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WE understand that the installation of his Grace the Duke of ABERCORN is to be a most brilliant and imposing ceremony. The form to be observed will be similar to the one adopted on the installation of his father, 6th January, 1875, who, as "Lord Lieut.-Gen. and Gen. Gov. of Ireland," was so much beloved, as the General and Masonic Ruler of the Emerald Isle. The R.W., Bro. ROBERT W. SHEKLETON, J.P., Q.C., will again officiate as Installing Master, and will, doubtless, be once more called upon to accept the office of Dep. Grand Master, a position for which he is so well fitted, and in which capacity he has done such good service for the Craft in years gone by. According to the usual custom, his Grace the Duke of ABERCORN is first of all to be installed as Master of the Grand Masters Lodge, in the small lodge room, and then will proceed to the large hall for the greater and more important ceremony. The attendance is likely to be very large, so large that the capacity of even the large hall will be put to a severe test, and as there will be many visitors from the Grand Lodge of England, in which the new Grand Master of Ireland holds the rank of Past G.S.W., the occasion bids fair to be one of the most memorable in the annals of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. We rejoice in the nearness of the event all the more because we believe his Grace will be a frequent attendant at the Grand Lodge, and prove to be an active and genial ruler.

THE final arrangement for the School Elections in April are on the eve of being made. In other words, the lists of candidates will be approved, and the number of children to be elected will be settled at the Quarterly Courts, which will be held, in the case of the Girls' School to-morrow (Saturday), and in that of the Boys' School on Monday. As regards the former Institution, the General Committee have recommended for adoption a list of 37 candidates, and that the vacancies to be filled should be 22; or, in the event of one of the motions, of which notice has been given, being carried, the number will be 23. As regards the Boys' School, it is recommended that the list of candidates should be 48 strong, and the number of vacancies 20, which, if Bro. MURRAY'S motion is accepted, will be increased by ten to 30. As there is very little doubt that the recommendations of the General Committees will be endorsed by their respective Quarterly Courts, we may take upon ourselves to assume that in April next certainly 22, and probably 23, girls will be elected into the elder School, from a list of 37 applicants; and 20, or possibly 30, boys, from a list of 48, into the younger. These figures are so far satisfactory that they show that the additions made some few years since to the numerical strength of the Girls' School have had the desired effect of keeping the lists of candidates at a moderately low figure; while the additions, now being gradually made to the Boys' School on the strength of its new Preparatory School, are producing a like result in respect of that Institution. This must be very gratifying to the Craft generally, but especially to the School authorities, who have had the responsibility of formulating and carrying out the policy to be followed, and we sincerely trust a like measure of success will attend their future efforts towards promoting the efficiency of these Institutions.

IT affords us great pleasure to announce that H.R.H. the Prince of WALES, M.W.G.M., has graciously consented that the work, entitled "Masonic Records," now preparing by Bro. JOHN LANE, of Torquay, may be dedicated to his Royal Highness. The occasions are so few in which such dedications are permitted to our M.W. Grand Master, that this special compliment is enhanced by reason of its rarity; and as we are assured by those competent to form an opinion, that Bro. JOHN LANE'S "Masonic Records" will be in every sense worthy of the distinction thus conferred so far in advance of its publication; we most heartily congratulate the author on the well deserved honour. Brethren who can in any way assist the author with any facts bearing on the nomenclature or location of old lodges, especially with respects to the "Ancients" prior to this century, should lose no time in thus wisely utilizing their information and adding to the value and interest of the volume. We understand it will contain some 300 pages of closely printed matter, quarto size, the cost of which will be so

great, that even two guineas per copy will not cover the expenses of production. Bro. HUGHAN has consented to write an introduction, which will add to the importance of the book, if that were possible, and the same brother has placed his facsimile of the 1725 list of lodges (of which only one copy of the original is known) in Bro. LANE'S hands that it may be reproduced as the frontispiece to this large and imposing volume.

WE had barely had time to congratulate the Craft on the comparative paucity of the deaths which occurred among the more distinguished of our brethren during the year 1885, when the news reached us that on the morning of Christmas Day one of the leading lights of English Freemasonry, Bro. the Rev. C. RAIKES DAVY, M.A., P.G. Chaplain of England, had been struck down with paralysis. Bro. DAVY, though advanced in years, was by no means an old man, having been born in 1819, but he had not long since retired from the Provincial Grand Mark Mastership of Gloucestershire, his health being such that he felt himself no longer able to take that active part in the duties of Freemasonry which had signalised the whole of his Masonic career. Thus, death came upon him not unexpectedly, and the brethren are now mourning the loss of one who, in the different spheres of work in which he had been placed, had laboured most zealously in behalf of our Fraternity. He had achieved both Grand and Provincial Grand Honours in Craft, Arch, Mark, and Templar Masonry. He had been for years a member of one of our most distinguished London lodges, and—what happens in the case of but very few brethren—he was connected with no less than three of our provinces. He was, too, an active supporter of our Schools; and, in short, whatever he put his hand to Masonically, that he did earnestly, thoroughly, and well. We give elsewhere a sketch in detail of his Masonic services; but it would not be just, graceful, or considerate, that we should miss the opportunity of bearing our respectful testimony to his worth, and expressing, both on our own behalf, and that of our readers, the sincere sorrow with which the news of the death will be received throughout the country.

THE *Critic* of New York refers to Bro. G. F. FORT'S latest work, "A Historical Treatise on Early Builders' Marks" in a friendly spirit; but withal not very complimentary to the Society of which Bro. FORT is such a distinguished ornament. The *Critic* remarks that the work may be recommended to those who are interested in either Masonry or Freemasonry, as containing many curious particulars, gathered from recondite sources, and set forth in a painstaking, though not always a very lucid, fashion. Though not a very warm endorsement of this able volume, we should have let the review pass without challenge were it not that the same writer observes: "Modern Freemasonry and the building trade have, as every one knows, as little in common as *Orange Societies* and *orange growers*." Now, we ask, is this a fair statement of facts? Is it true that modern Freemasonry has no more connection with its ancient prototype than the widespread "Orange Society" has with those who grow oranges? The *Critic* alludes to Bro. FORT'S "Early History and Antiquities of Freemasonry." We fancy that had he carefully read that able work his opinion would be considerably altered. At all events, those of us who claim that Freemasons of to-day are members not only of an Honourable, but also of an *Ancient Society*, are not without abundant evidence, and can prove that by continuity and absorption the lodges of the present era of the Craft are the lineal descendants of the old Fraternity of the Middle Ages. Lodges having records from the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, and overlapping the *period of transition* (as Bro. GOULD, the Masonic historian, so well puts it) being also still in existence, are, or should be, sufficient justification of the claim we make. Of late years so considerable is the accumulated evidence on the side of the antiquity and continuity of Freemasonry, that we wonder at the random talk of the *Critic*.

THERE is now an excellent opportunity for those of our readers who have devoted any time and study to the subject of "the Social Clubs of last Century" and "their Relations with Freemasonry," to give to the world the result of their researches. In a recent number of *Notes and Queries* will be found a paragraph signed "W. FRAZER, F.R.C.S.I.," in which the writer refers to a pamphlet relating to the higher Grades of Freemasonry, which was published in Dublin towards the close of last century, and which contains "a collection of Masonic songs, several relating to the strange associations which then existed for social purposes." Mr. FRAZER goes on to say that he was not aware these clubs had any relation to Freemasonry; but, having regard to the songs appended to the pamphlet, he is anxious to ascertain if any such existed. He then enumerates certain of the songs, of which he says "there are three" relating to the "Society of Bucks," two for the "Honorable Order of Select Albions;" one for the "Honorable Lumper Troop;" two for the "Ancient Corporation of Stroud Green;" one for the "Corporation of Gray's Inn Lane" (this Society is stated to have

been founded in 1740); three for the "Laudable Corporation of Southwark;" four for the "Ancient Family of Leeches;" one in honour of the "Worthy Court of Do-Right;" one for the "Free and Easy Councillors under the Cauliflower;" one for the "Birth Night Club at the Harrow on Grey Friars, Newgate-street;" one for the "Bright Stars of Islington." To attempt any answer to the question propounded by Mr. FRAZER, without further guidance than is afforded by his paragraph aforesaid, would be useless. Yet the inquiry is one well worth pursuing, and it is just possible some of our more curious readers may be able to assist in meeting it. If so, our columns will be readily placed at their disposal.

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THE *Voice of Masonry* makes a good start with the first number of its twenty fourth volume! Our venerable contemporary seems to be more juvenescent than ever, and as its age increases, so does its vitality! The power of defying or resisting the corroding influences of time, supposed to have been one of the characteristics of the old Rosicrucians, has evidently been transferred to the *Voice*, Chicago, U.S.A. Well! well! Continued success to the editor, Bro. JOHN W. BROWN, who promises that his magazine for 1886 "will excel all preceding it," and, therefore, calls upon the Craft to "aid the good cause by subscribing now." There is no doubt that in the last twelve years the *Voice* has much improved, and that since its origin, in 1859, as a newspaper, and from three years later as a magazine, it was never so well supported as at the present time. It certainly does not lack illustrations, though several are not much to look at; but notwithstanding its success, it has often been a surprise to us to find so little that is really Masonic in its pages. Of course we note that it is a "Family Magazine," as well as for the Craft, and possibly that will explain the attention that is paid to the "Eastern Star" Degrees, and the quantity of matter on general subjects and tales that are to be found in its monthly issues. The success of the *Voice* is doubtless the best evidence to the editor that his catering for his numerous subscribers meets with their approval. We confess, however, to a desire to read more articles of the style of the first by Bro. H. P. H. BROMWELL, P.G.M., on "Where the Secret Is," and we have still the notion that a Masonic magazine or paper should be chiefly devoted to Freemasonry. Now, Bro. BROWN, don't be hard upon us for this deliverance, because we want more from your own facile pen, and less of the "family magazine" style.

ENTERTAINMENT AT THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

On Monday evening, the pupils remaining in the School of this Institution for the Christmas holidays had their customary entertainment. There were present on the occasion Bros. Frank Richardson, B. A. Howell, F. M. A. Howell, S. Howell, M. Howell, Horace Brooks Marshall, Alderman Joseph Savory, Mrs. Dicketts, E. E. Dicketts, A. S. Dicketts, Miss Massey, Miss A. R. Massey, Miss Charlotte Massey, M. W. H. Massey, Mr. F. Charles Gates, Mr. R. T. Dicketts, S. F. Dicketts, Mr. A. P. Bowyer, Bro. Edgar Bowyer, Mr. St. J. G. S. Clerke, Mr. A. B. H. Clerke, Miss E. R. Howell, Miss L. Stranson, Bro. F. R. W. Hedges, Mr. John Toone, Mr. W. P. Toone, Mr. C. Stevens, Mrs. Sidney Holland, Miss Hole, Mr. and Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. Sawyer, Miss Bonner, Mr. Herbert J. Dicketts, E. Bowyer, R. L. Bowyer, and H. L. Bowyer.

Professor Neiman gave a ventriloquial entertainment, and Professor Field, from the Aquarium, performed conjuring tricks. He afterwards presented all the pupils with some toys. Bro. Alderman Savory made each girl a present of a handsome book, in which, at the request of the girls, he inscribed his name. Dancing and music filled up the programme of the evening, which also included the old Twelfth Night amusements of drawing for characters, bon-bons, cake, and wine. The company did not separate till late, supper being partaken of before their retirement.

Bro. Frank Richardson was indefatigable in his endeavours to make the evening a pleasant one, in which he was eminently successful.

NEW YEAR'S ENTERTAINMENT OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The annual entertainment at Croydon, for the commencement of the New Year, was given to the annuitants of this Institution, on Wednesday.

The following were among the ladies and gentlemen who attended: Mrs. Terry, Miss Terry, Miss Kate S. Terry, C. J. Perceval, H. J. Strong, M.D., Hon. Surgeon; James Terry, Thomas Cubitt, W. J. Crutch, Charles F. Hogard, F. Hastings Miller, Robert Griggs, H. Massey, H. W. Massey, Miss A. R. Massey, E. M. Money, J. T. Briggs, Jessie Terry, John Newton, Mrs. Newton and Miss Newton, Ada Crutch, Cissy M. Crutch, Fanny Vernon, Miss Pettie Culver, A. M. Terry, E. J. Martin, Raynham W. Stewart, John Mason, James Terry, jun., W. Vernon, W. A. P. Bowyer, and H. J. Amphlett.

The annuitants were summoned to banquet at three o'clock, and every one of the residents in the Institution attended. Everything passed off most satisfactorily, the preparation of the dinner having been in charge of Miss Norris, with whose skill and arrangements not a fault could be found. After the cloth had been removed, the usual toast list was honoured, Dr. STRONG giving first "The Health of the Queen" and then "The Founders of the Feast," with the latter of which were associated the name of Bros. Hastings Miller and Bowyer, who thanked those present for the kind manner in which they had received the toast.

At the close of Bro. Bowyer's remarks, Bro. TERRY announced that their very good friends at Manchester, not content with entertaining their own annuitants of East Lancashire, had contributed £5 to the Croydon entertainment. He had accordingly sent a telegram that the Croydon gathering had been toasting "The Founders of the Feast," and he had no doubt that an answer would shortly come. It came shortly afterwards, and was to the effect that "the annuitants of East Lancashire and friends reciprocate your kind wishes, and greet all most heartily."

After stating that sundry gifts had been bestowed on the annuitants by sundry donors, Bro. Dr. STRONG pointed out that they could not leave the table without drinking "Success to the Institution," and associating with the toast the name of Bro. Terry, who had done so much for its prosperity.

Bro. TERRY, in reply, said he was very pleased indeed to think they had once again assembled at their usual New Year's entertainment for the purpose of receiving the residents of the Institution as their guests. Nothing

could give greater pleasure to the Committee and himself than to witness, year after year, the recurrence of these annual festivals. It was done in the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and he had often wondered why it was not done in the Benevolent Institution. Ten years ago, therefore, he started this New Year's entertainment to the old people. It had increased since then very much indeed, and he was quite certain that now it would never be allowed to die out. It was the means of bringing together all the residents and reminding them of happy days, when at this season of the year they used to have their private friends around them. It afforded them the means of commingling with the world and hearing from people outside the Institution what was going on in the world. If this only had been done it was something, but it taught them that there were others also, like the donors of the feast, that cared for them, and that there was respect due to the Institution. He thanked Bro. Dr. Strong for his kind expressions with reference to his (Bro. Terry's) restored health, and he hoped there would be no relapse, but that he would be able to go on in the future as he had in the past, 20 years without being absent one day except during the last year.

Bro. EDGAR BOWYER proposed "The Chairman" in complimentary terms, and Bro. Dr. STRONG replied very happily, and sundry other toasts having been given and acknowledged,

The annuitants and lady visitors then retired to tea, and the brethren who had attended on the company during the dinner sat down to a separate repast, over which Bro. Charles J. Perceval presided, Bro. Terry taking the vice-chair.

Bro. RAYNHAM STEWART proposed "The Health of Bro. Perceval," whom they were all delighted to see after his long illness.

Bro. PERCEVAL, in acknowledging the toast, said that a kind providence having restored him to health he should renew his efforts on behalf of all the Masonic Institutions. He then proposed "Success to the Benevolent Institution," and said all the brethren must have been delighted to see lately announced in the papers the success which had been achieved by all the Masonic Institutions in 1885. They would be pleased to know that the Benevolent Institution stood at the head of the list. Each Institution had its peculiar behests, but the Benevolent Institution had behests more particularly demanding the care of the brethren, for the reason that when the old people got on the list of annuitants they seemed to live for ever, whereas with the other two Institutions they knew at what time any elected candidate would cease to be on their books. The old people were still coming on in great numbers, and the Benevolent Institution required renewed exertions. He hoped in the future, as in the past, this Institution would be known as the most promising of the three.

Bro. TERRY said the Chairman had called attention to the fact which was patent now to the Masonic world, or the reading portion of the Masonic world, as to the amount raised during the past year on behalf of the three Institutions, and had also alluded to the fact that the Benevolent Institution again stood at the head of the list. During the past seven or eight years that had not been an unusual thing. The Benevolent Institution had only on one occasion during the time been surpassed, viz., in 1883, when by an almost superhuman effort the Boys' School received £25,000—wanting the money for the Preparatory School. He ventured to say that the Benevolent Institution wanted the money more perhaps than the Educational Institution for this single reason, that the other Institutions knew at once when they took a child into the School what the cost of maintenance of that child would be. But when an annuitant was elected it was impossible for the Committee to see what charge they were incurring. An annuitant might live only a few months, he or she might live 30 or 35 years, and therefore when they had a large number of candidates coming before them—130 as was now the case to be brought before the Committee next week—it was something very sad to know that there were not sufficient vacancies to cope with the demand. Therefore, although £21,000 was a great sum to be realised in one year as compared with the £16,000 for each of the other Institutions, the Benevolent Institution was actually the worst off of the three, inasmuch as the increase in its subscriptions was only £1,400 in the year, while the increase in the Girls' Institution was £1,800 and in the Boys' £2,500. Notwithstanding it might on the first blush appear that the Benevolent Institution was the most successful, yet taking facts and figures it was the least successful. Coming now to the Festival for 1886 he could only express a sense of deep regret that they were not more forward than at present. They had now 60 or 70 Stewards less than they had last year. They had a chairman without a province at his back, whereas last year the province of Gloucester supported their Grand Master with £1100. Therefore, unless their good friends were supporting them, as he knew they would, they would have £4000 or £5000 less than last year, and that too with an increasing number of candidates. This was only to be made known, the Craft had only to be aware of this, and between now and February next there would be a large accession to the number of Stewards and an increase in the promised subscriptions on the list of those Stewards. It was always a source of anxiety as to what the result of a festival might turn out to be, and he looked forward with an amount of regret to this, that the result would not be anything like the amount made in 1885. When they came to consider that an additional source of expenditure was placed on the charge of the Benevolent Institution last year by electing 23 additional widows and three additional men, at a cost of nearly £800 a year—an amount which, in the first history of the Institution, was considered more than they could pay; and yet that had been placed as an extra charge in one year. It certainly did behove the Committee, who were always willing to do their best, to use their exertions to realise as large a sum as possible during the coming month. He thanked the Chairman for giving him the opportunity of making this statement of facts and figures, which he hoped would be the means of making the brethren falsify his words, and prove to the Committee when they met in February that he was a false prophet. Nevertheless, they must all look on this matter as business men. The country had passed through a period of depression, and an electoral campaign. In the early portion of the year people looked how the balance stood with their bankers. He hoped that those who had intended to give ten guineas would give twenty, and that when he had the pleasure of meeting the Committee next year he might congratulate them on success.

Bros. HOGARD, MILLER, and NEWTON responded for "The Visitors;" Bros. JOHN MASON and JAMES TERRY, jun., for "Bro. Terry's Staff;" and Bro. RAYNHAM STEWART for "The House Committee."

In the evening Lieut. Walter Cole gave his ventriloquial entertainment, which gave very great satisfaction, the brethren and ladies being regaled at intervals during its progress. At the conclusion, the visitors wished their old friends "a happy new year" and returned to town.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The regular meeting of the General Committee of this Institution took place at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday last. Bro. Joyce Murray occupied the chair, and among those present were Bros. John L. Mather, T. Hastings Miller, Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; W. Paas, Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. B.; Henry W. Hunt, James Moon, W. Maple, Stephen Richardson, Richard Morris, LL.D., F. Adlard, Leopold Ruf, H. O. Hinton, A. Durrant, A. E. Gladwell, S. H. Parkhouse, T. Griffith, Alfred Williams, G. P. Gillard, E. Valeriani, C. Belton, W. A. Scurrah, H. Webb, F. Richardson, P.G.D.; G. Mickley, E. F. Storr, and F. Binckes, P.G. Stwd. (Secretary).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, and those of the House Committee read for information, the petitions of nine candidates were considered and accepted, and the names ordered to be placed on the list for the election in April. Two applications for grants towards outfit were entertained, the sum of £5 being voted in each case.

The Committee resolved on recommending for adoption by the Quarterly Court on Monday, the 11th inst., a list of 48 candidates, the vacancies to be filled being 30, or, in the event of the motion hereafter stated being carried, 30.

The following motions were given for the Quarterly Court on Monday:—

By Bro. JOYCE MURRAY, Vice-Patron, on behalf of the House Committee:—

(1) To amend Law 74, clause 2, that it may read as follows:—"The Assistant Masters shall be appointed by the Head Master, subject to confirmation by the House Committee."

(2) To insert in Law 75, the words "House Steward" and after the first word "The."

(3) "That 10 additional boys be elected at the Quarterly General Court on 12th April next, making the total number 240."

By Bro. R. W. STEWART, P.G.D., Vice-Patron and Trustee:—To form part of Law 37—

"That the members of the House Committee shall be elected for three years, and that at the expiration of the first three years the election shall take place annually. The three at the top of the list shall then retire and be eligible for re-election, and so on annually."

The Committee then rose, after passing the usual vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding.

MASONIC MEMORIAL TO THE LATE PRINCE LEOPOLD, DUKE OF ALBANY, K.G.

It may be remembered that at the time of his death, his Royal Highness, who took his title of Earl of Clarence from Clare, in Suffolk, was W.M. of the Royal Clarence Lodge in that town, and that the brethren assembling there proposed to erect a memorial to their lamented Royal Master in the parish church. The project was originated by the popular owner of Moyns Park, W. Bro. Major-General Cecil Ives, Prov. G.S.W. of Suffolk, whom the Prince had appointed Deputy Master of Prov. G. Lodge, and it was cordially supported by Lord Waveney and the Prov. Grand Lodge and Chapter. A Committee was appointed, with General Ives as Chairman, the other members being the V.W. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chaplain of England, and Dep. G.M. of the province; W. Bro. N. Tracy, Prov. G. Sec.; and W. Bro. C. H. Vincent, Prov. G. Reg., the Hon. Sec. of the fund. A brass tablet was ultimately determined upon, the design for which was entrusted to Bro. Vincent, who is a P.M. of the above lodge, and has evidently fulfilled his task "con amore." The tablet has a foliated border of acacia, intersected by quarterfoils and trefoils, containing the armorial bearings and Masonic jewels borne by the Prince. In the upper border we observe the Master's jewel, with the Royal Arms and the insignia of the Garter; and in the lower are the R.A. jewel of the Grand Third Principal of England, with the Prince's arms and those of Clare; the right and left centres showing the jewels of the Prov. Grand Master of Oxfordshire and the Junior Grand Warden of England. Beneath the open volume of the Sacred Law, which bears the emblems of the Craft, is the following inscription in Gothic characters:—"In fraternal memory of H.R.H. Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, Earl of Clarence, K.G., Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire, Past Grand Junior Warden of England, Grand Third Principal of the Royal Arch Masons of England, fourth son of her Majesty Queen Victoria, who was born 7th April, 1853, and died 28th March, 1884. H.R.H. being at the time Worshipful Master of the Royal Clarence Lodge of Freemasons in this town, No. 1823, this tablet is erected by the officers and members of the above lodge and other brethren in the Province of Suffolk." The initial letters are illuminated, the arms being emblazoned, and the jewels enamelled in Masonic colours. The whole work is beautifully conceived, and is perfect in every detail, while the execution is faultless; indeed, the utmost credit is due to the engraver, as well as the designer, who is an amateur in art, and the Committee may be heartily congratulated on the result of their labours. The lodge and province are especially indebted to General Ives for having not only superintended the work, but also for very kindly defraying its extra cost beyond the amount of the original estimate. The memorial has been fixed in a commanding position, and we understand that the Rev. R. Sorsbie, vicar of Clare, beside giving the Committee the choice of its site, generously declined the fee to which he was entitled for its erection. An excellent photograph of the tablet has been taken by Bro. T. Stokoe, the W.M. elect of the lodge.

MASONIC BALL AT SWANSEA.

The Albert Hall on Wednesday evening, the 23rd ult., presented a gay appearance on the occasion of a grand ball, given in aid of the charitable institutions of the town, under the auspices of the Indefatigable, Talbot, and Caradoc Lodges. The interior of the hall was tastefully decorated with choice plants and exotics from the hothouses of the local gentry. Mirrors and upholstery were arranged with artistic skill by Messrs. B. Evans and Co., and Mr. D. G. Jones. The bannerettes of the three lodges gave a distinctive character to the decorations. The Stewards were Bros. F. Bradford, W.M.; A. Beard, S.W.; T. W.

Jones, J. Moy Evans, of 237; Bros. Robert Capper, W.M.; J. C. Vye-Parminter, S.W.; A. L. Pearce, J.W.; J. Buckley Wilson, of 1323; Bros. T. Sandbrook, W.M.; J. L. Perrin, P.M.; and Dr. Gabe, of 1573. M.C., F. J. Carlyle, Hon. Sec. The minor hall was converted into a refreshment buffet and supper room, under the management of the British and Foreign Confectionery Company. Dancing commenced a little before 10 o'clock, to the inspiring music of Mr. W. F. Hulley's excellent county band.

The following is a list of the company: Bros. J. W. Hughes, J.W. 1573; F. E. Nicholls, 237; Dr. Gabe, 1573; F. Bradford, W.M. 237; W. W. Richards; T. W. Gaydon, 237; H. Radcliffe; W. J. Rees, 1323; E. R. Brown, 1573; John Rogers, P.M. 1573; Dr. Hall, P.M. 1323; D. C. Jones, P.M. 1573; J. C. Coath, Sec. 1752; W. B. Broad, P.M., P.G.O.; T. P. Martin, 1573; David Rosser, 1573; B. A. Tuttiett, 1573; J. L. Perrin, P.M. 1573; J. H. Taylor, 1573; G. R. Phillips, 237; T. Sandbrook, W.M. 1573; J. W. Jones, Sec. 237; R. Capper, W.M. 1323; B. Behrens, 1573; D. A. Davies, 237; J. Moy Evans, 1323; F. Orissey, 1573; J. R. Davies, I.P.M. 1574; H. S. Ludlow, 237; R. H. Wyrill, 236; F. J. Carlyle, 1575; W. G. Davies, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; D. Andrew, 1573; A. L. Pearce, J.W. 1323; and J. Buckley Wilson, Sec. 1323.

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THE ALTAR AND WITNESS.

The following eloquent sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. E. K. Kendall, Prov. G.C. Cornwall, on the occasion of the recent meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge of that county. Our rev. brother's text was from the Book of Joshua, xxii., 28—"Behold the pattern of the altar of the Lord, which our fathers made not for burnt offerings, not for sacrifices, but it is a witness between us and you."

The incident to which these words refer may well escape the notice of many who are by no means ignorant of Bible history. To the tribes of Reuben and Gad, and one half of the tribe of Manasseh, an inheritance was reserved, not exactly within the limits of Canaan but on the other side of Jordan. The land of Jazer and the land of Gilead was "a place for cattle," in which these tribes were rich. It was with some hesitation that Moses yielded to their request that they should occupy the land of Sihon, King of the Amorites, and Og, the King of Basan, and only on one condition, namely, that they should faithfully share the toils and dangers of the campaign in which their brethren had to engage in the conquest of Canaan. For about eight years they had loyally kept to the terms of this compact, and the time came at length when they could return in peace, having received a blessing and an earnest word of admonition from Joshua. On their arrival with these words, as we may say, ringing in their ears, their first act was a questionable one. They proceeded to build an altar by Jordan, "a great altar to see to." This excited the indignation of their brethren. Had they so soon forgotten the God who had led them up out of Egypt—were they about to lapse into idolatry, and set up altar against altar? Were they about to profess a new religion or consecrate a new sanctuary, and commit a grievous schism. The act was a suspicious one, and required explanation. But the reply was satisfactory, both in temper and in earnestness. It was zeal for God which had built this altar, not rebellion against Him. Being on the further side of Jordan they were afraid that they or their children might forget the God of their fathers, or become, as Edom or Moab, enemies of God's people. And so they set up this altar. A moment's thought would show that it was not adapted for burnt-offering or sacrifice. It was intended to be seen from afar, and was not of any practical use as an altar. And so to children's children on either side the Jordan, it would be a sign that they and their brethren were servants of the same God. "Behold the pattern of the altar of the Lord which our fathers made, not for burnt-offerings, nor for sacrifices, but it is a witness between us and you." Such was the answer, and all acknowledged that this altar without a sacrifice or a temple, did promote the worship of the Most High and cement the brotherhood of those who called on his name. Such, in brief, is the story well worthy of notice in itself, and carrying with it many and valuable hints for this and every age. What a striking example is here of zeal for God? What did it matter to the Jews in Canaan if their brethren became schismatics or idolaters? But they felt it their duty to interfere, even if war with all its horrors were the result. What a model for controversy is found in the earnest and yet dignified language used on either side, with no heat and no desire to provoke a conflict! What an illustration, too, of the use of outward and visible signs and tokens as a

witness to eternal troubles, a way of enforcing needful doctrines, and conveying instruction in spiritual things! Much might be said on these and other hints afforded by the story did time permit. But to-day I hope that I shall not be considered fanciful if I apply it to enforce and illustrate the true position of that peculiar system of morality, "veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols," which is called Freemasonry. Its use has been questioned, is being questioned still, by the various religious systems in the midst of which we live. Nay, it has hastily been condemned by many who have not the candour to enquire, or the patience to listen to the answer which we can give. Of course, it may be regarded as a great charitable organisation of a peculiar kind—not a benefit club, in which, however commendable on the whole, there is a certain element of selfishness. No Freemason worthy of the name forgets his pledge to be influenced by no mercenary motives, and all hope that they may never be reduced to the necessity of accepting the Charity, which, if needed, is so generously given. There are not a few who extend a certain amount of toleration for what they are pleased to consider our harmless follies on account of the good which is done, as if we were but a superior class of Oddfellow or Forester. But, brethren, I am told to claim for our system something infinitely higher than this. I consider it to be a real handmaid to religion, "an altar of witness not for sacrifice or for burnt-offering," but an altar "great to see to," which verily promotes the worship of the Most High. I stay not now to enquire whether our legendary history is in all points to be relied on, whether a system in all essential points identical with our own has not been in existence from very early times. Such matters I leave to Masons more erudite than myself. One thing I am sure of, namely, that Freemasonry has done more to explain practically the meaning of the Bible than any other commentary to invite men to a study of the Sacred Law, and inspire reverence for its precepts, that ever was written, and to promote an expectation of that bright morning star, whose rising brings health and salvation to the faithful and obedient of the human race. But the question is still asked—Is not the Bible, is not religion based on the Sacred Law, enough? Are you setting up a new religion—one that is but a thinly-veiled Atheism, one which must be imperfect if not delusive for the want of creeds, and a religious system? Are you not tempting men to have no conscience in religion, and no real zeal on its behalf? What is there in such a colourless profession? Are you not giving a stone for bread? Are not even the clashings of controversies more healthy than the calm of supine indifference? My brethren of the Craft, I do in all sincerity affirm, and you, as Masons, will bear me out, that such assertions are begotten of ignorance, and I am thankful to lift up my feeble voice against them. We have seen of late a marvellous development of our system. To what is it due? Some would affirm that it is because it has become fashionable, being under the patronage of our Duke of Cornwall, who is Prince of Wales, and next to the throne. I will not deny that this has given an impetus to Masonry, by tending to remove an impression in the minds of some that a secret society must be dangerous and mischievous in its tendency, and that the assertion of universal brotherhood might be inconsistent with loyalty and patriotism. Everyone knows now, save the wilfully blind, that the very opposite is the effect of that system which sets in the forefront of all its teaching, duty to God and man. But, brethren, in my belief the wondrous increase in the thousands who range under our banners is due to something much more deep and true than fashion. It supplies a felt want. In this, our day, more than in any other age, are men likely to hold aloof from any ecclesiastical system, to live without God in the world, to forget good habits learnt in youth, and, perhaps, first to comfort themselves with the thought that as long as they do no harm all is right for this world and the next. Such as these are reminded by the peculiar institution of Freemasonry, of their duty to God and to their neighbours in a new and forcible way, and that not by presbyter or rabbi or professional teacher of religion. The well-instructed Mason knows in whom to put his trust in all times of difficulty and danger; and in his daily supplications on bended knee his brother's wants are remembered as well as his own. He is conducted by reason, by science, by revelation, as far as may be, up "the world's great altar stairs that lead from darkness up to God." He is taught to live purely and honourably, to die bravely, and to look for a happy immortality. And yet Freemasonry is not a religion—does not pretend to be such—imposes no creed, interferes with no man's conscience, prescribes no outward forms and ceremonies. It is as the altar not for burnt-offerings or sacrifices, but a witness to the eternal verities revealed to us in the word of God. And as the Bible unfolds to us God's revelations as it gathered clearness and precision through long ages, so the teaching of Freemasonry is progressive, and has for us no new message, no other gospel. Herein also we can appreciate the system. We are apt to live in the present, and for the present, and for that alone, and he is a wise man who does not waste time in dreams. "Trust no future, however pleasant; let the dead past bury its dead; act, act, in the living present; hope within and God o'er-head." But does not this spirit require a wholesome check? The present grows out of the past, and develops into the future, and it is fatal to weigh the continuity of life and action. Freemasonry helps us to strengthen the chain which binds past, present, and future into one. And hence it is that the whole world is the better, and the most devout worshipper in church, chapel, or synagogue are they whose religious convictions have been deepened by the impressive teachings of Freemasonry, which lends emphasis to the words of Him who said: "One is your Master, even Christ, and all ye are brethren."

The Mayor of Chester presided on Thursday, the 31st ult., at a meeting of the citizens, called for the purpose of arranging the steps that should be taken on the occasion of the visit to Eaton Hall, on the 19th to 23rd inst., of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, with Princes Albert Victor and George of Wales. The Prince, it was stated, will open the Mersey Tunnel on Wednesday, the 20th inst., and on Saturday, the 23rd, it has been arranged, with the Prince's consent, that an address from the Mayor and Corporation of Chester should be presented to his Royal Highness at the Town Hall, Chester, at the hour of noon. In all other respects, the visit of the Royal Party to the Duke of Westminster, at Eaton Hall, will be of a private character. A subscription list has already been opened for the purpose of decorating the city.

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NOTICES OF MOTION—

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 Thirteen hundred pounds (£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."

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."

"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."

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To Receive a Recommendation from the General Committee for the adoption of a List of Forty-eight Candidates from which Twenty Boys—or, should the Notice of Motion for increase be adopted, Thirty Boys—shall be Elected at the Quarterly General Court, to be held on Monday, 12th of April next. To consider the following

NOTICES OF MOTION—

By W. Bro. Joyce Murray, Vice-Patron, on behalf of the House Committee:—

- "To amend Law 74, Clause 2, that it may read as follows:—"The Assistant Masters shall be appointed by the Head Master, subject to confirmation by the House Committee."
- "To insert in Law 75 the words 'House Steward,' and after the first word 'The.'"
- "That ten additional boys be elected at the Quarterly General Court, on 12th October next, making the total number 240."
- By W. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart (P.G.D.), V.P., and Trustee.

To form part of Law 37:—"That the Members of the House Committee shall be elected for three years, and that at the expiration of the first three years the Election shall take place annually. The three at the top of the list shall then retire, and be eligible for re-election, and so on annually."

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Has been pleased to signify his intention of Presiding.

Brethren are earnestly invited to accept the Office of Steward upon this occasion, and they will greatly oblige by forwarding their Names and Masonic Rank, as soon as convenient, to the Secretary, who will gladly give any information required, and supply them with all necessary circulars, &c.

It is fraternally hoped that, upon this occasion, owing to the large number of Applicants and the few vacancies, Brethren will use their influence to obtain donations towards the Funds of the Institution, which were never more needed than at the present time.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 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.]

THE DISTRESS IN PRESTON, LANCASHIRE.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The deep distress prevailing here impels me to appeal to the sympathies of those in a position to afford relief to a large number of people suffering from a long-continued depression of trade in the manufacturing districts. Several mills are stopped, and two have been recently burnt down, causing four to five thousand hands to be thrown out of employment. And when it is considered that the four to five thousand hands here mentioned are, in many cases, the "bread-winners" of families, it must be apparent that a considerable number of children are suffering from the lack of food and clothing.

The well-organised efforts of the North End Relief Committee have resulted in systematic provision of food on a meagre scale to many hundreds daily. But I am told in a letter, dated the 28th inst., from one in authority, who invites my co-operation, that "one of the greatest wants in the town, as regards children, is clothing. If you can see your way to getting offerings of cast-off garments, we will undertake to inquire into the cases and distribute them. I had an offering sent me this morning from a place far from here for the destitute children. It was pleasant, coming on Holy Innocents' Day."

If any sympathising friends will kindly assist in clothing such a large number of almost naked children, they will be doing real acts of charity this inclement weather.

To the credit of the local police be it said that many of the men devote their leisure time in assisting the most excellent work of the North End Relief Committee; and, under the direction of Major Little, Inspector Dawson, and the police, parcels of clothing sent to them at the Springfield-street Relief Stores, Preston, will be distributed to necessitous cases.

Trusting that a hearty response will follow, I remain, Sir, yours very faithfully and fraternally,

J. HIGSON.

25, Latham-street, Preston, Lancashire,
December 29, 1885.



THE FALL OF GRANADA. A Poem in Six Duans. By S. LIDDELL MATHERS. London: Williams and Strahan, 7, Lawrence-lane, Cheapside, E.C. 1885.

We congratulate Bro. Mathers on the production of this small volume of tuneful verse. The subject of the principal poem—"The Fall of Granada"—is well adapted for an epic, and though Bro. Mathers has not followed—or apparently even attempted to follow—in the lines of the great epic poets, he has handled his theme with a fair amount of success. He seems to possess a good knowledge of versification, and a keen ear for rhythm. Hence, though there are several varieties of measure in the poem, the lines flow easily and naturally, the accentuation, as it rises and falls, being very distinctly and correctly marked. As to the chief characters and incidents in the poem, they are described with historical accuracy, so far as our examination has enabled us to judge, the usual margin for poetic license being within reasonable limits. There are also three minor poems—"Sic itur ad Astra," "The Birthday of May," and "Spectemur Agendo." Of these the middle one strikes us as being the best. We thank Bro. Mathers for having accorded us the privilege of reading his volume.

BYE-LAWS OF THE BRITISH UNION LODGE,
No. 114, IPSWICH, 1885.

It is neither our province nor our custom to pass judgment on the bye-laws which are framed for the government of our lodges. But to the new code of the British Union Lodge, No. 114, there is appended, or rather prefixed, a useful little sketch of the lodge history, which, though it has no pretensions to be a full and particular account of the origin and progress of the lodge, is nevertheless a most desirable addition. It contains just the few leading facts which have occurred in the lodge during the term of its existence, and there is a list, complete as far as it is possible to make it, of the brethren who have successively occupied the Master's chair. It is satisfactory to find that this roll, though extending from 1762 till now, has only the three years—1813, 1814, and 1816—vacant, the minutes for these and the year 1815 having apparently been kept on loose sheets of paper, of which only those of 1815 have escaped destruction. Some day, perhaps, we may look to have a full history of the lodge, which stands third in point of seniority of constitution on the roll of Suffolk lodges, and numbers among its Masters one Prov. G.M. of Suffolk—Bro. John Reade—P.G.M. 1838-49, who was W.M. in 1837; and the following D.P.G. Masters: Bros. G. Bullen, W.M. in 1843; Bro. R. Martin, W.M. 1855, 1856, and 1862; Bro. the Rev. E. I. Lockwood; W.M. in 1863 and 1864. Bros. Lord Waveney and the Rev. C. J. Martyn, the present P.G.M. and D.P.G.M., are also subscribing members of the lodge.

The funeral of Lady Fanny Howard, sister of the Duke of Devonshire and aunt of Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., took place at Edensor, Chatsworth, on Wednesday.



Craft Masonry.

OLD CONCORD LODGE (No. 172).—The installation meeting of this ancient and prosperous lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday, the 5th inst., when the brethren mustered in great strength. Among those present were Bros. H. R. Cope, W.M.; J. Stedman, S.W.; J. Whaley, J.W.; T. Whaley, S.D.; Hancock, Treas.; G. King, P.M., Sec.; Davis, J.D.; G. Evans, I.G.; C. T. Fleck, D.C.; Gurton, P.M.; Dixon, P.M.; G. Hockley, P.M.; A. J. Dottridge, P.M.; W. O. Beazley, P.M.; R. D. Hilton, P.M.; and W. H. Harris, P.M. Among the large gathering of visitors were Bros. E. M. Lott, G. Org.; F. Binckes, P.G. Stwd., Sec. R.M. I.B.; W. Mildred, W.M. 2024; J. Stephens, W.M. 1425; J. Brown, W.M. 975; J. J. Woolley, W.M. 15; J. Storey, P.M. 1107; R. Whiting, P.M. 87; C. W. Hunt, P.M. 1425; A. J. Probyn, P.M. 11; W. Radcliffe, P.M. 211; J. Garner, P.M. 975; W. J. Collings, P.M. 766; T. P. Collings, P.M. 22; T. Butt, P.M. 700; T. Whaley, P.M. 55; A. Harvey, 1963; E. Bryant, 1541; W. Cambden, 228; W. M. L. Seaman, 193; H. A. Sawyer, 1612; J. T. Pilditch, 1257; C. Floyd, 902; F. Izant, 27; A. T. Randall, 20; E. G. Coleman, S.D. 11; W. J. Mason, 1338; C. H. Searle, 1298; W. T. P. Montgomery, S.W. 1475; G. Adamson; H. Hambling, 2030; J. Parker, 73; J. Parker, 217; P. Stear, S.D. 1891; W. Hampton, 145; E. Brooks, 766; J. W. Ray, 1624; W. J. Edwards, 916; E. Donaldson, Treas. 1963; T. Bowley, 1963; C. Jones, 1420; W. Angus, P.M. 619; G. Howard, 72; W. Morgan, jun., 1107; J. S. Thompson, 1326; J. J. Sykes, 180; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The lodge having been duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, ballot was taken for Messrs. T. C. Dorling and A. Rogers for initiation, which proved unanimous in their favour. Bro. Edwards was then raised to the Degree of a Master Mason in an admirable manner by the W.M. In due course Bro. J. Stedman, W.M. elect, was presented for installation. A Board of Installed Masters was then formed, at which there were 24 present, and Bro. Stedman was installed with all the impressive rites into the chair of K.S. The newly-elected Master was greeted with the customary honours, and proceeded to invest his officers for the year, the collars being thus bestowed: Bros. J. Whaley, S.W.; T. Whaley, J.W.; J. Hancock, Treas.; G. King, P.M., Sec.; Davis, S.D.; G. Evans, J.D.; C. T. Fleck, I.G.; J. A. Armour, D.C.; C. H. R. Marriott, Org.; and G. Couchman, Tyler. In investing his officers, the Worshipful Master delivered an eloquent charge to each on the nature of the duties appertaining to the respective offices, and the manner in which this portion of the ceremony was sustained elicited the heartiest applause. The usual addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren were given in an impressive manner by Bro. G. King, P.M., Sec., whose working was much admired. The Auditor's report, which showed that the position of the lodge was in every way very satisfactory, was received and adopted, and a brother was proposed as a joining member for the next meeting.

After the transaction of some further business the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren and visitors adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where a sumptuous banquet was served. At dessert the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

After the toast of "The Queen and the Craft" had been enthusiastically received, the Master gave "The M.W. G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and remarked that all the brethren were attached to him on account of the vast amount of good he does to the Craft and the country.

"The M.W. the P.O. G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, and the R.W. Deputy G.M., the Earl of Lathom," were next given, and cordially received.

"The rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was then proposed by the W. Master, who remarked that the Grand Officers were a body of men who had earned distinction as citizens and as Masons. He had expected to have had the pleasure of the company of Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, their esteemed Grand Secretary, but he was unable to be present. However, he was pleased to see so distinguished a Grand Officer as Bro. Lott, G. Org., present, who had by his excellent talents worked his way up to the important position he now held.

Bro. Lott, G. Org., in returning thanks, said that nothing gave the Grand Officers so much pleasure as visiting the various lodges, and especially such ancient and prosperous lodges as the Old Concord Lodge. He would not detain them long as he only had a few words to say, but heartily thanked them for their reception of the toast.

Bro. Cope, I.P.M., then assumed the gavel, and in proposing "The Health of the W.M." said that it had been one of the greatest pleasures of his life to instal Bro. Stedman. They were all so well acquainted with the excellent qualities of that brother that he would simply ask them to rise and drink long life and happiness to their W.M.

Bro. Stedman responded, and tendered his sincere thanks to Bro. Cope for the manner in which he had proposed the toast and to the brethren for their hearty reception of it. He felt extremely grateful to the brethren for the proud position he now held, and thought that the brethren who had preceded him in the chair had felt and expressed the same feelings. He would exert all his energies to promote the happiness and welfare of the brethren, and he trusted that he might have health and strength to carry out his wishes, so that at the end of the year they would be satisfied with his efforts.

The Worshipful Master then gave "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Cope," and said he was certain that the brethren would give it an enthusiastic reception, as Bro. Cope had so ably performed the duties of the chair during his year of office. The brethren present would also be pleased to see him attach the jewel to Bro. Cope's breast, as a slight mark of their appreciation of his valuable services, and he trusted that he might live for many years to wear it.

Bro. Cope, I.P.M., in reply, heartily thanked the brethren for their kind present in recognition of his humble efforts, and expressed the hope that he might be with them for some time to come.

"The Past Masters" was next proposed by the W.M., who observed that it was to the Past Masters that he turned at all times when assistance or advice was required. He was indebted to all of them, and more especially to Bro. Gurton, their senior Past Master, who had on several occasions given him cause to be deeply grateful to him. He regarded Bro. Gurton with veneration, and words were inadequate to express the feelings he had towards him, for his overwhelming kindness had completely won his heart.

Bro. Gurton, P.M., sincerely thanked the brethren for their hearty reception of the toast, and said that the Past Masters were pleased and proud of the progress the lodge was making. He was also pleased and proud that Bro. Stedman had gradually worked his way up to the chair of the lodge, and he felt sure he would be a credit to it, for it was a good father that brings up a good son. He hoped the younger members of the lodge would follow in his footsteps, and always turn a ready ear to the gavel, and give the word in the proper place. As time was passing rapidly, he would conclude by again thanking them, and assuring them that the Past Masters would always be ready to promote the best interests of the lodge.

In proposing "The Masonic Charities," the W.M. said that they were all heartily pleased to see Bro. Binckes present that evening. The Masonic Charities needed no remark of his to gain for them the favourable consideration of the brethren, but he was glad to inform them that Bro. Fleck had kindly consented to serve as Steward at the next festival of the Boys' School, and he was certain the brethren would give him their substantial support.

Bro. Binckes, Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, said he would not detain them long, as there was such an admirable programme of music to be carried out. He was pleased to see that in the Old Concord Lodge the traditions of the past were not forgotten in the present, and he heartily thanked the W.M. for the warm and genial manner in which he had placed the toast before the brethren. That lodge and the Craft in general were always ready to listen when the subject of the Masonic Charities were broached, and he was sure that the interests of those excellent Institutions were never for one moment forgotten. It was some years since he had pleaded on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and it afforded him a very great amount of pleasure to be present that evening, and hoped he was not an unwelcome guest. It was also a very great pleasure to him to witness some of the old evergreens—if he might use the term—of the lodge, whom he had met some thirty years ago, for it was pleasant in this changeable and changing world to find still some connecting links between the past and the present. It would be unnecessary for him to furnish them with any details respecting the Masonic Institutions, for the particulars were always before them, but he would refer them to a paragraph which appeared in the daily papers some short time ago. By that they would see that the result of the generosity of the members of the Craft during last year was that the magnificent total of over £50,000 was subscribed. And this sum was given in spite of depressing circumstances and in spite of difficulties, and conclusively proved that the hearts of Masons bear true to the principles and doctrines of the Order. This was the cementing link and tie that existed between them, and which helped him to look hopefully towards the future. A few were apt to say that the appeals at Masonic gatherings on behalf of Masonic Charities were too prominent, but it would be a bad day for Masonry when they were forgotten. They should always remember the dark cloud of Masonic distress that was tinged with but a faint streak of silver lining. It was their duty to help those who were not so fortunately situated as ourselves, and the sons and daughters of those who had served the Craft must not, and should not, be forgotten. He (Bro. Binckes) heartily thanked Bro. Fleck for consenting to represent the Institution for Boys at the next Festival, for that Institution was still the poorest of the three. There was but £17,000 funded property, and there had been extensive enlargements lately, the number of boys now reaching 240. He asked for their sympathy and support in this great and holy cause. He could not plead with the same energy as he had done 30 years ago, but he hoped that the needs and distresses of those who were unable to plead for themselves would be recognised as long as the Old Concord Lodge should flourish.

"The Visitors" was the next toast given, and the W.M. expressed his pleasure at seeing 50 present, and sincerely hoped they had spent an enjoyable evening.

Bro. Whaley, P.M., said the W.M. had set him rather an extensive task by coupling his name with the toast, but he asked them to accept his warmest thanks on behalf of the visitors for the grand evening's entertainment. It afforded him peculiar pleasure to be present that evening, as his two sons had been promoted, and were now filling the Wardens' chairs, so that they were not only following in his steps, but excelling him. He hoped they would never regret the steps they had taken, and that the Almighty would spare him to see them through office.

Bro. Collings also responded, and, after returning thanks, said that he was extremely pleased to see Bro. Stedman in the chair. They had been friends from their youth, were friends now, and he trusted they would always continue so, for the W.M. was an estimable man, and worthy to fill the proud position he now held.

Bro. King, P.M., Sec., in reply to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," thanked the W. Master for his kind remarks. It was now nearly 26 years since he had been initiated, and the Old Concord Lodge was regarded by him as a pet. He felt proud that he had carried out the duties of Secretary for the last eight years, and was gratified to see the lodge in such a flourishing condition. Their Benevolent Fund was not so large as it had been, but, although there had been a considerable drain on it, they now had a balance of over £200, and had contributed ten guineas annually to each of the Institutions for some years past. He hoped the lodge would continue to prosper as long as the W.M. permitted him to hold office.

Bro. Whaley, S.W., responding for "The Officers," said he hoped that the good wishes the brethren had been kind enough to express would be realised. It was a unique position that the Junior Warden was a brother of his by birth as well as by Masonry, and that their father should be present to witness their promotion.

The Tyler's toast closed an enjoyable and magnificent evening's entertainment.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. C. H. R. Marriott, Org., and were of a highly enjoyable nature. Bro. Franklin Clive assisted, and the enjoyment was considerably enhanced by the presence of Bro. Stedman's admirably trained choir of boys.

LODGE OF JOPPA (No. 188).—This old lodge held its annual installation meeting at Freemasons' Tavern, on Monday evening, under the Mastership of Bro. A. J. Martin. There was a large attendance of brethren on the occasion. After the opening of the lodge, and the reading and confirmation of the minutes, one of the candidates for initiation being the son of Bro. Lewis Lazarus, P.M., the excellent Secretary of the lodge, Bro. Martin, W.M., yielded his chair to Bro. Lazarus for the purpose of performing the ceremony of initiation, whereupon Bro. Lazarus initiated Messrs. Henry Lazarus, Michael Seichenberg, and Barnett Isaacs Barnato. The work was admirably done, and fully sustained the character of the lodge for efficient executions of the Masonic ceremonies. No less efficient was the working of the W.M., Bro. A. J. Martin, who passed Bro. Sagui to the Second Degree, and installed Bro. J. W. Dewsnap as Master of the lodge for the ensuing year. The whole of the work was highly commended. The brethren appointed to office were Bros. L. Wall, S.W.; G. Lion, J.W.; Rev. S. Roco, Chap.; J. S. Lyon, Treas.; Lewis Lazarus, P.M., Sec.; I. Botibol, S.D.; W. Gardner, J.D.; M. Lenzberg, I.G.; A. Dodson, P.M., D.C.; M. Hart, A.D.C.; Jacques Wynman and E. Coombe, W.S.

The remainder of the lodge business having been performed the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

After the banquet the Worshipful Master proposed the usual toasts, and in a very few words gave "The Queen and the Craft," and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M."

Bro. A. J. Martin, I.P.M., in proposing "The W.M.," said it was very pleasing for him to hold the gavel on that occasion, as the W.M. was an old Masonic friend of his. Of course that night it would be superfluous in him to speak about the W.M.'s excellent qualities as a working W.M. Of that they would be able to judge at the next meeting of the lodge and he would be able to say something about it. At present it was only necessary for the brethren to acknowledge Bro. Dewsnap as their W.M. They were pleased to see him in that position and they hoped he would have a most happy and prosperous year of office.

The Worshipful Master, in replying, said it had been a source of great gratification to him to find himself occupying that chair. It was ten years that night that he took his Third Degree in the Joppa Lodge, and the brethren would sympathise with him when he said he felt very much the kindness of the brethren in electing him to the chair of his mother lodge. He trusted that during the year he would have the assistance of every brother as well as of the P.M.'s, and he hoped that with their assistance and the kind indulgence of the brethren they would carry the year through with success. The last year had been an exceedingly comfortable one. The lodge seemed to have got on the high road to prosperity. To follow on that road he hoped every brother would bring such of his friends as wished to join the Order to the Lodge of Joppa and have them initiated there.

Bro. Henry Lazarus, who was the first to respond to the toast of "The Initiates," said it had afforded him great pleasure to be initiated, as he had always had an ambition to become a Mason, having heard Freemasonry highly spoken of by numerous friends. He hoped he should prove himself worthy of his father, who had been flatteringly alluded to by the W.M., and follow in his footsteps.

Bro. Seichenberg said he had never thought of the grandeur of Masonry until that evening. His obligation had deeply impressed him, for the man that could violate it was not worthy to live among them.

Bro. Barnato said that if he had come prepared with a speech the solemnity of the occasion had so taken him by surprise that he should have been quite unequal to the task. The confidence that had been placed in him in making him a member of the Fraternity he heartily thanked them for, and he should remember his initiation to the end of his life.

The Worshipful Master, in giving "The Joppa Benevolent Fund," explained that it was a fund intended only for the members of the lodge. These, and no one else, subscribed to it, and not even visitors' subscriptions were received. When any of the brethren of the lodge fell into distress of any kind, and came before the Committee, they obtained relief, and one of the beauties of the fund was that not even their next door neighbour knew of it. This, he thought, was genuine benevolence.

Bro. L. Alexander, P.M., President of the Benevolent Fund, in reply, said he felt a very great amount of pleasure in being with the brethren that night. His health had been so bad that he had been present only once in two years. There might be some among the brethren who were really not aware that a large amount of good was done by the fund; but there was a pleasant fact he had to communicate—that in the last year the fund had increased, which had not been the case for many years previously. This year it had increased by something like £16. Fortunately, there had been but one application to it. The Vice-Presidents and Committee were very careful in dispensing the money, but they were at the same time very generous in their doles when circumstances warranted it. Observing both these qualities, the Committee had the confidence of the brethren. As he had only been in the lodge once in the last two years, there were many brethren whom he had not had the pleasure of knowing till that evening. He was very glad to find the lodge had been augmented by the membership of the Rev. S. Roco, who came of the most ancient tribes among the Jews.

Bro. Lewis Lazarus, P.M. and Secretary of the Fund, announced subscriptions to the amount of £28 5s. 6d., and that one of the initiates, Bro. Barnato, had made himself a Vice-President by contributing five guineas to this amount.

In giving the toast of "The I.P.M.," the Worshipful Master said Bro. Martin had had a most glorious year. He had ascended the throne with éclat, and had gone out of it in the same way. Besides the work he had done in the lodge during the year, he had installed him (the W.M.), which was of itself a work worthy of a special toast; but he would not have it. Bro. Martin said at the commencement of his year what he wanted. They had granted it him, and accorded him assistance, which had enabled him

to leave the lodge as prosperous as before, indeed, in better funds than it had been for a number of years. They had something in hand now, which was rather unusual, and they started really that night with a balance of £40. The I.P.M. was a worthy man and a good Mason. It was the custom of the lodge to award the I.P.M. a memento, and he would now place upon the breast of Bro. Martin a jewel which was second to none that had yet been given by the Lodge of Joppa. He had also the pleasure of presenting him with a P.M.'s collar and silver jewel which had been given by the officers. This was almost an innovation, but it was one which the I.P.M. merited.

Bro. Martin, in reply, said he looked upon the jewel with extraordinary pleasure from the fact that he felt certain he had won the confidence of the brethren for having performed his part to their satisfaction. It was said the labourer was worthy of his hire, but the labourer in ancient times had a penny a day. He should have considered himself well paid if he had received the ordinary five guinea jewel. Although several members were not aware that it had not been customary in old days in this lodge to give a P.M.'s jewel, yet if a man was found to be worthy something was given. However, to-night he found he had not only the brethren's confidence, but they had thought fit to show their confidence by giving him a very valuable jewel. At the outset of his year he asked every member of the lodge to pay attention to the chair. He did not ask them to respect him, but to respect the office of W.M. For himself, he was but a humble individual, but he represented the lodge while in the chair. He could safely say that during the whole of his year of office order and decorum had prevailed in the lodge. Very many brethren had visited the lodge, and many of them were very critical, but he had heard outside the lodge—no thanks to him, but the members—how very much the Lodge of Joppa had improved in its manners. The manners of the Lodge of Joppa had always been good, but he thought the brethren might take credit to themselves that they were all patterns of excellence. He hoped they would continue so. In conclusion he thanked the brethren sincerely for the P.M.'s jewel and the officers for the collar, the latter of which had only been given two or three times. He was quite as proud of that as he was of the P.M. jewel. The officers were the junior partners of the W.M. and if they fell out with the head of the lodge the lodge could not go on.

Bros. L. Alexander, Hyman, and Myers responded to the toast of "The P.M.'s."

Bro. Valentine, W.M. Montefiore Lodge, in replying to the toast of "The Visitors," said the fact of the Masters of the four other Jewish Lodges in the metropolis being invited to the Lodge of Joppa installation was an additional proof, if additional proof were needed, of that strong Masonic unity and friendship which existed among the five Jewish Lodges, and in returning his sincere thanks for the kind way in which the visitors had been received, he did so not least on his own behalf as one of the visitors, but as representing the Montefiore Lodge over which he had the honour to preside. In his own case there was a somewhat stronger tie than in the case of the others. He could not forget, nor could any member of his lodge forget, that the Joppa Lodge was the mother of the Montefiore Lodge. In its earlier days its first members were members of the Joppa, and the Secretary of the Joppa was the Secretary of the Montefiore. The first Master of the Montefiore was a member of the Joppa, and if any incentive was wanted to make the brethren of the Montefiore think kindly of the Lodge of Joppa, that incentive was always before them in the manner in which the Joppa Lodge maintained the prestige of the Craft. That had also been done in the Montefiore, the members of which had always endeavoured to do their duty to the lodge from which they sprung.

Bros. Norden, W.M. Lodge of Israel, and Casper, W.M. Samson Lodge, also replied, and the remaining toasts having been disposed of, the brethren separated.

During the evening a very pleasing programme of music was beautifully performed under the direction of Bro. P. E. Van Noorden, Organist of the lodge.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—This lodge met at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on the 5th inst. Among those present were Bros. H. G. Stranger, W.M.; Plowman, S.W.; La Feuillade, J.W.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Longley, S.D.; Foale, J.D.; Cruse, I.G.; Westley, D.C.; Ratcliffe, W.S.; H. Higgins, P.M.; T. C. Wallis, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; H. Köhler, P.M.; W. P. Webb, P.M.; Cockburn, P.M.; Ayling, P.M. Among the visitors were Bros. Thompson, 169, and the Rev. J. Baker, 204.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Sheppard was raised to the degree of M.A. The ballot was then taken on behalf of Mr. G. F. Grover, and it proving to be unanimous, he was initiated into Craft mysteries. The bye-laws having been read, the election of W.M. resulted unanimously in favour of Bro. Plowman. Bro. W. Mann, the senior P.M., having resigned through ill-health the position of Treasurer, Bro. George Everett was unanimously elected in his place. Bro. Reinardt was re-elected Tyler, and Bros. S. Pope, Ayling, and Palmer, Auditors. Bro. Plowman, W.M. elect, having been appointed to serve as a Steward for the R.M.I. for Girls, 1886, Bro. Walls, P.M., gave a notice of motion, "That the sum of 10 guineas be voted from the lodge funds to head Bro. Plowman's list." A vote of condolence having been passed to Bro. W. Mann, and a P.M.'s jewel voted to Bro. Stranger the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The usual toasts followed.

HULL.—Humber Lodge (No. 57).—On Monday evening, the 28th ult., Bro. D. J. O'Donoghue, the W.M. elect, was installed in the ancient manner to the chair of the above lodge in the presence of a very large and influential gathering of the brethren from various parts of the country. The ceremony was most impressively performed by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Dr. J. P. Bell, assisted by Bros. Walter Reynolds, P.M.; G. Wilson, P.M.; and M. Haberland, P.M.; and the W.M. then appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. John Walton, I.P.M.; T. Proctor, S.W.; S. Rutter, J.W.; H. Toozes, P.M., Chaplain; T. Thompson, P.M., Treasurer; Tesseyan, P.M., Treasurer of Benevolent and Pension Fund; M. Kemp, P.M., Treasurer of Sinking Fund; W. D. Keyworth, P.M., Almoner; M. Haberland, P.M., Lecture Master; A. King, P.M., Hon. Secretary; James Thyer,

Asst. Hon. Secretary; W. B. Hutton, S.D.; W. Bradley, J.D.; E. Corris, D.C.; J. Stringer, Org.; F. Ennis, I.G.; Hargreaves, Stwd.; and W. Cuthbert, Tyler.

The following members from the following lodges were present: Bros. T. Oates, P.M., M. C. Peck, P.M., P.G.S., F. Blackburn, S.W., W. Whitesides, J.W., G. Dumbleby, T. Marshall, Gilby Cook, and Metcalfe, all of 250; W. Wellsted, W.M., and F. Pudsey, S.W. 1010; J. Robinson, W.M., T. Lloyd, S.W., H. Hirst, J.W., W. Stratford, and A. W. Cook, all of 1605; Faulkener Leigh, P.G.O. 34; T. Johnson, 267; T. Westerby, S.W. 294; Winterbottom, P.M. 734; J. Robinson, W.M.; J. Duke; J. Waldram; W. Goodwin, 792; G. Lockett, 533; J. W. Marshall, 147; J. Bates, W.M. 1294; J. Sugden, P.M. 1379; A. H. Nicholson, 605; A. Elsom, W.M.; W. Webb, S.W.; A. P. Wilson, J.W. 1511; A. McPherson, 405; D. Taylor, 405; and Guy Hayler, 2069.

At the banquet following, the usual loyal, Masonic, and complimentary toasts were duly proposed and honoured, interspersed by songs and recitations by the various brethren, Bro. E. Corris making a most efficient D.C.

WOODBRIDGE.—Doric Lodge (No. 81).—The anniversary meeting of the members of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 20th ult., when Bro. E. Smith was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. There was a large muster, amongst the brethren present being Bros. Major-General W. H. Hessey, W.M.; A. Barnes, P.M.; B. Gall, P.M.; W. P. T. Phillips, P.M.; E. St. G. Cobbold, P.M.; F. A. Kent, P.M.; T. Grimwood, P.M.; E. Smith, S.W.; F. Horsey, J.W.; W. H. Page Phillips, S.D.; J. Stidolph, Org.; J. Parrett, I.G.; G. Booth, C. D. Girling, D. Jackson, A. S. Gross, Wm. Hawes, W. Sheppard, and Wm. Cook. The visitors included Bros. W. Clarke, P.G.P.; J. Terry, P.M. 228, Sec. R.M.B.I.; C. G. Hayward, W.M. 510; N. Tracy, P.M. 376, P.G.S.; F. C. Atkinson, J.D. 376; and others.

The installation ceremony was ably performed by Bro. W. Clarke, assisted by Bro. Terry, who acted as D.C., Bro. B. Gall taking the Senior, and Bro. Thomas Grimwood the Junior Warden's chairs, respectively. The newly-installed Master invested his officers for the year as under: Bros. F. Horsey, S.W.; H. W. Page Phillips, J.W.; G. Booth, S.D.; J. Parrett, J.D.; B. Gall, Treas. and D.C.; F. Whistock, Sec.; Rev. R. C. M. Rouse, Chap.; J. Stidolph, Org.; and A. S. Gross, I.G.

The installation banquet was subsequently held at the Bull Inn, where between 30 and 40 brethren sat down to an elegant and admirably served repast. The W.M. presided, and, in addition to the brethren already mentioned, there were present Bros. E. C. Moor, J. Collins, J. Grout, J. C. Fisk, R. Allen, and others.

The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the other Members of the Royal Family," and "The Pro G.M., and Present and Past Grand Officers" were proposed from the chair, Bro. W. Clarke responding for the Grand Officers.

The Chairman next proposed "The R.W. Prov. G.M., Lord Waveney, the Deputy Prov. G.M., the Rev. C. J. Martyn, and the Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers," to which Bro. N. Tracy, P.G.S., responded.

Bro. Major-General W. H. Hessey, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and expressed his indebtedness to Bro. E. Smith for having kindly consented to forego the claims he had to his present position during the two years he (Major-Gen. Hessey) had occupied the Master's chair. That large gathering was sufficient testimony of Bro. Smith's popularity amongst the brethren, and he was sure from what they had already seen they might look to their present W.M. to raise the working of the lodge to a higher degree of excellence than it had hitherto reached. During the past year many brethren had through the influence of Bro. Smith been initiated or admitted as joining members of the lodge—they had now about 50 members on the books—and he hoped the time was not far distant when the Doric would be one of the strongest lodges in the province. In conclusion, Major-General Hessey expressed his regret that the Deputy Prov. G.M. was unable to be with them, because he said it was his particular wish to be present to do honour to Bro. Smith.

The toast was drunk with full Masonic honours.

The Worshipful Master, in a few well-chosen words, responded. He thanked the brethren and the Past Masters for the great kindness they had shown to him, and expressed the hope that the officers of the lodge would, during the coming year, afford him every assistance in their power in carrying on the work of the lodge.

Bro. W. P. T. Phillips proposed "The Masonic Charities," and alluding to the fact that he should have the honour of representing the province at the Girls' Festival, expressed the hope that he would be well supported.

Bro. Terry, who, on rising to respond, was received with loud applause, said the Benevolent Institution this year required more than usual support, because it had overdrawn its banking account by some £1500 during the past year. The number of candidates was largely in excess of the vacancies, and unless great help were accorded to the Institution, it would be impossible for the Committee to find room for an additional number, or even fill up the vacancies which already existed. At the present time there were 130 candidates, while there were only 14 vacancies. Having alluded to the fact that Bro. Tracy and Bro. H. J. Wright were going to represent the province at the Benevolent Institution, and Bro. W. P. T. Phillips at the Girls' Festival, Bro. Terry referred to the success which had attended the scheme for the insurance of the life of Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, which would secure for the province a large number of votes in perpetuity.

The Chairman proposed "The Visitors," to which Bro. C. G. Hayward and others responded.

Bro. Major-General Hessey proposed "The Health of the Installing Master," and alluded to the fact that Bro. W. Clarke had kindly undertaken and ably discharged the duties for the past eight years.

Bro. W. Clarke responded.

The Chairman then proposed "The I.P.M. and the Officers of the Lodge."

Bro. Major-General Hessey and the officers responded.

The Senior Warden proposed "The Treasurer and Secretary," and having expressed his regret at the absence, through illness, of Bro. Whistock, said the lodge was especially indebted to Bro. Gall for the way in which he had undertaken the duties of his present office.

Bro. Gall responded, and a very pleasant evening was brought to a close with the Tyler's toast.

DARLINGTON.—Restoration Lodge (No. 111).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge (one of the oldest and most flourishing lodges in the province of Durham) was celebrated at the Freemasons' Hall, on the 30th ult., the W.M., Bro. Thomas Watson, presiding, when Bro. Charles Hubert Backhouse, S.W., W.M. elect, was installed as the W.M. of the lodge by Bro. Richard Luck, P.P.G. Reg. The lodge was honoured with a visit of the R.W. the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart.; the D.P.G.M., Bro. the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., F.R.S., and the officers of Prov. Grand Lodge. In addition to the P.G.M. and the D.P.G.M., there were present Bros. Williamson, P.G.W.; R. Hudson, P.G. Sec.; R. Luck, P.P.G.R.; J. J. Clay, P.G.D.D. of C.; R. A. Luck, P.P.G.W.; J. C. Moor, P.P.G.D.; T. M. Barron, P.P.G.R.; H. Maddison, P.P.G.R.; B. Boulton, P.P.G. Treas.; G. Roper, P.P.G.D. N. and E. Yorks; D'Arcy Wyville, 123, Mayor of Darlington; Byron Reed, 111; S. Bousfield, P.M. 124; J. Graham, P.M.; J. J. Wilks, P.M. 111; J. R. Pattison, W.M. 97; M. Harrison, P.M. 531; Lear, P.P.G.S. of W.; Muller, P.P.G.O.; Agutter, P.P. G.D. Staff; W. M. Watson, P.P.G.J.D.; W. Logan, W.M. 124; J. A. Rainbow, P.M. 94; W. Hobson, P.M. 111; W. M. Hudson, W.M. elect 1121; J. Wetherall, S.W. 531. After some preliminary business the W.M. elect was presented by Bro. Lear, P.M., to the Installing Master, Bro. R. Luck, by whom the ceremony was most ably and impressively performed. The following were afterwards appointed and invested as the officers for the year: Bros. Thos. Watson, I.P.M.; Rev. E. Hutchinson, Chap.; John Lambert, S.W.; R. M. Wilks, J.W.; R. A. Luck, P.M., Treas.; J. Stewart, Sec.; W. Mitford, S.D.; W. Sewell, J.D.; John Wilkes, D.C.; W. Hodgson, Org.; T. Wood, I.G.; W. C. Barron and John Murray, Stewards; and Thomas Prince, Tyler. The newly installed master, Bro. C. H. Backhouse, afterwards received the congratulations from the W.M.s. of the various lodges represented. Prior to the lodge being closed, the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, congratulated the W.M., officers, and brethren upon their commodious lodge room, and he congratulated Bro. Backhouse on having merited the position of W.M., to which he had been elected and had that day been installed by their worthy Bro. Richard Luck in such an effective manner. He expressed his satisfaction with everything that he had seen. The lodge was then closed.

The brethren afterwards celebrated the annual festival of the lodge at the North Eastern Hotel, at which the W.M., Bro. C. H. Backhouse, presided, and was supported by Bros. the R.W.P.G.M., Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart.; the V.W.D.P.G.M., Canon Tristram, D.D.; Victor Williamson, P.G.W.; R. Hudson, P.G. Sec.; and others. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

HEREFORD.—Palladian Lodge (No. 120).—The brethren of this lodge were joined on Monday evening, 28th ult., by many visiting brethren to witness the installation of the W.M. elect, and to celebrate that event, together with the Festival of St. John the Evangelist. Those present were Bros. W. Rowe, the retiring W.M.; John Barnes, S.W., the W.M. elect; Thos. Blinkhorn, J.W.; H. C. Beddoe, Treas.; James S. Norton, Sec.; O. Shellard, P.M., D.C.; Wm. H. Webb, Stwd.; also P.M.'s Bros. Wm. Davis, W. Earle, John Marchant, I.P.M.; John Davis, Theo. Lane, P.Z.; and Thos. Smith; and Bros. G. J. Caldwell, Edwd. George, John Palmer, Hy. Watkins, T. G. Chance, and F. S. Prosser. The visiting brethren were Bros. the Rev. Richd. Evans, of Eytton Hall, W.M. 892; M. J. Ellwood, P.G.I. 892; Edward Maddison, J.W. 751, W.M. elect; H. Morgan, W.M. 751; Geo. West, 477; A. J. Stanton, 329; John Russell, P.S.W. 120; Fred. H. Smith, 75, St. John's, Toronto, Canada; and Edwd. Blinkhorn, P.M. 1471. The lodge having been formally opened in the customary degrees, the installation ceremony was performed by Bro. T. Smith, P.M., P.G.J.D., and the new W.M. subsequently received the salutations of the brethren. Bro. W. Earle, P.M., P.G.S., assisted Bro. Smith with the installation ceremony, and delivered the usual addresses to the Master, officers, and brethren. Bro. Barnes, W.M., appointed his officers as follows, and invested those who were present: Bros. Thos. Blinkhorn, S.W.; G. J. Caldwell, J.W.; Rev. A. J. Capel, Chap.; H. C. Beddoe, Treas.; J. S. Norton, Sec.; Robt. Andrews, S.D.; W. H. Webb, J.D.; O. Shellard, P.M., D.C.; C. Caldico, Org.; W. Cullwick, I.G.; Edwd. George and John Palmer, Stwds.; and C. A. Stephens, Tyler.

The banquet took place in the coffee-room of the hotel, and was presided over by Bro. Barnes. A number of speeches were subsequently delivered.

RICHMOND.—Lennox Lodge (No. 123).—The members of this lodge celebrated their annual festival of St. John at the Masonic Hall, on the 3rd ult., and the proceedings throughout were very successful. Bro. John Metcalfe was duly installed W.M. for 1886. Bro. Rogers, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., conducted the ceremony in a highly impressive manner. There were present Bros. Roper, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; Wm. Harry Vane Milbank, Marmaduke D'Arcy Wyville, Fothergill, Donald Grant, Alfred Greathead, Harry Rouse, and a large assemblage of Past Masters and brethren of the lodge. There were also present as visiting brethren Bros. Gibson, No. 1121, and Wetherell, S.W., P.G.S.D. The W.M. appointed and invested the following officers for the ensuing year: Bros. R. B. Hall, I.P.M.; James March, S.W.; T. C. Denham, J.W.; the Rev. J. E. Torbett, Chap.; J. W. Smith, P.M., P.P.G.S. and P.P.G.J.D. Treas.; John Hinchcliffe Scholes, Sec.; John Gibson, S.D.; R. Spence, jun., J.D.; H. Procter, P.M., P.P.G.S. and P.A.G.D.C., Dir. of Cers.; Robt. Henry Glenton, Org.; S. W. Close, I.G.; Murray, Steward; R. Brown, Asst. Steward; and Grieves, Tyler.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the brethren adjourned to the King's Head Hotel, where an excellent banquet was provided by Miss Dally, the manageress, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured.

MANCHESTER.—Integrity Lodge (No. 160).—This lodge met at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, the 30th ult., the W.M., Bro. B. Williams, presiding, supported by all his officers, the following P.M.s: Bros.

Siddeley, G. F. East, P.P.G.D.C.; Joseph Wildgoose, P.P.G.J.D.; J. Salmon, P.P.G.D.C.; H. H. Warburton, J. M. Sinclair, J. E. Williams, and J. Senior, and a good number of brethren. Two candidates were initiated by the W.M. Afterwards the election of W.M. for the ensuing year took place, when Bro. W. D. Waddell, S.W., was unanimously elected. The lodge has been very prosperous during the past year, as the following votes of money from its funds will show: fifty guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; twenty guineas to the Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons' Male Fund; and thirty guineas to a most deserving local Charity, viz., the Manchester Warehousemen and Clerks' Orphan Schools. This lodge now possesses 481 votes for the various Masonic Charities, without taking into account those acquired at this meeting.

LANCASTER.—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 29th ult., in the Masonic Hall, Church-street. There was a good attendance of brethren and visitors, the latter including Bros. Major Turner, W.M.; A. W. Kershaw, S.W. 1051; J. E. Oglethorpe, P.G.R.; C. J. Stork, W.M.; and D. Shaw, J.W. 1353; J. F. Willan, J.W. 1561; and Wakenshaw. The chair was occupied by Bro. R. Stanton, and the W.M. elect, Bro. A. McRaith, having been duly presented, he was installed into office by the W.M., and by whom the installation ceremony was performed. The newly-installed Master subsequently appointed his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. R. Stanton, I.P.M.; R. Nicholson, S.W.; J. Heald, J.W.; James Hatch, P.M., Treas.; J. B. Pilkington, P.M., Sec.; J. Taylor, P.M., Org.; J. B. Shaw, S.D.; A. T. Relph, J.D.; Gooch, I.G.; Gilchrist, S.S.; and A. K. Allinson, Tyler. After the transaction of other business, including a vote of thanks to the Installing Officer for the manner in which the ceremony had been performed, the lodge was closed.

An adjournment was made to the King's Arms Hotel, where the banquet was held, and which was served in that admirable manner for which Mr. Ducksbury is so deservedly noted. The newly-installed Master presided, having on his right the Mayor of Lancaster, Bro. James Hatch, Bros. Simpson, T. Atkinson, Kelland, King, and on the left Bros. Stanton, Oglethorpe, Storke, John Hatch, Kershaw, and others. The vice-chair was occupied by Bro. Nicholson. On the conclusion of the dinner, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair, and received with all the honours.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed in eulogistic terms by Bro. Simpson, and received with the greatest enthusiasm.

"The Health of his Worship the Mayor" was also given, and received most heartily.

Bro. Pilkington, in responding to the toast of "The Secretary," gave a few particulars respecting the early history of the lodge, and in the course of which he mentioned that Bro. Hatch was the fourteenth member of the Lodge of Fortitude, who had occupied the chair of chief magistrate of the borough.

The other toasts included that of "The Installing Officer," "Wardens," "Assistant Officers," "Visitors," &c., concluding with the Tyler's toast, and a very pleasant evening was spent. Letters regretting inability to be present were received from Bros. Capt. Garnett, P.P.G.S.W.; and W. E. M. Tomlinson, M.P., W.M. 1561.

CARLISLE.—Union Lodge (No. 310).—The installation of W.M. of the above lodge was held on the 29th ult., when a large number of the brotherhood of the city assembled at the Masonic Hall, Castle-street, to commemorate the Festival of St. John the Evangelist. There were present, besides a goodly number of members of the lodge, a very large number of visiting brethren from various lodges in the province, and also of other provinces. After the usual preliminaries, Bro. A. Bunyan was duly installed W.M. by Bro. R. Nelson, the retiring W.M., who also gave the charges in a very impressive and able manner. He also invested the officers for the year as follows: Bros. A. Bunyan, W.M.; R. Nelson, P.M., I.P.M.; T. Beaty, S.W.; T. Ormiston, J.W.; W. Court, P.M., Treas.; Rev. W. Cockett, Chap.; J. W. Graham, Sec.; J. Lowthian, S.D.; J. Batey, J.D.; S. Lockyer, I.G.; J. Slack, P.M., D.C.; Tiffen, Org.; Bulman and Carruthers, Stwds.; and S. Clarke, Tyler.

After the ceremony of installation the W.M. presented a P.M.'s jewel, with suitable inscription, to Bro. R. Nelson, P.M., as a token of regard from the brethren for the very able manner he had performed the duties of Master during his year of office.

The lodge being closed, the brethren afterwards adjourned to the Crown and Mitre Hotel. Dinner was provided by the worthy host and hostess (Bro. G. and Mrs. Pashley), when upwards of 30 brethren sat down. After dinner the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, being interspersed with a few very good songs, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. The brethren dispersed shortly before 11 o'clock, after singing "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem.

TORQUAY.—St. John's Lodge (No. 328).—The brethren of this lodge met at the Masonic Hall on the 28th ult., for the purpose of installing the W.M. elect, Bro. J. Salter. Amongst those present were Bros. D. J. Allams, P.P.G. Chap.; J. Grant, I.P.M.; W. Taylor, I.P.M.; B. Night, I.P.M. 1402; H. Marley, W.M. 1358; W. E. Warren, P.P.G.O.; and G. Searle, W.M. 248; C. Atkins, P.M. (Egyptian) 27; and James Olver, P.G.S.B. The ceremony of installation was efficiently performed by Bro. Harland, P.P.G.S.D., and the officers invested were Bros. J. Grant, I.P.M.; E. Richards, S.W.; R. L. Muggford, J.W.; D. J. Allams, P.P.D.C., Chap.; C. J. Harland, P.P.G.S.D., Treas.; R. Douglas Renwick, Sec.; W. Wakeham, D.C.; T. Brooks, Org.; W. A. Hill, S.D.; T. Becket, J.D.; J. R. Cridge and A. W. Searley, Stewards; C. Davison, I.G.; and W. S. Tozer, Tyler.

The annual banquet was afterwards held at Bro. Cridge's, Queen's Hotel, where an excellent repast was served. A number of visiting brethren were present.

WIGTON.—St. John's Lodge (No. 327).—The anniversary of the Festival of St. John the Evangelist was celebrated by the brethren of this lodge on Saturday, the 26th ult., on account of the 27th falling upon a Sunday. The brethren having assembled in the lodge room, the

lodge was duly opened, after which a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Joseph Lazonby, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., was installed in the chair of the W.M., this being the second time Bro. Lazonby has filled the chair of this lodge. The Installing Masters were Bros. Jos. Pearson, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., and Wright, W.M. of the Union Lodge. After the installation the W.M. invested his officers as follows, either by deputy or in person: Bros. J. Martin, S.W.; Kirkland, J.W.; H. P. Banks, S.D.; J. I. George, J.D.; Ponton, I.G.; John Hanes, P.M., Sec.; and H. Beves, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.

The ordinary business of the lodge having been transacted the brethren sat down to a banquet, at which Bro. Lazonby, W.M., presided. Bro. Martin, S.W., acted as vice-president, and a few hours was most agreeably spent in the usual Masonic manner. There was an unusually large muster of the brethren, about 20 sitting down to dinner.

BODMIN.—One and All Lodge (No. 330).—The installation meeting of the above grand old lodge took place on Monday, the 4th inst., at the Masonic Hall. The retiring W.M., Bro. T. H. Spear, occupied the chair at the opening of the lodge, and he was supported by Bros. Derry, I.P.M.; F. J. Hext, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; W. Rowe, P.M., P.G. Treas. of Cornwall; R. Verco, P.M.; J. Treverton, P.M.; J. H. Thomas, P.M. 101; W. J. Tredinnick, W.M. 496; W. T. Davey, S.W.; B. F. Edyvean, J.W.; T. Whale, Sec.; W. R. Brewer, S.D.; T. P. Tonkin, J.D.; F. Page, I.G.; R. Best, D.C.; R. P. Edyvean, Org.; J. Fellow, S. Trevail, G. E. Liddell, R. L. Randall, J. Gatty, W. J. Hawke, P.M., P.P.G.S.; J. Brewer, 1954; T. S. Bailey, S.W. 1151; and T. R. Hards, 1558.

The position of Installing Master was undertaken by Bro. Rowe, P.M., P.G. Treas. (who seven years ago initiated the W.M. elect), and the ceremony was given in a manner that will add to his reputation as a most excellent worker. After his installation the W.M., Bro. W. T. Davey, invested his officers as follows: Bros. Spear, I.P.M.; B. F. Edyvean, S.W.; T. Whale, J.W.; W. Rowe, Treas.; G. E. Riddell, Sec.; T. Fellow, S.D.; F. Page, J.D.; R. Best, I.G.; R. P. Edyvean, Org.; Mark Guy, D.C.; W. J. Davis, and James Haynes, Stwds.; Rev. W. R. Gilbert, Chap.; and P. Carroll, Tyler.

Bro. Rowe having been elected Steward of the C.M.A. and B.F., the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where an excellent banquet was provided by Bro. Sandoe. The W.M. presided, supported by the above-mentioned brethren and Bros. J. R. Collins, P.M.; C. E. Juleff, P.P.G.O.; W. Fowler, J. Barrett, E. H. Higgs (ex-Mayor), Dr. Adams, P.M., P.G.S.; G. Garland, and others.

At the conclusion of the banquet the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were cordially responded to, and a very pleasant evening was spent. The following brethren contributed to the evening by some excellent singing and recitations: Bros. Rowe, P.M., J. R. Collins, B. F. Edyvean, and J. R. Hards. Bro. C. E. Juleff, P.P.G.O., presided at the pianoforte.

Letters expressing regret at not being able to attend, and congratulating Bro. Davey on being elected to the position of W.M. of his lodge, were read from Bros. Capt. Colvill, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., and F. J. Hext, jun., P.M., P.P.G.S.B.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.—Royal Sussex Lodge (No. 353).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 30th November, at the Swan Hotel, Winhill, when there were present Bros. R. Roberts, W.M.; J. C. Webb, S.W. and W.M. elect; R. B. Barratt, J.W.; C. F. Chamberlin, Sec.; G. T. Reading, S.D.; F. S. Dunwell, J.D.; W. J. Gothard, P.M., D.C.; E. H. Clarke, Org.; John J. Lensen, Tyler; A. B. Plant, P.M., P.P.G.O.; W. Walters, P.M., P.G.S.W.; J. R. Cain, P.M.; Stockton, Myott, Warham, Taverner, Smith, Lobb, Fisher, Herratt, Fox, and Spooner. Visitors: Bros. Bland, P.M. 731; Copestake, W.M. 731; G. Tarver, 731; W. Forman, 731; Rev. W. F. Drury, 624; T. Oldham, 802; and R. Hunt, 802.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, Bro. Myott was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., after which Mr. A. Fox was initiated. Bro. J. C. Webb, S.W., was elected W.M. for next year. The Treasurer, Tyler, and Audit Committee were also appointed. Two candidates were proposed for initiation, after which the lodge was duly closed.

HYDE.—Industry Lodge (No. 361).—The members of this lodge held their annual festival at the Norfolk Hotel, on Christmas Eve, when about 50 members and visitors were present. The usual business was conducted, and the installation of Bro. Samuel Wilde as W.M. by Bros. S. N. Brooks, P.M., Sec., and John Roberts, P.M., was followed by the election of officers for the ensuing year, amongst those being the following: Bros. J. Gibson, S.W.; J. W. Owen, J.W.; T. E. Mason, P.M., Treas.; S. N. Brooks, P.M., Sec.; J. Bailey, S.D.; A. Nicholson, J.D.; Hugh Prestwich, I.G.; J. Higginbotham, P.M., and J. Wood, P.M., Stwds.; and Z. Taylor, Tyler.

Afterwards a *recherché* repast, provided by the host, Mr. Sleight, was partaken of. The evening was subsequently devoted to conviviality, the vocalists being Bros. M. Stafford, P.M.; N. Dumville, P.M.; W. Smith, P.M.; W. Booth, P.M., P.G.A.D. of C.; Bro. Enos Andrew, P.P.G.O., officiating as pianist. Toasts, glees, &c., were alternately given, amongst the former being the following: "The Queen," "The Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family," "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and Earl of Chester," "M.W. Pro G.M., Earl of Carnarvon," "M.W. Dep. G.M., Earl of Lathom," "R.W.P.G.M. of Cheshire, Lord de Tabley," "R.W.D.P.G.M. of Cheshire, Lord Egerton, and the rest of the P.G. Officers, Present and Past," "The Installing Masters, Bros. S. N. Brooks, P.M., and Roberts, P.M.," "Our Newly-Installed W.M., Bro. Wilde," "Our I.P.M., and his Officers," "Our Newly-Invested Officers," "Our Visiting Brethren," and "To all Poor and Distressed Masons." It is hardly necessary to add that the proceedings were of the most enjoyable character.

GAINSBOROUGH.—Yarborough Lodge (No. 422).—The brethren of this lodge met on Monday, the 3rd inst., for the purpose of installing Bro. S. Beaumont, who had served the office of S.W. during the past year, as W.M. There were present Bros. Kirk, P.M., P.Z., P.P.

G.S.W., as W.M.; S. Beaumont, S.W., W.M. elect; C. R. Farmer, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., J.W.; W. Wheelton, P.M., Treas.; C. F. Liversidge, P.M., Sec.; G. Housham, P.M., P.G.S. of W., S.D.; W. Mason, J.D. pro tem.; F. Baines, Inner Guard pro tem.; G. Scott, Tyler; Robinson, Organist; Robbs, G. Wright, Greer halgh, Bacon, Sowby, J. F. Johnson, Hewitt, J. E. Dixon, T. Cassan, Caldicott, and H. Wright. Visitors: Bros. E. Simpson, 1221; W. F. Boot, J.D. 939; Toplis, P.M. 47; P. G. Treas. Notts.; F. Roberts, J.W. 47; W. Rainforth, P.M. 297; H. E. Cousins, P.M. 297; J. Spring, W.M. 1282; and H. Marston, 1857. The installation ceremony was ably performed by P.M.'s Liversidge and Housham, and the W.M. then invested his officers as follows:—Bros. Kirk, I.P.M.; G. Robinson, S.W.; Frederic Baines, J.W.; W. Wheelton, Treas.; C. F. Liversidge, Sec.; H. Wright, S.D.; W. Mason, J.D.; G. Housham, D.C.; G. Wright, I.G.; C. Greenhalgh and F. J. Sowby, Stwds.; and G. Scott, Tyler.

A banquet was subsequently held at the White Hart Hotel, under the genial presidency of the newly-installed W.M., and the following toast list was gone through:—"The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W. Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the Officers of Grand Lodge," "The R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Lincolnshire, and the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, Present and Past," "The Worshipful Master of the Yarborough Lodge, No. 422, and his Officers," "The I.P.M. and P.M.'s of the Yarborough Lodge, No. 422," "The Visiting Brethren," "The Masonic Charities," and the Tyler's toast.

NORTH SHIELDS.—St. George's Lodge (No. 431).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, on Monday afternoon, the 4th inst., Bro. W. Perkins, W.M., presiding. After the lodge had been opened, Bro. W. Carnaby, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented for installation by Bro. McLaren, P.M. The ceremony having been ably performed by Bro. Perkins, the newly-installed W.M. appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. Wm. Perkins, I.P.M.; Wm. Reed, S.W.; G. H. Heslop, J.W.; W. B. McLearn, D. of C.; Henry Gibson, Treasurer; C. Baguley, Secretary; J. Martin, S.D.; J. G. S. Thompson, J.D.; Alexander Anderson, I.G.; G. Fleming, S.S.; J. Mather, J.S.; and Alexander Mustart, Tyler. After the lodge had been closed in the usual form, the brethren adjourned to the Royal Hotel, Tynemouth, where the annual festival was celebrated, under the presidency of Bro. Carnaby, W.M.

CAMBRIDGE.—Three Grand Principles Lodge (No. 441).—At a meeting of this lodge on Monday, the 4th inst., Bro. Thomas Watts was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, and afterwards appointed the following officers: Bros. S. H. Sharman, S.W.; John Fuller, J.W.; J. E. L. Whitehead, S.D.; J. F. Symonds, J.D.; W. C. Dewberry, I.G.; C. A. Vinter, I.P.M.; Joshua Taylor, Treas.; F. G. G. Barber, Sec.; A. Morrell, Org.; F. Dewberry, D.C.; A. M. Robertson, Chap.; J. Vail, F. Bailey, and F. Cole, Stewards. Bro. J. Stacey Youngman P.M., officiated as Installing Master. The brethren subsequently partook of a *recherché* banquet at the Lion Hotel.

At the banquet the matter of the Masonic Charities was warmly taken up, and upwards of £100 was promised towards aiding the funds of the Province.

HAYLE.—Cornubian Lodge (No. 450).—The annual meeting to celebrate the Festival of St. John was held on Tuesday, the 29th ult., and amongst the visitors were Bros. J. T. Rodda, W.M. 1544; R. Dunstan, S.W. 318; W. J. Winn, J.D. 318; C. Truscott, P.M. 496; W. R. Baker, P.M. 1272; T. A. Kisler, P.M. 589, P.G.O.; J. Sarah, W.M. 579; W. T. Rowe, S.D. 589; and James Pendrew, S.W. 1544.

The W.M. elect, Bro. J. Bazeley, S.W., was installed by Bros. N. P. West, P.M., and H. Warren, P.M., and appointed as his officers for the ensuing year Bros. Richard Hawkin, I.P.M.; W. H. H. Tope, S.W.; Ed. Broad, S.W.; G. P. Penno, P.M., Chap.; T. Harvey, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., Treas.; J. P. Smith, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., Sec.; W. Wagner, S.D.; Richard Hosken, J.D.; T. Bickle, J.S.; and J. V. Bray, Tyler. Bro. J. B. Penno, P.M., was elected to the Charities. Bro. Pearce presented the report of the Coombe Masonic Library belonging to the lodge, which was opened a few months since. Bro. G. Pearce was reappointed librarian, and thanked for his services.

After the lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to the White Hart Hotel, where a banquet was served by Miss Olver.

CALLINGTON.—Loyal Victoria Lodge (No. 557).—The annual festival of this lodge was held on Monday, the 28th ult., at the Masonic Hall to install Bro. S. G. Bennett, S.W., as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was conducted by Bro. Morgan, P.M. and P.G.S., assisted by the following Board of Installed Masters: Bros. J. Peter, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; C. T. Pearce, P.M., P.P.G.D.; G. Crabb, P.M.; J. Turner, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C.; Major T. B. Richards, P.M., P.P.G. Swd. B.; J. Williams, P.M., P.P.G.P.; J. Richards, P.M.; R. Parkin, P.M.; W. Tambling, P.M.; T. B. Woolcock, P.M.; J. Cornish, P.M.; J. Sobey, W.M. 1164; E. R. Doney, W.M. 1071; J. D. Deeble, P.M. 1071; J. Pearce, P.M. 1136; J. T. Brooking, P.M. 1071, P.P.G.S.W.; and J. Deeble, P.M.

The Board of Installed Masters having been closed, the W.M. invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. Rabbage, I.P.M.; W. Bond, S.W.; W. Dawe, J.W.; C. T. Pearce, Treas.; J. H. Philp, Sec.; T. C. Betty, S.D.; R. W. Edwards, J.D.; J. Normington, I.G.; J. Hoskings, D.C.; J. Goldsworthy, Org.; J. H. Davey and J. H. Hosken, Stwds.; W. H. Turner, Chap.; and J. J. Gibson, Tyler. Bro. J. Turner was re-elected Steward C.M.A.A.B.F., and Bro. C. T. Pearce was elected lodge representative for the C.M.C.A.

The banquet was held at Golding's Hotel, where the brethren of the lodge and a number of visitors enjoyed a most excellent spread, provided by the hostess, Mrs. Golding. Among the visitors present, in addition to those on the Board of Installed Masters, were Bros. R. T. B. Woolcock, W.M. elect 282; J. Roskilly, J.W. 282; W. H. Roberts, S.W. 1104; and H. Bowden, S.W. 1070. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and honoured, and a most pleasant evening was spent.

NEWBURY.—Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope (No. 574).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Temperance Hall on Friday, the 1st inst., Bro. W. H. Belcher, W.M., presiding. The S.W., Bro. M. H. C. Palmer, was installed as W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year, the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. Stephen Knight, P.M. The newly-installed W.M. afterwards appointed and invested his officers. A handsome P.M.'s jewel, suitably inscribed, was presented by the officers and brethren of the lodge to the outgoing W.M., Bro. Belcher. The lodge business, which occupied several hours, was succeeded by a banquet, served in a most complete and satisfactory style by Bro. Hamlen, at the Council Chamber, which had been decorated with much taste with Masonic emblems, &c., by Mrs. Palmer, Miss Wright, Bro. S. Knight, Mr. Knight, jun., and others. The tables were also adorned with hothouse flowers. The company included Bro. W. G. Mount, M.P., and other influential visitors.

LEOMINSTER.—Royal Edward Lodge (No. 892).—The installation festival of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 15th ult., in the Masonic Room, Oak Hotel. The occasion was one of more than ordinary interest and importance, and there was an unusually large gathering of the brethren, among whom were many Past Masters. The new W.M. was Bro. the Rev. Richard Evans; and in the unavoidable absence through illness of his dear old friend, Bro. the Rev. John Buckle, the lodge invited Bro. Thos. Smith to perform the installation. Bro. Smith was accompanied by Bro. W. Rowe, the retiring W.M., at Hereford, and other Paladians, and, aided by his remarkable memory and intimate knowledge of the Masonic ritual, the ceremony was carried out very satisfactorily. The banquet which succeeded was also in first class style.

MANCHESTER.—Strangeways Lodge (No. 1219).—The meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, King-street, on the 30th ult. Bro. Appleby, W.M., was in his place, and was ably supported by Bros. Hargreaves, I.P.M.; Willis, S.W.; Slatter, J.W.; W. T. Schofield, P.M., Treas.; W. W. Dawson, P.M., P.G.A. D.C., Sec.; and W. B. Russell, S.D. The other members present were Bros. Andrew, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Rogers, P.M.; C. Schofield, P.M.; Barlow, Bradshaw, Hughes, Savage, Robinson, R. D. Callison, J. W. Callison, Lewin, and Kelley. The following are the names of the visiting brethren: Bros. F. Warburton, 317; J. S. Watson, J.D. 1213; W. Corbett, P.M. 249; J. Goss, 481; R. Walker, W.M. 1052; and A. T. Forrest, W.M. 1033.

The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, the real business of the evening was gone into by Bros. P.M.'s Dawson, P.G.A.D.C., Sec., and W. T. Schofield giving the Third Degree to Bros. Robinson and Bradshaw, Bro. Schofield presenting the working tools to both candidates. The workmanlike manner in which the ceremony was given elicited the highest encomiums from the brethren. The election of the W.M. for the ensuing year, also the Treasurer and the Tyler during the pleasure of the lodge, were then proceeded with. Bro. W. Willis, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M., and Bro. W. T. Schofield, P.M., Treasurer, for the ensuing year. The whole of the business on the circular having been gone through, and "Hearty good wishes" from the visiting brethren expressed, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony, according to ancient custom.

The brethren, at the invitation of Bro. Appleby, W.M., then sat down to supper, and, after the removal of the cloth, the usual patriotic and Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to, especially the one to the W.M. elect, Bro. Willis, who was wished health, happiness, and a successful year of office. After the toasts had been disposed of, a most enjoyable evening, intermingled with songs and recitations, came to a close.

PENISTONE.—Wharnccliffe Lodge (No. 1462). The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the lodge room, Rose and Crown Hotel, on the 26th ult. Bro. Henry Barden was installed W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. Henry Field, P.M., Bro. George Hesketh, P.M., acting as D.C. The ceremony was performed in a very impressive manner by Bro. Field. The W.M. invested as his officers Bros. the Rev. W. S. Turnbull, S.W.; W. Holden, J.W.; R. Senior, Treas.; C. Woodhead, Sec.; E. Billington, S.D.; J. Lund, J.D.; J. Brown, D.C.; J. Cockcroft, Org.; B. G. Stones, F. James, and C. Dunstan, Stwds.; and Jesse Shore, Tyler. There was a great number of visiting brethren from Huddersfield, Holmfirth, Doncaster, and other towns present.

After the conclusion of the ceremony about 50 brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

INSTRUCTION.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—The weekly meeting was held on the 5th inst., at the Victoria Mansions, Victoria-street. The W.M., Bro. Mount, was supported by the following brethren: Bros. Cooper, S.W.; Wilton, J.W.; Cottelbrune, P.G.P., Preceptor; Chapman, S.D.; Steng, J.D.; Lansdowne, I.G.; Cross, Sec.; Cobham, Hunt, Swan, Stroud, and Weeks.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Chapman being candidate. Bro. Stroud answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was duly entrusted. Lodge was opened on the square, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Lodge was opened on the centre, and afterwards closed down. The S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

DOMATIC LODGE (No. 177).—The weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, on Tuesday, the 29th ult. There were present Bros. J. Hill, W. H. Boys, Pect, R. Rowlands, Williams, St. Clare Hill, C. Pigeon, Eidmans, Walden, and others.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. As the ceremony of installation was to be rehearsed by the two Preceptors, Bros. J. Hill and W. H. Boys, the latter, who had opened the lodge, then opened it in the Second Degree. Bro. J. Hill was presented as the W.M. elect, and Bro. W. H. Boys rehearsed the ceremony, as the Installing Master, in a very impressive manner. Bro. J. Hill, the Installed Master, invested his officers. The Installing Master gave the three addresses very correctly and in a feeling manner. The lodge was called off and on, when Bro. J. Hill gave the addresses before the three obligations, and the three addresses after them. Bro. Williams

was proposed as a member and elected. Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed. The work for the month is: Tuesday, the 5th—Initiation, charge, tracing board, and 4th Section of First Lecture; Tuesday, the 12th—Passing, charge, tracing board, and 3rd and 4th Sections of Second Lecture; Tuesday, the 19th—Raising, charge, and 2nd and 3rd Sections of Third Lecture; Tuesday, the 26th—Passing and raising, with charges.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 4th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. C. S. Mote, W.M.; W. J. Mason, S.W.; C. J. Morse, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treasurer and Preceptor; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.G.S.D. Essex, Secretary; O. W. Battley, S.D.; P. W. Rogers, J.D.; J. R. Allman, I.G.; W. H. Chappell, Stwd.; Capt. A. Nicols, P.M. 1074, P.D.G.S. of W. Punjab; H. Purdue, P.M. 834; W. H. Chalont, P.M. 1425; J. H. Wood, D. Stroud, E. C. Mulvey, H. Robinson, A. Hardy, E. Greenboam, T. Artaud, and T. Rosdale. Visitor: Bro. F. Dusterwald, 1586.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was called off and on. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. Read, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Mason was elected W.M. for next meeting, and he appointed his officers in rotation. Bro. Dusterwald was elected a member. Bro. Battley presented a very compact case to hold the handsome volume of the Sacred Law, which was gratefully accepted, and a vote of thanks was recorded to him on the minutes. A sum of ten shillings out of the lodge funds was voted to a distressed widow of a deceased brother, and was supplemented by the brethren. Lodge was then closed.

CANTERBURY.—Royal Military Lodge (No. 1449).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 4th inst., at 38, St. Peter's-street. Present: Bros. Blamiers, W.M.; Cockersell, S.W.; Tomblings, J.W.; Abbs, Secretary; McClintock, S.D.; Pepper, J.D.; Simms, I.G.; Beer, P.M.; and Hammond, P.M.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. McClintock acting as candidate. The charge was given by Bro. Hammond, I.P.M. Nothing having been offered for the good of Freemasonry, or of this lodge of instruction in particular, the same was closed.

WANDERERS LODGE (No. 1604).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 6th inst., at Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W. Present: Bros. Gibson, Treas. and W.M.; Adams, S.W.; Wynn, J.W.; Wray, P.M., Preceptor; Musson, Sec.; Holland, S.D.; Folsom, J.D.; C. White, P.M., I.G.; Weeks, Tyler; Brindley, P.M.; Hayes, Morgan, Power, G. E. Saunders, Smales, and Dotterill.

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. Smales being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Smales, a candidate for raising in the mother lodge, answered the usual questions, and retired. Bro. Power was entrusted. Lodge being opened in the Third Degree, Bro. Power was duly raised to the Degree of a M.M., and the W.M. gave the traditional history, and the ceremony concluded. The lodge resumed to the First Degree. The S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The lodge was then closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent-Garden, W.C., on the 31st ult., when the ceremony of installation was rehearsed. There were present Bros. John Jacobs, W.M. 1614, W.M.; Harry W. Kedgley, S.W. 1614, S.W.; G. Coleman, P.M. 1614, J.W.; B. Solomon, S.D. 1614, S.D.; C. Corby, S.W. 957, J.D.; F. Dusterwald, 1586, I.G.; W. C. Smith, S.W. 1563, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, I.G. 1614, Secretary and Treasurer; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; A. Clark, P.M. 1227; G. P. Bertini, S.W. 1559; W. Kedge, 193 and 749; P. Kedge, 749; A. Gammell, 2012; Z. Mordecai, 1348; E. Jacobs, P.M. 1614; L. Goldsmid, 1614; T. Cross, P.M. 1194; E. G. Recknell, W.M. 1728; W. Brindley, P.M. 1604; S. Jacobs, P.M. 1614; S. V. Abraham, P.M. 1017; H. S. Hunter, W.M. 1321; C. Grassi, J.W. 1559; H. Robinson, 1681; D. Stroud, J.W. 2090; C. Holland, S.W. 1681; Wikie Jones, J.D. 890; J. Rhodes, W.M. 1824; W. F. Thorpe, D.C. 1614; J. Rowe, 1559; J. Woodward, 1614; Frank Gulliford, 1614; T. A. Dickson, J.W. 1614; E. J. D. Bromley, 179; G. H. Reynolds, 1614; C. Ralph, 1614; J. Skinner, P.M.; J. Wetherill, W.M. 1681; W. Fowles, J.D. 1348; and J. Gittens, 179. Visitors: Bros. J. Coltart, P.M. 749; A. J. Henocksley, W.M. elect 205; H. C. Ball, P.M. 144; Harry Price, W.M. elect 177; W. H. Wilton, W.M. 34; and many others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. C. Smith, Preceptor, worked the 2nd Section of the First Lecture. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Harry W. Kedgley, as W.M. elect, was duly obligated, and the ceremony of installation was rehearsed by Bro. John Jacobs, W.M. of the mother lodge, in a clear manner. Lodge opened in the Third Degree. Lodge resumed to the Second Degree. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. The W.M., Bro. Harry W. Kedgley, appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bro. W. Brindley, S.W.; G. Coleman, J.W.; G. Reynolds, Secretary and Treasurer; B. Solomon, S.D.; C. Corby, J.D.; F. Dusterwald, I.G.; and T. E. Weeks, Tyler. Bro. John Jacobs then delivered the charges. On rising for the first time, Bro. F. Goldsmid, 179, was unanimously elected a joining member of this lodge of instruction, being proposed by Bro. G. Coleman, P.M. and seconded by Bro. W. F. Thorpe. On rising for the second time, Bro. G. Reynolds, Sec., reminded the lodge that Bro. D. Stroud was elected W.M. for the ensuing week on the 17th ult., and had appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, Bro. W. C. Smith, Preceptor, proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes of this lodge of instruction to Bro. John Jacobs, W.M. of the mother lodge, for the very excellent manner in which he had rehearsed the ceremony of installation—seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. Bro. John Jacobs made a suitable reply. Bro. G. Coleman proposed that a gratuity be given to Bro. T. E. Weeks, the serving brother, as a New Year's gift—seconded by Bro. T. A. Dickson, and carried unanimously. The W.M. received the "Hearty good wishes" of all, and the lodge was closed. The brethren expressed themselves gratified, having spent a most agreeable and instructive evening. They then parted, wishing each other many "Happy and prosperous years."

UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1789).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 1st inst., at the Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, S.W. Present: Bros. Musson, W.M.; Green, jun., S.W.; Mason, J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; J. Gibson, Treas.; P. Coughlan, Sec.; Gilbert, S.D.; Wynn, J.D.; Green, sen., I.G.; Brindley, P.M.; Turner, Arnold, Coleman, Cope, Hayes, J. Parnell, Luckhurst, Thatcher, Tucker, Taylor, and Clarkson.

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. Arnold being the candidate. Bro. Turner answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Cope being the candidate. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. Tucker, 144, was unanimously elected a joining member of this lodge of instruction. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Gibson was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was unanimously voted to be recorded on the minutes to the W.M. for the very able and efficient manner in which he had worked the initiation and passing ceremonies. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

A meeting of the Charitable Association was afterwards held, which proved favourable to Bro. Harvey.

Bros. Sir Farrer Herschell O.C., the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres, and the Baron H. de Worms, M.P., have been appointed by the President of the Board of Trade a Committee of inquiry into the duties, organisation, and arrangements of the Patent office under the Patents Act of 1883.

Royal Arch.

ROYAL JUBILEE CHAPTER (No. 72).—The annual installation meeting was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Thursday, the 10th ult. Ex. Comp. T. Foxall was the Installing Principal, with Ex. Comp. J. Stevens as D.C. Ex. Comp. E. Walker was installed M.E.Z.; Ex. Comp. G. Edwards, H.; and Comp. J. Smith, J., the ceremonies being admirably rendered. Ex. Comps. F. Dunn, P.Z., was invested as Treas., and H. Lovegrove, P.Z., as S.E.; and Comps. L. J. Fountaine, S.N.; Axford, P.S.; A. Darch, 1st Asst. Soj.; A. J. Bellis, 2nd Asst. Soj.; E. Dodson, D.C.; W. F. Bates, A.D.C.; C. Williams and E. Lewcock, Stwds.; and R. Potter, Janitor.

The visitors were Ex. Comps. J. Stevens, P.Z. 720 and 771; F. W. Driver, P.Z. 742; and A. R. W. Powle, 1207. The ballot was taken for Bro. Edwin Haynes Dove, of the Strong Man Lodge, 45, and he was duly exalted into Royal Arch Masonry by the newly-installed M.E.Z. The report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted.

A handsome jewel was presented to Ex. Comp. F. Thurston, I.P.Z.

INSTRUCTION.

HORNSEY CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 890).—A convocation was held at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., on Saturday, the 2nd inst., when there were present Comps. W. H. Dean, P.Z. 77, 417, P.P. G.R. Dorset, M.E.Z.; F. Swain, H. 328, H.; Capt. A. Nicols, H. 890, P.Z. 782, J.; H. Dehane, 890, 862, S.E.; G. Gregory, P.Z. 1538, J. 704, S.N.; T. C. Edmonds, 890, P.S. 1807, P.S.; H. S. Andrews, 890, 784, Treas.; and T. C. Pratt, Z. 507, Janitor.

The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Andrews being the candidate. E. Comp. D. P. Cama, P.Z. 1503, I.P.Z. 255, very kindly presented the chapter of improvement with a complete set of handsome officers' collars and jewels, which were gratefully accepted, and a cordial vote of thanks was passed, and the same to be recorded on the minutes. Votes of thanks were also passed to those companions who kindly assisted on the occasion when E. Comp. Philbrick, O.C., G. Supt. of Essex, G.R., rehearsed the ceremony of consecration. The chapter was then closed.

NORTH LONDON CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 1471).—A meeting of this chapter of improvement was held at the Alwyn Castle Tavern, St. Paul's-road, Highbury, on Thursday, the 31st ult. Present: Comps. W. H. Dean, M.E.Z., P.G.R. of Dorset; W. Radcliffe, H.; T. C. Edmonds, J.; J. E. Sheffield, S.E.; H. Jenkins, S.N.; and J. E. Sheffield, P.S.

The companions mustered well, being the last meeting in the old year, trusting the new year may prove as successful and harmonious as the old one, the companions present wishing all Royal Arch Masons a "Happy and prosperous New Year."

Mark Masonry.

ST. COLUMB.—Fort Lodge (No. 206).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 25th ult., in the Masonic Hall, Bro. Frank Bray, W.M., presiding. Bro. John Best, S.W., was elected W.M., and Bro. B. Wellington, P.P. G.J.O., as Treasurer for the ensuing year. The installation of the W.M. elect will take place in the Masonic Hall on the 22nd of March, when a banquet will be provided at the Red Lion Hotel. On the motion of Col. Michell, P.P.G. S.W., seconded by Bro. T. Hicks, P.P.G.J.O., it was resolved to invite the Prov. G.M., Bro. Sir C. B. Graves-Sawle, Bart., to hold the next Prov. Grand Mark Lodge at Newquay.

Scotland.

CRIEFF.—St. Michael's Lodge (No. 38).—The annual general meeting of this lodge was held on Monday evening, the 25th ult., at the Masonic Hall. The R.W.M., Bro. Colonel Moray, presided. There was a good turnout of members. The following were elected as office-bearers for next year: Bros. Colonel Moray (re-elected) R.W.M.; Peter McGregor (re-elected) D.M.; John Stothard, S.M.; Peter Stewart, S.W.; I. M'Ar, J.W.; D. Kippen, Treas.; R. Clement, Sec.; W. Watt, S.D.; A. Ritchie, J.D.; Rev. A. G. Maitland, Chap.; Charles M'Donald, S.S.; A. A. Connon, J.S.; R. Clement, sen., I.G.; John Sharp, Tyler; and Col. Moray, Proxy Master. Committee: Bros. D. Buchan, John M'Leven, J. Stothard, John M'ulloch, Thomas Wilson, David Miller, and J. Fechney. It was agreed to give the widows of deceased members the usual allowance at the New Year. After the business was over, the brethren sat down to a substantial supper, purveyed by Bro. D. Forbes, of the Commercial Hotel. The R.W.M. presided, and a few very enjoyable hours were spent.

DUNBAR.—Dunbar Castle Lodge (No. 75).—On Monday evening, the 25th ult., the Festival of St. John the Evangelist was celebrated with befitting ceremony by this lodge. The brethren met in the lodge room under Bro. Provost Brand, R.W.M., when the following office bearers were installed with due ceremony and in a most impressive manner by Bro. D. Vallance, P.M.: Bro. Provost Brand, R.W.M.; D. Vallance, P.M.; A. Robertson, D.M.; T. Robertson, S.M.; P. Paxton, S.W.; W. Scott, J.W.; P. France, Treas.; D. J. S. Vallance, Sec.; R. Buchanan, Chap.; R. Henderson, S.D.; W. Grahame, J.D.; J. M'Kenzie and R. Thorburn, Stwds.; T. Aitken, I.G.; and F. Campbell, Tyler, pro tem. The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were read, which showed that the lodge was in a most flourishing condition, both in membership and finances, and we have every reason to believe that it will go on and prosper with such a R.W.M. at its head as the worthy Provost, assisted by his able office bearers.

The lodge was thereafter reduced, and the brethren adjourned to the Royal Hotel to celebrate the Festival of St. John, when upwards of 50 sat down to supper, which was provided in Mrs. Brown's usual recherche style. R.W.M. Bro. Provost Brand occupied the chair, and proposed the loyal, patriotic, and Masonic toasts.

"The Army, Navy, and Auxiliary Forces," proposed from the chair, was responded to in good style by Bros. L. J. Russell and W. Grahame.

"The Town and Trade of Dunbar" was proposed by Bro. T. Robertson, and ably replied to by Bro. M'Kenzie. "The Ladies," given by Bro. Provost Brand, was ably responded to by Bro. Trooper J. Davidson, E.L.V.C.

"The Magistrates and Town Council of Dunbar" was proposed by Bro. J. A. Purves, and replied to by Bro. Provost Brand.

In proposing "The Health of the R.W.M.," Bro. D. Vallance, P.M., called attention to the energy he had expended in the interests of the lodge. This toast was enthusiastically received.

"The Brethren of other Lodges" was responded to by Bro. A. Paul, Haddington.

Several songs were contributed by the brethren during the course of the evening, and one appropriate for the occasion, composed and sung by Bro. M'Kenzie, received well merited applause. The meeting broke up shortly after that "wee short hour ayont the twal'."

MUTHILL—St. John's Lodge (No. 192).—On Monday, the 28th ult., the brethren of this lodge celebrated the festival of St. John, their patron Saint, in the conventional manner. The brethren assembled in the Masonic Hall early in the afternoon, and forthwith waited on their Depute-Master, Bro. Carmichael, to escort him to the place of meeting. The members then met for the transaction of the annual business and payment of dues. The office-bearers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Bros. Viscount Strathallan, R.W.M.; Malcolm Finlayson, D.M.; George T. Ewing, S.M.; W. M'Robie, Asst. Master; James M'Orist, P.M.; W. Carmichael, P.M.; Rev. James Rankin, D.D., Chap.; John Keron, Bible Bearer; Robert Williamson, S.W.; John Nish, J.W.; James Ferguson, Deacon; Duncan Buchanan, Sec.; Peter M'Neil, Treas.; Peter Ferguson, I.G.; and John Ellis, Tyler. The Treasurer's report showed the lodge, financially and otherwise, to be in a flourishing condition, and the sum of £1 was voted towards the Scottish Masonic Benevolence Fund. A considerable sum had been paid during the year in sick money. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, the brethren, according to custom, "walked" in procession through the town at 7 o'clock, in full Masonic costume, with rods in their hands. The Muthill Brass Band led the way with the stately strains of the "Masons of Yore." The flickering blaze of the flambeaux, and the falling snow whirling in the storm, gave a weird effect to the ceremony, which, to judge from the crowded streets, appeared to have lost none of its interest to the inhabitants. At 8 o'clock the brethren dined together in their own hall,—the purveyor being Bro. Miller, of the Commercial Hotel. Bro. Finlayson presided, and Bro. Willamson acted as croupier. The rest of the evening was devoted to toast and song. Bro. E. T. Ewing, in proposing "The Health of the Right Worshipful Master," referred in felicitous terms to his lordship's long connection with the lodge, and pointed out that by March next, his lordship will have been for sixty years Master of the lodge. The toast was drunk with much enthusiasm. At 11 o'clock the brethren dispersed, fully satisfied with their St. John's Day meeting, which is still one of the great annual events of the village.

Gibraltar.

GIBRALTAR.—Inhabitants Lodge (No. 153, E.C.)—Conferring the Second Degree on the D.G. Master's Son.—On Friday, the 4th ult., this lodge was the scene of a most interesting and perfectly unique ceremony. An emergency meeting had been summoned for that night to confer the Second Degree on Bro. Di Stella Burford-Hancock, who had been initiated in the Lodge of Friendship, 278, and who is destined to receive his Third Degree in St. John's Lodge, 115, thus taking one Degree in each of the three lodges over which his father presides as D.G.M. An addendum was subsequently made to the summons that the D.G.M., with the officers of D.G. Lodge, would visit the lodge and restore the original charter, which had been lost for many years.

After the lodge had been opened, a very full attendance of members and visitors being present, the R.W.D.G.M. was announced, and received with due honours in the Third Degree. He was attended by his Deputy and all the officers of the D.G. Lodge in full dress. The candidate was then passed to the Second Degree, in the absence of the W.M., by the I.P.M., Bro. Sproat, the lecture on the tracing board being given by the S.W., Bro. Discombe, and the charge by Bro. Silcott, the J.W.; all passing off without a hitch, and the work carried out in an impressive manner.

The R.W.D.G.M. then gave a very interesting history of the former constitution of Lodge 153, and of the loss and recovery of its original warrant, as follows: Worshipful Master and Brethren—This lodge, now bearing the name the Inhabitants Lodge, and numbered 153, was originally founded under the "Atholl" Constitution on the 13th November, 1777, as the Garrison Lodge, and bore the number 202. A note in the Grand Lodge register describes it as "a stationary, and not a military, lodge," while No. 148 (2nd Battalion Royal Artillery), now St. John's, was exclusively a military lodge until the 7th February, 1807, when the name of John Nicolls, Inhabitant, first appears on the register of members. Curiously enough, it is now a matter of notoriety that the two lodges have reversed their characters. An old document, bearing date 23rd January, 1810, has come into my possession, and will be placed at the disposal of the lodge; this is a lodge certificate, describing its bearer, Bro. George Fairfoot, as "a regular geometrical Master Mason of the Ancient Craft." At the Union, in 1813, the number was changed to 251, being afterwards altered to 178 in 1832, and, finally, to 153 in 1863. In 1858 the lodge, having been for some years in abeyance, was re-suscitated, Bro. Gould being the Master, and Bros. Irwin and Schreiber the Wardens, Bro. Irwin succeeding Bro. Gould in the chair the following year. At this time the original warrant of the lodge had mysteriously disappeared, and, by some confusion, on its revival the lodge was worked under a warrant under the "Modern" Constitution belonging to a lodge, founded in 1762, bearing the name of "The Lodge of Inhabitants, Gibraltar, No. 285," which having ceased to make returns in 1800, was dropped out at the Union in 1813 and ceased to exist. Acting on this warrant, in 1862 application was made for a centenary warrant, which was granted in due course. This raised some doubt on the part of St. John's Lodge (now 115), which, as possessing an earlier number, disputed, in a friendly manner, the right of 153 to a centenary warrant, to which 115 was not as yet entitled. The matter was referred to the D.G.L., and by that body to the G.L., and ultimately in the warrant of 1762 being returned to the Grand Lodge in 1875, and being replaced by a Warrant of Confirmation founded on the Atholl warrant of 1777, and bearing the names of Bros. Cunningham, Conroy, and

Collins as Master and Wardens. This is the authority under which the lodge has since been worked. There was naturally much confusion in the matter, and very voluminous correspondence took place between the lodge, D.G.L., and G.L., with the above result. This summer, on my arrival in England, I received a letter from that distinguished Masonic historian Bro. W. J. Hughan, informing me that he had recognised the original charter of 153 amongst a collection of Masonic curiosities in the possession of Bro. Irwin, P.M. 153 (who is said to have purchased it, with other Masonic souvenirs, many years ago), and stating that Bro. Irwin having placed it at the disposal of the lodge, he intended to forward it to me for transmission. In due course it arrived. I found it partly engraved and partly written on parchment, the words in many places having become illegible from age, but I have had it carefully deciphered by Masonic experts, and the writing sufficiently restored to render it legible. I communicated with the G. Secretary, and learned from him that, after making a searching enquiry, he had no doubt that this was the original charter of the lodge which has been working under the name of "The Inhabitants" since 1858, and he directed that after its restoration to the lodge, the Warrant of Confirmation dated 1877 should be returned to Grand Lodge. As most of the present members of the lodge have been initiated under this latter warrant, and all have served under it for years past, they must regard it with a feeling of great consideration, and would naturally prefer to keep it on the walls of the lodge. I shall, therefore, put it to the G. Sec. whether, taking these points into consideration, the return of the Warrant of Confirmation cannot be dispensed with. It is with the strongest feelings of satisfaction that I now commit the original charter to your keeping, W. Master, and I consider myself extremely fortunate in being chosen as the medium through which the restitution of the venerable and highly curious document to its original owners has been effected.

The Worshipful Master then deputed the four senior P.M.'s of the lodge, Bros. Gorham, Henry, Barker, and Cunningham, to proceed to the ante-room and bring in the old charter, which had been handsomely framed by Bro. Sir H. J. Burford Hancock. It was admitted in due form, and carried to E. to joyful music, where it was handed by the D.G.M. to the keeping of the W.M. and his successors on behalf of the lodge.

Bro. Col. Gorham, being called upon as the oldest P.M. and the immediate successor of Bro. Irwin in the chair, expressed his gratification at the return of the charter, and asked the D.G.M. (1), if he were in possession of any information respecting the means by which it became lost and had come into the hands of Bro. Irwin, and (2), if he were quite sure that this was the original charter of Lodge 153.

The D.G.M. replied that he was unable to trace anything whatever of the means by which it had gone astray, but that he had very carefully gone over the various papers and books of the lodge which dated from 1778, and had satisfactorily proved that the document was genuine.

Bro. G. J. Gilbard, D.D.G.M., then delivered a short but instructive address on the nature and powers of warrants in general, and concluded by putting two resolutions, expressing the thanks of the brethren of Lodge 153 to Bros. Hughan and Irwin for their kindness in the matter. These were carried by acclamation.

The Worshipful Master proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the R.W.D.G.M., Bro. Sir H. Burford-Hancock, for his zeal in restoring their lost property, and in conducting his laborious researches to prove its authenticity. He reminded the brethren that since the advent of the D.G.M. to his important office, Masonry in Gibraltar had received new life and strength from the earnest personal interest taken by him in the welfare of the lodges under his jurisdiction, and it was a source of lively gratification to him (the W.M.) to be enabled to express this appreciation of the D.G.M.'s efforts in the good cause on an occasion so appropriate to the expression of such a feeling. He begged to be allowed to include in the proposition the name of Bro. Gilbard, the D.D.G.M., as one who, not only on the present occasion, but during a long period of office, extending over many years, had ever done well for Masonry.

This vote was also carried by acclamation, and after a brief acknowledgment by the D.G.M. the proceedings terminated. The brethren then adjourned to the refreshment room, where the usual toasts were proposed and honoured, and an excellent finish put to a very enjoyable and instructive evening.

MASONIC BALL AT MARYPORT.

The members of the Perseverance Lodge, No. 371, held their annual ball on Wednesday, the 30th ult., at the Masonic Hall.

Formerly it was the custom, so far as gentlemen were concerned, to invite no one but Masons, but this hard and fast rule has been broken through, and there was a large gathering of both sexes.

The Masonic Hall is so well fitted up and embellished that it needs little in the way of decoration even on special occasions; but what little was required in this direction was well conceived and carried out by the brethren and their friends.

Among the most noticeable features of the decorations were some splendidly painted bannerets, the work of Mrs. Sewell, Brandlingill.

The hall was opened by Mrs. Wilson Robinson, of Birkby Mill, and Mr. E. B. Penrice.

The refreshments were supplied by Miss Banks, of Crosby-street, who gave great satisfaction in this department.

The music was supplied by a band under the leadership of Mr. Henry Thompson, and at intervals songs were sung by several of the guests. Among those who obliged in this way were Mr. W. Dillon, Mr. R. Leach (who was in first-class voice), Mr. E. G. Mitchell, Mr. T. Weatherstone, Mr. H. Lightfoot, and last, but by no means least or shortest, Mr. Wilson Robinson, who sang "Laal Dinah Grayson," in his own inimitable style.

Mr. W. Stoddart and Mr. Fred Harrison acted as M.C.'s, and both studied in every way the comfort of the guests.

It was past five o'clock when the company sang "Auld Lang Syne," and thus brought to a conclusion one of the most pleasant gatherings ever held in Maryport.

COMING OF AGE CELEBRATION.

The coming of age of the only daughter of Bro. Jubal Webb, W.M. of the Constitutional Lodge, No. 55, was celebrated, on the 26th ult., by a ball at the Kensington Town Hall, to which, besides a host of personal friends, the whole of the brethren of his lodge were invited. Amongst the guests we noticed the following members of the Craft: Bros. G. C. Harding, P.M. 1794; R. P. Atkins, P.M. 55; Walter Farthing, P.M. 55; J. G. Unite, P.M. 144; E. Thompson, 55; Jeffreys; Huggett; F. Butler, 55 (who was M.C.); H. Dehane, 1543; H. Roach, 55; Frank Unite, 55; D. Stroud, 55; F. Smithers, 55; A. Madeil, C. Bertini, and many others. We regret to say that, owing to the sudden death of his uncle, the Primate of Ireland, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, the G.S., was at the last moment prevented attending.

The magnificent hall looked charming, the mistletoe bough of gigantic dimensions being a prominent feature, while the band, conducted by Mr. Pritchard, was artistically ensconced amidst evergreens. During the interval supper was served in the small hall, and fully maintained the "Constitutional" idea of English hospitality, and was beautifully served by Messrs. Spiers and Pond.

Bro. Walker, M.R.S., B.A., as an old friend of the family, in eloquent language congratulated Miss Webb on attaining her 21st birthday, and was pleased to say that she was a comfort to her parents, and a bright jewel in their home. He had watched her in childhood, through girlhood to womanhood, and called upon all to join in wishing her "many happy returns of the day" and a bright future. (Loud applause.)

Bro. Jubal Webb, in replying for his daughter, said: Ladies, Gentlemen, and Mr. Walker—There are in all lives times when the want of a ready tongue is felt. On the present occasion that event was his to enable him to express adequately the depth and warmth of his feelings. He was, on behalf of his daughter, very grateful for the kind wishes so eloquently expressed by his friend, Mr. Robert Walker, the architect of the noble building in which they were then assembled. As he said before, his tongue would not allow him to find suitable words to express what he felt; but he most sincerely thanked them for the kindly sentiment and good feeling which had ushered in his daughter's 21st birthday, and was sure she would remember and cherish as a pleasant memory the kindness she had received from all to her latest day. It had always been his desire, should God preserve him, to celebrate the event, and had so promised his child, and hoped those present had enjoyed themselves. In conclusion, he desired to thank them all, on behalf of his beloved daughter and good wife, for their hearty good wishes and congratulations.

Miss Webb received some 70 elegant and costly presents.

Obituary.

BRO. THE REV. C. R. DAVY, P.G.C.

Our readers will have seen with very great regret the announcement we made last week of the death from paralysis, on Christmas morning, of Bro. the Rev. C. Raikes Davy, a Past Grand Chaplain of England, and leading member of all, or nearly all, the principal branches of Freemasonry. The deceased had had a long and distinguished career in Freemasonry, having been initiated in the Royal Cumberland Lodge, No. 53, Bath, in which he served the office of W.M. in 1865. In 1863 he joined the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, and the Westminster and Key-stone, No. 10. He was Grand Chaplain of England in 1865 and 1866, and G. Pr. Soj. of the Supreme Grand Chapter in 1868. In the Province of Somersetshire he was a P.Z. of the Royal Sussex Chapter, No. 53, Bath, having occupied the First Principal's chair in 1869; and founder and W.M. in 1874 and 1875 of the Royal Sussex Mark Lodge, No. 177, Bath. In the A. and A. rite he had taken the 32nd Degree, and was P.M.W.S. of the St. Peter and St. Paul Chapter, Rose Croix, No. 6, Bath; and in Templar Masonry a member of the Bladud Preceptory, Bath, and P. Prelate of the Prov. Priory of Somersetshire. In the Province of Gloucestershire he was a P.M. of the Lodge of Sympathy, No. 855, Wotton-under-Edge, and in 1872 and 1873 held the office of Prov. G. Chaplain; Chaplain of the Lyegrove Lodge (Mark), No. 218, Chipping Sodbury; from 1879 till quite recently Prov. G. Mark Master; and a member of the St. Thomas Chapter, Rose Croix, No. 49, Gloucester. Thus Bro. Davy had been connected with the three provinces of Somersetshire, Oxfordshire, and Gloucestershire, and for several years with one of our most distinguished London lodges, and from the great zeal and earnestness he had shown had been awarded both Grand and Prov. G. honours. He had likewise evinced a great interest in our Institutions, his name having been enrolled for some time past as a Life Governor of both Schools, and having twice served the office of Steward for each. The loss of so able and worthy a brother will be very greatly deplored, both particularly by the lodges, chapters, and other bodies with which he had been connected as member, and generally by the Craft at large.

BRO. THOMAS GOODCHILD.

Bro. Thomas Goodchild, architect and surveyor, died on the 23rd ult., at Teddington. He was the first initiate of the Sir Charles Bright Lodge, No. 1793, being admitted on the 1st March, 1879. In due course he served all the principal offices, and was installed as W.M. in February, 1883. He was appointed a Provincial Grand Steward of Middlesex in 1885. He was exalted in the Era Chapter, and, having served the subordinate offices, was installed as M.E.Z. in July, 1885. His manners and bearing were most genial and courteous, and his qualities of heart and mind were of no common order. In professional and private life he was well and deservedly known by the uprightness of his conduct and by many acts of unostentatious benevolence. The funeral took place at Teddington Church on the 29th ult. Among those who manifested an interest in the melancholy proceedings were Bros. T. C. Walls, W.M. 1793; W. G. Collier, S.W. 1793; E. W. Warner, J.W. 1793; R. W. Forge, P.M. and Sec. 1793; C. Stevens, I.P.M. 1793 (son-in-law of the deceased); Southwell, Deeks, and Müller, 1793; E. Hopwood, P.M. 141; J. T. Briggs, P.M. 157, W.M. 1503; R. T. Elsam, P.M. 201; C. Cousins, P.M. 209; Bonell and Drummond, 1656; and others. We regret to say that Bro. Goodchild has left a widow and a young family to lament his premature and irreparable loss.



Bro. J. Brazier Lovett is the new W.M. of the Inv eta Lodge, No. 709, Ashford, having been installed last month, in succession to Bro. Shaw.

Bro. Lord and Lady Wolsey spent the early portion of last week at Heydon Hall, the Norfolk residence of the Baroness and Bro. W. Burdett-Coutts, M.P.

Bro. Lord Ashbourne, Lord Chancellor of Ireland, after attending the Cabinet Council on Saturday last, left town to spend a few days in the country.

Every one will regret to learn that Mrs. Sala, wife of Bro. G. A. Sala, the brilliant descriptive writer of the day, died in Melbourne on the last day of the old year.

Bro. Lord Mayor Staples will receive at the Mansion House to-day (Friday) at 5 o'clock, the members of the annual congress of French Professors and Teachers.

Bros. W. A. Tyssen-Amhurst, M.P., and Sir Charles Dilke, Bart., M.P., addressed political meetings on Thursday, the 31st ult., the former at Swaffham, and the latter at Rugby.

Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, with their two children, left Osborne on Tuesday morning for Bagshot, being accompanied as far as Southampton by the Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg.

Bro. Santley had the honour of singing a selection of songs before her Majesty and the Court at Osborne on New Year's Day, Bro. W. G. Cousins, P.G. Organist, accompanying him on the pianoforte.

Bro. T. E. Gibb, M.P., was among those present at the annual dinner of the London employes of the Midland Railway Company at the Stanley Hall, Junction-road, Upper Holloway, on New Year's Day.

Bro. Lord Hartington's election expenses have been announced at £1137, Bro. Shaw-Lefevre's at £605, and Bro. Sir Charles Dilke's at £987. Bro. Shaw-Lefevre, who stood for Reading, was unsuccessful.

Lord Richard Grosvenor, M.P., and Mr. John Roberts, M.P., presented the Corporation of Flint, on Thursday, the 31st ult., with a copy, by Mr. Leonard Hughes, of the celebrated painting of Richard II., now in Westminster Abbey.

The Earl of Wemyss has consented to serve on the Committee for raising a permanent memorial to the late Bro. Lord Ranelagh. Lord Wemyss, as Lord Elcho, took a leading part with the late Lord Ranelagh in the organisation of the Volunteer force.

Bro. Richard Hawkins, J.W., has been unanimously elected W.M. of the Cornubian Mark Lodge, No. 87, Hayle, for the new year, Bro. F. J. Vivian, S.W., having declined the honour on the ground of illness. Bro. Joseph G. Osborn, P.M., has been re-elected Treasurer.

Bro. J. H. Hussey, P.P.G. Stwd., was installed W.M. of the Bute Lodge, No. 960, Cardiff, on Wednesday, the 16th ult., the ceremony being performed by Bro. W. D. Wiltshire, I.P.M., Prov. G.D.C. There was a numerous gathering of members and visitors from the Newport and Swansea lodges, and the usual banquet followed.

Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., left Dublin on his return to town on Friday last (New Year's Day), and the morning of the same day Bro. General Lord Wolsey left London for Berlin in order to represent Her Majesty at the 25th anniversary of Bro. the Emperor William's accession to the throne of Prussia.

Among the eldest sons of peers who come of age during the current year are the Hon. A. E. John Henniker-Major, son of Bro. Lord and Lady Henniker; Viscount Valletort, son of Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, P.G.M. Cornwall; Lord Erskine, son of Bro. the Earl and Countess of Mar and Kellie; and Lord Roschill, son of Bro. the Earl and Countess of Northesk.

The remains of Bro. Yates, Tyler of the St. John's Lodge, Torquay, were interred on Thursday, the 17th ult., in the Torquay Cemetery. Several brethren of the two local lodges attended. Deceased had been connected with the Masonic fraternity since 1843. He at one time carried on the business of a chemist, and held a high place in the esteem of many of his fellow townsmen.

At the meeting, on the 17th ult., of the Hamer Lodge, No. 1393, Liverpool, Bro. Walter Barnett, who is well known in Liverpool musical circles, and who for a long time past has placed his services, as organist, at the disposal of the lodge, was presented with a handsome Organist's jewel. There was a full attendance of members in honour of the occasion, and many visitors were likewise present. The jewel was handed to Bro. Barnett by the W.M., Bro. Pierrepoint, and acknowledged by the recipient in kindly terms.

The 25th anniversary of the accession of Bro. the Emperor William of Germany to the throne of Prussia was celebrated in Berlin, with every possible manifestation of popular rejoicing on Sunday. After Divine service in the Chapel in the Royal Castle, there was a succession of receptions of the Royalties and representatives of Royalties, the Diplomatic Corps, the Ministers, Court Dignitaries, and others, the whole concluding with a state visit to the Opera. Illuminations were general throughout Berlin in honour of the event. The selection of Bro. General Lord Wolsey as the representative of our Queen appears to have given great satisfaction. Our Ambassador, Bro. Sir E. B. Malet, also took a conspicuous part in the proceedings.

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RAPID CURES OF PHTHISICAL AND ALL OTHER KINDS OF COUGHS BY DR. LOCOCK'S PULMONIC WAFERS.—MR. JAMES ANDERSON, M.P.S., Arcade-buildings, King-street, Dundee, writes (*this week*)—"Jan. 4, 1886. I find my customers speak very highly of Dr. LOCOCK'S PULMONIC WAFERS, and recommend them to their friends for all kinds of Cough, which clearly shows how pleased they are with their effects." They instantly relieve and rapidly cure Bronchitis, Asthma, Consumption, Coughs, Colds, Rheumatism, and taste pleasantly. Sold at 1s. 7d. and 2s. 9d. per box.—[ADVT.]

From the *Freemason* Office has come the "Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar, Diary, and Pocket Book." Any one who wishes to have a comprehensive book of reference on the Craft, and all that belongs to it and to allied mysteries, to the Grand Mark, the Red Cross of Constantine, and others of equal solemnity, will most likely find all that he needs in this volume.—*Times*.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Dalhousie arrived on Saturday last at Port Chalmers, Otago, New Zealand.

The Countess of Zetland has personally distributed winter clothing to the poor at her Soup Kitchen, Richmond, Yorkshire.

The Prince of Wales has appointed the Earl of Gosford to be the lord-in-waiting, *vice* the Marquis of Hamilton, now Duke of Abercorn, resigned.

The man, James Thompson, who was charged before Mr. Partridge with having been concerned with two others not in custody in the burglary at Bro. C. J. Perceval's residence on Christmas day, has been committed for trial to the Central Criminal Court.

Bro. Captain Shaw, of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, inspected the Brighton Police Fire Brigade in front of the Town Hall, Brighton, on Friday, the 1st inst., and highly commended their drill and equipment.

The Templar Masons of Toronto, Canada, have received an invitation from their United States brethren of the Geoffrey de St. Aldemar Preceptory, to be present at the Triennial Grand Encampment, to be held in September next at St. Louis.

Bro. George Gardner will be installed by Bro. George Everett, P.M., on Monday, the 11th inst., at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, and we understand Bro. the Right Hon. Lord George Hamilton will be balloted for on that occasion as an affiliate from the Irish Constitutions.

The Ceremony of Installation will be rehearsed by Bro. E. Ayling, Preceptor to the Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012, at the Windsor Castle, King-street, Hammersmith, W., to-morrow (Saturday). Bro. George Gardner, W.M. elect, in the chair, at 7.30 p.m. sharp.

Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, was represented by one of his equerries at the funeral, last week, of the Archbishop of Armagh, and Bro. Lord Plunket, Archbishop of Dublin, and Grand Chaplain of Ireland, was among those present on the sad occasion.

Bro. Lord Mayor Staples on taking his seat in the Justice Room of the Mansion House, on Friday, the 1st inst., handed to the cashier a donation of £20 from the Clothworkers' Company for the Poor Box, and then made a special appeal to the public for further funds in order to meet the additional demands made upon its resources at this season of the year.

Bro. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, M.P., as Chancellor of the Exchequer and Leader of the House of Commons, has addressed a circular to the members of the Conservative Party, informing them that the House will meet on Tuesday next, the 12th inst., for the election of Speaker, and the swearing-in of members, and that on the 21st inst., the Queen's Speech will be delivered.

Bro. the Earl of Onslow, who is President of the Temporary Home for Lost Dogs, Battersea Park-road, has had it intimated to him by Sir Henry Ponsonby that her Majesty has been pleased to grant her patronage to that institution, and will contribute £10 annually towards its funds.

Among the members of the late Ministry who have arrived or are on the point of arriving in town with a view to preparing for the opening of the new Parliament may be mentioned Bros. Sir Charles Dilke, Bart., M.P., and the Right Hon. Hugh C. E. Childers, who have been in London some days, Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., and Bro. Earl Granville, Bro. G. O. Trevelyan, M.P., being expected towards the end of the current week.

Bros. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., Chancellor of the Exchequer, Col. the Hon. F. Stanley, M.P., Lord Randolph Churchill M.P., and Lord Ashbourne, Lord Chancellor of Ireland, were present at the Cabinet Council held in Downing-street on Saturday last. Another meeting of the Cabinet has been summoned for to-morrow (Saturday).

Bro. Sir John Macdonald, G.C.B., Prime Minister of the Dominion of Canada, was entertained at a banquet at the St. George's Club, Hanover-square, on Monday evening, Bro. Sir P. Cunliffe Owen, K.C.M.G., being among the guests; while Bros. Col. Stanley, the Earl of Dunraven, and A. Staveley-Hill, Q.C., M.P., were among those who sent letters of regret at their inability to be present.

In the recent very closely contested election in the Cordwainer Ward, for the vacant seat on the Common Council, all the three candidates were members of our Fraternity, Bro. A. T. Hawkins (who was successful), Bro. C. H. Parker, and Bro. Hepburn, and oddly enough, their chief supporters and chairmen of committees were Bros. H. Lovegrove, H. J. Adams, and W. T. Buck, who all belong to the Province of Middlesex.

A short time ago, a deputation comprising the R.W.M. and office-bearers of the Lodge Secon and Perth, No. 3, visited Lodge St. John, No. 9, Dunblane, and initiated several candidates, including Bro. Col. Stirling of Kipendavie. Bro. Col. Stirling has since been elected R.W.M., and we are glad to say that his well-known energy and kindness have already put the lodge in excellent working order. A number of new members have been added, and Bro. Col. Stirling has presented the lodge with a handsome set of clothing and jewels. The presentation took place at the festival of St. John, which was held on Monday, the 28th ult., and on the motion of the Depute-Master, Bro. Cameron, a cordial vote of thanks was passed to the R.W.M. for his valuable gifts. A Grand Lodge visitation will be made in the course of next month.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Changes of temperature and weather frequently upset persons who are most careful of their health and particular in their diet. These corrective, purifying, and gentle aperient Pills are the best remedy for all defective action of the digestive organs. They augment the appetite, strengthen the stomach, correct biliousness, and carry off all that is noxious from the system. Holloway's Pills are composed of rare balsams, unminged with baser matter, and on that account are peculiarly well adapted for the young, delicate, and aged. As this peerless medicine has gained fame in the past, so will it preserve it in the future by its renovating and invigorating qualities, and the impossibility of its doing harm.—[ADVT.]

Bro. the Lord Mayor will be present at the regimental dinner to-morrow (Saturday), of the 1st Volunteer Battalion Royal Fusiliers.

Bros. E. Dresser-Rogers and J. Pound assisted at the annual dinner, given on Friday (New Year's Day), to the children of Aldgate Ward Schools, the expense of the dinner being defrayed by the churchwardens for the year.

The Queen and Bros. the Earl of Fife and Lord Wantage are among those who, by the loan of pictures from their respective galleries, have contributed to the Winter Exhibition of the Royal Academy, which was opened to the public on Monday.

On Friday, the 1st inst., the officers and brethren of the Porchester Lodge of Mark Master Masons assembled at the Temperance Hall, Reading, under the presidency of Bro. E. Head, W.M., and the business on the agenda was disposed of after a short sitting.

On Wednesday, the Lady Mayoress gave a Juvenile Fancy Dress Ball at the Mansion House. The guests numbered about 800, and among them represented the families of pretty well all the leading members of the different Civic Bodies and the Companies with which Bro. the Lord Mayor is connected.

The installation festival of the Foundation Lodge, Gloucester, was held on Wednesday evening, the 23rd ult., at the Masonic Hall, when Bro. C. S. Atkins, the W.M. elect, was duly installed in the chair for the coming year. The ceremony of installation was performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. the Rev. J. H. Churchill Baxter, M.A., assisted by the Dep. Prov. G.M., Bro. J. Brook Smith, M.A., Bro. the Rev. H. Kynaston, D.D., P.M., P.P.G.C., and other officers. The visitors included six W.M.'s of other local lodges.

The following dinners took place at the Freemasons' Tavern for the week ending Saturday, the 9th inst. Monday—Joppa Lodge; Old King's Arms Chapter; Robert Burns Chapter. Tuesday—Albion Lodge. Wednesday—Royal Naval Ball. Thursday—Crichton Lodge Ball; Lodge La Tolerance; Universal Chapter; Hackney Rate Collectors. Friday—Morayshire Club Ball; Bedford Lodge; Britannic Chapter; Eclectic Lodge. Saturday—Lodge of King Solomon; Duke of Cornwall Lodge.

According to the *Citizen*, Bro. J. H. Puleston, M.P., has had a very varied career, having been brought up originally to the medical profession. Early in life he went to Australia, and thence to the United States, where he edited a newspaper in the Welch language in one of the mining districts in Pennsylvania. During the Civil War he became the State Agent of Pennsylvania at Washington, and subsequently he migrated to New York, where, as a broker, he attracted the notice of Mr. Jock Cooke, in whose London house he became the representative partner. On the failure of that establishment he for a brief time remained in the house of its successor, McCulloch and Co. Latterly he has resided in Westminster, and has been very assiduous in his attendance on his parliamentary duties.

The second annual ball of the Elliot Lodge, No. 1567, will take place at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, W.C., on Thursday next, the 14th inst., when, with a well-organised Committee, the excellent music of Coote and Tinney's band, and an agreeable company—which there will be, as a matter of course—there is reason to look forward to a most successful evening. A dispensation has been granted to the brethren to wear their Masonic clothing. Tickets, which will be limited in number, and for which, therefore, early application should be made by intending visitors, will be for gentlemen, 12s. 6d.; ladies, 10s. 6d.; double ticket for lady and gentleman or two ladies, £1 1s. Every information will be courteously furnished by Bro. T. W. Tharle, Hon. Sec. of the Ball Committee, 69, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's-Bush, W.

We have been favoured with the usual summary of the work accomplished during the past year by the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. The total number of lives saved is 361, a very large proportion of which would no doubt have been lost but for the assistance rendered by the boats of this society. There were likewise 19 vessels rescued by their means from being totally wrecked or brought safely into harbour. There were in addition 102 occasions on which, in response to signals of distress, boats had been launched, and the lives of the crews placed in jeopardy, but without result, the signals having been made in error, or assistance not being required. The society also granted rewards for the rescue by shore and fishing boats of 184 lives, making a grand total saved during the year by its instrumentality of 545 lives, and from its foundation of 31,900. With such a record as this we trust the contributions to this splendid institution will flow in liberally, as the cost of maintaining its 290 lifeboats is very heavy. All monies will be thankfully received by all London and country bankers, as well as by the Secretary, Mr. Charles Dibdin, 14, John-street, Adelphi, W.C.

WAITING IN THE SNOW.—Heartrending as are the scenes to be witnessed at the East End at the best of times, we doubt if ever a sight more pitiable was seen than that, yesterday, outside the doors of the London Cottage Mission Hall, in Salmon's-lane, Limehouse. It was the day of the poor children's weekly Irish stew dinner, and the hot and plentiful meal they have now learnt to look forward to so eagerly was to be ready at noon; but long before that, despite the heavy snow and the deep, half-frozen slush underfoot, the half-naked, hungry, shivering crowd thronged Salmon's-lane. It would have been a hard heart, indeed, that kept them waiting there, and long before the appointed hour Miss Napton, the Lady Superintendent, had the doors thrown open. The first rush soon filled the hall, and their less fortunate little brothers and sisters outside had to wait their turn. Happily, we are glad to say, the hall was filled again and again, till close upon a thousand children, with some old folks and women, went away with a substantial inward protection against the storm raging without. If these weekly dinners are to continue—and if this weather lasts, as it seems likely to do, they are more wanted than ever—let every charitable heart and open hand send all the help they can to Miss Napton, 304, Burdett-road, Limehouse, or to the managing director, Mr. Walter Austin, at the offices of the Mission, 44, Finsbury-pavement, E.C.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.
For the week ending Saturday, January 16, 1886.

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.

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 11.

Quarterly General Court Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 5, St. George's and Corner Stone, F.M.H.
" 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 58, Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.
" 90, St. John's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 103, Confidence, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Hot., Highgate.
" 1571, Leopold, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
" 1805, Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow-rd.
" 2012, Chiswick, Bolton Hot., Chiswick.
Mark 44, Florence Nightingale, M.H., Woolwich.
" 104, Macdonald, Guildhall Coffee House, Gresham-st.
" 333, Kintore, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.

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. Mar'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.
Cecorn, Eagle Hot., Snarebrook, 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 12.

Lodge 46, Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
" 180, St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall.
" 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 211, St. Michael's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 548, Wellington, White Swan, Tav., Deptford.
" 917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1196, Urban, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 1604, Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1614, Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly.
" 1635, Canterbury, 33, Golden-sq.
" 1837, Lullingstone, M.H., Wilmington, Dartford.
" 1969, Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall.
Mark 22, Southwark, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bds., at 7.
St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., at 8.
Domatic, 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 Edgcombe, Three Stags, Kennington-rd., at 8.
Islington, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., E.C., at 7.
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-st., Borough, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8.
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-st., N.W., at 8.
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 13.

General Committee Benevolent Institution, at 4.
Lodge 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.
" 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
" 15, Kent, Freemasons' Hall.
" 87, Vitruvian, Bridge House Hot.
" 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse.
" 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.
" 1306, St. John, Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate.
" 1349, Friars, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.
" 1694, Imperial, Pier Hot., Oakley-st., Chelsea.
" 1718, Centurion, S. Air-st., Regent-st.
" 1956, Honour Oak, Moore Park Hot., Honour Oak.
Chap. 1260, John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1305, St. Marylebone, Langham Hot., Portland-pl.
" 1524, Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
Mark 284, High Cross, Seven Sisters Hot., Tottenham.
K.T. 129, Holy Palestine, 33, Golden-sq.

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, Ryl. 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 14.

Lodge 91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.
" 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 238, Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall.
" 263, Bank of England, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 334, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.
" 657, Canonbury, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 879, Southwark, Bridge House Hot.
" 1076, Capper, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury.
" 1599, Skelmersdale, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
" 1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill.
" 1708, Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley.
" 1987, Strand, Criterion, Piccadilly.
" 2047, Beckenham, Public Hall, Beckenham, Kent.
" 2090, Hammersmith, Board of Works, Hammersmith.
Chap. 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
" 140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich.
" 619, Beadon, M.H., Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-st.
" 813, New Concord, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 1716, All Saints, Vestry Hall, Bow.
Rose Croix, 42, St. George, 33, Golden-sq., W.

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, Ponsoby-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, Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
North London Chapter, Alwyne Castle Tav., St. Paul's-rd., Canonbury, at 8.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-vale, 7.30.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15.

Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
" 143, Middlesex, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 201, Jordan, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1118, University, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1704, Anchor, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1962, London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 2005, Brooke, Forest Hot., Chingford, Essex.
K.T. 48, Kemeys Tynte, 33, Golden-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., Gorge-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 16.

Lodge 715, Panmure, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1329, Sphinx, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
" 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
" 1732, King's Cross, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1767, Kensington, Kensington Hot., Russell-gardens, Kensington.
" 1897, Citadel, Railway Hot., Harrow Station.
Chap. 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
Mark 251, Tenterden, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
A.M.D. Metropolitan, Sa, Red Lion-sq.

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SAVOY THEATRE.
Every Evening at 8.15, THE MIKADO; or, THE TOWN OF TITIPU.
OPERA COMIQUE THEATRE.
Every evening, at 8.45, ON 'CHANGE; at 8.0, Comedietta.
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Every Evening at 7.45, ALONE IN LONDON; at 7.15, COMEDIETTA.
GAIETY THEATRE.
Every Evening at 8, JACK SHEPPARD.
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Every evening at 7.30, WAITING CONSENT; at 8.30, GOING IT; concluding with THE BIRTHPLACE OF PODGERS.
COURT THEATRE.
Every Evening at 8.45, THE MAGISTRATE; preceded by BREAKING THE ICE.
COMEDY THEATRE.
Every Evening at 8.0, ERMINE; preceded by a COMEDIETTA.
EMPIRE THEATRE.
Every Evening at 8.0, Comic Opera; concluding with HURLY BURLY.
ROYALTY THEATRE.
Every Evening at 8.15, LA DOCTRESSE.
NOVELTY THEATRE.
Every Evening at 8.30, THE BABES; at 7.40, FOGGED.
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Every Evening, at 7.30, Pantomime, BLUE BEARD.
SURREY THEATRE.
Every Evening, at 7.30, Pantomime, ROBINSON CRUSOE.
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