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WE publish elsewhere a letter from Bro. JAMES TERRY, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, from which it will be seen that the services of a Chairman have been secured for the approaching Festival in February, 1887; and not only of a Chairman, but of one who has acted in a like capacity at former Festivals, and from whose experience, therefore, and the support he is sure of obtaining from his province, we are justified in expecting great things. Bro. W. W. B. BEACH, M.P., Prov. G.M. of Hants and the Isle of Wight, who has so kindly consented to preside at the earliest anniversary Festival of 1887, was Chairman at the Boys' School Festival in 1877, and at that of the Girls' School in 1883. On both those occasions the total of the subscription list announced was most gratifying, and on both occasions the chair was loyally and substantially supported by the Province of Hants and Isle of Wight, which has now had some 16 or 17 years' experience of Bro. BEACH's qualities as a ruler, and is devotedly attached to him both personally and Masonically. This announcement of Bro. TERRY's is most welcome. Everyone who has had an opportunity of learning the present circumstances of the Benevolent Institution is aware how sorely it is beset by candidates, whom it has no means of placing on its funds. It is only a few weeks back that we felt it our duty to impress upon our readers the terrible disproportion there is between the number of vacancies to be filled in May next and the number of applicants for election—some two of the former to about 130 of the latter—and we then made it our business to urge upon them to press forward and render such help as was in their power. We repeat our appeal now; but in a somewhat happier frame of mind, because we know who will preside, and because, from our experience of his past successes as a Festival Chairman, we have good reason to hope that, through his advocacy and with the loyal assistance of his province in supporting that advocacy, there will be a ready and ample influx into the coffers of the Institution of the funds it so sorely needs. May the coming Benevolent Festival, under Bro. BEACH's guidance, enable the Institution to keep pace more nearly with the present overwhelming demands on its resources!

It is very gratifying to find that the question of suitably commemorating the QUEEN'S Jubilee is being considered by the different sections of the Craft in England. In the reports of several of the Provincial Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter meetings recently held—notably in those of the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire, the Provincial Grand Chapter of West Yorkshire, the Provincial Grand Lodge of Wiltshire, &c., the subject has been mooted, and in most instances has been referred to a Committee. This plan of reference is a good one. Doubtless each district has some local need which it seems desirable to satisfy as fully and at as early a date as possible, and if it can be managed, we see no reason why the opportunity afforded by the celebration of the QUEEN'S Jubilee should not be turned to account for the purpose. But, even if all these local necessities are met in honour of the coming event, it seems nevertheless desirable that something should be done in which the whole body of the Craft could take part, and, so far as we can see, our proposal—to employ the conventional slang of the day—appears "to hold the field." Certainly it may well do this, seeing that no other proposal of a general character has been offered, unless we except the unpopular suggestion of Bro. RAYNHAM STEWART that Grand Lodge should give £1000 to the Imperial Colonial and Indian Institute, and then have done with the matter altogether. For our part, the more we consider the subject, the more satisfied are we that our idea of assisting our Institutions in a solid substantial fashion is the right one. We know that any money raised and so appropriated will be well and serviceably employed, and we know now,

alas! that the funds are sorely needed. All our Institutions are making special appeals for support just now—the Girls' School, because it has found itself under the necessity of buying certain contiguous land, without which the value of its present property would have been greatly deteriorated, and the comforts of the inmates of the Institution materially interfered with; the Boys' School because it has been enlarging its premises by building a Preparatory School and a new Hall; and the Benevolent Institution, because the number of candidates for its benefits is continually increasing, and just at present there are few, if any, vacancies to be filled at the next election. Here, then, we have a proposal which will enable the English Craft to perpetuate the fame of Queen VICTORIA's long and prosperous reign, and a number of excellent reasons for adopting this particular form of memorial. We say nothing about the details of the manner in which the proposal shall be effected—those may be left for after consideration. But can any one suggest a better plan—that is to say, one more appropriate to the Craft, more suitable to its present requirements, and, best of all, one that will more nobly commemorate the virtues of a Sovereign so closely connected by family ties with our present and some former illustrious Grand Masters? This is an inquiry which we shall rejoice to see Craftsmen of light and leading using their best endeavours to satisfy.

WHILE on the subject of the Jubilee Commemoration, may we venture to suggest that a medallion, bearing a suitable inscription to her Majesty as Grand Patroness of our several Institutions, might be struck in honour of the event, and that Masters of lodges contributing to the Masonic memorial to her MAJESTY, and individual brethren rendering like services, should receive the permission of H.R.H. the GRAND MASTER, in accordance with certain stated conditions, to wear these medallions or jewels at all Masonic ceremonies. Such a permission was granted to lodges contributing towards the erection of Freemasons' Hall, and we see no reason, especially if the Memorial should take the form we have proposed of a Queen Victoria Perpetual Presentation Fund, why a like privilege should not be granted in this instance. At all events the suggestion is not out of place, and may well claim to be considered among the many that have been, and will be, submitted to the judgment of the Craft.

BRO. STEPHEN BERRY is again making ready for the Christmas Masonic pledge. On December 25th, at noon, Washington time (5 p.m. Greenwich), all Templars of the "Union" are asked to pledge Grand Master CHARLES ROOME, of New York, in a libation, the sentiment to be—

"To the first among his equals."

To which the GRAND MASTER will give the following response:—

"To all faithful Soldiers of the Cross wherever dispersed."

There are many in England, Scotland, and Ireland who take part in this friendly exchange, and look forward to the annual pledge as representative of the universality of the Craft. We suggest to Bro. BERRY, the originator of the idea, that it is too good to be confined to the Knights Templars, who are but a section of the Masonic Body, and that another year the sentiment to be honoured should be of a more general character, so that Masonic Students, wherever dispersed, may be able to join the mystic circle, and unite in the pledge of good fellowship, whether Templars or not. We commend this suggestion to our Bro. BERRY, and meanwhile will remember the present fixture.

WE tender our very hearty congratulations to our respected Bro. CLIFFORD P. MACCALLA, the worthy and able editor of our Philadelphia contemporary, the *Keystone*, on his advancement to a still higher position in the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. During the past two years he has served as Senior Grand Warden of that Grand Lodge, and at the Quarterly Communication, held in the Masonic Hall, Philadelphia, on the 1st inst., he was elected Deputy Grand Master. There is little doubt that Bro. MACCALLA fully deserves the honours successively bestowed upon him by the brethren of his Grand Lodge. He has laboured well and successfully for the Craft in his jurisdiction, and it is chiefly through his researches that Pennsylvania Masonry has been in a position to assert its seniority among the Grand Lodges of the United States. We live in hopes of hearing of his election to the Grand Mastership at some future day.

BRO. LANE'S "MASONIC RECORDS."*

SECOND NOTICE.

The first point that will attract the notice of the reader when entering upon a more detailed examination of Bro. Lane's work is the very important discovery made by him in the course of his researches, and announced in the columns of this journal in letters dated October and November respectively of last year, namely, the discovery of "Morgan's Register," with all the wealth of light it is capable of throwing on the earliest history of the "Ancient" section of the English Craft as an organised body. This Register has been examined independently, and in ignorance at the time of Bro. Lane's researches, by Bro. Abbott, and his description of its contents has also been made public in a series of articles which have appeared during the current year in the *Freemason*. Others, too, we believe, have seen and studied it; but undoubtedly, to Bro. Lane belongs the credit of having been the first to light upon this early record, and make its valuable minutes, notes, and lists subservient to the purpose of fixing once and for all the date of the constitution of the "Ancients" as a separate and distinct Grand Lodge. It must be remembered that this book which has now been brought to light is the identical Register of lodges and members which Bro. John Morgan, on resigning his office of Grand Secretary, handed over to his successor, Bro. Laurence Dermott, and that it discloses information of a most important character, of the existence of which every writer of Masonic history, even Bro. Gould himself when he compiled his "Atholl Lodges" was ignorant. Consequently, it will not be difficult to understand how proud Bro. Lane must be at this particular instance of the good fortune which appears to have attended him in his laborious researches. Be it added that the lodge lists contained in "Morgan's Register" and continued by Dermott are now made public for the first time in Bro. Lane's volume.

It is not necessary we should occupy ourselves long with the remarks which Bro. Lane makes in his Preface on the eccentricities of lodge lists "Ancient" and "Modern," their occasional inaccuracies and omissions, &c., these the reader will be careful to note and apply for himself. It will be enough if we state our belief that they exhibit a nice discrimination of the values of different lists in the case of conflicting statements, and that they are as nearly correct as the means available would seem to justify. We may nevertheless be permitted to doubt if it was worth while laying any stress on the mention of a Lodge No. 1 in the Atholl minutes some three years previous to the creation by warrant of the known, and still existing, No. 1, or Grand Master's Lodge, of that body. We have seen the minutes specified by Bro. Lane, and the entries, in which the "No. 1" is present, relate to brethren who, as he points out, "were invariably Grand Officers." This fact does no more, in our opinion, than confirm the very reasonable theory, first propounded, we believe, by Bro. Gould in his "Atholl Lodges" aforementioned, that Grand Lodge itself was the "Ancient" No. 1, until September, 1759, when, as the minutes state, "The Grand Master's Lodge" was proclaimed and took the first seat accordingly as No. 1.

We may also draw attention to sundry displacements of lodges from their proper order of seniority, many of them having arisen from misunderstandings of the "old" and "new" styles of reckoning the year. Two opposite cases due to this cause are mentioned, those of the Strong Man Lodge, now No. 45, and the Medina, East Cowes, No. 35. The former which was warranted 2nd February, 1733 as No. 110, was degraded in 1755 from its legitimate place at No. 57 to No. 68, and the circumstance is thus explained. The date of the warrant was 2nd February, 1733, which in the "old style" of reckoning would have been 1732, the legal year being calculated from 25th March to 24th March next ensuing. Owing to a misinterpretation this "2nd February 1733" was subsequently taken to be "2nd February, 1734" and then some subsequent compiler of lists, who was versed in the mysteries of "old style" and "new style," but knew nothing of the mistake made by one of his predecessors, gave the date as 2nd February, 1734—which it undoubtedly was according to "new style" if "1734" had been the correct year, and would have been as regards the creation of the lodge, had not the year in the original 1732, been intermediately and improperly changed to 1734. On the other hand, Medina Lodge, present No. 35, was originally constituted as No. 111 on 17th February, 1733, that is, fifteen days later than present No. 45, then No. 110; but in 1755 it was assigned No. 57 as its place on the roll, the precise date of its warrant, 17th February, 1733, which in "old style" was included in the year 1732, having been misinterpreted, as regards the "new style" year into 1732. Thus, if our present numeration were revised, the Strong Man Lodge, No. 45, would take precedence of Medina, No. 35, to which it is in fact senior by fifteen days.

There is a further point which claims from us a passing remark. Bro. Lane's discovery of "Morgan's Register" has enabled him to show that on one occasion in the earlier part of its career—in December, 1752—the "Ancients" adopted the "Modern" plan of closing up their list of lodges, when vacancies had occurred in it. This happened on the 27th of the month and year just stated, when original Nos. 7 and 10 having been ordered to be erased "for disobedience of the 21st Rule of the Grand," No. 8 became No. 7, No. 9 became No. 8, No. 11 became No. 9, and so on as far as No. 16, which henceforth was known as No. 14. On the other hand, Bro. Lane is able to show as the result of his "Modern" researches that the regular Grand Lodge adopted, to a far greater extent than is generally supposed, its "Ancient" rival's practice of re-issuing old and discontinued warrants to new lodges. Says Bro. Lane: "The 'Modern' lodges to which old numbers were re-issued, were not, of course, so numerous as those of the 'Ancients,' but they were more than has been generally supposed, fully thirty being enumerated in the following pages."

These are the few points out of the many which the author has dealt with at some length in his Preface, to which it has seemed good that particular attention should be drawn, either because they are new or comparatively new to the Craft generally, or because from the character of Bro. Lane's work they have necessarily engaged a larger share of attention than has been devoted to them by other writers, whose labours in the same field have been more limited, or who, having ventured upon a more general consideration of Masonic history, have not been able to afford more than a limited space to what, in their case, would constitute only one out of many details.

* MASONIC RECORDS, 1717-1886, Comprising a list of all the Lodges at home and abroad, with their dates of Constitution, place of meeting, &c., by JOHN LANE, F.C.A., P.M. 1402, Torquay, with an introduction by WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN, F.G.D., &c., &c. LONDON: George Kenning, 16 Great Queen-street, 1886.

V. CONSTITUTIONS OF 1784.

I have now come to the last edition of the "Book of Constitutions" published by sanction of the regular Grand Lodge of England, during the last century, in fact, the last prior to the blessed "Union" of 1813.

It is a noble quarto volume, and was ordered to be published by resolution of the Grand Lodge on November 20th, 1782, another motion providing "that the reprinting of the Book of Constitutions be left to the management of the Hall Committee." This Committee was a large body, consisting of "Present and Past Grand Officers, the Provincial Grand Masters the Master of the Stewards' Lodge, and the Masters of ten lodges within the bills of mortality" (elected April 23rd, 1773).

The Committee evidently elected Bro. John Noorthouck as Editor under their supervision, and he seems to have done his work as well, if not better, than his predecessors. Bro. Noorthouck, as a literary man, was well qualified for the duty, being the author of a "New History of London," 1775, and "An Historical and Classical Dictionary," 1776. According to Dr. Mackay he was patronized by the celebrated printer, William Strahan, and "passed nearly the whole of his life in the occupation of an author, an index maker, and a corrector of the press." Bro. Noorthouck was one of the seniors, a P.M. and Treasurer of the "Lodge of Antiquity" during the period that the majority of the members were unfortunately, for a time, under the ban of the Grand Lodge, and he took an active part in opposing Bro. Preston and other brethren.

The title page is as follows: "Constitutions of the Antient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, Containing their History, Charges, Regulations, &c. First compiled by Order of the Grand Lodge, from their old Records, and Traditions, by Bro. James Anderson, D.D. A new edition, revised, enlarged, and brought down to the year 1784, under the direction of the Hall Committee, by John Noorthouck. London: Printed for J. Rozen, Printer to the Society, No. 91, Wardour Street, Soho, MDCCLXXXIV."

The frontispiece is a fine one ("B. Cipriani and T. Sandby, *Delin.* F. Bartolozzi and T. Fittler, *Sculp.*") The reverse of title page is blank; but there is a leaf following, with an "Explanation of the Frontispiece" printed on one side only. Briefly, the interior of the Freemasons' Hall is represented. Truth holds a mirror, and is attended by the three Virtues—Faith, Hope, and Charity—under these being the "Genius of Masonry," who is descending into the Hall, bearing a lighted torch. On her arm is a ribbon, attached to which is a medal, with which "she is to invest the G.M. in token of the Divine approbation of a Building sacred to Charity and Benevolence." The only one of the quartette noted as to the frontispiece who was not a member of the Craft was the last mentioned. Bro. Sandby was appointed "Grand Architect" by the Grand Master on May 23rd, 1776.

I am not quite clear whether the plate was at first issued separately at the cost of 7s. 6d. each, and subsequently sold at 12s., with the work (in sheets). Although known as the Constitutions of 1784, the volume was not issued until January, 1785, at the earliest, according to the announcement printed in the sheet of the proceedings of Grand Lodge for November 17th, 1784, at which time the plate was advertised to be sold with the book. In the printed report of the Grand Lodge of November 23rd, 1785, is the announcement that "It has been judged expedient for more general accommodation, to sell this truly elegant and valuable Print separate from the Book, and they are now ready to be delivered, price 7s. 6d. each."

Far onward in 1786 the volume was advertised, with the plate, for 12s., and the latter in most copies of the work bears the year 1786 as that of issue on the imprint. They were evidently to be had separately ("before letters") as proofs, and this may be the meaning of the reference, and that its general circulation was delayed until the year 1786.

The regular pages iii. and iv. contain the dedication by the Hall Committee, dated May 1st, 1784, to H.R.H. the Duke of Cumberland as Grand Master, surmounted by the *arms-plate* of his Royal Highness.

Then, in most copies that I have seen is a sheet inserted, entitled "Abstract of the Laws relating to the General Fund of Charity," consisting of xvii. clauses, and a form of petition (pages i. to iv.). There are thus two pages marked iv. The "Sanction" on the next leaf to page iv. is signed by the acting G.M. (Earl of Effingham), the D.G.M., and Grand Wardens, with the two Grand Secretaries.

The preface begins at page vii., is continued to page x., and has the initials J.N. (the editor) at the end, dated "Bernard's Inn, London, May 1, 1784." Pages xi. to xii. are devoted to the "Contents," the regular pagination beginning with the "History of Masonry from the Creation," which is continued to page 204, which ends Part III., the Part IV. commencing the account of the Grand Lodge of 1717, which is concluded at page 350. Then follows the "Old Charges," as usual, exhausted at page 358; after which the General Regulations are printed to page 400. The "Patrons" are noted at page 401, with a few more on the next page, after which all the Grand Officers are given, as in the Calendars of the period, from 1717, ending at page 412, on which also will be found a list of the Prov. Grand Masters. The next leaf is interesting, as it contains a "List of Subscribers to the Hall Loan to August, 1784." At that time there were 75 brethren, and 22 lodges entitled to the special privilege of wearing the now famous Freemasons' Hall Medal, the number being subsequently increased to 82 and 26 respectively, for the particulars of which see the Freemasons' Calendar, 1787, or my "Masonic Register," 1878.

The "Masonic Muse" occupies pages 415-444, and the index then runs on to page 459, the reverse of which has an advertisement of the two works, already noted, by Bro. Noorthouck.

The "Single Leaf, page 67, 68," was ordered to be cancelled, and a "half sheet" (of four pages), numbered "page 67, 68 [67], [68], was supplied instead.

The plate of the Frontispiece has not been utilised for any later edition, though probably it would have been had not the rival Grand Lodges united; but, strange to say, the plate, by Pine, in the 1723 "Constitutions" was also used for 1738-46, and that of 1756, by Cole, was also made to do duty for the edition of 1767.

This completes the series of Constitutions of the regular Grand Lodge prior to the Union of December, 1813.

W. J. HUGHAN.

MASONIC DRAMATIC ENTERTAINMENT AT MANCHESTER.

On Tuesday evening, the 30th ult., a well-attended dramatic performance and soiree, promoted by the Avon Lodge, No. 1633, in aid of the East Lancashire Systematic Benevolent Institution, was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester. The entertainment was under the patronage of the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie; Bro. George Mellor, Dep. Prov. G.M.; Bro. Colonel Sowler, P.P.S.G.W.; and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers. The piece presented was "All that Glitters is not Gold," the caste being as follows: Sir Arthur Lassell, Bro. A. T. Forrest, I.P.M.; Jasper Plum, Mr. C. J. Wilcox; Stephen Plum, Bro. William Bostock, P.G.S.B.; Frederick Plum, Bro. William Lyon, P.J.G.W.; Toby Twinkle, Bro. R. Dottie, P.M.; Harriss, Bro. A. B. Whittaker, P.M.; Lady Leatherbridge, Mrs. W. Milne; Lady Valeria, Mrs. J. H. Shankland; Martha Gibbs, Miss Beatrice Toy (by kind permission of Bro. F. C. Emerson); stage manager, Bro. T. V. Cavanah, P.M.; musical director, Bro. J. Varley, P.P.G. Org.; master of ceremonies, Bro. A. B. Whittaker, P.M. The performance gave much satisfaction, and at the fall of the curtain the parties were rewarded with loud applause. An excellent supper was afterwards served in the lodge room, and a ball followed, dancing being kept up with spirit until 2.30 a.m.

CENTENARY BANQUET OF THE UNION WATERLOO LODGE, No. 13.

The centenary banquet of this lodge was held at the Holborn Restaurant on the 8th inst., where 125 members and visiting friends sat down to a very excellent dinner, served in a manner calculated to maintain the reputation of that establishment. Among the visitors who met the brethren at the banquet were Bros. Terry, P.P.S.G.W. Norths and Hunts, Sec. R.M.B.I.; A. Pendlebury, representing Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Col. Hughes, M.P., 913; P. Beamish, P.M. 1593 and 1424; H. King, 615; Gould, S.W. 1685; Wood, 381; Stewart, 913; J. Hedley, P.M. 13; Appleby, P.M. 13; Swanson, J.W. 700; and Syer, P.M. 13. The toast of "The Queen and the Craft" being duly honoured.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER next gave "The M.W.G. Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and remarked that the brethren of the Union Waterloo Lodge had that day celebrated an event which had brought home to them the interest taken by his Royal Highness in all things affecting the good of the Craft, and more particularly on that occasion No. 13, inasmuch as it was in consequence of the warrant signed by him that they were in possession of the official acknowledgment of their having completed their 100 years of uninterrupted working, and concluded by commenting upon the many opportunities Masons had of witnessing the work done by his Royal Highness in the cause of Freemasonry.

The toast of "The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M.; the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M.; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was coupled with the name of Bro. A. Pendlebury, representing Grand Lodge.

Bro. PENDLEBURY, in response, spoke of the great pleasure it gave him to be present on that occasion, assisting in celebrating so important an event in the history of the lodge as the celebrating the centenary, at the same time conveying to the brethren of the Union Waterloo Lodge the regret of the Grand Secretary that duties of great importance prevented his attendance, but requesting Bro. Pendlebury to officially represent him, and, in the course of his remarks, spoke of the great amount of work cast upon the Grand Secretary, and the pleasure it gave him to assist lodges in every possible way, stating that Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke was that day in Nottingham consecrating two chapters, thus in that instance initiating the work of a century; while, on the other hand, the Union Waterloo Lodge were celebrating the completion of a century of Masonic work, showing that the Grand Officers were not only willing to join with lodges in festive occasions of this character, but were showing in a practical form their devotion to the interest of the Craft by assisting in spreading the principles of the Craft by consecrating new lodges and chapters for that purpose.

In response to the toast of "The W.M.," proposed by the I.P.M., Bro. AKERS, Bro. VEALL said it gave him extreme gratification to have the honour of presiding over the lodge on such an auspicious occasion, as while it was a great mark of esteem evinced by the brethren, to elect him to the position of W.M. of so ancient a lodge as No. 13, it was an especial honour to occupy that position during the centenary year, and while he recognised the great compliment paid to him, he could not conceal from himself that it was not any particular merit on his part that had placed him in that high office, but an attention to the duties of the lodge, by regular attendance, and striving to raise the working to a very high standard—qualities that it was in the power of every brother to exhibit. In thanking the brethren for the support they accorded him as W.M., he ventured to remind them that, although they were celebrating their centenary that evening, the lodge was much older, as they had minute books in their possession recording events as early as 1761, but as there had been a break in their early history they could not claim an uninterrupted existence further back than 1785. In conclusion he thanked them for the enthusiastic manner in which they had received the toast of the W.M., and intimated his desire to do all that was possible for the interests of the lodge, and hoped that any shortcoming on his part might be put down to lack of ability rather than want of willingness.

The toast of the evening, that of "Prosperity to the Union Waterloo Lodge, No. 13," was given by Bro. Col. HUGHES, M.P., who said: "Worshipful Master, you have done me the honour to ask me to propose the toast of the evening, prosperity to No. 13, which I do with pleasure. But this is an extraordinary occasion, being the centenary of the lodge, therefore I propose to make a few remarks as to relative events that happened about the same time as this lodge was instituted, and which, to a great extent, have a local interest for you. In 1786 the first half of the artillery barracks had been built only eleven years. The ordnance hospital, New-road, six years, and Sevendroog Castle, on Shooter's-hill, only two years. Though these material things of that day still survive and seem familiar to us, what a difference there is. In 1786 King George the Third was on the 2nd of August providentially preserved

from the knife of the assassin—Margaret Nicholson. The Lord Mayor of London and people from all parts were sending up addresses of congratulation, and no doubt No. 13 was amongst those who forwarded their congratulations. The Prime Minister then was William Pitt. There was then an odious shop tax, which London especially objected to, and Mr. Alderman Lane was one of the city members. Taxes were put on hair-powder and pomatum; our army then was thirty thousand, and our navy eighteen thousand; that was all we had to hold our sway among the nations of the earth. Increases of army, navy, and taxes (laughter) have taken place since then. In 1786 Sheridan was rising into notice, Burke and Fox were pressing their charges against Warren Hastings. Mail coaches had been started three years; our predecessors would be sitting with candles instead of electric lamps, they would have post horses instead of railway trains. In 1786 Robert Burns, twenty-seven years of age, issued his first volume of poems from the obscure printing press of Kilmarnock; his name will never fade from recollection. In calling these things to your mind I hope you will feel the deeper interest in the lodge to which you belong from its antiquity, and that it has continuously been a centre for enjoyment and good fellowship:—

"True happiness
Consists not in the multitude of friends,
But in their worth and choice."

And in conclusion I will couple the name of Bro. G. B. Davies, P.M., with the toast.

Bro. G. B. DAVIES, P.M., most ably responded. The WORSHIPFUL MASTER next gave the toast of "The Visitors," coupled with the names of Bros. Terry, P.P.S.G.W. of Norths and Hunts, and Secretary to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; West, P.P.G.W. Herts; Beamish, P.M. 1424 and 1593; S. Clark, P.M. 713; Church, 1973; Kenneday, P.M. 1536, representing Union Waterloo Chapter, No. 13; and other W.M.'s and P.M.'s of neighbouring lodges.

Bro. TERRY, in responding for "The Visitors," expressed his obligation to the W.M. for coupling his name with the toast, as representative of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and gave a most interesting account of the rise and progress of the three great Institutions supported by the voluntary contributions of the brethren, remarking that when No. 13 was formed not one of those great Charities was in existence, although they sprang into life shortly afterwards—the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in 1842; the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys in 1798; the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls in 1788—and contrasted the state of things at the present time when their aggregate income was more than £50,000 per annum, benefiting nearly four hundred male and female annuitants, besides educating, maintaining, and clothing 244 girls and 240 boys, fitting them for the position they would have occupied if misfortune had not overtaken their parents, the aim of these Institutions being the elevation of those committed to their care, and making them fit for any position they might be called upon to occupy in after life; these facts alone, apart from the benevolence exercised by Grand Lodge and private lodges, also the individual efforts of brethren, tended to show that Masonry did not deserve the reproach sometimes advanced by the outside world, who did not understand its objects or principles, "that there was nothing in Masonry." On the contrary, he maintained these facts showed the great good done by them, and while he repudiated the idea of the Craft being a friendly society, it most thoroughly laid claim to be considered a grand philanthropic Institution. It gave him great pleasure to find, on a perusal of the records of the Charitable Institutions that the Union Waterloo Lodge had ever been a staunch supporter of them, and while it had not made an undue use of its influence in securing the benefits of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for its members, only nine during the life of the lodge having come upon that fund, yet, small as that number was, it had entailed an expenditure of £900 on their behalf, and he trusted that fact alone would be an inducement to the members of the lodge to work on behalf of those great Institutions that did so much good to the Craft, and, assist in extending their sphere of usefulness in aiding their indigent brethren, and widows, and children.

"The Health of the P.M.'s" was responded to by Bro. KEDLEY, P.M., a Past Master of 20 years' standing, and Bro. HUTTON, P.M., Treas.

A most interesting incident here took place, marking the good fellowship prevailing among the fraternity. By a singular coincidence the brethren of Lodge 15, Kent, were dining at the same time in another part of the building, and, hearing that No. 13 were celebrating their centenary, sent a deputation, consisting of the Worshipful Master, Treasurer, and Secretary, to carry their "Hearty good wishes" and congratulations to the members of No. 13, a lodge so near their own in point of number. This duty was most gracefully performed by the W.M. and brethren representing No. 15.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER of No. 13 then proposed a special toast in honour of "No. 15," which was suitably acknowledged by the WORSHIPFUL MASTER of No. 15.

Other toasts followed, enlivened by the singing of several of the brethren, the whole of the musical arrangements being under the direction of Bro. Hancock, 700, to whom praise is due for the admirable manner in which the musical part of the working of the lodge also was conducted.

We have much pleasure in announcing that among the contributors to the fund now being raised for the widows, children, &c., of the men of the two life-boats which were capsized during the recent terrible storm when endeavouring to save the crew of a shipwrecked barque on the Lancashire coast, is the Mount Zion Chapter, No. 22, which has forwarded a cheque for £5 5s.

Great preparations are being made for the ball which will be held at the Town Hall, Liverpool, on the 11th January, in aid of the West Lancashire Masonic Association. Bro. the Earl and Countess of Lathom have promised to attend, and it is hoped Bro. the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres, W.M. Antiquity Lodge, No. 185, Wigan, will also be present.

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South Africa.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF NATAL.

A largely attended meeting was held in the Masonic Hall on the 22nd September, under the presidency of R.W. Bro. R. I. Finnemore, District Grand Master. The District Grand Lodge having been opened, the minutes of half yearly communication of 26th March read and confirmed, a report from the District Board of General Purposes was presented.

R.W. Bro. FINNEMORE then addressed the brethren, and said that he was extremely glad as their District Grand Master, after the lapse of another smooth and fairly prosperous half-year, in which their lodges had, so far as came under his personal cognisance, not only maintained their position, but had, in some instances, been working with newly acquired vigour, owing to the brightening of colonial prospects generally, to have the opportunity of again meeting his brethren in Freemasonry, and especially so, that, by favour of the Prince Alfred Lodge, they met in the hall where he was first initiated, and which would always to him recall many bright and pleasant memories of happy Masonic gatherings, and of true and lasting friendships formed in by-gone years, which he never yet found to fail. He was sorry his official duties did not permit of his coming oftener amongst them. Although, however, he had been thus debarred by circumstances from personally attending their lodge meetings, he believed that no one could reasonably complain that the duties of the responsible office which he had the honour and privilege to hold amongst them had been neglected. Scarcely a week passed in which some question was not submitted or some application made to him as District Grand Master; and all such matters had invariably received his prompt attention. And he must again bear tribute to the zealous and efficient services of the District Grand Secretary, Bro. S. Hollick, which were of great assistance to him in carrying out his duties, and had materially contributed to lighten his labours. As only six months had elapsed since their last meeting in Durban, he had but little that was new to report in opening this, the eighth, regular communication of District Grand Lodge. He had, however, one or two announcements, all of a satisfactory character to make. In the first place, he might state that he had received official intimation that the M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, had been pleased to approve of the extension of this district, by including within its jurisdiction the Umzimkulu Lodge in East Griqualand. In the next place, application had been made to him to obtain a charter for a new lodge at Barberton, in the Transvaal; but, owing to some irregularities which he discovered in the petition, he had not yet been able to forward it to Grand Lodge with his recommendation, as he intended and promised. So far as he could learn, all the existing lodges in his district had been working in a satisfactory manner; and he had every reason to be gratified with the past progress and future prospects of Freemasonry in this jurisdiction. An important matter would be brought forward for their discussion and decision that day, in a revision of the rule relating to contributions payable by the different lodges to District Grand Lodge. In approaching this subject, before arriving at a conclusion, he thought that the matter should be finally settled once for all. It was not advisable that it should be continually brought forward for discussion. In conclusion, he had only to repeat what very sincere pleasure it gave him to meet them all; to thank them for the kindness with which they had received him; and to express to them all, individually and collectively, his cordial good wishes. (Applause.)

The District Grand Treasurer, Bro. S. MARRIOTT, P.M. 738, reported the balances on hand to be: General Fund, £10 17s. 6d.; Benevolent Fund, £80 14s. 9d. The brethren then proceeded to discuss and revise the regulations relating to fees, the scale of which was reduced, and other Masonic business was transacted.

At the close of District Grand Lodge, a meeting of Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was held, also under the presidency of Bro. R. I. Finnemore, as Prov. G.M.M., when the minutes of last meeting having been confirmed, a report was presented by the Provincial Committee of General Purposes, and, inasmuch as the period of tenure of office of Prov. G.M.M. will shortly expire, a re-nomination was made.

The business being satisfactorily concluded, the brethren parted, to meet again in the evening at Masonic ball.

Egypt.

CAIRO.—Bulwer Lodge (No. 1068).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on the 30th June last for the presentation of Past Master's jewels to Bros. Borg, I.P.M., and Spence. The W.M. stated it was his pleasing duty to, that night, give effect to the resolution of December last, and present Past Master's jewels to Bros. Borg, P.M., and Spence, P.M. He traced Bro. Borg's career in Masonry, touching on the high position he had held in the District and National Grand Lodges of Egypt, and alluded to Bro. Borg's past services to the Bulwer Lodge. The W.M. assured the brethren that in all those difficult and delicate points which arise frequently in Masonry, and especially in Masonry abroad, in Bro. Borg he had always found a sagacious and erudite counsellor. The W.M. also referred to the ever ready assistance that Bro. Spence, P.M., had given to the Bulwer Lodge during the past months.

Bro. Borg, P.M., in an eloquent speech, then returned thanks, and traced the history of Bulwer Lodge from its foundation.

Bro. Spence, P.M., also returned thanks in most suitable terms.

The jewels, which were most artistically manufactured, were designed by Bro. J. Vincent, the Secretary.

Bro. F. T. Isitt presided at the annual meeting, held at the Guildhall Tavern, on the 8th inst., of the London General Porters' Association. The report, which was submitted and approved, showed that the Society had met with a considerable amount of success during the past year.

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To Correspondents.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 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.]

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Will you kindly afford space to enable me to announce that W. Wither B. Beach, Esq., M.P., R.W. Provincial Grand Master for Hants and Isle of Wight, has consented to preside at the Anniversary Festival of this Institution, and that the same will be held on Tuesday, the 22nd February, 1887.

I trust that the brethren who may have hesitated as to accepting the office of Steward, through the day not being fixed, and the Chairman being unknown, will forward their names and rank at once, in order that their appeals may be made to their different lodges, and thus justify the Committee in its desire to place an additional number upon the list of annuitants from the 130 candidates seeking election, with at present two vacancies only, the more especially as being the Jubilee year it affords the opportunity of doing so, and of paying a compliment to her Majesty the Queen, the Vice-Patron of the Institution.—Yours fraternally,

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To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The subject hardly appears worth the discussion it has provoked, and I should hope the time of Grand Lodge need not be further occupied on a matter so essentially unimportant; but as you allude to the observations I ventured to make at the last Quarterly Communication, I ask leave to add a final word.

In a question upon which so considerable a number of brethren feel strongly enough to attend Grand Lodge in numbers, and upon which the division was so narrow, some compromise is surely possible without occupying valuable time. All Past Masters wear on their aprons the badge of their rank as Installed Masters. Most also wear a Past Master's jewel, with its proper insignia of rank. If Grand Lodge chooses to allow them also to wear a collar of rank there can be no objection. This is what I understand Grand Lodge to have done.

But the collar of office with which the Master and Wardens are invested when they take office, and which

they relinquish on quitting office, cannot be worn except officially.

If our Bro. Portal's proposition were amended so as to allow Past Masters to wear a collar on all Masonic occasions, not as officers, but, as they wear their jewels, as a mark of rank, while Masters and Wardens are allowed to wear their collars on all Masonic occasions when they attend officially—this important question might be suffered to drop.

Permit me, however, as having been officially compelled to assist in the division at Grand Lodge, to express my admiration of the perfect good humour with which it was characterized.—Fraternally yours,

SAMUEL POPE, P.M., S.G.D.,
P.P.S.G.W. North Wales, &c.

20, Holland Park, Notting Hill,
December 12th.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Had I for one moment imagined that the majority in Grand Lodge against Past Masters wearing their collars on all Masonic occasions would only have been one, I should have left the duty in which I was engaged on the 1st instant, viz., affording "assistance and instruction to the brethren in the inferior Degrees," and by my presence at Freemasons' Hall increased the majority to two. In common with several Past Masters to whom I have since spoken on this matter, who all regret that they did not attend and still further increase that majority, I was not aware that so many Past Masters felt inclined to pine when "out of collar;" but as it is evident that this is the case, it may be expected that this matter will soon crop up again. I, therefore, venture to suggest that the Grand Lodge of England should be moved to institute a special and distinctive Past Master's collar, to be worn on every possible occasion by those brethren who may consider this a desideratum, and as purple, crimson, and blue are already in use amongst English Masons, I feel inclined to propose green as a very suitable colour. As, however, green is not easily distinguishable from blue by gas light, and the collar would be unappreciated if not conspicuous, possibly the words used by a "Provincial Man" (I do not say "brother," as I am not aware that he was a Mason, and I like to be particular) when selecting his wedding waistcoat, may suggest an equally suitable colour. He said—"I don't want none of yer glaring white, let I 'ave a neat scarlet or a bit of quiet yaller."—Yours fraternally,
P.M.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I notice your leader on above in your last weeks issue with much satisfaction. Paragraph 308 of the present Book of Constitutions seems to me to be very clear on the subject, and lays down when collars are to be worn and when not. On the opening of a lodge the officers of that lodge take their proper places as a matter of course, and no one, unless he is very rusty, can possibly make a mistake in the matter. Again, paragraph 310 (page 179) informs us that officers and past officers of lodges may wear the emblems of their offices in the centre of their aprons. Surely that is sufficient, and anything more appears to me to be an unnecessary display of millinery; but the question of what is to be worn by brethren when visiting lodges is, to my mind, only a secondary question as compared with the more important one whether brethren have a right to visit at all. The recital of the following will of itself explain what I mean:—

The Master and Wardens of a lodge are enjoined (by paragraph 149) to visit lodges as often as they conveniently can, and in accordance therewith I and my Junior Warden recently visited a sister lodge in our neighbourhood (having first received the usual invitation to do so). On entering the premises I exchanged salutations with the W.M., who accompanied me upstairs into his lodge room and then told me that his lodge had passed a resolution that visitors should not be admitted until after the minutes had been confirmed. I, of course, immediately retired, wondering in my mind why I should be invited to attend if I was not to be admitted. I do not complain of not being allowed to be present during all the work so much as I do of the manner in which it was intimated to me. If the W.M., on my entrance to the ante-room, had quietly told me that he expected something uncomfortable being brought forward, and expressed a desire that visitors would remain outside until after it was settled, I, as a Master Mason of nearly a quarter of a century, would have readily understood it, and should have thanked him for the friendly hint; but to be escorted into the lodge and then to be told—there's the rub.

If a lodge has the power to pass such a resolution excluding visitors (which I very much doubt), what, then, becomes of paragraph 149, which requires Masters and Wardens of lodges to visit?—Yours faithfully and fraternally,
W.M.

P.S.—Did the lodge in question wish to bring my lodge under paragraph 151? if so, why were I and my Wardens invited to attend?

1865 EDITION OF THE BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

As several of my friends have kindly undertaken to look out for a copy of the 1865 edition of the Book of Constitutions, I shall feel obliged by your allowing me to state that, thanks to the great kindness of Bro. W. Mortimer Heath, Grand Chaplain, who has given me his copy, my collection is now complete.—Yours fraternally,
J. E. LE FEUVRE.

Southampton, December 10th.

WAS THE ETRICK SHEPHERD A FREEMASON?

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

It is to be regretted for his own sake that Bro. "W. O., P.M. 1 (S.C.)," has not followed to a greater extent the advice he so kindly tendered to Bro. Gould, in his letter of last week, to refer to the "Quarterly Masonic Review" of fifty years since on the ground of its containing "much interesting and instructive information." Had he done so in this instance he would have found at page 220 of the volume from which the letter he has quoted was

transcribed, a full account of the initiation of Bro. James Hogg, the said Etrick Shepherd, a few months after he had written the letter declining the honour of being made a Mason.

I give in full so much of the account as is necessary to prove that James Hogg was a brother and member of the Canongate Kilwinning, the Poet Laureateship of which he had accepted previous to his reception into the Order. The account is remarkable, as showing that Canongate Kilwinning brethren of that day fully appreciated the reasonableness of Mahomet's conduct when he found the mountain would not come to him at his bidding. As James Hogg could not go to the lodge, the lodge being considerate, went to James Hogg and made him a man and a brother straight away.—Faithfully and fraternally,
December 19th.

G. A. ABBOTT.

"Lodge Canongate, Kilwinning.

"INITIATION OF MR. HOGG, THE POET, May 7th, 1835.—The refusal of Mr. Hogg, some time ago, even to enter within the pale of our Mystic Institution, having arisen, it appeared, chiefly from a resolution to withdraw himself from public society, a Masonic excursion was determined on to go to Peebleshire, on purpose to initiate him into the Order. Accordingly, a party of Brethren of the Lodge Canongate Kilwinning started from Edinburgh for the village of Inverleithen, distant about ten miles from the SHEPHERD'S residence, being furnished with a warrant, or dispensation, to constitute a Lodge there. Two of the Brethren, Messrs. Adam Wilson and Pringle, drove to Mr. Hogg's that morning, whom they found at his house at Altrive Lake, prepared to mount his steed for the occasion.

Arrived at the Cleikum Inn, St. Ronan's, the expectant brethren were all introduced to him, and the proper paraphernalia having been brought from the City, the Lodge was duly constituted in an apartment of the inn by Brother James Deans (Past Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Lodge of England, and member of the Lodges Emulation (London), and Canongate Kilwinning, Edinburgh) acting as Master, and Brothers Anthony Trail and Alexander Mackie acting as Wardens. Mr. Hogg was originally recommended by Brothers John Forbes and Adam Wilson. Brother Deans conducted the ceremonial with great solemnity and correctness, and the candidate was finally declared to be, and hailed as, a Master Mason of the Craft. After the initiation, the Brethren sat down to a plentiful repast in the Cleikum Inn, St. Ronan's, kept by Meg Dods. After the usual Masonic toasts, the W.M. proposed 'the Health of the Newly-installed Brother JAMES HOGG,' &c.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

It does seem extraordinary that a brother should take the trouble to write to you and quote the page of the "Quarterly Review" to prove that Bro. James Hogg, the Etrick Shepherd, was not a Freemason, when at page 220 of the same volume, 1835, there is a detailed account of his initiation on the 7th May of that year. The quotation from page 66 was perfectly correct. On the 25th January, 1835, Mr. Jas. Hogg writes: "I am not a Mason and never have been." On the 7th May, 1835, Bro. Jas. Hogg says: "He could not but rejoice—the ordeal past—that he had at length yielded to the solicitations of his friend."

It might be interesting if you reprinted pages 220 and 221 of the "Review" containing the account of the fishing excursion and the initiation in Lodge Canongate, Kilwinning.—Yours fraternally,
December 12th.

F. L. E. J.

ADMISSION INTO LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Art. 152 may work hardship in some few cases—where is the law that does not?—but "Master Mason" will note that the restriction is only upon visiting "any one lodge" more than once; and he will I think agree with Dr. Oliver that the soundness of the law is self evident. I should hardly advise "Master Mason" to act upon the principle which Bro. Vint seems to lay down in your previous issue, that lodges of instruction are not governed by the Constitutions; as I fear he would find another view taken if the matter came before the authorities. See Arts. 158 and 160.—Yours fraternally,
LEX SCRIPTA.

LORD RAMSAY, AFTERWARDS MARQUIS OF DALHOUSIE.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

At a private festive meeting of the Canongate, Kilwinning Lodge, No. 2 (S.C.), of which Lord Ramsay, afterwards Marquis of Dalhousie, and Governor General of India, was a member, his lordship stated the following anecdote as his reason for determining him to become a Freemason; and considering the eminent position which Lord Ramsay attained as Grand Master Mason of Scotland, and a distinguished member of Sir Robt. Peel's Cabinet in 1841, and ultimately as Governor General of India. I hope you will consider his lordship's statement worth recording. It was as follows: "I was walking with a clergyman some years ago, under whose tutelage I then was, and a wretched beggar, apparently a foreigner, entreated his Charity. The clergyman turned round to question the supplicant, and in a moment grasped his hand with the most cordial kindness. I was surprised. The stranger was a Freemason. He was fed, clothed, and supplied by the generous Englishman with means of transport to the coast of Syria, where he stated he originally came from. The circumstance made such an impression upon me that I determined as soon as I could to join an association so pregnant with good works."—Yours fraternally,
W. O., P.M. 1 (S.C.)

GRAND LODGE AND PROVINCIAL HONOURS.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

When I wrote on the above matter, I had not the slightest idea that the subject had before been mooted or discussed. I was not a member of Grand Lodge in 1882, therefore the arguments *pro* and *con* are unknown to me; but I agree with Bro. Stevens that they are not of such a nature as not to be easily overcome. I suppose the alteration of the regulation defining the limits of provincial

lodges to be 10 miles from Freemasons' Hall; but beyond that I fail to see why London cannot be constituted as proposed. Since my letter appeared I have spoken to several brethren on the subject, and all have admitted that if that law is altered they can see no objection to the proposal.

Besides, why should provincial lodges proper be invaded by London brethren, who join them solely to get the purple? We ought to be able to get such honours at home. Every part of England and Wales, the Channel Islands, &c., are governed by Provincial Grand Lodges in addition to the Grand Lodge. London, containing, as I before mentioned, over 300 lodges, has no Provincial Grand Lodge over any portion of the large area covered by Metropolitan lodges. If the name Provincial is objected to, could they not be styled Urban Grand Lodges? As your correspondent "Crux Corona" says, the jubilee year would be a very good one in which to make this very desirable alteration—Yours fraternally,

L. V. W.

A PROVINCIAL GRAND PORTRAIT PAINTER.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
Possibly your Sussex readers will be glad to have some particulars respecting the late Bro. J. H. Scott's grandfather—Bro. Edmund Scott—who appears to have been in his day as conspicuous a member as his grandson recently deceased. Like the latter, Bro. Edmund Scott was Master of the Royal Clarence Lodge, No. 271, Brighton. Like him too, he was a Grand Standard Bearer of Supreme Grand Chapter, having held the office in 1820, as his grandson held it in 1880; and like him, too, he was appointed Dep. Prov. Grand Master of Sussex, having been appointed to the office by the fourth Duke of Richmond in 1815, though through illness which terminated fatally the year following, he was never able to fulfil any of its duties. But perhaps the most curious circumstance in connection with this brother is that he figures as Prov. G. Portrait Painter in the warrant granted 9th March, 1801, by Bro. Lieut.-General Samuel Hulse, P.G.M. Sussex, constituting the South Saxon Lodge, No. 557, Lewes, the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex. There was a Grand Portrait Painter in the "Modern" Grand Lodge about this period, but this is the only instance I have come across of a Prov. Grand Portrait Painter.

I append the list of Prov. G. Officers as taken from Bro. J. Francis's admirable "History of Freemasonry in Sussex," and it will be seen that it includes other Prov. G. Officers who are as unknown to our present Prov. G. Lodges as a Prov. G. Portrait Painter:—

GRAND OFFICERS.

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| Lieutenant-General Hulse | ... | Prov. G.M. |
| Captain Henry Shelley | ... | D. Prov. G.M. |
| Mr. William Lee | ... | Prov. A.G.M. |
| Captain Joseph Blagrove | ... | Prov. G.S.W. |
| Mr. William Balcombe Langridge | ... | Prov. G.J.W. |
| Rev. Arthur Iredell, M.A. | ... | Prov. G. Chap. |
| Rev. Francis Joseph Fearon, M.A. | ... | Prov. D.G. Chap. |
| Rev. Harry West, A.M. | ... | Prov. G. Orator |
| Rev. Robert Briggs | ... | Prov. D.G. Orator |
| Mr. Francis Whitfield | ... | Prov. G. Treasurer |
| Mr. James Nicholson | ... | Prov. G. Secretary |
| Mr. John Charlton | ... | Prov. D.G. Sec. |
| Mr. Edmund Scott | ... | Prov. G. Portrait Painter |
| Mr. Christopher Kell | ... | Prov. G. Record Keeper |
| Mr. Joseph Goldsmith | ... | Prov. G. Architect |
| Mr. Edward Egles | ... | Prov. G. Seal Keeper |
| Mr. John Bray Carter | ... | Prov. G. M. of C. |
| Mr. James Cook | ... | Prov. G. Std. Br. |
| Mr. Thomas Till | ... | Prov. G. Swd. Br. |

Fraternally yours, G. B. ABBOTT.

December 11th.

THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE—A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
Your correspondent "Crux Corona" is incorrect in his remark—"Is it fair, when one thinks of Bristol and Bedford with four lodges each?" as there are five in Bedfordshire and eight in Bristol.—Yours fraternally,
SECRETARY.

AN OLD MASONIC STAR.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
I purchased an old Masonic Star (silver hall-marked), in an old curiosity shop the other day. The hall-mark proves it to be about 80 years old. It has seven rays, and is charged with a plain Greek (i.e., equal limbed) cross, round which, in a circle, is the following inscription:—
IXXXI. RQ. HRDM. KDSH. KTP. HP. R.

I give the exact punctuation as I believe it is important. Part of the inscription is, of course, clear to me, as a P.M.W.S. 18, and a Preceptor of the Order of the Temple, but can any of your learned readers decipher it as a whole?

Can RQ. be a phonetic rendering of Rose Croix (Rose Quix)? I fancy that KTF., H.P., R., refer to some extinct Templar Rite, formerly practised in Lancashire—"Knight Templar Priest," "Holy Pillar,"—but what does "R." stand for?

Any information will be thankfully received by yours faithfully and fraternally,
Gailey Vicarage, OSWALD MANGIN HOLDEN.
Penkridge, Staffordshire,
Dec. 14.

A PORTRAIT OF THOMAS DUNKERLEY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
I find in the Directory of Gloucester for 1792:—"The Bell Inn. There is an elegant ball room, with card room adjoining. In this is held the Royal Gloucester Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, held under the patronage of his Grace the Duke of Beaufort; over one of the fire places is a painting of that excellent companion and luminary in Masonry, Bro. Thomas Dunkerley, Esq., Prov. Grand Master for Gloucestershire."

Can any of the Masonic students or antiquarian readers of your valuable paper inform me if this original painting is still in existence, and if the engravings of Bro. Thomas Dunkerley, P.G.M., several of which are preserved—York catalogue, No. 70, Worcester, 261, and Shanklin, 568—are

copies from the original oil painting? I much regret to trouble you, but I have made all the enquiries I can without success. Several of the Gloucestershire brethren have never heard of such a painting at the Bell.

I find on September 6th, 1802, a resolution was passed in lodge to remove to the Upper George Tavern, and that St. John's-day in December, 1802, was celebrated there.

This lodge seems to have neglected to make any returns for several years prior to 1851, and on the revision of lodges on the 3rd of December, 1851, was erased by Grand Lodge.

The Royal Gloucestershire Lodge, No. 839, warrant dated 1860, meets now at the Bell Hotel, Gloucester. See "Cosmopolitan." Yours fraternally,

LAMB. SMITH.



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Many of us will feel indebted to Bro. "W. O." for the interesting communication respecting the poet Hogg. Although most English Masonic students are familiar with the *Masonic Quarterly Series*, I do not remember the fact of the initiation of James Hogg being ever doubted, or alluded to as an error in any magazine, and the reference quoted by Bro. "W. O." quite escaped my notice, whilst consulting that magazine. It is certainly most singular that the poet in question was elected, or appointed, Poet Laureate of "Lodge Canongate, Kilwinning," Edinburgh, although not a brother. Hogg, however, was initiated subsequently, as the same magazine testifies. This is the same lodge in which Bro. Robert Burns, "the Immortal Scottish Bard," held the same distinguished position. Could Bro. "W. O." kindly procure for me a copy of the By-laws of this lodge, published some years since, in which is a list of the Poet Laureates of No. 2?

W. J. HUGHAN (Torquay.)



Craft Masonry.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25).—This lodge met at Freemasons' Hall, on Monday, the 6th inst., when there were present Bros. T. Hawkins, W.M.; J. T. Ford, S.W.; W. Wingham, J.W.; G. Deaton, S.D.; E. J. Wall, I.G.; Harvey, Lindner, Robbins, Dyte (Sec.), Moorcroft, and Loewenstark, P.M.'s; Jaquet, Dunn, Vernon, Briggs, Elliott, and Baker. Visitor: Bro. Jones.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, Mr. H. R. Maynard was impressively initiated by the W.M. The brethren then unanimously elected the S.W. as W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Ford briefly returned thanks. Bro. Lindner, P.M., was unanimously elected Treasurer, and Bro. Walkley was again elected Tyler. Bros. Elliott and Dunn were elected Auditors, and, all business being ended, the brethren adjourned to the banquet table, where a pleasing refecton was spread.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been given and received with the usual honours, and interspersed with harmony by Bros. Robbins, Moorcroft, Ford, and others, Bro. Dyte, Sec., in replying to the toast of "The Secretary and Treasurer," spoke as to the favourable position of the lodge, and said that since he had been a member—now 40 years—he could not recall a time when the lodge was more respectable or solid; that, though few in number, the balance-sheet he should have the pleasure of presenting to the members next lodge night would be not only the best he had shown for many years, but also the most satisfactory to the lodge generally, as it would prove that, so far from having become weak and worn out, the lodge had become more strengthened and consolidated in its position, with a respectable balance on the right side.

After the Tyler's toast the brethren separated at an early hour, well pleased at such a promising state of affairs, and the pleasant evening they had spent.

BRITISH UNION LODGE (No. 114).—The

annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Soane-street, on Thursday, the 2nd inst., when Bro. F. A. Cobbold was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. There were present: Bros. V. D. Colchester, W.M.; R. K. Casley, M.D., P.M.; H. C. Casley, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; G. S. Elliston, P.M.; F. A. Cobbold, S.W., W.M. elect; the Rev. R. N. Sanderson, Chap., P.G., Chap. of England; W. Bobby, P.M., Treas.; B. P. Grimsey, P.M., Sec. P.P.G.J.W.; R. Tidbury, M.D., S.D.; W. Clarke, P.M., D. of C., P.G.P. Eng., Prov. G.D. of C.; Thos. Palmer, Org., P.P.G.O.; S. Gooding, I.G.; Chas. Alexander, J. R. Geard, and Allen F. Penraven. The visitors included Bros. W. B. Hanson, W.M. 259; J. M. Franks, W.M. 376, P.G.J.D.; and Fred. C. Atkinson, J.D. 376.

The ceremony of installation was ably performed by Bro. H. C. Casley, Bro. Bobby acting as S.W., and Bro. V. D. Colchester as J.W.

Bro. F. A. Cobbold invested as his officers for the ensuing year Bros. C. Alexander, S.W.; R. Tidbury, J.W.; the Rev. R. N. Sanderson, P.G.C., Chap.; W. Bobby, P.M., Treas.; B. P. Grimsey, P.M., Sec.; F. J. W. Wood, S.D.; S. Gooding, J.D.; W. Clarke, D. of C.; T. Palmer, Mus. Bac., Org.; T. Palmer, I.G.; C. Alexander, S.S.; J. R. Geard, J.S.; Geo. Gould, Tyler.

At the conclusion of the lodge business, the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where an elegant repast was served. The W.M., Bro. F. A. Cobbold, presided, and was well supported by his officers and the brethren mentioned above.

After the banquet the Worshipful Master proposed "The Queen" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M." With the toast of "The M.W. Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon; the Earl of Lathom, R.W.D.G.M.; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," he coupled

the name of Bro. the Rev. R. N. Sanderson, Past Grand Chap.

Bro. R. N. Sanderson, in reply, said it was an especial pleasure to him to represent the Grand Lodge of England upon that occasion. He had that evening had the great gratification of seeing one of his old pupils installed by another old pupil. He had the great pleasure the previous evening of being present at a meeting of the Grand Lodge of England, and in that great Masonic Parliament there was rather a warm debate and the closest division he ever saw. The question was rather a trifling one, but it was hotly contested—it was whether Past Masters and Wardens visiting a sister lodge should be allowed to wear their collars of office. There were 211 who voted that they should not be allowed, and 210 who voted that they should. The tact with which Lord Carnarvon presided over that somewhat excited assembly showed how thoroughly well he was fitted for the position he held as Pro Grand Master of England. As for the other Grand Officers, the Province of Suffolk had been particularly honoured, there being no less than five Past and Present Grand Officers in the province at the present time.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Right Hon. Lord Henniker, P.G.M. Suffolk; the V.W. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., D.P.G.M. Suffolk; and the rest of the Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, Present and Past."

Bro. J. M. Franks responded on behalf of the Present Officers.

Bro. H. C. Casley, responding for the Past Officers, alluded to the death of the late Lord Waveney, and expressed the hope that the appointment of Lord Henniker as his successor would in a great measure repair the loss which the province had sustained.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Installing Master, Bro. H. C. Casley," and said the lodge would recognise how ably he performed the ceremony. To him it was a source of great gratification to be installed by an old schoolfellow, and one who initiated him into Freemasonry.

Bro. H. C. Casley, in response, congratulated the W.M. upon having been appointed a ruler and governor of the Craft, especially upon having been installed as W.M. of that ancient lodge.

Bro. the Rev. R. N. Sanderson proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and said to the brethren of the British Union Lodge it must be a matter of satisfaction to see the chair once again filled by a gentleman who bore the honoured name of Cobbold.

The Worshipful Master briefly responded, and expressed the hope that he should be able to discharge the duties of the important office to which he had been installed to the satisfaction of the lodge.

Bro. W. Bobby proposed "The Visitors," coupled with the names of Bros. Hanson and J. M. Franks.

The toast having been acknowledged, the W.M. proposed "The Immediate Past Master," to which Bro. V. D. Colchester responded.

Bro. W. Clarke proposed "The Masonic Charities," and in the course of an eloquent speech pleaded the cause of the three Institutions, which, he said, were never more urgently in need of support than at the present time.

Bro. W. Bobby, whose name was coupled with the toast, in response, impressed upon the brethren the necessity for united action throughout the province, in order to secure the election of the local candidates.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Newly-Initiated Brother, A. F. Penraven."

The toast having been honoured in the customary manner, Bro. Penraven briefly responded.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Past Masters of the Lodge."

Bro. R. K. Casley, M.D., responded.

The remaining toasts were "The Officers of the Lodge," to which Bros. Alexander, S.W., and Tidbury, J.W., responded, and the Tyler's toast.

Capital songs were rendered by several of the brethren during the evening.

DOMATIC LODGE (No. 177).—A regular meeting

of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, on Friday, the 10th inst. The chair was taken by Bro. Harry Nelson Price, W.M., among the large number of members present were Bros. A. Silmer, S.W.; H. Chapman, J. W.; G. W. Everett, P.M., Treas.; T. Morris, Sec.; R. Harvey, S.D.; S. Wood, J.D.; H. Salmon, I.G.; J. E. Spurrell, D.C.; A. Billinghurst, W.S.; E. Riechelmann, Org.; H. Pierrepoint, I.P.M.; W. J. Ferguson, P.M.; E. White, P.M.; H. Bowman, P.M.; J. McLean, P.M.; J. Buscall, P.M.; F. Kent, P.M. Visitors: Bros. F. Seager Hunt, M.P., W.M. 2030; E. Wits, P.M. 144; W. Palmer, 1381; C. R. Wickens, W.M. 733; H. W. Stephens, I.G. 1425; J. Humtress, S.W. 733; H. E. Pollard, S.D. 4; and W. T. Buxton, 1381; C. C. Piper, D.C. 2030; J. Thomson, 492; S. Bayn, 822; V. Murfit, J.W. 1861; Dr. Amblar; W. W. Lee 1897; and others.

The lodge having been opened and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, Bros. F. H. P. Smith, and H. W. Martyn, were raised to the Degree of Master Mason. Bros. F. B. Hallett and I. J. Calger were then passed to the Second Degree, after which Mr. V. Melillo, having been previously balloted for, was impressively initiated into Freemasonry. This being the last meeting prior to the installation, the usual elections were proceeded with and resulted as follows: Bros. A. Silmer, S.W., W.M.; G. W. Everett, P.M., Treas., re-elected; Walkley, Tyler, re-elected. The audit Committee having been appointed it was unanimously resolved on the motion of Bro. Buscall, P.M., "That the sum of five guineas should be subscribed from the lodge funds to the Testimonial about being presented to Bro. Robert Clemow, on his retirement from the management of Anderton's Hotel, as an acknowledgement of his past zeal and service to the brethren." A cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Centenary Committee for the very able and successful arrangements made by them in connection with the Centenary Festival. The sum of five guineas was next voted to a distressed brother, after which, on the motion of Bro. Everett, Treas., a P.M.'s jewel of the usual value was voted to Bro. Price, W.M., for the able and efficient manner in which he had presided over the lodge during the past important year. Bro. Price, W.M. briefly returned thanks, and suggested to the brethren that the centenary jewel should be adopted as a crest for use of the lodge summonses and other papers. In order to carry out this idea he now offered for the acceptance of the brethren the necessary die. This useful

present having been cordially accepted and there being no further Masonic business the lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

After the banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were cordially given and received. Bro. Pierrepont, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and said it was his privilege to submit this important toast which was always received with all the good feeling that one brother could possibly receive from another. This was the last time that he should have the pleasure of performing this interesting duty, for after that night he should have to retire to the quiet benches lower down the table. Their W.M. had been one of fortune's favoured children, for he had, under circumstances over which he had no control, presided over that lodge during the centenary year. Bro. Price had carried out his important duties to the satisfaction of the members and the credit of the lodge. He (the I.P.M.) asked the brethren to drink to the health of the W.M. and wish him long life to be amongst them.

Bro. H. N. Price, W.M., returned thanks for the kind manner in which the toast had been given and received. The I.P.M. had told them that that was the last occasion on which he should propose this toast, and also reminded him that that was the last occasion on which he should preside over them. The past year had been an important and eventful one, but everything had been carried out successfully, chiefly owing to the hearty support given him by the members. He wished to sincerely thank them for the kind assistance accorded him, and assured them that the important events of the past year will make a lasting impression on his mind. He wished to specially thank the Past Masters who had been always ready to assist him with their advice when he required it.

The toast of "The Initiate" having been given and responded to, the W.M. in warm terms proposed "The Visitors," to whom he offered a hearty welcome.

Bro. F. Seager Hunt, M.P., W.M. 2030, said that although it was a pleasure to be asked to return thanks for the visitors, yet it was not without a certain amount of regret that he found himself brought forward, inasmuch as he saw around him many brethren more distinguished in the Masonic world, and who had done greater service to the Craft. In fact, he saw standing as one of the visitors, a brother who is the W.M. of one of his own lodges, and who has shown a laudable desire to work hard for Masonry. The visitors tendered their most sincere thanks for the kind and generous hospitality that had been shown them, but they had experienced a greater pleasure, and that was from the very able and impressive working in the lodge. Their newly-initiated brother might fancy that he was enveloped in a mass of mystery, but when he understood the addresses he had heard, then would he see that in those addresses are found lessons that have improved the minds of men. He again tendered his thanks for the kindness with which he had been received, and trusted that the Domestic Lodge, which was now in its rooth year, would continue to inculcate the doctrines and enlarge the circle of Freemasonry.

Bro. Silmer responded for the toast of "The W.M. Elect," and said that although he had a difficult task to perform, if the members would give him their sympathy and support he thought he should be able to maintain the prestige of their grand old lodge.

Bro. Everett, P.M., Treas., replied for "The Treasurer and Secretary," and Bro. Kent, P.M., for "The Past Masters," after which "The Officers" having been duly given and responded to, the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

During the evening some excellent music was rendered, but special mention must be made of Bro. Packer, whose melodious voice delighted and pleased the brethren.

ELEANOR LODGE (No. 1707).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Great Eastern Hotel on Thursday, the 2nd inst. Bro. John Webb, W.M., presided. There were three candidates for initiation, and two brethren for raising. Bro. J. H. Thompson, P.M., acting as Installing Master, performed the ceremony of installation in a most impressive and efficient manner. Bro. James Terry presenting Bro. A. Money, W.M. elect, who then proceeded to invest his officers.

The business of the lodge being ended, the brethren adjourned to a beautifully and well provisioned banquet, which was well attended. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. Clements, James Terry, Garrod, Carr, and Sparrow.

After the usual Masonic toasts, which were most heartily given, and well received,

Bro. Jas. Terry, responding for "The Charities" in a vigorous speech, commended the especial attention of the brethren to the anniversary festival in February, as it would not only be the Jubilee of her Most gracious Majesty the Queen, but that there very few vacancies to fill and a very large number of applicants. He more especially desired the new initiates, Messrs. William Kelly and Dubois, to give their consideration to such noble Charities, especially for the "Aged," interspersing his remarks with some very pleasing anecdotes, particularly remarking also that he knew the Charities would never suffer when such brethren as Bro. A. Money, W.M., acted as Steward, and he earnestly hoped his energies would be well rewarded in taking up as good a list, if not even better than he did for the Boys, thanking the lodge for its generous past, and asking for the hearty co-operation of every brother in the future.

The musical arrangements were well carried out, and the pleasures of the evening increased by good songs, sung in an efficient manner by Bros. Thompson, Webb, Money, Richards, W. F. Bull, Murray, and others.

ST. LEONARD LODGE (No. 1766).—The installation of this lodge took place on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at the Town Hall, Shoreditch. Bro. Enoch Walker, W.M., occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. F. Matthews, S.W.; R. Drysdale, J.W.; W. H. Brand, P.M. 1524, Treas.; J. Cox, Sec.; H. J. Thrower, S.D.; L. Harrison, D.C.; G. Young, Org.; W. Beasley, I.G.; J. Griffiths, A.W.S.; E. Benjamin, P.M.; G. T. Barr, P.M.; L. Stean, P.M.; C. F. Barham, P.M.; J. A. Jones, P.M.; A. A. Clement, P.M.; J. Funston, P.M.; W. Clarke, P.G. Purst.; and a large number of members. Amongst the visitors were Bros. W. H. Lee, Prov. A.G. Sec. Middx.; S. A. East, 1524; E. Smith, P.M. 1336, P.P.J.G.W. North Wales and Salop; C. W. Vine, 1046; F. Richardson, D.C. 860; G. Andrews, 1420; W. Walden, 49; F. Horner, P.M. 31; H. Povey, P.M. 22; F. W.

Knight, 860; F. Brien, P.M. 1076; A. R. Trew, S.W. 959; J. A. Robson, P.M. 1445; H. Salter, S.D. 861; C. W. Cox, P.M. 1566; J. Smith, P.M. 193; W. H. Baker, W.M. 1446; R. A. Germaine, Org. 2032; H. Baker, J.W. 2030; L. Walker, S.W. 22; J. Smithers, S.D. 183; W. Musti, P.M. 1349; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The lodge having been formally opened, the minutes of the last regular emergency meetings were read and confirmed, and the report of the Audit Committee received and adopted. Ballot was then successfully taken in favour of Messrs. A. Goldstein and J. Mordecai, as candidates for initiation. Bro. Robert Drysdale was then presented as W.M. elect, and was duly installed into the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom. The newly-installed W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. F. Matthews, S.W.; J. Cox, J.W.; W. H. Brand, P.M. 1524, Treas.; C. F. Barham, P.M., Sec.; H. J. Thrower, S.D.; L. A. Harrison, J.D.; J. W. Griffiths, D.C.; W. Beasley, I.G.; G. C. Young, Org.; H. J. Scott and S. Bachelor, Stwds.; and Verry, Tyler. The usual addresses were then delivered by the Installing Master, Bro. Enoch Walker, I.P.M. Bro. R. Drysdale, W.M., then rose and said he had a very pleasing duty to perform, which was to present the I.P.M. with a jewel voted by the lodge. He asked Bro. Walker to regard that jewel as a mark of the esteem in which he is held by the members, and expressed a wish that he might be spared for many years to wear it. Bro. E. Walker, I.P.M., briefly tendered his thanks for the gift, observing that he had carried out his duties during his year to the best of his ability. It was then proposed by Bro. Brand, Treas., and unanimously resolved, that a jewel should be presented to Bro. J. Cox, as a slight recognition of the valuable services rendered by him as Secretary since the formation of the lodge. Bro. Cox having returned thanks and propositions having been received, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

The usual toasts were subsequently duly honoured, "The Queen and the Craft," and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," being received with the customary cordiality.

In proposing "The Grand Officers," the Worshipful Master expressed the pleasure it afforded him to see amongst them a distinguished Past Grand Officer, Bro. W. Clarke, P.G. Purst., who was a member of the lodge and whose name he coupled with the toast.

Bro. W. Clarke, P.G. Purst., in reply, said the Grand Officers were indebted to the W.M. for the manner in which he had introduced the toast, and to the brethren for the hearty reception accorded it. With reference to the R.W. Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, the brethren who had the privilege of attending the last meeting of Grand Lodge could not but be struck with the beautiful manner in which that distinguished brother ruled over the proceedings, especially when a question of importance was under discussion. As they were aware, the question of whether or not the brethren should wear their collars out of the lodge was brought forward, but he was pleased to say it was rejected by 211 to 210. There were also at the head of the Craft the R.W. Bro. the Earl of Lathom, who was a hard working Mason, who came amongst them whenever he had the opportunity. The Grand Officers always endeavoured to do whatever they considered would uphold the prestige of the Craft, and he hoped that the same spirit that had hitherto been displayed at Grand Lodge meetings would still exist when the election of Grand Treasurer took place. He was of opinion that no brother should hold an office in Grand Lodge for a longer period than 12 months. It was personally a very pleasing task to respond to this toast, for when he looked back upon the night when the lodge was consecrated, it was with feelings of gratification to see the progress that had been made. He thanked one and all for the cordial reception given him as an humble representative of Grand Lodge.

"The Worshipful Master" was given by Bro. Walker, I.P.M., who said it was a very pleasing duty that had devolved upon him to propose this toast. That was the ninth occasion on which they had met to congratulate a W.M. on his reaching that office, and he considered the present meeting had been a very successful one, for they had placed one in the chair who would fulfil the duties with honour to himself and credit to the lodge. Bro. Drysdale was initiated in that lodge and had worked industriously through the various offices, until he had arrived at his present proud position. He (Bro. Walker) had visited many foreign lodges, where the brother in the chair was designated as "le vénérable," and he considered that appellation might very well apply to their W.M., not only from his personal appearance, but because he undoubtedly possessed the wisdom of a sage. He heartily wished him a happy year of office.

Bro. Robert Drysdale, W.M., returned thanks for the kind manner in which his health had been proposed and received. The word venerable had been used in reference to him, and he could only say that he felt and knew the term to be applicable, and he asked for the sympathies of the brethren on that account during his year of office. It was not possible for him to have as retentive a memory as a younger brother, and he therefore relied upon the assistance and support of the officers and members. He assured them that he would faithfully do his utmost to carry out the working of the lodge in a satisfactory and creditable manner.

Bro. Enoch Walker, I.P.M., in response for the toast of "The Installing Master," thanked the W.M. and brethren for the heartiness displayed, and said that during his year he had carried out his duties to the best of his ability. He considered it the duty of every Mason to perform the work of any office to which he might be appointed as well as his abilities and strength would allow. He was always pleased to see the brother who occupied the chair perform all the duties pertaining to the chair in a satisfactory manner, and it was encouragement to young Masons to see the work well done. He had satisfied his conscience and had installed his successor in as creditable a manner as he could. He had had a prosperous year, and had initiated a considerable number of brethren. He thanked them one and all for the support given him whilst he occupied the chair, and which had enabled the proceedings to be gone through in a satisfactory manner, and which he hoped would always be the case in the future.

Bro. L. Stean, P.M., replied for "The Past Masters," and expressed the pleasure it afforded him to respond for that toast. It was now eight years since the lodge was consecrated, when he was installed as the first W.M., and he was, therefore, as had been remarked, the father of the

lodge. The progress of the St. Leonard Lodge had passed his expectations, for they had done a great deal for the Masonic Charities and in other ways. They had been successful in many things, but there was yet still a great deal to do. He hoped they would have a Benevolent Fund ready to support and assist any deserving case that came under their notice, and he asked the brethren to assist in that object, and make Freemasonry what it should be—a universal Society for the relief, support, and assistance of those who were in need.

Bro. W. H. Lee, Prov. Asst. G. Sec. Middx., responded for "The Visitors," and said it had been a source of great pleasure to him to have the privilege of being present that evening to witness the progress the lodge had made during the last eight years. He attributed that progress to the able body of Past Masters, and if he might mention one brother in particular, he would allude to Bro. Stean, P.M., who was about the oldest Past Master in the Metropolis. It was always a pleasure to see the I.P.M. perform the installation ceremony, and he congratulated Bro. Walker on the manner he had carried it out on that occasion. He wished the W.M. a successful year of office, and continued prosperity to the lodge.

Bro. W. H. Brand, P.M. 1524, Treasurer, on behalf of "The Treasurer and Secretary," said that although newly appointed, he was not a stranger to the lodge or its duties. He had been a joining member since the consecration, and regarded his appointment as Treasurer as an honour. He was well acquainted with the duties, having acted in a similar capacity in his mother lodge. He would do his duty, and hoped to have a most favourable balance sheet for presentation at the next installation meeting.

Bro. Barham, Secretary, also replied. "The Officers" having been given, the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

A good musical programme was carried out under the direction of Bro. W. H. Baker, assisted by Arthur Weston, Henry Baker, and H. J. Dutton.

GALLERY LODGE (No. 1928).—This lodge which has made very steady, but not too rapid progress, and which now numbers sixty members, held its installation meeting, on Saturday last, at the Brixton Hall, Acree-lane, when its sixth W. Master was installed. Bro. Charles F. Pardon, W.M. opened the lodge at 3 o'clock for the transaction of ordinary business which occupied the better part of two hours, when the lodge was called off for a short time, re-assembling at 5 o'clock, for what was pre-eminently the business of the day. During the first period, after the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, the reports of the audit Committee and of the General Committee were received, and these proved that the affairs of the lodge are in a highly prosperous condition and showed also that they are a wisely charitable body; for out of the general lodge funds they have, during the year, made a handsome grant to the Masonic Benevolent Institution, and from a Benevolent Fund which they have prudently formed to provide for the "rainy day" which may possibly come upon any of their own members, they have also made a handsome grant to the widow of a deceased brother. The other item of business during the first period of the meeting was the raising of Bro. James, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Pardon, W.M., with the efficiency which he always exhibits.

Upon the resumption of the lodge at 5 o'clock, the chair was taken by Bro. Massey, P.M. and Treas. of the lodge, who performed the ceremony of installing Bro. W. O. Goldsmith, the S.W. during the past year, into the chair of K.S., a ceremony which he performed with the ability and good taste which always characterise his Masonic work. There were about twenty brethren present at the Board of Installed Masters. Bro. Goldsmith, W.M., having first installed Bro. Pardon with the collar of the I.P.M., proceeded to invest his other officers as follows: Bro. John Duckworth, S.W.; Bro. Dr. Griffith, J.W.; H. Massey, P.M., Treas.; Albery, Sec.; Herbert Wright, S.D.; Perkins, J.D.; Hancock, I.G., being absent on account of illness. Bro. H. Bussey, P.M. received his collar pro tem; Bros. Thomas was invested M.C.; Peacock, W.S.; Basil Cook, Asst. W.S.; Peachy, Org.; and Verry, Tyler. The customary address to the W.M. and the Wardens were then delivered by Bro. Massey, the address to the other brethren of the lodge being given by Bro. Pardon, I.P.M.

The W.M., then in the name of the lodge, presented to Bro. Pardon a handsome P.M.'s jewel in token of the appreciation by the brethren of the highly efficient manner in which he had performed the duties attaching to the chair during his year of office, and in pinning it on his breast expressed the hope that he would live many years to wear it, and that it would be very frequently seen in the Gallery Lodge.

Bro. Pardon in making his acknowledgements for this mark of their goodwill, thanked the officers and brethren for the generous way in which they had seconded his efforts during his year of office, and expressed the hope that the lodge would never fall below the high state of efficiency which it now held.

The W.M. said he had now another pleasant duty to perform. The brethren saw the very handsome banner which was raised behind his chair. That banner had been presented by Bro. Manning. This act of Bro. Manning's he regarded as an instance of the lively and active interest which was taken in the lodge, not only by those who had held high offices, but by lay members. He did not think that they could possibly accept a prettier present than that which had been presented by Bro. Manning. As Master he would take care that it was unfurled and placed in its proper position; and he had now to move that it be accepted, and that a vote of thanks to Bro. Manning be recorded on the minutes for his very handsome present. The motion having been seconded by the S.W., was put by the J.W. and carried unanimously; and after a few words from Bro. Manning in reply to the intimation by the Master that a vote of thanks had been passed by the brethren, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the adjoining banquet room where, after partaking of an excellent dinner, the remainder of the evening was occupied with the speeches upon the customary toasts, and with a capital selection of songs contributed by various members and guests, Bro. Graham, P.P.G. Org. Middx. and Surrey, presiding at the pianoforte, and himself singing several excellent songs.

After the toasts of "The Health of the Queen," "The Grand Master," and "The Grand Officers" had been disposed of,

Bro. Pardon, I.P.M., rose to propose the toast of the evening. He said he rose for the first time to propose this important toast—"The Health of the W.M. of the Gallery Lodge"—and, considering the large gathering of members and friends they had round them, and considering that they had present all the Past Masters of the Gallery Lodge, Bro. Goldsmith commenced his year of office under the most favourable circumstances. Bro. Goldsmith was a very energetic Mason, and had gone through the various offices in the Gallery Lodge, and had now attained, as he was told by the Installing Master, the highest honour the Craft could confer or the lodge bestow on him. He was a thoroughly good and genuine Mason, as all who knew him in Masonry as well as in press work must be thoroughly well aware. Bro. Goldsmith was a very old personal friend of his, not only in Masonry and press work, but he might almost say independently of press work; and that he had succeeded to the Mastership of the Gallery Lodge was a matter of gratification to him and all of his personal friends. It was gratifying to the members of the lodge to know that they would have to rule over them during the coming year a thoroughly capable Master, and he was quite sure that when that time twelve months came round, and another Master was installed, they would see a further progress in the lodge, as they had always had the honour and the pleasure of seeing every year in that lodge—a lodge that had become an important factor in the press-world of England, and not an altogether unimportant factor in the great world itself. Bro. Pardon concluded by asking the brethren, in bumpers, to drink the health of the W.M. of the lodge, Bro. Goldsmith.

In returning thanks, the Worshipful Master said that it was not without diffidence that he rose to respond to the toast—the W.M. of the Gallery Lodge—which had been proposed by the I.P.M., Bro. Pardon, in too flattering terms. He (Bro. Goldsmith) had taken considerable interest in Freemasonry for a good many years. He thought that no one would deny that he still took that interest. From the time that he was initiated he was active in the work, and to walk, as far as one could in this mortal world, upon the tenets of Freemasonry. If he had deserved what had been said, what he had done well would not be forgotten; but he thought it one of the best points a man could aim at. As they all jogged along together he found all through their Masonic brethren and friends that the Gallery Lodge did a tremendous lot to rub off the sharp corners, and make things work harmoniously. He thought Freemasonry one of the best of institutions—a matter that he might enlarge upon when he came to speak of Charity. Without laying down any programme for the next year, he should endeavour to follow in the steps of those who had gone before him in that chair, and hoped that twelve months hence he should be showing some good results from his year of office.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The I.P.M., the Installing Masters, and the other Past Masters of the Lodge," and, in replying to it,

Bro. Pardon said that it was a matter of great gratification to him that in the past year they had had a great success so far as new members were concerned. He said that he was very glad also that the lodge had taken the step of devoting a much larger proportion of its income than formerly to the purposes of Charity. Whatever a Master might do in supporting the chair, it came to very little unless he advanced the real reason for his occupation of the chair—to advance the cause of Masonic Charity and benevolence.

Bro. Massey, in response to a call, also said a few words in reply to this toast.

The toast to "The Health of the Treasurer, Secretary, Wardens, and other Officers of the Lodge," was responded to by Bros. Massey, Treas.; Albery, Sec.; J. Duckworth, S.W.; and Dr. Griffiths, J.W.

"The Visitors'" toast was answered by Bros. Farncombe, Hall, Graham, Heckscher, and Vinell.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "Success to the Masonic Charities," in doing which he took occasion to say that he should probably, with the permission of the brethren, stand as Steward for one of the Masonic Charities during his year of office, and hoped that he should have such support from the brethren as would enable him to take up a good list, and show a good front as representative of the Gallery Lodge.

The Tyler's toast brought a very successful meeting to a termination.

The following were among the visiting brethren present on the occasion: Bros. P. Shepherd, 1362; H. Coulter, 53 (I.C.); S. Pardon, 1541; F. Cundy, 887; E. Bourne, 4; J. Fregakis, 1507; J. F. Beck, P.M. 1853; W. C. Saunders, 1562; A. F. Asher, W.M. 1305; A. W. Berry, P.M. 918; G. F. Graham, P.P.G.O. Middlesex and Surrey, P.M. 1851; H. W. Roberts, W.M. 1293; E. E. Smith, P.M. and Sec. 1559; E. H. Horne, P.M. 220; F. Hall, P.M. 403, Prov. G.D.; S. G. Brealey, 1056; J. Heckscher (Lodge Ferdinand, Caroline Hambro); Giles Giles, 1937; J. J. Hutchings, 147; S. R. Speight, P.M. 147; F. Farncombe, 311, P.P.G. Sd. Br. Sussex; J. H. Howes, J.W. 38; M. Viozetti, 1219; E. G. Field, 1302; E. Ritman, 1362; C. Burnell, 56; C. F. Charge, 38; A. Gordon, 1924; and E. C. Massey.

BRIXTON LODGE (No. 1949).—A meeting of this lodge was held in the Brixton Hall on Saturday, the 11th inst., Bro. R. Poore, W.M., presided, with Bros. W. R. Palmer, as S.W.; C. J. Axford, J.W.; H. Baldwin, I.P.M.; W. Kirkland, Treasurer; H. Lovegrove, P.M., Secretary; E. Newby, S.D.; A. E. Albert, J.D.; R. Evans, I.G.; A. Jones, D.C.; W. E. Farrington, P.M.; J. Read, Org.; R. Potter, Tyler; J. Hicks, W. Loney, J. Bott, J. J. Newland, J. White, W. Inglis, G. S. Daunt, J. D. Speague, and E. Watkins. The visitors were Bros. J. Hooper, 1320; J. Manning, 177; J. H. Sharp, 1437; and J. Pelly, 177.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, Messrs. R. Bott and W. D. Palmer were initiated in a most accurate and careful manner by the W.M. and his officers. Bro. W. Day was elected W.M., Bro. Kirkland, Treasurer, and Bro. R. Potter, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was voted to the W.M., of whom the proposer, seconder, and supporter spoke in very flattering terms.

At the completion of the business, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was well served by Bro. Inglis and his staff.

The usual toasts were honoured, and many songs and recitations were given.

During the present year this lodge has made great progress under the rule of Bro. R. Poore, who was the first initiate.

UNITED NORTHERN COUNTIES LODGE (No. 2128).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, 2nd December, at the Masonic Hall, Sa, Red Lion-square, W.C. Amongst those present were Bros. J. S. Cumberland, P.M., P.P.J.G.W. N. and E. Yorks, W.M.; W. F. Smithson, P.M., P.P.G.D. W. Yorks, S.W.; W. Masters, P.M., J.W.; Fitz Herbert Wright, P.M., P.P.G.W. Derbyshire, Treas.; J. L. Cooke, Sec.; W. H. Bullock, S.D.; Theo. Carr, J.D.; Samuel Lamb, P.M., D.C.; J. L. Potts, J.G.; J. Woodall Woodall, P.M., P.G. Treas. &c.; Ed. Carr, P.M.; G. J. Wood, P.M.; H. J. Giller, P.M.; S. B. Boloz, Jos. Clayton, and G. Davis. The following were amongst the visitors: Bros. T. H. Tilton, D.G.M. N. York city; T. C. Smith, P.M. 2069; A. P. Wood, P.G. S.B. Notts; E. Berlandina, 2108; R. D. Hewetson, 1547; W. B. Heagerty, I.G. 907; E. Archer, 407, Malta; R. Townsend, 1984; A. Toovay, 1541; J. Cook, 907; T. R. Temple, 1384; W. B. Burnard, I.P.M. 1662; H. Sadler, W.M. 2149, Grand Tyler.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last regular lodge and of two subsequent emergency lodges were read and confirmed. A ballot was then taken for Mr. Frank Wright, which proved clear, and Mr. Wright being in attendance, he was initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M., who also gave the charge.

Bro. W. F. Smithson, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Fitz Herbert Wright was re-elected Treas., &c. Bros. Masters, Carr, and Potts were appointed auditors.

The sum of ten guineas was voted from the lodge benevolent fund towards the Masonic Charities.

Bro. Smithson, W.M. elect, announced his intention of representing the lodge as Steward at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at the same time presenting ten guineas, and endow the S.W.'s chair.

"Hearty good wishes" having been given by the visitors, to whom the W.M., on behalf of the lodge, offered a very fraternal welcome, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren and their visitors sat down to a good substantial supper at Freemasons' Tavern. The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a most happy evening was spent, many of the brethren contributing songs which were very greatly appreciated.

During the evening W. Bro. Fitz Herbert Wright, Treas., announced his intention to act as a Steward, along with the W.M. elect, at the coming Benevolent Festival, observing that he would contribute twenty guineas to the funds.

CAMBRIDGE.—Scientific Lodge (No. 88).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 13th inst. Bro. Thomas Nichols, W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. A. H. Moyes, D.P.G.M., P.M.; George MacCallum, I.P.M.; B. Chennell, P.M.; E. Hills, P.M.; T. Hunnybun, P.M.; A. Thompson, P.M.; and all the officers. The attendance also included Bros. W. B. Redfarn (Mayor of Cambridge); Wood-Ingram, P.M.; C. A. Carmelt Jones, and Walker.

Mr. John Helenus Moyes, a son of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, was unanimously elected a member, and was initiated by the W.M. in an impressive manner. Bro. William Ingram Pashler, S.W., P.J.G.D., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and will be installed on the second Monday in January. Bro. W. H. Jarrold having retired from the office of Treasurer, Bro. Thos. Hunnybun, P.M., was elected to that post. Bros. G. MacCallum, P.M., W. Purchas, and Robert Hills were elected Auditors, the former being appointed by the W.M. Bro. Ellis was re-elected Tyler. Bro. B. W. Beales, sen., was re-appointed a Representative to serve on the Committee of the Cambridge Masonic Charity Association. The W.M. temporarily vacated the chair, which was taken by the I.P.M. Thereupon a motion was brought forward by Bro. B. Chennell, P.M., that a certain sum be voted by the lodge for the purpose of presenting Bro. T. Nichols with a Past Master's jewel upon his leaving the chair, in recognition of his successful year of office, his efficient conduct in the chair, and his long services to the Craft.

Bro. Frank Pigott, J.D., in seconding the motion, said he was glad the proposition had been so kindly received by the Past Masters. When he suggested the matter a few days before he naturally did so with diffidence, as it might seem an invidious distinction; but he was pleased to assure the lodge that the Past Masters did not so regard it, and gladly fell in with the idea. He hoped he was speaking the feelings of those below the chair in saying that they would readily acquiesce in this proposition. It was not merely that they wished to recognise the efficiency of Bro. Nichols as W.M.—though that was sufficient to justify this motion—but they also desired to show their appreciation of his long services to the Craft, which were of no ordinary kind, seeing that he had been Secretary to the lodge for fifteen years, and besides had officiated as Prov. Grand Secretary for four years, and Prov. Grand Treasurer for eleven years. They had, therefore, good reasons in his case for voting this jewel, and he hoped it would be unanimously adopted.

Upon the vote being put, it was carried unanimously. "Hearty good wishes" having been tendered, the lodge was closed.

At the banquet, Bro. Geo. McCullam, I.P.M., in giving "The Health of the W.M.," informed him of the vote passed unanimously by the lodge during his temporary absence.

Bro. Nichols made a feeling response, the vote taking him completely by surprise. He assured the brethren that in all he had done he had been actuated by his great love for Masonry, and he could not claim to have done more than his duty. It was most pleasing to know that his services had been so much appreciated. He had one son who held a prominent position in Masonry, and he had himself initiated another of his sons during his present year of office, so that this gift of a P.M.'s jewel would not only be highly prized by him, but afterwards handed down to members of his family who could appreciate it.

Bro. Wood-Ingram, P.M., in responding for "The Visitors," complimented the W.M. and his officers upon the very efficient discharge of their duties.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Health of the Newly-Initiated," spoke of the great pleasure it had afforded him to initiate a son of their Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and expressed the hope that in his time Bro. J. H. Moyes might become as good and successful a Mason as his much respected father.

SUNDERLAND.—Phoenix Lodge (No. 94).—The installation meeting of the above old lodge was held on Wednesday, the 1st inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, Queen-street. Among those present were Bros. T. G. Garrick, W.M.; J. A. Rainbow, I.P.M.; Wm. Dawson, S.W., W.M. elect; J. V. Scarborough, J.W.; J. D. Todd, P.M., Sec.; R. Punshon, Treas.; C. Hunter, S.D.; W. Vincent, Org.; J. W. H. Swan, I.G.; J. Friedman, G. Craven, and G. W. Richardson, Stewards; J. W. Brown, P.G.T., Tyler; J. Potts, J.P., P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; John Riseborough, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; T. Henderson, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; M. Frampton, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; E. Sutherst, P.M.; and J. Hudson, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd. Visitors: Bros. J. J. Wilson, W.M.; Thos. Atkinson, S.W., W.M. elect; T. Smith, J.W.; M. Douglas, P.M.; J. Mitchinson, P.M.; and R. Kinmond, P.M., P.P.G.P., of 80; C. M. Wake, J.W. 97; R. Shadforth, W.M., P.S. G.D.; A. T. Munro, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; and G. W. Bain, J.W., of 949; the Rev. R. H. Yeld, W.M., and A. Peters, J.W., of 1389; J. Deans, W.M. 2039; R. Blake, J.D. 949; and T. Burlinson, S.S. 80.

Bro. W. Dawson, S.W., W.M. elect, was installed as W.M. by Bro. T. G. Garrick, I.P.M., the ceremony being performed in a very able manner. The following were afterwards appointed and invested as the officers for the year: Bros. T. G. Garrick, I.P.M.; J. Scarborough, S.W.; C. Hunter, J.W.; R. Punshon, Treas.; J. D. Todd, P.M., Sec.; J. W. H. Swan, S.D.; M. Cohen, J.D.; M. Frampton, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. (Member of Charities' Committee), D.C.; W. Vincent, Org.; G. Craven, I.G.; and J. W. Brown, P.G.T., Tyler.

The lodge was afterwards closed. On this occasion the organ of the lodge, which is upwards of 100 years old, and has just been repaired, was used, Bro. William Vincent officiating in an admirable manner at the organ.

The annual festival was afterwards held at the Masonic Hall, Park-terrace. The W.M., Bro. Wm. Dawson, presided, and was supported by Bros. R. Hudson, P.M., P.G. Secretary; J. C. Moor, I.P.M. 97, 2039, P.P.J.G.D.; F. Maddison, P.M. 1389, P.P.S.G.D.; J. R. Pattison, I.P.M. 97, P.A.G. Secretary; R. Singleton, S.W., and W.M. elect 97; R. W. Halfnight, P.M. 949, P.P.G.P.; and others.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

SUNDERLAND.—Palatine Lodge (No. 97).—On Thursday, the 9th inst., the annual meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Park-terrace, for the installation of Bro. Robt. Singleton, S.W., W.M. elect. There was a large gathering. Among those present were Bros. J. R. Pattison, P.G.A.S., W.M.; J. C. Moor, P.P.J.G.D., I.P.M.; R. Singleton, S.W., W.M. elect; C. M. Wake, J.W.; G. C. Watson, P.P.G.D., Secretary; T. M. Watson, Prov. J.G.D., Treasurer; W. A. O. Sutcliffe, J.D.; J. J. Clay, P.G.D. of C., D. of C.; J. G. Marshall, I.G.; J. W. Brown, P.G. Tyler, Tyler; G. Lord, P.P.G.D.; J. H. Leech, P.M.; Taylorson Sharp, P.M.; Thomas Jopling, P.P.G.D.; R. W. Halfnight, P.P.G.P.; M. Douglass, P.P.G.D.; D. P. Hunley, P.M. 80; W. Liddell, P.P.G.D.; John Deans, W.M. 2039; T. Atkinson, W.M. elect 80; Rev. R. H. Yeld, W.M. 1389; J. Hewson, I.P.M. 949; G. Porteous, P.P.G.O.; A. T. Munro, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Dawson, W.M. 94; J. J. Wilson, W.M. 80; J. H. Turnbull, P.P.G.P.; J. E. Nelson, P.G.P.; J. G. Kirtley, P.P.J.G.D.; W. Beattie, P.M. 1389; G. W. Bain, J.W. 939; Captain Peters, J.W. 1389; J. Scarborough, S.W. 94; Dr. Liston, J.P.; R. A. Brown, S.D. 2039; J. Storey, P. Maddison, W. Birch, J. Nicholls, J. Bentley, T. P. Shaftoe, Hobourn, Captain Thompson, T. E. Hall, and J. Hudson, S.D. 80.

After the ordinary business of the lodge, the W.M. elect, Bro. R. Singleton, was presented for installation by Bro. J. C. Moor, I.P.M., P.P.J.G.D. The ceremony of installing Bro. Singleton in the chair of K.S. was efficiently performed by the W.M., Bro. J. R. Pattison, P.G.A.S., the addresses being afterwards delivered by Bro. J. J. Clay, P.P.G.D.C., to the newly-installed W.M., Wardens, and brethren. The following were appointed as the officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. R. Pattison, P.A.G. Secretary, I.P.M.; C. M. Wake, S.W.; John George Nasbet, J.W.; Thomas M. Watson, P.M., P.J.G.D., Treas.; W. A. Oddy Sutcliffe, Sec.; John G. Marshall, S.D.; Jas. Storey, J.D.; John J. Clay, P.M., P.G.D.C., D.C.; R. Lee, Org.; Edward G. Watson, I.G.; G. Hands, W. Birch, J. R. Cutter, A. Grundy, and W. Tonkinson, Stwds.; and J. W. Brown, P.G. Tyler, Tyler. The visiting brethren expressed their congratulations to the newly-installed W.M., and the lodge was closed in due form.

The annual festival was held in the banquet hall afterwards.

The W.M., Bro. R. Singleton, presided, and was well supported by the Past Masters and visitors. The usual loyal and Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge toasts having been duly proposed and responded to,

Bro. T. M. Watson, P.J.G.D., replied to the toast of "The Provincial Officers."

Bro. J. R. Pattison, I.P.M., P.G.A.S., proposed the toast of "The Worshipful Master." He referred to the able manner in which Bro. Singleton had fulfilled the various offices he had occupied in the lodge. He had gained the esteem and high regard of the members, and at last had been appointed and installed to the highest office the lodge could offer him. They all wished him a prosperous year of office.

The Worshipful Master, Bro. R. Singleton, acknowledged the hearty way in which the toast of his health had been proposed and received. They had all regretted how the death last year of their Worshipful Master elect, Bro. W. B. Ferguson, had created a void in their ranks. He should do his best to discharge the duties of the Worshipful Master, and hoped to have the support of the Past Masters and officers of the lodge. There had been a number of gentlemen proposed at the lodge meeting, so they would have a deal of work no doubt. All that he could do would be done, as he was sure, would also be done by the other officers, to maintain the prestige of the old Palatine Lodge.

Bro. J. C. Moor, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., proposed "The Immediate Past Master and Installing Master, Bro. J. R. Pattison," which was very enthusiastically received. Alluding to the antiquity of the lodge and the distinguished brethren of the Order who had passed through the W.M.'s chair of the Palatine, he pointed out that half-a-century ago the Prov. Grand Master of Durham, of 1842, Sir Hedworth Williamson, was the W.M. of the lodge, and the Prov. Deputy G.M., Sir Cuthbert Sharp, was 52 years

ago, the W.M. Now they had the honour of knowing that their W.M. of 1858, the present Str Hedworth Williamson, Bart., and P.G.M., had been their W.M. and was still a P.M. of the lodge. It behoved all who came to the chair to remember those who had passed through the chair, and assisted to maintain the high character and efficiency of the work of the lodge. In Bro. Pattison they had one who had for two years in succession most ably filled the chair, and they were glad his abilities were such that he had recently been appointed as the Prov. Asst. G. Sec. of the province, an office for which he was in every way well qualified. The ceremony that day had also been very ably performed, and he was sure they would all join very heartily in wishing him many years of health and strength.

Bro. J. R. Pattison, I.P.M., responded, and thanked Bro. Moor, P.M., for the kindly manner in which he had proposed the toast of the I.P.M. and Installing Master, and also the brethren for the enthusiastic manner in which they had received it. He felt it a great compliment to think that at the conclusion of his two years' Mastership of such an old and important Lodge as No. 97 undoubtedly was, he had the warmest feelings of the brethren and their evident approval of the manner in which he had performed the duties which had devolved upon him. His opinion was that the greatest pleasure and pride that an I.P.M. could have in looking back upon his term of office was the initiates he had during that term, not the number, that was a secondary consideration, but the quality. In referring to the names of the gentlemen (14) who had been initiated into Masonry during the last two years in the Palatine Lodge, he felt he had every reason to express his pride and satisfaction. One brother he might be allowed to refer to particularly, viz., Bro. Ardasir Coroasji Nusservanji Homji; it was a unique pleasure to have had an opportunity of initiating (probably the first time in the North of England) a Parsee. The emergency lodge of Saturday, 23rd May, 1885, would be long remembered by the brethren who had gathered together from all parts of the Province of Durham. The occasion and the gentleman were worthy of the attendance. Bro. Pattison, referring to his appointment as Asst. P.G. Sec., stated that he had already found that the office was no sinecure, but would do his best to perform the duties appertaining thereto. In conclusion he once more thanked the brethren, and expressed a hope that the unanimity and kind fraternal feeling which had characterised them all would long be continued.

Bro. J. G. Kirtley, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., proposed "The Past and Present Officers" to which Bro. C. M. Wake, S.W., and Bro. Cutler, A.S.S., responded.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Visiting Brethren," to which the respective W.M.'s and Wardens of Lodges 80, 94, 949, 1389, and 2039 responded.

Bro. J. H. Turnbull, P.M. 80, P.P.G.P., proposed "The Masonic Charities," to which Bro. J. J. Clay, P.M. 97, P.P.G.S. of W., P.G.D. of C., suitably responded.

DERBY.—Tyrian Lodge (No. 253).—At the last meeting of this lodge—held on the 23rd ult.—after the conclusion of the regular business, the W.M., Bro. W. Silver Hall, rose and said: Brethren, you may remember that among the property of this lodge was an antique sword, or Highland claymore, which not long since was in a very dilapidated condition. The blade was thickly covered with rust, the basket-hilt, which was a beautiful piece of steel work, was crushed nearly flat, either because some heavy weight had been dropped upon it, or possibly from its owner having sustained a fall from his horse; nearly every trace of the silver mounting and plating had disappeared, while of the lining of the hilt nothing but a few moth-eaten shreds remained. This has now been most carefully and successfully restored and repaired at the expense of the officers of the lodge, in whose name I now have the pleasure of again presenting it to you. The hilt has been raised to its old form, re-plated, and re-lined; the blade, on which appears the name of the maker (Andrea Ferrara) has been burnished, and a sheath provided for its protection. Ferrara, as you may be aware, was a celebrated swordsmith, Italian by birth, who settled at Saragossa, in Spain, in the early part of the sixteenth century. Specimens of his work are still preserved in the Armeria at Madrid. The magnificent blades which were presented by Ferdinand to our King Henry VIII. on his marriage with Katharine of Arragon were supplied by Ferrara, while his weapons had a special reputation among the Highland clans. It is therefore not impossible that in this beautiful sword we have a relic of the visit to Derby of the Highlanders under Prince Charles Edward in 1745. In our minute books, which extend in an unbroken series since September 23rd, 1788, there is no record that any such sword had been purchased by, or presented to, the lodge. It is therefore probable that this beautiful weapon, which is, at least, 350 years old, has belonged to the lodge since its consecration in 1785. If any brother or friend can throw any further light upon its history, we shall, I am sure, be only too pleased to hear from him.

The sword, after having been passed round and greatly admired, was then formally entrusted to the custody of the Tyler.

WARWICK.—Shakespeare Lodge (No. 284).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 14th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, when there were present Bros. Herbert Spencer, W.M.; W. Caleb Williams, S.W.; Colonel W. Jervis, J.W.; Rev. Thurston Rivington, Chap.; S. W. Cooke, P.P.S.G.W., Secretary; E. Nettelfold, J.D.; J. Spitsbury, I.G.; J. W. Bullock and J. W. Margett, P.M., Stwds.; W. Mann, Tyler; F. Thorne, P.M.; G. Bond, P.M.; F. Haynes, P.M.; S. E. Smith, P.M.; H. W. Blenkinsop, P.M.; J. R. Smyth, Alston Smith, George Nelson, and Herbert Margett.

Messrs. Frederick W. Nelson and George Rathbone were initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Masonry. Bro. W. Caleb Williams was nominated as W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. Brabazon Campbell, as Treasurer, and Bro. W. Mann, as Tyler.

HARTLEPOOL.—St. Helen's Lodge (No. 531).—The annual meeting and installation of this lodge took place on Thursday, the 2nd inst., and, being the first meeting in the new Masonic Hall, was more than usually interesting. The new building is constructed on the site of the old one, and, though small, is a model of convenience, and is designed by Bro. H. Mair, the borough surveyor, the

contract being carried out by Bro. J. Carter, to the entire satisfaction of the lodge. The W.M., Bro. F. Hockday, was supported by Bros. Jno. Horsley, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; Col. J. W. Cameron, P.M. 764, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Hunter, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; A. C. Knowles, P.M. 949, P.P.S.G.D.; F. Bennett, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; G. Carter, P.M. 764, P.G.S. of W.; J. Metcalfe, P.M., D.C.; T. J. Johnson, P.M.; J. Stonehouse, P.M. 764; Jno. N. Taylor, W.M. 1862; J. Wetherell, S.W., W.M. elect, P.P.G. Stwd.; E. Nixey, J.W., W.M. elect 23, G. Stwd.; Hans B. Olsen, S.W. 764; and a large number of brethren.

A ballot was taken for a candidate for initiation, who was unanimously approved. The chair was then taken by Bro. J. Hunter, who proceeded to install the W.M. elect in the inimitable style for which he has been so long noted. The new W.M., Bro. Wetherell, then invested the following as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. F. Hockday, I.P.M.; E. Nixey, S.W.; Walter Shaw, J.W.; T. Johnson, P.M., Treas.; G. Patrick, Sec.; J. Boulton, S.D.; B. Ferrier, J.D.; J. Hogg, I.G.; J. Metcalfe, P.M., D. of C.; J. Quincey, P.M., Org.; W. Hardy, A. Hardy, and I. Vickers, Stwds.; and W. Hutchinson, Tyler. The W.M. having received the hearty congratulations of the visitors, and a candidate proposed for initiation, lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to Bro. C. Humble's, Cleveland Hotel, where a well-served banquet awaited them. The usual toasts were given and responded to, and fraternal greetings were exchanged with the Stockton and Darlington lodges, who were celebrating their annual festivals at the same time.

The proceedings of both lodge and banquet were greatly enlivened by the assistance of the musical brethren, under the able direction of Bro. J. Wilson, 764, who is ever ready to give his assistance to the local lodges.

SOUTHEND.—Priory Lodge (No. 1000).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 9th inst., at Middleton Hotel. Present: G. R. Dawson, Prov. G.S., W.M.; J. E. Harrington, P.M. 100, P.P.G.P., S.W.; C. Floyd, P.M. 1817, P.P.A.G.P., J.W.; Rev. C. Marriott, Prov. G. Chap., Chap.; F. Wood, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; A. Lucking, P.M., G.P., Sec.; L. Warren, jun.; A. Vanderword, as J.D.; T. F. Barrett, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., D.C.; W. E. Bridgland, P.M. 933, as I.G.; T. Hood, as Org.; E. F. Wood, Stwd.; A. W. Martin, Tyler; E. J. Bowmaker, W. Trigg, C. J. Dobson, C. W. Cooke, B. Thomas, G. J. Glasscock, W.M. 1817, P.P.G. Swd. Br., H. Hall, G. L. Wood, and T. A. R. Whistler. Visitors: Bros. G. Thomas, S.W. 1817; and W. Fenner, 465.

Bro. E. J. Bowmaker was raised to the Third Degree, after which Bro. J. F. Harrington, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. F. Wood, P.M., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer for the 23rd year, and A. W. Martin was unanimously re-elected Tyler. Bros. T. Hood and C. W. Cooke were elected Auditors. A Past Master's jewel was voted to the W.M. for the ability with which he had discharged his duties. Two guineas were voted out of the Benevolent Fund to a late member of the lodge. Bro. A. Lucking, P.M., Sec., gave notice of motion for the next meeting "To commemorate her Majesty's Jubilee, that the sum of 75 guineas be voted out of the funds of the lodge, being the balance required to constitute the lodge a Vice-President of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution."

The lodge was then closed and adjourned.

HULL.—Kingston Lodge (No. 1010).—The installation of Bro. Francis Fullerton as W.M. of this lodge took place on Wednesday, the 1st inst., at the Masonic Hall, Worship-street, the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. S. Jacobs, P.M. The newly-installed Master then invested the following brethren as officers of the lodge: Bros. W. H. Wellsted, C.E., I.P.M.; W. Fowler Sutton, S.W.; J. H. Peters, J.W.; Rev. Canon J. McCormick, D.D., P.G.C., Chap.; B. S. Jacobs, P.M., Lecture Master; C. Copland, C.E., P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; H. Forder, P.M., P.P.G.D., Deputy Treas.; J. Carhill Savill, Sec.; J. Bilson, S.D.; J. G. Smithson, J.D.; H. F. Pudsey, P.G.S., D. of C.; W. D. Keyworth, P.M. 57, P.P.G.S. of Wks., Almoner; J. Pyburn, M.D., P.M., P.P.G. Reg., Org.; H. Firth, Asst. Org.; G. H. Lodge, I.G.; J. Dawson, W. Bower, J. Spear, and E. Fillingham, Stwds.; and F. J. Lambert, P.G. Tyler, Tyler.

Subsequently the brethren adjourned to the Victoria Hotel, where a sumptuous repast was partaken of. After the usual loyal toasts, "The Health of the Newly-Elected W.M." was proposed by Bro. Dr. Pyburn, P.M., P.P.G.R., and responded to by the W.M. in a very able speech.

The toast of "The I.P.M. and the Retiring Officers" was proposed by Bro. A. E. Seaton, C.E., P.M., and suitably responded to by Bro. Wellsted, C.E.

The next toast, proposed by Bro. Wellsted, was that of "The Installing Master, Bro. B. S. Jacobs, P.M.," who suitably responded.

"The Sister Lodges" was responded to by Bros. O'Donoghue (Humber), Davis (Wilberforce), and Dimbleby (Minerva). "The Visiting Brethren" by the officers of several lodges, and Bro. J. Dalton Holmes, J.P.

THIRSK.—Falcon Lodge (No. 1416).—The annual festival and installation of W.M. for the ensuing year took place on Thursday, the 9th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Castleyard, when Bro. Henry Longford was installed W.M. Amongst those present were Bros. T. B. Whythead, Z. Wright, W.M.; W. Coltman, P.M.; George Ayre, P.M.; James Walton, P.M.; Henry Longford, S.W.; Reginald Hartley, J.W.; T. J. Wilkinson, P.M.; J. T. Hansell, Secretary; W. Hall, I.G.; F. R. Hansell, D.C.; J. S. Coulson, J. S. Walton, P.M.; J. S. Farnely, Tyler; and the following visiting brethren from other lodges: Bros. W. Brown, W.M. 1611; J. T. Sellers, P.M. 1611; W. B. Dyson, S.W. 1611; Charles Waistell, P.M. 1337; J. Fairbourn, P.M. 1337; H. Warrior, S.W. 1337; Christopher Palliser, P.M. 1337; Francis Smith, P.M. 837; H. J. Pickersgill, P.M. 837; and Richardson, P.M. Harrogate.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes were read and confirmed, after which Bro. Z. Wright, W.M., presented the W.M. elect for installation. The ceremony was performed by Bro. T. B. Whythead, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. N. and E. Yorkshire. The W.M. then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. Z. Wright, I.P.M.; Reginald Hartley, S.W.; J. T. Hansell, J.W.; Rev. Canon Camidge, Chap.; Rev. Eusebius Richardson, S.D.; J. H. Buchanan,

J.D.; T. J. Wilkinson, Treasurer; George Ayre, Secretary; F. R. Hansell, D. of C.; James Walton, Org.; W. W. Hall, I.G.; Wm. Hall, P.M., and John Coulson, Stwds.; George Ayre, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., Charity Representative; and J. S. Farmery, Tyler. On the proposition of Bro. Wilkinson, seconded by Bro. Longford, the best thanks of the lodge was accorded to Bro. Whythead for his kindness in performing the ceremony of installation. A gold Past Master's jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, London) was then presented by Bro. Z. Wright, on behalf of the lodge, to Bro. T. J. Wilkinson, P.M., as a slight recognition of his many valuable services in connection with the lodge, and also as a token of their gratitude at seeing him recovered from illness, and once more taking his place amongst them.

Bro. Wilkinson having made a feeling acknowledgment, the brethren adjourned to the Golden Fleece Hotel, where a banquet was held, excellent provision for which had been made by Bro. W. Hall.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured and a pleasant evening spent.

DUNMOW.—Rosslyn Lodge (No. 1543).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Bro. Walter Rowe, P.M., presiding. The heavy storm which prevailed throughout the day greatly interfered with the attendance of brethren whose residences were distant from the lodge rooms, and apologies by telegram and post were more numerous than welcome. Amongst those present were Bros. F. Warner, acting as S.W.; J. Stevens, P.M., Hon. Mem., acting as J.W.; G. D. Clapham, P.M., P.P.G.R., Sec.; J. L. Franklin, J.D.; D. Milbank, I.G.; A. Rattray, P.M., P.P.G.D.; Mortimer Hall, John Wright, W. Rivers, J. M. Welch, C. Bins, R. Marsh, R. J. Scurr, R. Brazier, W. C. Sams, F. P. Adams, 2136, and others. After confirmation of previous minutes, Bros. Welsh and Rivers were raised to the Third Degree. In accordance with previous arrangement, Bro. James Stevens then delivered a portion of his new lecture on ritual and ceremonial, and greatly interested the brethren whilst imparting much valuable instruction in Masonic working. A large amount of information on many important points in the F.C. and M.M. Degrees were, on this occasion, condensed by Bro. Stevens within the limits of a little more than an hour's space of time, and his remarks were listened to with the closest attention and received general approval. Bros. G. D. Clapham, P.P.G.R., and Rattray, P.P.G.D., respectively, moved and seconded in eulogistic terms a vote of thanks to the lecturer, and, this being unanimously agreed to, Bro. Stevens expressed his thanks for the reception accorded to him.

A few items of routine business were disposed of and the lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of an elegant repast. The customary loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the remainder of a very pleasant evening was passed in social harmony, to which Bro. Adams, 2136, several members of the lodge, and Bro. Stevens by recital of well-known Masonic poems, greatly contributed.

MORECAMBE.—Morecambe Lodge (No. 1561).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Friday evening, the 3rd inst., in the lodge room at the King's Arms Hotel. There was a fair attendance of members and visitors. The lodge having been opened in due form, Bro. John F. Willan, the W.M. elect, was presented for installation, and was duly installed into office by Bro. W. W. Wilde, P.M., who went through the ceremony in a very efficient manner. The newly-elected Master afterwards appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. W. E. M. Tomlinson, M.P., I.P.M.; W. Stephenson, S.W.; J. L. Gorton, J.W.; T. Longmire, Treas.; W. Duff, Sec.; H. Baxter, S.D.; J. Schofield, J.D.; W. Wilson, I.G.; and F. Wilkinson, Tyler. Bro. W. Longmire, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C., gave the ancient charges to the officers; Bro. John Hatch, P.M. 281, P.P.G.S. of W., to the brethren; whilst the working tools were presented by Bro. A. Poole, P.M.

After transacting other business, the lodge was closed, according to ancient custom, and the brethren adjourned to another room, where the installation banquet was spread, and which reflected great credit on the cuisine of the host, Bro. W. Longmire. The newly-installed Master presided, and, after an excellent repast, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to by the brethren, a very enjoyable evening being spent by all present.

HASTINGS.—St. Leonard's Lodge (No. 1842).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Queen's Avenue Rooms, on Wednesday, the 1st inst. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. J. Allinson, who was supported by the following officers and brethren:—Bros. John Cooke, M.B., S.W., W.M. elect; T. H. Wadd, P.M., acting J.W.; T. Hulburd, Treas.; B. F. Meadows, Sec.; F. H. Humphreys, S.D.; T. Gambier, J.D.; W. Carless, I.G.; Leslie, Tyler; T. Trollope, M.D., P.P.S.G.W., P.M. 1820 and 1842; A. R. Croucher, P.P.S.G.W., P.M.; C. W. Duke, P.P.G.D., P.M. 1184 and 40; George Wilson, P.M., &c.; J. D'Albiac, S.W. 1466; T. H. Cole, P.P.G.A.D.C., P.M. 40; C. Inman, P.M. 84; Peter Robinson, P.M. 201 and 40; Rev. J. H. Cross, W.M. 811; T. Macqueen, W.M. 916; H. E. Price, Prov. G. Stwd., W.M. 1466; J. Easter, W.M. 1110; F. Duke, S.D. 40; H. J. Dawson, 40; Councillor W. H. Russell, Prov. G. Stwd., P.M. 40; F. H. Hallett, W.M. 40; Rev. G. H. Frewer, 40; F. J. Parsons, 40; Felgate, 449; Henry Kimm, 40, W.M. 1184; and others. After the preliminary business had been disposed of, Bro. V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Sec., having presented Bro. J. Cooke, W.M. elect, Bro. Allinson installed him as Master for the current year with full rite and ceremony. After the customary salutations, the W.M. invested the following officers: Bros. J. J. Allinson, I.P.M.; F. H. Humphreys, S.W.; Dr. Trollope, J.W. (by proxy); T. Hulburd, Treas. (re-elected); B. F. Meadows, Sec. (re-appointed); T. Gambier, S.D.; W. Carless, J.D.; T. H. Wadd, I.G.; and Leslie, Tyler.

The addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren were given by Bro. Allinson, I.P.M., who is to be complimented upon the very able manner in which he performed the entire ceremony, it being most unusual for the outgoing Master to install his successor, the work invariably falling on Bro. Dr. Trollope, P.P.S.G.W., the founder of the lodge. Bro. Allinson having set the example, it is to be hoped that future aspirants to the Master's chair will follow in his footsteps.

Several matters having been disposed of, and "Hearty good wishes" expressed by the visitors, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Queen's Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served by Mr. W. Glade, consisting of all the delicacies of the season. When the cloth was withdrawn the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M., and duly honoured by all.

After "The Queen and Craft," "The M.W.G.M.," "The Pro. Grand Master," "The Deputy G.M.," "The R.W. Prov. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught," "The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. John H. Scott, P.G.D.," to which Bro. V. P. Freeman, P.P.S.G.W., Prov. Grand Sec., replied in a well directed speech, the I.P.M. proposed "The W.M." "The Visitors" followed, replied to by Bros. Rev. Tooth, P.P.G.C., Hallett, and Macqueen. "The Past Masters" was suitably acknowledged by Bros. Trollope, Croucher, and Allinson. "The Officers of the Lodge" and "The Masonic Charities" followed, to which Bro. Dr. Trollope referred at some length. The Tyler's toast brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

The vocal abilities of Bro. W. H. Russell, F. H. Hallett, Rev. G. H. Frewer, B. Meadows, C. W. Duke, and J. Easter, contributed much to the success of the meeting.

TYNEMOUTH.—Priory Lodge (No. 1863).

A meeting of this lodge was held on the 9th inst., at Freemasons' Hall Grand Hotel. Present: Bros. J. M. Winter, W.M.; J. H. Beckingham, S.W.; H. S. Bidwell, J.W.; T. B. Nichols, P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; C. Roope, P.P.G.O., Sec.; J. O. Wallace, S.D.; J. Coull, J.D.; J. T. Davison, P.P.G.S.D. of C.; H. Bott, I.G.; W. Spicer and W. Fawcett, Stwds.; Joseph Robertson, Tyler; G. J. Place, P.M.; C. W. Hensell, P.M.; G. R. Duncan, P.M.; W. E. Besant, R. F. Kidd, A. Berchwater, F. J. H. Maass and R. H. Atkinson. Amongst the visitors were Bros. R. Jackson, P.M. 1712; J. S. Wilson, P.M. 685; J. W. Brewis, P.M. 24; F. Spencer, W.M. 1557; J. Fisher, S.W. 1557; H. S. Bird, P.M. 1664; G. Fisher, 1712; and Wm. Reed, S.W. 431.

The installation of Bro. James Horace Beckingham, S.W., as W.M. then took place, the ceremony being ably rendered by the retiring W.M., Bro. J. M. Winter, in a very masterly and impressive manner, after which the officers for the ensuing year received their collars from the hands of the new W.M. as follows: Bros. J. M. Winter, I.P.M.; H. S. Bidwell, S.W.; J. O. Wallace, J.W.; T. B. Nichols, P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; C. Roope, P.P.G.O., Sec.; J. Coull, S.D.; H. Bott, J.D.; G. R. Duncan, P.M., D. of C.; C. W. Spicer, I.G.; Wm. Fawcett and H. E. Hollis, Stwds.; and Joseph Robertson, Tyler. The new W.M., Bro. J. H. Beckingham, then initiated Mr. W. H. Scott.

After the business of the day the brethren to the number of 40 sat down to a sumptuous banquet, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to; the whole being enlivened by some capital songs from the brethren, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

INSTRUCTION.

FIDELITY LODGE (No. 3).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at the Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury. Bro. Burgess occupied the chair, supported by a large number of brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. The 4th Section of the First Lecture was worked by Bro. Hemming, and the 1st Section of the Second Lecture by Bro. Ferguson, Preceptor. Bro. Humphries, P.M., 167, was elected a member, and Bro. Messer W.M. for the next meeting, after which the lodge was closed.

A Charity Society is about to be started in connection with this lodge to enable brethren and others to become Life Subscribers of the various Masonic Charities by small weekly payments. Any brethren wishing to join are requested to attend the meeting of the lodge on the 22nd inst., or to send their names to the Hon. Sec., Bro. Dimsdale.

ST. LUKE'S LODGE (No. 144).—A meeting was held at the White Hart Tavern, King's-road, Chelsea, on Thursday, the 9th inst., when there were present Bros. J. Forscutt, W.M.; F. Green, S.W.; J. Brandon, J.W.; P. Coughlan, Preceptor; R. O. Moodis, Treas.; W. H. Tucker, Sec.; J. L. Hume, S.D.; E. Wilts, J.D.; T. W. Avams, I.G.; P.M.: J. Bartolle, W. Carter, and J. Lloyd Whitmarsh.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Bartolle being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and after passing Bro. Bartolle, the lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Green having been elected W.M. for next meeting, and nothing further being offered for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

UNITED PILGRIMS LODGE (No. 507).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Friday, the 10th inst., under the presidency of Bro. H. Baldwin, P. Prov. G. Std. Br. Middx., P.M. 1949, and W.M. 1632, as W.M. (in the absence of Bro. Bowman, who was in attendance at his mother lodge); and was ably supported by the energetic Preceptor, Bro. J. N. Bate, P.M.; also Bros. J. B. Andrews, Asst. Preceptor; G. H. Chapman, S.W.; A. G. White, J.W.; J. J. Newland, S.D.; W. J. Perkins, J.D.; G. H. Lewis, I.G.; J. Letchford, Hon. Sec.; and others.

The ceremony of passing was ably rehearsed, Bro. Letchford acting as candidate. The W.M. worked the Third Degree in a very exemplary manner, Bro. Cureton being the candidate. The W.M. then gave the traditional history, and Bro. Andrews demonstrated the uses of the working tools of the several Degrees very effectively. Bro. Bowman will be the W.M. for the 17th instant. Bro. Baldwin intimated his intention of rehearsing the ceremony of installation at an early date, by the kind indulgence of the brethren.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 13th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas., W.M.; G. Davis, P.M. 167, S.W.; Capt. A. Nicols, P.M. 1974, P.D.G.S. of W. Punjab, J.W.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.S.G.D. Es-ex, Sec.; R. P. J. Laundry, S.D.; J. Cruttenden, J.D.; C. S. Mote, I.G.; J. R. Allman, Stwd.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1435; J. H. Wood, W.M. 1642; E. C. Mulvey, S. Cochran, J. E. Lawrence, J. H. Taylor, W. Seaman, O. W. Battley, W. J. Mason, W. Thomas, E. J. Day, W. T. Potts, J. Bailey, R. E. Cursons, S. Barrow, and J. Smith. Visitors: Bros. Dr. J. Ingleby-Mackenzie, P.M. 372 30 (S.C.), P.P.S.G.W. Devon; J. H. Baxter, 261; H. A. Thomson, 1922; H. Matthews, 1321; and E. T. Edwards, 1891.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The First Lecture was worked as follows: 1st Section—Bro. J. R. Allman, S.D. 1425; 2nd—Bro. O. W. Battley, Org. 1257; 3rd—Bro. R. E. Cursons, D.C. 1507, I.G. 141; 4th—Bro. J. Bailey, J.D. 1805; 5th—Bro. J. E. Lawrence, S.W. 788; 6th—Bro. E. C. Mulvey, S.D. 179 and 788; 7th—Bro. A. Hardy, S.W. 201. A vote of thanks, to be entered on the minutes, was carried to Bros. Read, Davis, and Capt. Nicols (W.M., S. and J.W.'s), and the brethren who had worked the Sections. On the proposal of Bro. Dehane, Sec., £10 10s. is to be

placed on the list of Bro. Geo. Read, for the Boys' School at the next Festival as Steward representing the Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction. Bros. Dr. Ingleby-Mackenzie, J. H. Baxter, H. A. Thomson, H. Matthews, and E. T. Edwards were elected members, and, after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

The sections of the Second and Third Lectures will be worked Dec. 20th, when brethren are invited to attend. Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., has promised to give his Lecture on the Third Degree at an early date, of which due notice will be given. The Tracing Boards Bro. W. Thomas promised to present to the lodge of instruction are being painted by an R.A., are nearly finished, and will be ready for inspection in the course of a few days.

CHAUCER LODGE (No. 1540).—This lodge held its usual weekly meeting at the Old White Hart, Hotel, Borough, on Tuesday, the 14th inst., when there were present Bros. W. W. Block, W.M.; Jno. Osmond, S.W.; Bellchamber, J.W.; Renault, S.D.; Arrowsmith, J.D.; Fullick, I.G.; Walter Wingham, Preceptor; Fred. H. Williams, Hon. Sec.; and others.

The lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The 2nd Section was worked by Bro. Bellchamber; Bro. Arrowsmith having answered the usual questions was entrusted. The lodge having been opened in the Second Degree, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Arrowsmith being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. The W.M. having rose for the first time the dues were collected. The W.M. rose the second time, when it was proposed by Bro. Wingham, Preceptor; seconded by the J.W., that the S.W. be W.M. for the ensuing week, which was carried unanimously. The S.W. returned thanks and appointed officers. The W.M. rose the third time and the lodge was closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 9th inst., when there were present Bros. F. Kedger, W.M.; H. Sammons, S.V.; E. C. Mulvey, J.W.; J. Rayner, S.D.; W. Richards, J.D.; E. Nice, I.G.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; B. Solomon, G. H. Reynolds, T. A. Dickson, H. F. Mitchell, C. Lambert, Otto Enderlein, G. P. Bertini, W. Hancock, Frank Gulliford, C. F. Swan, E. J. D. Bromley, and James Woodward.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. C. Smith worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture. The J.W. worked the 2nd Section of the First Lecture. The lodge opened in the Second Degree. Bro. W. C. Smith worked the 1st Section of the Second Lecture. Bro. G. P. Bertini having offered himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, was duly questioned, entrusted, and retired. Lodge opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of M.M. Lodge closed in the Third and Second Degree. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. C. Smith proposed that Bro. Harry Sammons, S.V., be W.M. for the ensuing week—seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. elect was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed and adjourned.

Royal Arch.

YORK.—Eboracum Chapter (No. 1611).—The regular meeting of this chapter was held on Tuesday, the 7th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate. Amongst the companions present were Comps. G. Simpson, Z.; M. Millington, H.; J. Blenkins, J.; T. B. Whythead, P.Z.; J. T. Sellar, P.Z.; W. Brown, P.S.; G. Chapman, S.N.; Mennell, Thackray, Storey, Sharp, McGachen, Dalton, and others.

The work consisted of the exaltation of Bro. J. Hall, resident Tyler, as a serving companion. The election of principals and officers took place with the following result: Comps. M. Millington, Z.; J. Blenkins, H.; Wm. Brown, J.; Jas. Kay, S.E.; Sir F. E. Milner, Bart., S.N.; G. Chapman, P.S.; Rev. R. Blakeney, Treas.; and J. Hall, Janitor.

Supper was served at 9 p.m., and the companions enjoyed a thoroughly social and musical evening.

INSTRUCTION.

HORNSEY CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 890).—A convocation was held on Friday, the 10th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W. Present: Comps. T. C. Edmunds, 890, 1507, M.E.Z.; J. Carter, P.Z. 1260, H. 794, H.; Charles Hunt, 1507, J.S.N.; H. Dehane, J. 890, and A.S. 862, S.E.; E. Child, P.Z. 538, S.N.; J. Cruttenden, 890, 779, P.S.; R. P. J. Laundry, 1st A.S. 890, 1st A.S.; A. G. Boswell, 1339, 2nd A.S.; Capt. A. Nicols, P.Z., Z. 890, P.D.G.S. of W. Punjab, Janitor; F. Swain, Z. 1328; W. E. Jameson, 176; W. H. Chalfont, 975; W. H. Wadhams, 890, 1642; and Binns, 448.

The chapter having been declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation read and confirmed, the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. F. Swain being the candidate. The M.E.Z. rose the usual number of times. A vote of sympathy was passed with E. Comp. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.P.S., who is indisposed. His offer to attend and give his Lecture on Royal Arch Masonry on the first Friday in February was accepted with much pleasure. A vote of thanks was also to be recorded on the minutes for the admirable manner Comps. Edmunds, Carter, and Hunt had rehearsed the duties of Principals, and, after "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

Knights Templar.

SHADWELL CLERKE PRECEPTORY (No. 154).—The election meeting was held at 33, Golden-square, on Monday last. Since the last meeting the E.P. Sir Knight Neal York, died somewhat suddenly, so the chair was taken by Sir Knight H. Lovegrove, P.E.P. and Reg., assisted by Sir Knights J. Shilcock, Constable; H. H. Shirley, Marshals; Magnus Ohren, P.G.A.D.C., Treas.; A. M. McDowell, Sub-Marshal; J. Purrott as C. of G.; John Read, P.G.A.D.C., Org.; Std. Br.; G. J. Dunkley, Std. Br.; W. R. Palmer, and E. H. Thiellay.

The minutes of the last two meetings were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Comp. G. Gregory, and he was duly installed a Knight of the Order of the Temple. As Sir Knight Shilcock is E. P. of the Stuart Preceptory he made way for Sir Knight H. H. Shirley, whose services to the preceptory were acknowledged by his unanimous election as E.P.

Sir Knight Magnus Ohren was re-elected Treasurer, with the hearty approval of the members.

The acting E.P. referred in suitable terms to the death of Sir Knight Neal York, and, on motion duly made, it was resolved that an expression of the regret felt by the Preceptory be recorded on the minutes.

The preceptory was closed in ancient form, and the Sir Knights adjourned to the Criterion, where a pleasant evening was spent.

Obituary.

BRO. EDWIN GILBERT, P.M. 1326, P.G.P. MIDDIX.

We regret to announce that Bro. Edwin Gilbert, P.M. 1326, P.G.P. Middix, of the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, West Hammersmith, died on Saturday last at the early age of 43 years. He was initiated in the Ranelagh Lodge, No. 834, on October 19th, 1869, and after subscribing for a short time resigned his membership, and became a joining member of the Lebanon Lodge in July, 1871, and so continued till his death. He became W.M. in 1877, and having had a most successful year, the usual Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to him, to which a further testimonial was made to him by the voluntary donations of the members. On the resignation of Bro. Samuel Wickens, the Treasurer, Bro. Gilbert was unanimously elected, and held the office up to last July, when he declined re-election in consequence of his continued ill health. He was successively P.G. Stwd., Asst. G. Purst., and P.G. Purst. of Middix. So gratified were the members of his lodge at his appointments that they voted him his provincial clothing from the lodge funds. He was exalted into Royal Arch Masonry in Mount Lebanon Chapter, No. 73, and continued a member until he joined the Lebanon Chapter, No. 1326, in which he served the several offices, and was ultimately installed into the chair of Z. While occupying the office he made the chapter (then in its infancy) many valuable presents of furniture, and on retirement he declined the proffered P.Z.'s jewel rather than hamper the funds with its cost. However, he accepted and held the Treasurership till his health gave way. He was subsequently invested as Prov. G. 1st Asst. Soj. He was advanced to the Mark Degree in Southwark Lodge, No. 22, in 1873, and was afterwards a founder and first W.M. of West Smithfield Lodge, No. 223. He had the usual Past Master's jewel presented him, and was later on appointed a Grand Steward. He was a Past Steward and Life Governor of all three Charities, as well as of the Mark Benevolent Fund, the published lists of subscribers showing he had served six Stewardships. He had also offered his services as Steward for the Boys' in 1887. In the business he followed he was very generous, and contributed liberally to the Licensed Victuallers' Asylum and Schools. He leaves a widow, three daughters, and two sons to lament their loss. The funeral will take place to-day (Friday) at Brompton Cemetery at 12.30 p.m.

BRO. T. MEREDITH HOPKINS, P.M.

The news of the death, on the 8th inst., of Bro. T. M. Hopkins, a veteran of the Semper Fidelis Lodge, No. 529, Worcester, has been received with very general regret, and there was a strong muster of brethren present at his funeral in Powick Churchyard on Monday, among them being Bros. W. Holland, Mayor of Worcester; H. Caldico, Sheriff; Alderman W. B. Williamson, and others of the Semper Fidelis, and Bros. T. Lamb Smith, A. R. Rowe, and others, of the Worcester lodge, No. 280. Our deceased brother had been connected with lodge No. 529 from its constitution in 1846, and was a Past Master. He was also for some years a member of No. 280, and had served as Prov. G. Dir. of Cers. Worcestershire in 1848, and Prov. G. Deacon in 1858. He was also a member of the St. Wulstan's Chapter (R.A.), No. 280; of the Lechmere Mark Lodge, No. 59, and a Past G.C. of the St. Amand Preceptory K.T., having presided over it as G.C. in 1863. Bro. Hopkins was greatly respected both by his brother Craftsmen and in the city of Worcester, and had taken a prominent part in musical affairs, having been for many years president of the Worcester Glee Club, and a very active member of the Worcester Musical and Philharmonic Societies. The deceased was in his 72nd year.

BRO. T. C. W. BUSH.

Among the brethren whose loss will be severely felt is the late Bro. Thomas William Cashburn Bush, to whose death on the 7th inst., we briefly referred on our last week's issue. Bro. Bush was on the eve of completing his 46th year, and the illness which has terminated fatally, and which had afflicted him for some eighteen months, was borne with the fortitude which might have been expected from a man who had endeavoured during his short career to bear himself with dignified composure in all his relations of life. Hewas initiated in the Lodge of 'Tranquility, No. 185, London, on the 13th October, 1875, and became its W. Master in 1882. He was a founder and the first Junior Warden of the Temple Bar Lodge, No. 1728, in January, 1878, became Master of the lodge in 1879, and was again placed in that distinguished position in 1884, and on vacating the chair in the latter year he was presented with a handsome piece of plate, a full report of which presentation appeared in the columns of the *Freemason* at the time. He had served three Stewardships of the Boys' School, of which he was a Vice-President; three Stewardships for the Girls' School, of which he was a Life Governor; and a like number for the Benevolent Institution, of which he was also a Life Governor. In 1884-5 he was also a member of the Board of General Purposes. He was likewise one of the overseers of the parish of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, where his business was situated. His funeral took place on Tuesday—the anniversary of his birthday—when he was laid to rest in the Crystal Palace District Cemetery, Penge. In addition to the family and private friends who attended the funeral were Bros. Walter Mc Dowall, P.P.G.D.C. Herts; and Dr. Mickleby, P.G.W. Herts. Bro. Bush leaves a widow, four sons, and two daughters.

The Hastings Masonic Ball will be held in the Royal Concert Hall, on the 18th January next, the proceeds, after defraying the expenses, being this year intended for the benefit of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Bros. Russell and Reed will again act as joint honorary Secretaries, and the Duke of Connaught, P.G.M., has granted his dispensation for the brethren to wear Masonic clothing.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Winter Remedies.—Are the readiest remedies for the diseases now so rife and fatal. The adverse influences of the severe frosts, dense fogs, and piercing winds have produced a terrible increase in the number and severity of "chest diseases" of all kinds, especially bronchitis and inflammation of the lungs. Loss of time in the treatment of these and other similar diseases often means death. The Ointment should be briskly rubbed into the chest and between the shoulders, according to the printed directions, which, combined with the internal action of the Pills, will lower the temperature of the blood, reduce the frequency of the pulse and respiration, and check the advance of the malady in good time.—[Advrt.]



Bro. H. Windybank, C.C., Solicitor, has removed his offices from 63, Finsbury-pavement, to 4, Finsbury-circus.

At the meeting of the Covent Garden Lodge, No. 1614, on Tuesday last, Bro. T. A. Dickson, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and will be installed at the next regular meeting in January.

Bro. J. M. Klenck presided, on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at an adjourned meeting in connection with the proposed Institute of Auctioneers, which has already had a large amount of support promised, and is likely to prove a great success.

Bro. J. H. Meyer, late of the Holborn Viaduct Hotel and the Colonial Exhibition, is now at the Gaiety Restaurant as manager. Many brethren will remember his kind attention to their wants, and will heartily wish him success in his new undertaking.

The brethren of Somerset House and Inverness Lodge, No. 4, and Covent Garden Lodge, No. 1614, will be sorry to hear that their old friend and esteemed Bro. F. Calvert has ceased to be connected with the Albion Tavern, Russell-street, W.C.

Mr. F. Cuthbertson, M.A., LL.D., Mathematical Master of the City of London School, was initiated into Freemasonry at the meeting on the 2nd inst., of the Egyptian Lodge, No. 27, the ceremony, by permission of the W.M., being performed by the initiate's brother, Bro. C. J. Cuthbertson, who is a P.M. of the lodge.

Bro. E. Wynne Baxter, who has just been elected Coroner for East Middlesex by a considerable majority of votes over his principal opponent, Dr. Macdonald, M.P., was last week presented with a silver kettle in recognition of his services as late Secretary of the Walbrook Ward Club, and in token of the regard felt for him by the members. The presentation was made at the Club by Alderman Sir James Clark Lawrence, Bart.

The funeral of the late Bro. J. Henderson Scott, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. Sussex, took place on Friday, the 10th inst., in the Parochial Cemetery, Brighton, the remains of our deceased brother being followed to the grave by the members of his family, friends, and representatives of the Fine Arts Committee of Brighton, and an unusually large concourse of brethren, conspicuous among whom were Bros. Lieut.-Gen. C. W. Randolph, P. Prov. S.G.W.; C. W. Hudson, Prov. J.G.W.; V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Sec.; Rev. L. D. Dowdall, Prov. G. Chap.; E. Broadbridge, Prov. J.G.D.; G. R. Lockyer, Prov. G.S. of W.; H. Kemball Cook, Prov. G.D.C.; J. Farncombe (Mayor of Lewes), P.P.G.S.B.; H. S. Gates, Prov. G. Org.; and others. The service was conducted by Bro. the Rev. W. E. Tooth, P.P.G. Chap., assisted by Bro. the Rev. W. E. Young. The coffin was hidden with wreaths, the friends and brethren who sent them including the W.M. and P.M. of the Royal Clarence, 271, and members of other lodges and chapters, Bro. Sir Raymond and Lady Burrell, Bro. and Mrs. Kuhe, Bro. G. Ford, and others.

CARNARVON LODGE, No. 1739.—At the last meeting of this lodge held at Church Gresley, Derbyshire the following resolutions were unanimously passed:—(1) "That our hearty thanks be given to Bro. W. Carrick Crofts, P.M., for the active part he has taken in securing the banner. And we deeply regret his inability to be with us on the first occasion of its being displayed in the lodge." (2) "That the names of the subscribers, and the amounts subscribed, be entered in the minute book of the lodge, together with a copy of the letter received from the Right Honourable the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master of England, giving permission to use his arms and motto, and that the original letter be pasted in the minute book of the lodge." (3) "That we express to Bro. Kenning our appreciation of the exquisite skill and taste displayed in the execution of the work, and heartily thank him for the interest manifested in the production of the banner."

ST. PAUL STATION, RESTAURANT AND BUFFET.—The above establishment recently opened forms another attractive and sumptuous addition to the number of restaurants already in London, owned and managed by Messrs. Spiers and Pond (Limited.) Situate on the western side of the station, on the ground floor Queen Victoria-street, the interior fittings and decorations have been designed and executed with great skill in workmanship, and admirable taste in the blending of colours, at once artistic and in harmony with the purpose and use of the premises.

The whole of the fittings are executed in walnut, and French polished. The ceiling is lofty, and is agreeably apportioned into panels formed by prominent meded walnut ribs, richly relieved in gold, and decorated with enamelled panels to appropriate designs, varied with parquet panels and bordering, forming an effective and a pleasing combination. The walls are divided into bays, with piers and pilasters, which are decorated in fibrous plaster to bold designs, and richly relieved in gold, alternately with lincrusta walton decorations in panels and dado of pleasing tints. On the west side facing the entrance and extending the full length of the bar, stands an elaborate buffet, executed in American walnut.

The cabinet fittings is surmounted with meded marble tops, and fitted above with neat moulded framing at back, relieved with panels of deep bevelled and silvered plate glass. The range of shelves are supported by polished brass pillars, and the whole surmounted with ornamental cornice. The counter—made of selected American walnut—is of a handsome design, fitted with marble top with bold mouldings, and finished with good workmanship. There is also a smaller buffet in close proximity to the Railway platform.

The whole of the works in their entirety, including pewtering, gas fittings, &c., have been most successfully executed by S. Yardley and Sons, of 25, Mount Pleasant, Clerkenwell, and Wood Green, N., under the personal superintendence of J. Kemp, Esq., architect for the company.

Bro. William Crawford, M.P., has been elected W.M. of the Marquis of Granby Lodge, No. 124, Durham, for the ensuing year.

Bro. Carlo Grassi, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. of the New Cross Lodge, No. 1550, on the 10th inst., and will be installed into the chair of K.S. at the next meeting.

The Sterndale Bennett Lodge, No. 2182, will be consecrated at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, this day (Friday), the ceremony being performed by Bro. Col. Shadwell Clarke, G.S., assisted by sundry of the Grand Officers.

The Grand Lodge of Kentucky at its recent communication at Louisville passed a resolution to the effect that, "Whereas the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage is the greatest detriment to the growth and prosperity of the Fraternity," it is agreed that "the business of saloon keeping or selling whiskey by the drink be declared a Masonic offence, punishable as other offences against Masonry."

Comp. W. Caldwell, P.Z., P.P.G.S., was installed M.E.Z. of the Kilwinning Otago Royal Arch Chapter, No. 116 (S.C.), Otago, New Zealand, at the annual meeting held at the Masonic Hall, Mevay-place, on the 23rd September last. Comp. H. Neill, the retiring Z., acted as Installing Principal. There was a numerous attendance, and the proceedings both in chapter and at the banquet which followed passed of very successfully.

The several Mark lodges of Plymouth, Stonehouse, and Devonport have decided on holding a soirée dansant at St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, on the 5th prox., in aid of the Mark Benevolent Fund. Bro. Col. Tanner Davy, P.G. Mark Master of Devonshire, has granted a dispensation for the brethren to wear Mark Masonic clothing, and great expectations are formed as to the success of the fête.

The Hartismere Lodge, No. 1663, Eye, having at its November meeting passed a resolution congratulating R. W. Lord Henniker on his appointment as Prov. G.M. of Suffolk, and the same having been forwarded by Bro. F. Woolnought, P. Prov. G. J. W. Sec. to the lodge, his lordship has replied in courteous terms acknowledging the resolution, and expressing hearty good wishes for the lodge and its W. Master.

Bro. J. J. Meakin, P.M., P.P.G.D. East Lancashire, was installed W.M. of the St. Thomas's Lodge, No. 992, Lower Broughton, Manchester, on Wednesday, the 1st inst. The ceremony of installation was performed throughout by Bro. J. H. Sillitoe, P.P.G.W. There was a numerous gathering of Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, Past Masters, Worshipful Masters, and brethren. During the evening several very handsome presents were made to the lodge, including a very fine American organ, embroidered cushion, &c.

Bro. Edward Spooner, P.M. and P.Z., President of the New Wandsworth Philanthropic Society, 76, Haldon-road, Wandsworth, will thankfully receive contributions for the fund for providing 600 poor children with a dinner on Christmas Day, and on the 4th of January next, a tea, followed by an entertainment, to 250 old women and men. This has been an annual feature of the Society's work. The report and balance-sheet of this Society is of a satisfactory character. No less than 2236 poor families have been relieved with meat, bread, grocery, and coals, and, allowing five persons to each family, the number thus aided has been 11,180. The Society was formed in 1863, one of its principal founders being Bro. Spooner. The balance-sheet shows an expenditure of £100 only; and there is no item for labour or salary, everything being done voluntarily by a staff of willing philanthropists. We sincerely trust the appeal of our worthy brother will prove successful, and that the poor children and old people of the neighbourhood will have as good an entertainment as they have had in past years.

Reviews.

CHRISTMAS CARDS. Eyre and Spottiswoode, East Harding-street, E.C.

There is no firm in London which enjoys a higher reputation for this class of speciality than Messrs. Eyre and Spottiswoode. They have adopted and made all their own certain styles of Christmas and other cards; they summon to their aid some of the best artistic ability of the day in order to meet this particular class of requirement, and the result is that their cards are not surpassed by those of any other maker in embellishment, make, and price. What is still more remarkable, though such vast numbers of Christmas and New Year cards are published every year, and have been so published for many years past, there is no lack of novelty or variety in the matter of design, nor the slightest inequality in the skill with which the designs are carried. The cards for the present season—be they floral, figure, or landscape—are, if anything, superior to those produced by the same firm in previous years, there being noticeable in all of them the same delicacy of treatment in the more ambitious subjects, the same pretty simplicity in the less costly, and the same perfection of finish in all. The mottoes and devices or verses are all appropriate to the festival they are intended for, and we have no doubt that Messrs. Eyre and Spottiswoode's Christmas and other specialities of this kind will command the large and ready sale they so fully deserve.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CARDS, 1886. A. HARDING, Piccadilly, W.

There are few, if any, houses in London which can rival, and in some particulars even approach, this well-known publisher of Christmas, birthday, and other cards. Not only does Mr. Harding secure the services of many of the best artists of the day; not only does he succeed in presenting the results of their labours in a most attractive form, but he, or rather they who assist him in his task, seek most of their inspiration from scenes connected with our national sports and pastimes, and every one knows there is no better way to ingratiate oneself with Englishmen than by appealing to their love of sport—not that burlesque of sport which tickles the fancy of our Gallic neighbours, but the genuine thing, be it hunting, shooting, fishing, boating, yachting, coaching, football, cricket, or what not, such as may be seen, at its proper season, in almost every part of this country. We do not mean to say that Mr. Harding has

wholly discarded the many pretty and fanciful tributes to a particular season which find favour elsewhere. His scene of Windsor Castle in the distance and our pretty song birds in the foreground chirruping their congratulations to Her Majesty on the occasion of her Jubilee—with the device at foot "A Jubilant New Year" is an instance to the contrary. So, too, is the graceful floral study showing the Rose, Shamrock, and Thistle—united, with the appropriate "Tria juncta in Uno," and beneath the primrose; and such are the Floral Studies, in a set of six, severally and appropriately illustrating "Friendship," "Tender Thoughts," "Memory," "A Happy Christmas and a Bright New Year," "With the Season's Greetings," and "Chivalry." These are little works of art, which deserve place in a lady's album. They, however, constitute a minority—a very graceful and artistic one, it is true, but still only a minority among the Christmas and New Year Cards prepared for the present season. The majority includes Hunting, Coaching, and Racing sets by Alfred Roberson, of whose ability in these branches of art we have often had the pleasure of judging, but whom we have rarely seen to greater advantage than in the specimens now before us; a set of twelve humorous drawings by Ernest Grist entitled, "Phantasms of the Chase;" a Cricket and Football set by Stephen T. Dadd; a set of six Shooting Scenes by George Temple; four Yachting Subjects by J. Suseni; twelve drawings of Favourite Dogs by R. H. Moore; six Salmon and Trout Fishing Scenes by James Temple; and sundry Boating Subjects by L. C. Henley. These, in their several classes or sets, are admirably conceived and sketched by the different artists, and have been most skilfully reproduced under Mr. Harding's auspices. They are beautifully on mounted panel-shaped, gilt-edged cards, and may without exaggeration be placed among the gems of this year's Christmas and New Year specialities.

THE ANIMAL WORLD, an Advocate for Humanity. Issued by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Volume XVII. London: S. W. Partridge and Co., 9, Paternoster Row. 1886.

An old friend, always most welcome, especially at this season, when the amusements and entertainments, whether at home or abroad, which find most favour, are calculated to instil into the minds of those who witness or take part in them, kindlier feelings of our human nature. Hence a book like this which impresses these feelings in an especial degree upon the reader, and especially upon the young reader, should always be encouraged, for whatever is of use in promoting friendship between men and animals deserves encouragement. Moreover, and quite irrespective of this special point, "The Animal World," both from the class of the tales and stories it contains, and the number and excellence of its illustrations, will serve as an excellent gift book for presentation to children, and it is in this character particularly that we so strongly commend it to the favourable notice of our readers.

BAND OF MERCY. Issued by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Vol. VIII. London: S. W. Partridge and Co., 9, Paternoster-row. 1886.

This, too, is an old favourite of ours, and on that account most welcome. It is published in the same healthy spirit of kindness towards animals, and, therefore, well deserves from us a strong word of recommendation. It is on a smaller scale than "The Animal World," but its letter-press and illustrations are equally worthy of praise, and, as it is written for younger children than its companion, we have no doubt it will find a large measure of support with paterfamilias.

THE ART OF GLASS DECORATION.

A great advance has latterly been made in the art of decoration on glass. Hitherto there have been difficulties—partly arising from certain imperfections in the process adopted, partly on the ground of expense—in the way of its more general application to buildings both public and private. The Glass Decoration Company (Limited), of 82, Hatton Garden, claim for the method patented by Mr. James Pratt and employed by them that it affords greater scope for the introduction of artistic decoration by means of glass, and, at the same time, that it renders any renewal unnecessary, or necessary only after a long interval of time, and is, consequently, far less costly than the process previously known. Like most serviceable inventions of its kind, Mr. Pratt's plan is remarkably simple. He has discarded the old method of gilding glass by applying the gold in leaf, because the gilding very soon became deteriorated through atmospheric action. The feature of his patent is, that its effects are permanent. The gold is applied, when in a state of solution, to the back of the glass, and then over it is laid a deposit of silver in solution, which is afterwards painted and varnished, and so rendered impervious to moisture. This method has the further advantage of enabling any art decoration to be painted on, or applied to, the glass, the solutions of gold and silver being afterwards deposited over them, the gold, which may be either dead or bright, thus forming a very effective background. We have visited the Company's premises, and from the great variety of illustrations that were shown us of the beauty and effect produced by their method in their particular branch of decorative art, we are satisfied the claims advanced in behalf of the patent on the score of excellence and permanency are not exaggerated. It also occurred to us, in connection with the approaching commemoration of the Queen's Jubilee, that this kind of decorative work might be turned to very good account by those of our lodges which may be desirous of having some enduring memorial tablet of this auspicious event, appropriately ornamented with Masonic emblems and devices, and bearing a suitable inscription. Such a tablet might be framed and hung in the lodge room, or it might be let into a panel or other convenient place previously chosen. In any circumstances, there would be no difficulty in obtaining such a memorial from the Glass Decoration Company on terms less costly than have been charged under former processes, and there would be as little difficulty in ensuring that it should possess real artistic merit. A visit to Hatton Garden will make clear the justice of this statement.

CURES OF DISEASES OF THE CHEST BY DR. LUCOCK'S PULMONIC WAFERS.—M. T. Wiles, Market Deeping, writes:—"Your valuable Wafers are very efficient for Chest Diseases, I have tried them myself, and recommended them to several friends, and proved their beneficial effects." In Asthma, Consumption, Bronchitis, Coughs, Colds, Rheumatism, and all Hysterical and nervous complaints instant relief and a rapid cure is given by the Wafers, which taste pleasantly. Sold by all druggists at 1s. 1d. and 2s. 9d. per box. —[ADVT.]

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the week ending Saturday, December 25, 1886.

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18.

Lodge 1364, Earl of Zetland, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 1641, Crichton, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
 " 1732, King's Cross, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 Mark 251, Tenterden, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alexandra Palace, Station Ho., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
 Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hot., King-st., Hammersmith, 7.30.
 Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, Pimlico, at 7.
 King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.
 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.
 Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., Herne-hill, S.E., 7.30.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20.

Lodge 1, Grand Masters' Freemasons' Tavern.
 " 8, British, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 21, Emulation, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 185, Tranquillity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 720, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.
 " 862, Whittington, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1537, St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly.
 Chap. 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1657, Aldersgate, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 Mark 294, Royal Naval College, Ship Tav., Greenwich.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Coborn, Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook, at 8.
 Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hot., Page Green, Tottenham, at 8.
 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High-st., Camden Town, 8.
 Hyde Park, Porchester Hot., Leinster-place, Cleveland-sq.,
 Porchester-terr., Paddington, at 8.
 Kingsland, Cock Tav., Highbury, N., at 8.10.
 Loughborough, Gauden Hot., Clapham, S.W., 7.30.
 Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hot., Victoria-park-rd., E.
 Metropolitan, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.
 Perfect Ashlar, Jamaica Tav., Southwark Park-rd., at 8.
 Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road, 7.
 Queen's Westminster, The Criterion, Piccadilly, W., 7.45.
 Royal Commemoration, Railway Hot., Putney, 8 till 10.
 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich, at 8.
 Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st., at 7.
 St. Ambrose, Barons' Court Hot., W. Kensington, at 7.45.
 St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 St. Mark's, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
 Strong Man, Excise Tav., Old Broad-st., at 7.
 United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
 Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., Upper
 Norwood, at 8.
 Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10
 West Smithfield, New Market Hot., E.C., at 7.30.
 Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21.

Board of General Purposes, at 4.
 Lodge 30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot., London
 Bridge.
 " 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 162, Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1339, Stockwell, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
 " 2021, Queen's Westminster, 8a, Red Lion-sq., W.C.
 " 2022, Haven, Lyric Hall, Ealing, W.
 Chap. 7, Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
 " 205, Israel, Cannon-st. Hot.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., East Brixton, at 8.
 Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.
 Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
 Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-st., Borough, at 8.
 Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 7.

Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.
 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.
 Duke of Albany, Rock Tav., Battersea-park-rd., at 8.
 Emblematic, Red Lion, York-st., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.
 Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-st., Edmonton, at 8.
 Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Plough-rd., Rotherhithe, 8.
 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., at 8.
 Finsbury, King's Head Tavern, 42, Threadneedle-st., at 7.
 Florence Nighingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.
 Islington, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., E.C., at 7.
 Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
 Kennington, Giraffe Tav., Newington Crescent, Newing-
 ton Butts, S.E., at 7.30.
 Kensington, Courtfield Hot., Earl's Court Station, at 8.
 Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8.
 Mount Edgumbe, Three Stags, Kennington-rd., at 8.
 New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-st., N.W., at 8.
 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
 Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8.
 Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.,
 E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues.

Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
 South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.
 St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
 Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
 Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.
 Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke
 Grove-road, Notting-hill, at 8.
 Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, 6.30.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22.

Board of Benevolence at 6.
 Lodge 1017, Montefiore, 8, Air-st., Regent-st.
 " 1718, Centurion, Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln'-Inn-
 Fields.

Chap. 1624, Eccleston, Freemasons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7.
 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.
 Crays Valley, National Schoolroom, St. Mary Gray, 8.
 Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.
 Earl of Lathom, Station Hot., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.
 Fidelity, Alfred Hot., Roman-rd., Barnsbury, at 8.
 Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury, at 8.30.
 Hammersmith, Board Room, Baths' Co., Bridge-rd., Ham-
 mersmith, 7.30.
 Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
 La Tolerance, Portland Arms, Gt. Portland-st., W., at 8.
 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-st., Mayfair, at 8.
 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High-st., Boro', 7.30.
 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
 Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.
 Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.
 Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
 Ravensbourne, George Inn, Catford, at 8.
 Robert Burns, Portland Arms, Great Portland-st., W.
 Royal Jubilee, Haunch of Venison, 1, Bell-yd., Fleet-st., at 8.
 Stockwell, Masons' Hall Tav., Masons'-avenue, E.C., 6.
 Temperance in the East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane,
 Poplar, 7.30.
 United Mariners, Lugard Hot., Lugard-rd., Peckham.
 United Strength, Hope Tav., Stanhope-st., Regent's-pk., at 8.
 Vitruvian, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge, at 8.
 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st. S.W.
 Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
 Domatic Chapter, Union Tav., Air-st., W., at 8.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23.

House Committee Girls' School at 4.
 Mark 118, Northumberland, M.H., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.
 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.
 Burdett Courts, Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
 Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305, High Holborn, at 7.
 City of London, Tiptree Tavern, 6, Leadenhall-st., at 6.
 Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
 Creaton, Wheatshaf Hotel, Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's
 Bush, W., at 8.
 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerken-
 well, at 9.
 Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav. (opposite
 Limehouse Church, E.), at 7.
 Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.

Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
 Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton, 8.
 Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
 Highgate, Bull and Gate, Highgate-rd., N., at 8.
 High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham, at 8.
 Justice, Brown Bear, High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
 Langton, White Hart, Cannon-st., at 5.30.
 Leopold, Old White Hart, Borough High-st., at 7.30.
 Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham-ct.
 road, at 8.
 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hot. (opposite Wimbledon
 Railway Station), at 7.30.
 Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
 Rose, Sterling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.
 Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.
 Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tav., Liverpool-rd., at 8.
 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New-rd., at 8.
 Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st. Kennington.
 The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, E.C., 6.30.
 Predegær, Wellington Arms, Wellington-rd., Bow-rd., 7.30.
 Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
 Victoria Park, Yorkshire Grey, High-st., Stratford, at 8.
 West Middlesex, Bell Hot., Ealing, at 7.30.
 Eccleston Chapter, Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-st., 7.30.
 North London Chapter, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's-
 rd., Canonbury, at 8.
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd.,
 Maida-vale, 7.30.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24.

House Committee, Boys' School, at 4.
LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.
 Albion, Crown Hot., Essex-st., Strand.
 All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
 Beacontree, Bell Tavern, Leytonstone, at 8.
 Chigwell, Loughton Public Hall, at 7.30.
 Clapton, Lord Stanley, Sandringham-rd., Hackney, 8.
 Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
 Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement (for M.Ms.), F.M.H.,
 at 7.
 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
 Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-st., Hackney, at 8.
 Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-st., Hammersmith, W., at 8.
 Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.
 St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.
 St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.
 St. John's, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W., at 8.
 St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
 Stability, Mason's Hall Tav., Mason's Avenue, at 6.
 Temperance, Duke of York Tav., Evelyn-st., Deptford, 8.
 Ubique, 79, Ebury-st., Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30.
 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.
 Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.
 Wm. Preston, St. Andrew's Tav., George-st., Baker-st., W.
 Hornsey Chapter, Porchester Hot., Leinster-pl., Cleveland-
 sq., Paddington, at 8.
 Lily of Richmond Chapter, Greyhound Hot., Richmond, 8.
 Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich
 Royal Savoy Mark, The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury-pavement,
 at 7.30.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25.

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