected an honorary member, thus maintaining the connection of the late Bro. Sir Moses Montefiore with the lodge which was named after him, and of which he was also an honorary member. Bro. S. V. Abraham, P.M., and Bro. J. Grunbaum, P.M., were respectively the mover and second of the resolution. Bro. D. M. Davis was elected W.M. for the ensuing year.

The fifth annual dance of the Freemasons' Tavern Benevolent Fund took place at the Mona (late Ashley's) Hotel, Henrietta-street, Covent Garden, on Wednesday, the 23rd ult. The chair was occupied by Bro. J. R. S. Palmer, Bro. R. J. Morley, being the vice-chair, and there was a very good muster of the friends and supporters of the fund, Bro. A. Madell, the manager, and several brethren being of the number. A very pleasant evening was spent, and a good subscription list was announced.

The portrait of R.W. Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., P.G.M. Sussex, the commission for which was entrusted to Mr. Phil. R. Morris, A.R.A., and which will be presented by the brethren of Sussex to Lady Burrell in token of their esteem and respect for her husband as their Masonic chief, is now on view at the Picture Gallery of the Museum, Brighton. The picture is as yet in an incomplete state; but even so is pronounced to be an excellent likeness. It is intended to be exhibited at the Royal Academy this year, so that our readers will have the opportunity of seeing and judging of its merits.

Among the numerous institutions which it is our privilege to bring under the notice of our readers, especially at this season of the year, there is none which appeals more strongly to our sympathies than the Field Lane Refuges and Ragged Schools, of which our late Bro. the Earl of Shaftesbury was President, and in which he took so deep an interest. The amount of good which has been effected by this institution is almost incalculable, there having been during the past year 620 men and women sheltered in the Refuges, 187 boys and girls maintained in the Industrial Homes, and 24 friendless girls trained in the Servants' Home, to say nothing of the thousands of attendances at the Ragged Church, Schools, and Classes, the distribution of broken food to destitute families, and the 301 persons assisted to obtain employment. With these details before us we most earnestly commend to our brethren these Refuges and Schools, in the firm assurance that any sums they may be able to subscribe towards their maintenance will be productive of good to the very poorest among the poor, and we do this the more readily because our attention has been called to the fact that the institution is sadly in need of funds to enable it to continue its work of beneficence.



**METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.**  
For the week ending Saturday, January 9, 1886.

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

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 2.**

General Committee Boys' School, at 4.  
Lodge 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 1622, Rose, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.

**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, Old Tabard Inn, Bedford-park, Chiswick, 7.30.  
Hornsey Chapter, Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-sq., W., at 8.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 4.**

Lodge 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 144, St. Luke's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 188, Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern.  
" 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 1924, Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Wickham Park, Brockley.  
" 2024, Raymond Thrupp, Hampton Court.  
R.A.C. 28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**

Loughborough, Cambria Tav., Cambria-rd., S.E.  
Strong Man, Excise Tav., Old Broad-st., at 7.  
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st., at 7.  
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.  
Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High-st., Camden Town, 8.  
Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.  
St. Mark's, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.  
Rose of Denmark, Gauden Ho., Clapham-rd.-station, 7.30.  
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, Porchester Hot., Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W., 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.  
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., Upper Norwood, at 8.  
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., at 8.  
Kingsland, Cock Tav., Highbury, N., at 8.30.  
Coborn, Eagle Hot., Snarbrook, at 8.  
St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hot., W. Kensington, at 8.  
Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich, at 8.  
Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 5.**

Colonial Board at 4.  
Lodge 9, Albion, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 166, Union, Criterion, Piccadilly.  
" 172, Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 765, St. James, Bridge House Hot., London-bridge.  
" 1298, Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-st., Islington.  
" 1472, Henley, Three Crowns Hot., Woolwich.  
" 1602, Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow.  
" 2032, Richmond, Richmond, Surrey.  
R.A.C. 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, 33, Golden-sq.  
" 1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern Gresham-st.  
Mark 1, St. Mark's, SA, Red Lion-sq.  
" 244, Trinity College, 13, Mandeville-place.

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**

Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.  
St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.  
Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., at 8.  
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.  
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.  
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.  
Finsbury, King's Head Tavern, 42, Threadneedle-st., at 7.  
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.  
Emblematic, Red Lion, York-st., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.  
Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.  
Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington, 7.30.  
Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 7.  
Mount Edgumbe, Three Stags, Kennington-rd., at 8.  
Islington, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., E.C., at 7.  
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.  
Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-st., Borough, at 8.  
Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8.  
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-st., N.W., at 8.  
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.  
Kensington, Courtfield Hot., Earl's Court Station, at 8.  
Duke of Albany, Rock Tav., Battersea-park-rd., at 8.  
Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., East Brixton, at 8.  
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.  
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, JANUARY 6.**

Lodge 1491, Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden-rd., Islington.  
" 1687, Rothesay, Inns of Court Hot.  
" 1707, Eleanor, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 1827, Alliance, Ghildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
R.A.C. 55, Constitutional, Private Room, Red Lion, Leytonstone.  
" 1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**

Fidelity, Alfred Hot., Roman-rd., Barnsbury, at 8.  
Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, Bishopsgate-st., 8.  
Vitruvian, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge, at 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.  
Temperance in the East, Geo. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.  
Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, 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, Kyl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.  
West Smithfield, Red Lion, Red Lion-court, Fleet-st., at 7.  
Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st. S.W.  
Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-st., Mayfair, at 8.  
Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., E.C.  
Earl of Lathom, Station Hot., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.  
Royal Jubilee, Haunch of Venison, 1, Bell-yd., Fleet-st., at 8.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 7.**

Lodge 45, Strong Man, M.H. Tav., Basinghall-st.  
" 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.  
" 231, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 538, La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
" 913, Pattison, Assembly Rooms, High School for Boys, Brook's Hill, Plumstead.  
" 1155, Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-rd.  
" 1288, Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury.  
" 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-sq.  
" 1445, Prince Leopold, Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate.  
" 1672, Mornington, Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct.  
" 1950, Southgate, Railway Hot., New Southgate.  
Chap. 181, Universal, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**

Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.  
Justice, Brown Bear, High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.  
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.  
Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305, High Holborn, at 7.  
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham, at 8.  
City of London, Tiptree Tavern, 6, Leadenhall-st., at 6.  
Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.  
Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New-rd., at 8.  
Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st. Kennington.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Bricklayers' Arms, Narrow-st., Limehouse, at 7.  
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.  
Stockwell, Cock Tav., Kennington-rd., at 7.30.  
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.  
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hot. (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30.  
Rose, Sterling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.  
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 Coutts, Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.  
Langton, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C. 5.30.  
Creaton, Wheatheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.  
North London Chapter, Alwyne Castle Tav., St. Paul's-rd., Canonry, at 8.  
Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-vale, 7.30.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 8.**

Lodge 157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 177, Domestic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 1536, United Military, Lord Raglan, Plumstead.  
" 1702, Sub-Urban, Abercorn Hot., Great Stanmore.  
" 1997, Strand, Criterion, Piccadilly.

Lodge 2000, Earl of Mornington, SA, Red Lion-sq.  
Chap. 33, Britannic, Freemasons' Hall.  
K.T. D, Mount Calvary, SA, Red Lion-sq.

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**

Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hot., 40, Gt. Portland-st., W.C.  
Albion, Crown Hot., Essex-st., Strand.  
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.  
Stability, Masons' Hall Tav., at 6.  
St. John's, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W., at 8.  
Temperance, Duke of York Tav., Evelyn-st., Deptford, 8.  
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.  
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-st., Hammersmith, W., at 8.  
Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.  
Beacontree, Bell Tavern, Leytonstone, 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.  
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.  
Lily Chapter, Greyhound Hot., at 8.  
Panmure Chapter, Stirling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, at 7.30.  
Kintore Mark, Stirling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, 9.  
Royal Savoy Mark, The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury-pavement, 7.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 9.**

Quarterly General Court Girls' School, at 12.  
Lodge 1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 1426, The Great City, Cannon-st. Hot.  
" 1686, Paxton, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.  
" 1743, Perseverance, Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct  
" 1839, Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 2029, King Solomon, 33, Golden-sq.  
Mark 211, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill.

**DEATH EXPECTED WHEN THE TREES PUT ON THEIR GREEN.**

**A WOMAN'S SUFFERINGS AND GRATITUDE. THE PEOPLE AMAZED.**

**A VOICE FROM AUSTRIA.**

Near the village of Zillingdorf, in Lower Austria, lives Maria Haas, an intelligent and industrious woman, whose story of physical suffering and final relief, as related by herself, is of interest to English women. "I was employed," she says, "in the work of a large farmhouse. Overwork brought on sick headache, followed by a deathly fainting and sickness of the stomach, until I was unable to retain either food or drink. I was compelled to take to my bed for several weeks. Getting a little better from rest and quiet, I sought to do some work, but was soon taken with a pain in my side, which in a little while seemed to spread over my whole body, and throbbled in my every limb. This was followed by a cough and shortness of breath, until finally I could not sew, and I took to my bed for the second, and, as I thought, for the last time. My friends told me that my time had nearly come, and that I could not live longer than when the trees put on their green once more. Then I happened to get one of the Seigel pamphlets. I read it, and my dear mother bought me a bottle of Seigel's Syrup, which I took exactly according to directions, and I had not taken the whole of it before I felt a great change for the better. My last illness began June 3rd, 1882, and continued to August 9th, when I began to take the Syrup. Very soon I could do a little light work. The cough left me, and I was no more troubled in breathing. Now I am perfectly cured. And oh, how happy I am! I cannot express gratitude enough for Seigel's Syrup. Now I must tell you that the doctors in our district distributed handbills cautioning people against the medicine, telling them it would do them no good, and many were thereby influenced to destroy the Seigel pamphlets; but now, wherever one is to be found, it is kept like a relic. The few preserved are borrowed to read, and I have lent mine for six miles around our district. People have come eighteen miles to get me to buy the medicine for them, knowing that it cured me, and to be sure to get the right kind. I know a woman who was looking like death, and who told me there was no help for her, that she had consulted several doctors, but none could help her. I told her of Seigel's Syrup, and wrote the name down for her that she might make no mistake. She took my advice and the Syrup, and now she is in perfect health, and the people around us are amazed. The medicine has made such progress in our neighbourhood that people say they don't want the doctor any more, but they take the Syrup. Sufferers from gout, who were confined to their bed and could hardly move a finger, have been cured by it. There is a girl in our district who caught a cold by going through some water, and was in bed five years with costiveness and rheumatic pains, and had to have an attendant to watch by her. There was not a doctor in the surrounding districts to whom her mother had not applied to relieve her child, but every one crossed themselves and said they could not help her. Whenever the little bell rang, which is rung in our place when somebody is dead, we thought surely it was for her, but Seigel's Syrup and Pills saved her life, and now she is as healthy as anybody, goes to church, and can work even in the fields. Everybody was astonished when they saw her out, knowing how many years she had been in bed. To-day she adds her gratitude to mine for God's mercies and Seigel's Syrup." MARIA HAAS.

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