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PREFACE.

WE have again the satisfaction of presenting to our readers a fresh volume of the *Freemason*, and again offer to them our sincere thanks for the large and increasing support they have extended towards this Journal during the past twelve months. This support justifies us in the belief that our efforts to promote, as far as in us lies, the well-being of the Craft have been appreciated, and that having steadfastly observed the rule we have always prescribed for ourselves of regarding increased encouragement as a stimulus to increased exertions, we now stand higher in the estimation of our brethren, and are therefore in a better position to continue and even enlarge our operations than we were at the corresponding period of 1885. We have endeavoured to make this Journal more and more worthy of the Society it represents. We have met the wishes of our Subscribers and Contributors, both individually and collectively, to the best of our ability, and in repeating our promise to pursue in the future the course we have followed in the past, we ask no more of our supporters than that they will extend towards us, only in an increased degree if possible, the kindness they have so uniformly shown us heretofore. We wish them all a Happy New Year, and sincerely trust there will be the same friendly relations between them and us at the close of 1887 as prevail now.

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The Returns we publish elsewhere of the moneys received by our several Institutions during the past year show a considerable falling off as compared with 1885, 1884, and 1883, the first and third of these years, however, having been more than usually productive. Such a result was pretty generally anticipated, though it is quite possible there may have been many sanguine enough to hope that the falling off would have been comparatively small, no more, indeed, than might have been expected to occur in a long series of years, with a variety of circumstances operating every now and then unfavourably. But great political crises are happily not often occurring, while it seldom happens that a political crisis and a General Election occur together at a time of severe commercial depression. We therefore submit that the diminution in the incomes of our Charities for 1886, though it is greatly to be deplored, is not such as to cause any serious misgivings as to their successful maintenance in the future. Indeed, in the case of the two Schools, their receipts are about sufficient to satisfy the ordinary demands upon their resources; and, though both of them have a considerable amount of leeway to make up, owing to their recent extraordinary expenditure, they seem fairly able to hold their own, and provide successfully, and within a reasonably short interval of time, for all the applications that are made to them for admission. With the Benevolent Institution the case is different. For some years past the petitioners have been largely in excess of the vacancies to be filled, and this notwithstanding the very considerable number of annuities, particularly on the Widows' Fund, which have been added. Last year, for instance, the number of approved, but unsuccessful, candidates, taking the men and women together, was close upon 100, and in 1885 it was only a degree or two less formidable. Yet this Institution enjoys what is undoubtedly a great advantage over the schools in celebrating its anniversary festival first. People are fresh, and therefore need less persuasion to give at the beginning of the year; but by the time the month of June has been reached, they wax impatient at the applications made, and having less surplus cash at their disposal than when the year was in its infancy, they are far more inclined to tighten than to relax their hold on what remains. But even with this great advantage in its favour, and though its Festivals have been the most productive in the last three years, there still remains a terrible amount of suffering which its Committee of Management find it impossible to cope with. Indeed, it is well nigh certain that when the lists of candidates are completed and the vacancies to be filled in May have been declared, the disproportion between the former and the latter will be found greater than ever it has been before. Let us hope, therefore, that the falling off we have noted in 1886 will be rectified by an increased return during the present year and that, the Schools being generously supported as heretofore, a way may be found for enabling the Benevolent Institution to meet the applications made to it for assistance more adequately.

Those who examine carefully the several Heads of Receipt by our Institutions cannot fail to be struck by a decrease in one of them, and that the most important of all, for which it will be difficult to find a satisfactory explanation. The Head of Receipt we refer to is that of "Donations and Subscriptions," and the feature which will probably most strike our readers is that in the case of each of our

three Institutions the amount received under this Head is less than the amount of subscriptions and donations announced at its Anniversary Festival. Thus, Bro. TERRY announced a total of £14,864, which was subsequently raised to £15,000. Yet the sum actually received during the twelve-month only reached the sum of £14,436. Bro. HEDGES announced Returns amounting to £13,029, but his receipts during the year in respect of Donations and Subscriptions were only £12,096. Bro. BINCKES announced, at Brighton, that his Returns amounted to £12,308, which were subsequently increased to £12,689, but he has had paid in during the year only £12,164. Thus, while the aggregate of the Returns announced at the three Festivals was £40,201, and this aggregate was subsequently increased by outstanding lists and additional amounts to £40,718, the total Receipt in respect of Donations and Subscriptions during the year for the three Institutions taken together is only £38,696. This difference between the two totals is slightly over £1500, if we compare the "Donations and Subscriptions" as per returns elsewhere with the announcements of the three Secretaries, and over £2000, if we compare them with the amounts to which those announcements were subsequently raised. In drawing attention to this feature, we do not lose sight of the fact that, at the close of every year, there is an amount of subscriptions and donations outstanding, which ultimately, no doubt, find their way into the receptacles intended for them, and consequently there must be a good sum due at present under this Head. But this tells both ways. Subscriptions outstanding from 1885 must have been received in 1886, as subscriptions outstanding from 1884 must have been received in 1885, and so on year by year. We have also remarked a like difference in former returns for one or other of the Institutions, but we have never noticed so large a difference and affecting all three Institutions. How is this to be accounted for?

We are rapidly approaching the date fixed for the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which is now arranged for the 22nd February next, and, having regard to the very serious nature of the circumstances by which this Charity is now surrounded, it becomes our duty to draw particular attention to an event on which so much depends. Bro. TERRY has been fortunate enough to secure the services, as Chairman on the occasion, of Bro. W. W. B. BEACH, M.P., one of the most respected members of our Society, who has twice already exhibited his capacity for the position he has so kindly undertaken to fill, and who is the Grand Master of one of our most influential and, as regards our Institutions, one of our most loyal provinces. So far the outlook is most promising, and as the Board of Stewards, which is undermanned at present, will doubtless grow in strength and importance, we may venture to hope that from this source at all events, Bro. BEACH will derive at least as much in the way of active and energetic support as he received in 1877 and 1883, when he presided at the Festivals of the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and certainly as much as his predecessors in the chair at previous Festivals of the R.M.B.I. Unfortunately, however, what has been deemed a satisfactory Return in the past will not be sufficient to meet the necessities of the present position of this most deserving Charity. For some few years there has been—to use a familiar word—a glut of candidates with but few vacancies for them to fill, and with the 90 and more unsuccessful applicants remaining over from last year's election, there is a likelihood approaching almost to a certainty that the number of men and women, and particularly of the latter, who will present themselves at the ballot in May next will be larger than has ever been known before. The last news we reported in this journal was that there were 130 candidates, male and female, and only two actual vacancies; and as it was possible for petitions to be received up to the 1st inst., and for the names of the poor people, if the circumstances of their several petitions should be found acceptable, to be placed on the lists for this year's election, there is, we repeat with all possible emphasis, the likelihood that these lists will exceed in numbers

those of every previous year. But it may be pointed out by some, there have latterly been created many additional annuities, and where the amount annually distributed among our worthy old men and women pensioners was once only about £5,000, it is now close on £14,000. This is perfectly true and vastly to the credit of our Society. Yet, in spite of these large increases from time to time, here we have nearly 130 or 140 men and women all advanced in years, all more or less without the means of support, except such as their relatives and friends, oftentimes in as great a state of poverty as themselves, can eke out to them, and many sore stricken with illness or with their mental or physical powers for the most part broken down and incapable of further profitable exertion. This is a terrible picture to present to our readers, especially at a time when we are all looking forward so hopefully to the somewhat brighter prospects of the New Year; but it is in no wise exaggerated. Here are the two sides to this dreadful picture—On the one hand, some 130 or 140 old brethren and widows of brethren imploring us for the means to enable them to live out decently the brief remainder of their days; on the other hand, a present income which, having regard to the actual and deferred vacancies to be filled, will permit of there being elected about one in every thirty. The question to be considered now is—Cannot the brethren—and we know they will if they can—enable the Chairman and his Board of Stewards to raise such an amount of subscriptions at the Festival in February as will justify the Committee of Management in recommending to the general body of Governors and Subscribers a substantial increase in the number of annuitants, and, by so doing, reduce the large body of applicants to more manageable dimensions? If they can, it will be a graceful act towards an Institution which is doing so much good, while, if there were a sufficient increase in the Board of Stewards between now and the date fixed for the celebration, and the subscriptions and donations already promised were large enough, the Committee might at once, and fittingly, mark the Jubilee Year of Her Majesty, who is herself a Widow, by determining, at their meeting in February, upon an extension of the Widows' Fund. We trust our readers will turn this matter over between now and Shrovetide, and as a result that the coming Festival will be conspicuously, and beyond all former anniversaries, successful.

MASONIC BENEVOLENCE IN 1886.

The Returns we publish as usual show a very decided falling off, both severally and collectively, in the amounts received by our three Institutions during the year 1886, the only one of the three which shows anything like a fair approximation to the total of the receipts for the previous year being the Girls' School, whose incomings were—in round figures—only £1200 less than in 1885, while both the Benevolent and Boys' School show a decrease as compared with that year amounting in the case of the former to somewhat less and in the case of the latter to rather more than £3200. The decrease for the whole three taken together is as much as £7600. Indeed, taking the returns for the seven years, 1880-86, we find that only in the case of 1881 are they below those of 1886. But notwithstanding this, the yearly average for 1886 is higher by close on £300 than it was in 1885, this being due to the fact that the period includes the years 1883 and 1885, from which the Returns were the highest ever recorded, being over £56,000 for the former and over £54,000 for the latter. If we take the three Institutions separately, we find that the Benevolent has increased its average by some £60, and the Girls' School by some £360, while the Boys' School average is lower than it was last year by about £120.

No doubt the figures we append will cause a considerable amount of anxiety among Craftsmen generally, but though we have no wish to make light of the decrease they exhibit, we take the liberty of reminding our readers that the years 1883 and 1885, which stand out so prominently as compared with the remaining years of the present septennial period were of an exceptional character. In both the Boys' School made a special appeal to the Craft, in 1883 for funds to undertake the erection of the Preparatory School, and in 1885 for further help towards completing the necessary expenditure for that object, while in the latter year the Benevolent Institution was also most urgent in its request for the means to cope, if possible, and to some extent, with the heavy list of applications as compared with the number of vacancies to be filled. If then we set these special claims aside, we shall have the consolation of knowing that the Returns for 1886 are not quite as unfavourable as they appear at first sight. That they are below the requirements of our Institutions, especially in the case of the Benevolent, which is in a worse plight now than it was at the beginning of 1885, is certain; but it must not be supposed that the decrease from an ordinary year's return is represented by the whole of the £7600, but by a part only—a very considerable part, it is true—the rest of the decrease being due to the removal of the exceptional causes which led to such high figures in 1883 and 1885.

We give the returns as they have been furnished from headquarters, a slight re-arrangement of the details having been found necessary in the case of the Girls' School, so that our readers may be in a better position to compare the different heads of Receipt for the three Charities.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.			
Donations and Subscriptions	...	...	£14,435 18 6
Dividends	...	...	1,893 4 6
Grand Lodge	...	...	1,600 0 0
Grand Chapter	...	...	150 0 0
Legacy	...	...	25 0 0
Rent of Meadow	...	...	18 0 0
Interest on Cash at Call	...	...	72 10 6
			<u>£18,194 13 6</u>

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.			
Donations and Subscriptions	...	...	£12,096 8 6
United Grand Lodge—Annual	...	...	150 0 0
—Special	...	...	1,000 0 0
Supreme Grand Chapter	...	...	10 10 0
Dividends—including "Sustentation accounts"	...	...	1,771 11 10
Admissions under Law LXIII.	...	...	150 0 0
Music Fees	...	...	195 6 0
Interest on Deposit	...	...	58 17 3
Legacies	...	...	95 0 0
Miscellaneous	...	...	19 5 3
			<u>£15,546 18 10</u>

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.			
Donations and Subscriptions	...	...	£12,164 9 5
Music Fees	...	...	100 8 0
United Grand Lodge—Annual	...	...	150 0 0
Supreme Grand Chapter	...	...	10 10 0
Sale of Lists of Subscribers	...	...	1 8 0
Dividends	...	...	580 0 0
Legacy	...	...	50 0 0
			<u>£13,056 15 5</u>

The above are the figures for the year 1886, while the annexed table shows (1) the amounts received by each Institution during the Septennial period, 1880-1886, the fourth column containing the aggregate of the three for each year; (2) the average per year for each Institution, as well as for the three taken together; and (3), the average receipt per year per Institution:

	R.M.B.I.	R.M.I.B.	R.M.I.G.	Total.
1880	£16,301 4 10	£15,673 15 8	£17,787 10 11	£49,762 11 5
1881	17,736 14 6	12,993 9 11	12,557 4 7	43,287 9 0
1882	16,595 7 7	14,879 15 8	15,969 15 8	47,444 18 11
1883	18,449 6 0	25,010 17 1	12,650 1 2	56,110 4 3
1884	19,901 7 8	13,993 10 11	14,928 19 0	48,823 17 7
1885	21,374 7 1	16,272 16 0	16,768 19 6	54,416 2 7
1886	18,194 13 6	13,056 15 5	15,546 18 10	46,798 7 9
Totals for the 7 years.	£128,553 1 2	£111,881 0 8	£106,209 9 8	£346,643 11 6
Average per year.	£18,364 14 5	£15,983 0 1	£15,172 15 8	£49,520 10 2

Average per year per Institution ... £16,506 16 8

The following statement gives the number of cases relieved and the total of the sums voted in each month of the year by the Board of Benevolence.

Month.	Cases relieved.	Amount.
January	27	£715
February	34	1015
March	50	1071
April	40	925
May	33	875
June	33	895
July	22	760
August	14	480
September	16	500
October	29	940
November	41	1060
December	44	1447
383		£10,683

With reference to these figures, we are desirous of pointing out, in order to prevent any confusion of ideas that might arise among our readers, that the difference between the totals given in our yearly summary at the close of Volume XIX., and those above, is due to the different modes of reckoning the year in the two cases. In the summary the period was from 1st December, 1885, to 30th November, 1886; here it is from 1st January, to 31st December, 1886. We drew attention to the number of cases and amounts granted last week.

OBSERVATIONS ON BRO. LANE'S "MASONIC RECORDS."

By BRO. R. F. GOULD.

The Hindoo proverb, "The top of the strong will spin without a string," is held to imply that a man who is fit for a good position will generally succeed in obtaining it. But it seems to me quite possible to extend the analogy, and to say of Bro. Lane's work that a publication of such merit is sure to make its way into the public favour without the aid of well wishers, and in spite of any opposition from detractors. The compiler in this instance has brought to the prosecution of his task certain professional qualifications, without which it may reasonably be assumed it would have been impossible to digest and arrange within the period of time actually employed, what I may venture to term such a vast heap of statistical matter. The work is being ably reviewed in these columns, and if I trench upon the province of the reviewer, it will arise from accident rather than design, but it has occurred to me, that a few remarks from one who has worked his way through the same materials as were used by Bro. Lane, may not be out of place, as bearing testimony to the accuracy of his research, whilst leaving untouched, or, at all events, passing over very lightly, those points and matters falling more strictly within the method and arrangement of the work. I do not pretend to have collated the book with all the authorities that have been consulted during its compilation; but I have examined a single portion of it with some care—relating to a department of inquiry in which I have been for many years a diligent student—and find that Bro. Lane's figures correspond with my own dates and entries, whilst the only difference between us appears to be that our respective methods of arrangement and classification are slightly dissimilar. The subject of investigation was "Military Lodges," and here I may observe that the index of "Masonic Records"—always excepting the topographical arrangement of the London Lodges—is so nearly perfect as to invite an occasional criticism, arising out of or suggested by its singular merit. Thus, I demur to the inclusion of the Bedford man-of-war as a vessel in which there was a lodge. It is true Bro. Lane at no time strives to force his own spectacles upon his reader's nose, and the latter on referring to the body of the work (p. 62) will find all the evidence arranged, on which the title of the Bedford, to be distinguished by

the letters "H.M.S.," is based. Another instance of Bro. Lane's impartiality occurs at p. 5, where the alleged identity of a musical society with a lodge at the Queen's Head is left an open question, instead of being arbitrarily settled on the authority of an anonymous entry of uncertain date. One of the difficulties with which Bro. Lane has had to contend, is the absence of any rule of general application, whereby it may be clearly determined whether a lodge does, or does not, fall within the category of Military Lodges. The titles used to describe these bodies are as varied as the jurisdictions under which they have at any time been called into existence. Even under the two Grand Lodges of England the practice was dissimilar, for whilst the Ancients were content with the simple term "Military Lodges," their rivals—at least from 1782—classified such bodies as "Lodges in Military Corps not stationary." Here an element of confusion was introduced, for lodges in the Artillery and Marines, though in many cases stationary, would undoubtedly be Military also. The Artillery, indeed—with, from first to last, some twenty-seven lodges—always worked under Atholl warrants, but the Marines divided their allegiance, and therefore the "Amphibious Lodge" constituted in that corps at Stonehouse, by the older Grand Lodge, in 1787. Though not styled in the Freemasons' Calendar a Military Lodge, was certainly one in reality. It was the fashionable lodge in the Marines, and continued to be so until 1792, the members consisting of officers of the corps and of the Army and Navy. The last entry was "Lt.-Col. Thos. Duval, Marines, Stonehouse, 1st Oct., 1792." After which there is a gap until 1803, when the names of eleven persons—none of them members of the defunct lodge—are shown as belonging to No. 407 (Amphibious L.) at High Town, Yorkshire. The lodge is now at Heckmondwike—No. 258—and we may well wonder if the brethren in that inland town have ever expressed any curiosity with regard to the "briny" flavour of its name.

The Fitzroy Lodge, No. 569, stands on the same footing, for though stationary in a sense, as meeting in the Armoury House of the Honourable Artillery Company of London, but the lodge would still be attached to that corps were the latter either to shift its quarters or be employed with the Regular Forces in the field.

The preface by the author is well and tersely written, and with regard to the introduction, it will suffice to say that it is from the pen of Bro. Hughan. But that worthy brother—with whom it is somewhat unsafe to differ—will, I am sure, forgive me for withholding my assent to the conclusion he draws from the Engraved List of 1723, viz., that *five* Lodges of earlier date than the Grand Lodge of England were then in existence. He relies, of course, on the position of the lodge at the Cheshire Cheese, which stands *fourth* on the list, preceding that at the Horn, the lodge immediately below it—one of the memorable Four. Yet this involves the assumption, that the "Time Immemorial," unlike the warranted lodges, were always—*before* the year 1729—arranged according to priority of constitution. It is indeed quite possible that they were, but then, on the other hand, it is equally possible—for there is nothing whatever to turn the scale in the way of evidence—that they were not. Passing, however, from this digression, it may, I think, be safely affirmed that those who may have the good fortune to possess Bro. Lane's work will be better posted up in all relating to our English Lodges, than even the officials of the Grand Lodge would be without it. In my opinion, it is about the most useful Masonic publication that has appeared in our times, and to secretaries of lodges it will be simply invaluable. Bro. Lane will, I daresay, pardon a fraternal note of advice. It is this; that in future editions, the present title, "Masonic Records," should be changed for that of "Gazetteer of the Lodges," under which, in an abbreviated form, say "Lane's Gazetteer," I think the compiler would find his arduous labours very gratefully recognised by Masonic writers of the future.

A word in conclusion. What Bro. Lane has done for the lodges in England, it may be hoped will be attempted for those in Scotland, Ireland, and foreign countries. The chief *desideratum* is a list of the lodges, chartered by each Grand Lodge, out of its own immediate jurisdiction. With the increase of lodges in by far the majority of countries, under what in strictness should be termed the native jurisdictions, we are all now more or less familiar, but the peculiar manner in which Masonry has penetrated from one country into another, lies even at this period very much in the dark. This, as it seems to me, is the discovery for which we should most earnestly pray, and in bringing these observations to a close, I shall express a hope that brethren may be found in Scotland, Ireland, and continental Europe, who will pursue on the same lines, the interesting inquiry, which in the case of England has resulted in such a monument of research as the Masonic Records of Bro. Lane.

MASONIC ORIGINES—No. II.

In the *Freemason* for April 24th, 1886, I alluded to an interesting pamphlet, entitled "Masonic Origines," by my good friend, General Pike. Besides partly criticising the treatment that important subject received at the hands of the General, I also endeavoured to supply the information he asked for, respecting the earliest records of the several Grand Lodges of England which flourished during the last century. Not being a manufacturer of facts, if the latter has not come up to Bro. Pike's anticipations, the fault is not mine, my province and aim simply being to furnish, in brief, the main points about which light was desired, and about which authentic information was desired. It is undoubtedly true that no actual minutes exist of the origin of the premier Grand Lodge of England, at London, in 1716-7; hence it is as well to admit that unfortunate fact, and do the best we can under the circumstances. Substantially, I take it, we have a fair account of the eventful proceedings of that body from 1717 to 1723, narrated by Dr. Anderson in the "Book of Constitutions," 1738, for several who were prominently connected with the Craft during some portion of the period 1717-23 were also energetic workers in 1738, and therefore would not have tolerated any version of the origin, which was glaringly incorrect, or generally untrue.

I entirely agree with General Pike in the desire to have the minutes of the Grand Lodge of England from 1723 reproduced, *verbatim et literatim*, "in such shape as they can be accessible for small cost to Masons generally," but the expense would be rather a serious item, and there are not many, I fear, who would support such an enterprise.

As to the "Four Old Lodges," we are literally without any information as to their proceedings prior to the advent of the Grand Lodge, of which they were the declared founders. We know, however, there were several

lodges working in England, of a pre-1717 origin, e.g., the lodge at Warrington, 1646, in which Ashmole was initiated, the one noted in a York MS., and others of the 17th century. Then there are the records of the lodge at Alnwick, which, though not the first volume of its proceedings (apparently) are of value, because the minutes begin October 3, 1703, and the "orders" are dated September 29, 1701. Those interested in their character should consult the *Freemason* of January 21, 1871, which contains a description of their chief features by me, and Bro. Gould's noble "History of Freemasonry," Vol. IV., should also be carefully read, giving as it does so many authentic particulars of that and other old lodges.

As regards the old lodge and the Grand Lodge at York, and their *origines*, it is not in my power to add to the facts in my "Masonic Sketches and Reprints," and Bro. Gould's History, as in these works, all the preserved records are given "in extenso" down to 1730, and several others also, of a later period, are noticed. From these it is clear that the first mention of the Grand Lodge is in 1725. So far as we can tell, the lodge and Grand Lodge were formed by the same members, and were virtually one and the same body, as at Philadelphia (U.S.A.), 1731, &c. Bro. Pike says he was not aware that "there were any early records" of the York organisation, and so one good result has followed my criticism, though, as the General says, "its origines are not even hinted at." The fact is, all we know is to be found in the roll of minutes lately published in full, and that is certainly not much.

Since the issue of the "Masonic Origines," Bro. John Lane in searching for information in the archives of the Grand Lodge of England, detected the veritable "Morgan's Register," which was handed to Bro. Dermott on his becoming Grand Secretary in 1752. This important volume contains the evidence as to the origin of that Body, and is thus of special value. Bro. Lane does justice to that fact in his Grand "Masonic Records," now published, so I need do no more than say that the "Ancients" began as a separate organisation on July 17, 1751.*

General Pike declares that "the criticisms of Bro. Hughan do not touch the principal matter treated of in the 'Masonic Origines,' i.e., the total absence of original minutes and records, or of authentic evidence in regard to beginnings of Masonic Bodies and Grand Bodies in general. He has not succeeded in throwing much light on the origin of two of the English Grand Lodges." I reply, that so far as there is evidence, I have done my best to meet the wants of American Masonic students, and shall have pleasure in continuing so to do. It is better to have the facts however few and unimportant they may be deemed to be, than to write at length purely fanciful accounts of the early transactions of such Bodies. I am proud to belong to the school of English Masonic students, represented by the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, who, whilst not objecting to legends, prefer above all, the actual records of the early Masonic Bodies, and do their utmost to trace and publish particulars of their proceedings for the information of all concerned.

General Pike concludes by asking me "to tell where are to be found the minutes of the formation and earliest proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the Royal Order of Scotland." The oldest proceedings which are preserved of this Body are at Edinburgh, and are duly described by Bro. D. Murray Lyon, in his splendid History of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Strange to say, the earliest minutes have to do with England!

In conclusion he asks "the date of the invention and first working of the Mark Degree." My reply is, I do not know. When the *Degree* began is not known, but possibly soon after the Royal Arch. The earliest Mark records, as a *Degree*, date from 1773. Those of the Arch, however, are a little earlier.

W. J. HUGHAN.

* A series of articles on the subject, by Bro. G. B. Abbott, were published in the *Freemason* from April 3, 1886, and give an excellent account of this precious volume.

MERCENARY MOTIVES.

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NOTICES OF MOTION—

1. By Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, V.P. and Trustee (P.G.D.):—

"To amend Law 29, so as to read: 'Quarterly General Courts shall be held on the Monday immediately following the second Saturday in January, April—except when, in the latter month, that day shall fall on Easter Monday, then on the next following Monday, &c.'

2. By Bro. James Moon, Vice-Patron, on behalf of the House Committee:—

"That Law 37 be amended so as to read in future: 'That the Meeting of the House Committee be held on the "Third Friday" in lieu of the "Last Friday but one" in every month.'

3. By W. Bro. Charles Frederick Hogard, V.-Pres.:—

"To add to Law 28 the following clause: 'Voting Papers duly issued for all elections of Boys, after being properly signed, shall continue valid for the current election, notwithstanding that the Voter may have died between the time of signing the proxy and the day of election.'

To consider, and if approved, to adopt a recommendation from the General Committee that—

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 1887.

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.]

WESTMINSTER AND KEYSTONE LODGE, No. 10.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have no intention of shirking responsibility for any statement I have made, or adopted from others, and, with your permission, I will explain how, in my article of "The Roll Call" in your Christmas Number, I came to assign the "Griffin, Newgate-street," as the original meeting place of Lodge No. 10, and why I associated the lodge that met at that hostelry with Lodge "IX." in the list of subscribing lodges to the 1723 edition of the Book of Constitutions. Before doing so, however, let me point out that "The Roll Call" was never intended to be, and is not, a detailed history of the Westminster and Keystone from the date of its warrant till now, but merely a sketch, based on its list of members annually issued and Grand Lodge register, of what it has been since its revival in 1855. But as the lodge had already enjoyed at the time of its revival an existence of over 130 years, it was necessary to say a few words as to the antecedents of a body so suddenly raised from a state of decadence to one of almost unexampled prosperity, and the earliest of those antecedents—the origin of the lodge—naturally claimed my first few words, the rest being devoted to the lodge's successive changes of number and name. In the few researches that followed, I confined my attention to the lists published in Gould's "Four Old Lodges"—to which I referred in my article—and the very brief historical summary which forms the preface to the annual list of members, published, I presume, with the sanction of the lodge itself.

The summary begins: "A warrant bearing date January 19th, 1721, was issued under the seal of Masonry enabling certain brethren named therein to open and hold a lodge of Freemasons at the Griffin, in Newgate-street, London, which lodge was then called No. 7. By the alteration of numbers in 1740, it became No. 6," &c. In spite of the minor discrepancies I discovered in the course of my inquiries, as for instance, that the date of warrant—as it appeared to me—should have been 28th January instead of 19th January, I permitted myself to assume that the lodge itself would be so far acquainted with its own origin as not wittingly to commit itself annually to the publication of an erroneous statement. For this reason I adopted "The Griffin, Newgate-street," which stands seventh in order of priority in the "List No. 2," at p. 3 of Bro. Gould's "Four Old Lodges."

Then as to Westminster and Keystone being identical with Lodge "IX."—as the original of present No. 10—of the lodges which subscribed their approbation to the first Book of Constitutions:—Against this "List No. 2" aforesaid, Bro. Gould has placed a column headed "Nos. on List No. 1," which "List No. 1" is the list of the 20 lodges which subscribed their approval of the first Book of Constitutions published in 1723; and in this column the figure "9" is entered against the lodge at the "Griffin, Newgate-street," for the purpose of indicating that it (the Griffin Lodge) was identical with "IX." in the approving list of lodges, for

which "George Owen, M.D.," signed as Master, and "Eman. Bowen" and "John Heath," as Wardens—I having erroneously described Eman. Bowen in my article as Master instead of Warden.

I had noticed the lodge at the "Crown behind the Royal Exchange," warranted 28th January, 1722—that is, 1721—which figures as No. 7 in Pine, 1729, and Prichard, 1730—see Bro. Gould's "List No. 4," at p. 4 "Four Old Lodges"—but ranks as No. 27 in his "List No. 2," of 1723, and which corresponds as regards day of the month with present No. 10, but there did not appear to me anything unreasonable or inconsistent in a lodge meeting at the "Crown behind the Royal Exchange," in 1729, having met originally at the "Griffin, Newgate-street;" and, having no time to devote to further examination, I accepted the statement published in the annual list of members, and the identification which followed of the Griffin Lodge with "IX." of the approving lodges.

The position may be as stated by Bro. Lane; but, as I have not examined the subject fully, I am not competent to offer an opinion. At all events, I trust he will excuse me if I do not accept offhand his statement as being a correction of the one I have adopted from others. If the declaration which appears in the list of members of No. 10, viz., that "A warrant, bearing date Jan. 19th, 1721, was issued . . . enabling certain brethren . . . to open and hold a lodge . . . at the Griffin, in Newgate-street, London," is wrong, then it follows that my statement is wrong likewise, and all that follows about the "IX." of which "Eman. Bowen" was Warden—not Master.—Faithfully and fraternally yours,

G. B. ABBOTT.

London, 3rd January.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The point as to which you have been challenged by Bro. T. A. Bellew is an interesting one, but if he had taken the trouble to refer to the Book of Constitutions he would not have written in the positive tone he does.

No doubt the popular notion is that the reading over of minutes is only for the purpose of ensuring a correct record, and the usual method of negating the resolution of a previous meeting, in the case of public bodies, is by motion to rescind. The House of Commons, however, has before now ordered certain entries to be expunged from its "journals," as in the case of Wilkes, although the historical accuracy of the entry was undisputed. In short, even in the outer world, although the usual practice is as your correspondent states, there is not the inviolable rule which he alleges.

But, to turn to Masonic law and custom, the confirmation of minutes is much more than a mere formality. Your correspondent sums up by saying that "the minutes are read and signed, not read and confirmed." I refer him to Rule 172, the last sentence of which reads "The minutes can only be confirmed at a subsequent regular meeting of the lodge." But a careful study of Rule 130 carries the point further; it relates to the election of W.M., provides that when the vote is taken "the ballot shall be declared in favour of the member who gets the highest number of votes," but the election has not then been completed. "At the next regular meeting, the first business after the opening of the lodge shall be the reading of the minutes of the preceding meeting, and if they be confirmed, so far at least as relates to the election of Master, he shall be deemed to be elected."

Your correspondent may retort that this is a proceeding specially reserved, but the clause beginning, "so far at least" makes it perfectly clear that the framers of the rule had in view the non-confirmation of some other matter in the minutes, and wished to make it clear that this would not affect the election of Master. If the lodge has not the power of refusing to confirm any minute the phrase is meaningless. Moreover, I do not think it reasonable to assume that this confirmation was invented for the purpose of hedging round the election of Master, but, in a matter of such importance, to give definite shape to an acknowledged custom.

As to the practice, p. 16 of the Christmas number of the *Freemason* gives an interesting bit of evidence from the pen of Bro. W. J. Hughan, who says, "It was a sore disappointment to the members" of the Country Stewards' Lodge "to find that their petition for having green ribbon to their aprons (to match the collars), which was agreed to at the Grand Lodge held on November 25th, 1795, was negated on the minutes of that meeting being read for confirmation."—Yours faithfully,

Bristol.

HAROLD LEWIS.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The correspondence in your columns indicates, I think, the confusion in the minds of some of the writers of "Confirmation of Minutes" with "Confirmation of Proceedings."

My understanding of the two is, that the former means confirmation of the correctness of the record of the resolutions and other proceedings passed and taken at a former meeting, the latter being a confirmation of the transactions themselves which took place at a former meeting. I believe (and in this I claim the support of the general practice of all public bodies and organised societies, from Parliament downwards) that, unless in cases specially provided for, a resolution lawfully passed at any meeting does not require confirmation at all. It is the act of passing that gives it its vitality, and not the being recorded on the minutes. These minutes are no doubt the most convenient, though certainly not the only mode of proving any transaction, hence the necessity of their correctness being attested by an open and deliberate vote. I am aware that in Grand Lodge a practice seems to have grown up of considering confirmation of minutes as tantamount to confirmation of such of the resolutions recorded thereon as require confirmation; but this does not support the proposition that all resolutions require confirmation.

The Book of Constitutions clearly shows a difference in the minds of its framers between the two kinds of confirmation. Take Rule 62—which is not a new one—"The minutes are to be read and respectively put for confirmation," and Rule 74—"No resolution for a grant of money (except sums of £50 or under recommended by the Board of Benevolence) or for a new law shall become valid unless confirmed at the ensuing Quarterly Communication." (This

Rule 74 is substantially similar to Nos. 8 and 9 of Regulations for Government of Grand Lodge in Book of Constitutions, 1827, which is now before me.) Now, where is the slightest use for this Law 74, if the contention be good that either by Rule 62 or otherwise all proceedings require confirmation? Note especially the £50 exception, which seems nonsense if that contention is correct, inasmuch as, although excepted from Law 74, there is no declaration that the £50 shall be payable without confirmation, and it therefore must remain under the asserted general law, which requires everything to be confirmed. My reading, however, is, that these £50 payments having been excepted from matters requiring special confirmation, are left in the category of those which become valid immediately they are duly passed.

I will deal shortly with the question as affecting the installation of Master. Rule 130, I consider, entirely bears out my contention. After "the reading of the minutes of the preceding meeting, and if they be confirmed so far, at least, as relates to the election of Master, he shall be deemed to be elected." What is this but a provision that the lodge shall not deem or consider him to be elected until its members have, by a vote in open lodge confirming the minutes which record his election at the previous lodge, given a deliberate and formal testimony that he had been so elected? Were it otherwise, what would become of the secrecy of the ballot, by which the Master is to be elected, when at the next lodge it would be open to any member to challenge the election and have the challenge decided by open voting?

My contention, in short, is that (1) "Minutes of Proceedings" require confirmation, but in the sense only of declaring them to contain a true record. (2) "Proceedings" lawfully taken do not require confirmation, except in cases specially provided for (and the election of Master is not one of those special cases).—Yours fraternally,

WILLIAM NOTT,
Devizes, January 3rd.
P.P.S.G.W. Wilts.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

My letter under this heading in your issue of the 25th ultimo having received some very sharp criticism at the hands of yourself and some correspondents in last week's *Freemason* I beg that you will, with your accustomed courtesy, grant me space for such further observations as I may now have to offer in support of the allegation set forth in my letter above mentioned.

Now, as I am not by any means sure that it is fair and ethical to subject an editor to interpellation, I shall frame my rejoinder to your remarks in a way that will avoid what might otherwise appear like bandying words.

My thesis in brief terms is as follows: That the votes of our lodges are valid and completely effectual the moment they are passed; that, unless specifically reserved for the purpose, the next meeting has no right (you say it has a right) to re-consider or negative them; that the formality known as "confirmation of the minutes" is a mere formality or attestation of their correctness as records; that "minutes" are not "votes," but only the records or scriptæ thereof; that confirmation of the minutes is therefore not in any sense confirmation—i.e., ratification—of the votes; that the Masonic statutes similarly discriminate; and that, in short, the whole scope and purview of these statutes, particularly of those relating to voting, are, I submit, in favour of my interpretation and against yours.

I shall conclude for the present at this point, and although I am doing so somewhat abruptly, through being pressed for time, I nevertheless trust that the matter is now several steps nearer solution.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

T. A. BELLEW.

Liverpool, 3rd Jan. 1887.

MUSIC IN LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

It must have given great pleasure and interest to the members of our Fraternity, to read the account of the consecration of the Sterndale Bennett Lodge, No. 2182, as reported in your columns of the 25th ult. At the commencement of my musical labours in the Craft, I found it a matter of great difficulty to obtain compositions at all suitable for the various degrees, and within the powers of the vocalists at my disposal; and though I doubt not that in many of the lodges in London and elsewhere there arises no impediment to obtaining voices capable of taking the four parts in equitable balance, it nevertheless is a great and often insurmountable obstacle for the Organist of a small lodge to collect such music as may be suitably and efficiently rendered by the voices at his disposal.

After a careful study of the "Freemasons' Liber Musicus," by our Bro. Dr. Spark, with regret I had to lay it on one side, as so many of the compositions were arranged for treble, alto, tenor, and bass, that with the power at my disposal, it was impossible to do the author or performers justice; such unison settings, however, as "I will wash my hands in innocency;" "I sought the Lord;" "Like as a father;" and the telling little anthem "To Heavens high Architect," were most useful, not only in making our former service more imposing, but also in relieving the labours of the W.M. at points where before we were unable to render him any assistance.

Now sir, I believe that there are many brethren holding the collar of Organist, situated as I have been and am, and if the members of the Sterndale Bennett Lodge would assist us in making our services more beautiful and varied, we shall owe them a lasting debt of gratitude.

May I be permitted to throw out for consideration the following scheme—viz., that a full service in unison, with harmonies for the Organist, should be composed and compiled, and that brethren interested in this matter be invited through your columns to send suggestions and such short sentences as they may consider appropriate, and also to contribute what suitable MS. music lies within their reach. I can see no cause if this—or some similar scheme—were carried out, why we should not have a "Freemasons' Festival and Ferial Service," one which would in time become as familiar to us in lodge as that of Tallis is to us in church.

I would now commit these ideas to the minds of those far more competent to grasp in detail the pros. and cons. of the case than myself, having a "firm but humble confidence" that the cause of the Organists, and their desire to

do the utmost duty to their collars, cannot be in better hands than those of the members of the Sterndale Bennett Lodge, to whom, from the far West Country, I humbly present my "Hearty good wishes."—Yours fraternally,

EDWARD FORBES WHITLEY, 18^o,
Organist of the Cornwall Chapter of Rose Croix,
P.G. (R.A.) Org. of Cornwall.

Penarth House, Truro,

January 4th, 1887.

CONTROL OF LODGE FUNDS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Relying on the correctness of your report of the meeting of the Cama Lodge, it appears to me that "Treasurer" is wide of the mark. He says he noticed in your report that the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex ruled that a sum of five guineas collected for the Southport Lifeboat Fund could not be given, it not being Masonic. Your report says nothing of the kind. The Cama Lodge Masonic Charity box was sent round in the usual way, and every brother who contributed did so under the impression that he was contributing to Masonic Charity.

The action of the Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire has no bearing on the case. He does not ask for aid for Masonic Charities, and afterwards get it voted to the Southport Lifeboat Fund. By all means let brethren subscribe to such a worthy object, but when we drop a piece of silver into a Masonic Charity box, do not let us feel uncertain as to whether it will be used for the purposes intended, or given to some outside institution, however worthy.—Yours faithfully and fraternally,

H. P.



Craft Masonry.

ROYAL JUBILEE LODGE (No. 72).—The installation of Bro. C. R. Williams as W.M. of this lodge took place on Monday, the 3rd inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. The W.M. appointed as his officers for the ensuing year, Bros. E. M. Stokes, S.W.; W. E. Abrahams, J.W.; Braund, S.D.; Russell, J.D.; and Reid, I.G.

A banquet, at which upwards of 100 sat down, followed. Among the guests present were Bros. Charles Grimwood, W.M., P.G. Sec Surrey; T. J. Mardwell, P.M. 27; C. Deakin, P.M. 1178; M. J. Wrangham, P.M. 1310; J. Jacobs, P.M. 1614; James Turnbull, P.M. 1275; Theo. Dunkley, P.M. 201; Charles Gross, P.M. 2033; J. Taylor, P.M. 753; R. D. Hilton, P.M. 172; John Cox, P.M. 190; Thomas Peet, P.M. 190; G. A. Payne, P.M. 933; Woodruff, P.M. 957; E. Partridge, W.M. 1686; H. Price, W.M. 177; W. Farking, W.M. 2150; W. T. P. Montgomery, W.M. 1475; Thomas Hughes, 1475; Grimble Vallentin, 1314; and J. W. Elliott, 73.

OLD CONCORD LODGE (No. 172).—One of the grandest meetings this lodge has ever held took place on Tuesday evening, on the occasion of the installation of Bro. John Whaley, S.W., and W.M. elect (the proprietor of Wood's Hotel, Furnival's Inn). There were no less than 122 brethren present, of whom 59 were visitors, and many of these latter came from distant parts of the country, such as Barnsley and Worcester. There were many very pleasant features about the meeting, not the least being the fact that the father of the W.M. elect, the well-known Bro. T. Whaley, father of the Constitutional Lodge, No. 55, was present, and also that the brother appointed as S.W. was the only brother by birth of the new W.M. With all its pleasant accompaniments, the meeting, however, had to regret the absence, through illness, of two highly-esteemed officers—Bro. J. Stedman, the outgoing Master; and Bro. Hancock, P.M., Treasurer. The other brethren present were Bros. J. Whaley, S.W.; T. Whaley, J.W.; G. King, P.M., Sec.; G. Evans, J.D.; Carl T. Fleck, I.G.; J. A. Armour, D.C.; H. R. Cope, P.M.; W. O. Beazley, P.M.; H. N. Dixon, P.M.; R. D. Hilton, P.M.; W. H. Harris, P.M.; T. J. Combest, P.M.; and 55 lay members of the lodge; and the following visitors: Bros. J. W. Ray, J.W. 1624; J. T. Bolding, 91; C. Couchman, 1609; G. T. Chretien, 1328; W. W. Davies, 1238; F. T. Sykes, 256; Jas. W. Squire, W.M. 3; E. H. Smith, 2032; J. Willing, jun., P.M. 177; J. S. Hoskison, 1475; J. T. Pilditch, P.M. 1420; C. T. Pullen, 2030; R. S. Parker, 907; M. Gatey, 1672; E. G. Coleman, J.W. 11; J. Mitchell, P.M. 1513; Geo. W. Brumall, 1414; J. E. Cooney, 834 and 2090; E. G. Mansell, 879; W. Eaton, S.D. 879; H. W. Peck, 22; A. E. Painter, 198; George Edwards, P.M. 1507; Richard A. England, 170; W. Bailey, 1732; Phillip F. Mathias, J.D. 1586; Walter Snowden, P.M. 157; Alfred Moore, W.S. 173; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; John Parker 217; James Parker 217; E. Bradford 862; James Cooper, P.M. 1693; Lewis H. Isaacs, M.P., P.M. St. Mary Abbots; H. J. Giller, P.M. 1984; R. P. Stevens, J.W. 901; W. T. P. Montgomery, W.M. 1475; J. J. Michael, P.M. 1107; E. Donaldson, Treas. 1903; H. Taylor, 1204; T. Butler, 55; Thomas Whaley, 55; J. Wells, I.G. 1612; Thos. Butt, P.M. 700; Alex. Gross, P.M. 2033; W. Radcliffe, P.M. 211; F. W. Farmer, 25; W. P. Bothamley, 1056; A. Saunders, 144; D. Shenatt, 9; J. Tappenden, 781; Thomas Benskin, W.M. elect St. Botolph's; and P. G. Pankhurst, 1201.

After the opening formalities, Bro. Cope, P.M., passed Bro. Miller to the Second Degree, and raised Bro. Norman to the Third Degree. Bro. G. King, P.M. and Sec., then installed Bro. John Whaley as Master of the lodge for the ensuing year; and the following brethren were appointed his officers for the year: Bros. T. Whaley, S.W.; Geo. Evans, J.W.; Hancock, P.M., Treas.; G. King, P.M., Sec.; C. T. Fleck, S.D.; J. A. Armour, J.D.; Steele, I.G.; J. D. Evans, D.C.; Marriott, Org.; and Couchman, Tyler. The new W.M. having displayed his acquaintance with the ritual connected with the investiture of his officers,

then showed his proficiency in the other ceremonies by initiating, in capital and fluent style, Mr. Frank E. Goosey. Mr. Goosey was an excellent candidate, and seemed to thoroughly appreciate the ceremony and the impressiveness of the W.M.'s delivery.

When the lodge business was concluded, the lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of a choice banquet at Freemasons' Tavern, the providing of which reflected the greatest credit on the management. Banquet over, grace was sung by the professional brethren—Bros. H. W. Schartau, W. Coates, Edward Dalzell, and F. Bevan—and the usual toasts followed.

In proposing "The Queen and the Craft," the W.M. said that any Mason who held the position of W.M. in a lodge had reason to be proud, but any Mason who held that office in this jubilee year of her Majesty's reign was a man not to be envied. He asked them to drink continued health to her most gracious Majesty our Sovereign, who they were all aware celebrated this year her Jubilee.

The W.M., in proposing "The M.W.G.M.," said that never before had he had the opportunity of doing so, but he felt himself flattered at being in a position to offer the toast to the brethren's acceptance, the Prince of Wales being a distinguished Mason, and the first man in the country. The brethren knew well the vast amount of work that was done daily by the Prince of Wales, not only for the good of Masonry, but for the good of the community at large.

In giving the toasts of "The Pro G.M.," "The Deputy G.M.," &c., the W.M. said that the Grand Officers were such a distinguished body of brethren that the toast required no comment from him.

Bro. Cope, P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and remarked that the style in which he had performed the ceremony of initiation that evening was highly creditable to the lodge and to the brethren, and he requested them to drink his health in a bumper.

The Worshipful Master, in replying, said if ever there was a man who had reason to be proud he thought it was he that evening in the position of W.M. of the Old Concord Lodge, and surrounded by such a distinguished assemblage of brethren. It made his heart rejoice; but he regretted exceedingly that the I.P.M., Bro. Stedman, was not present. Most of the brethren were aware that Bro. Stedman was lying on a bed of sickness, and had been recommended by his medical adviser not to attend any banquets or meetings whatever, and on that account he was not with them. He (the W.M.) felt his absence deeply, because he should have been very proud to see him on his left. He thanked the brethren heartily for having drunk his health, and he assured the brethren of the lodge that nothing should be wanting on his part during the ensuing year to keep the lodge in the high position it had occupied for so many years. The lodge was now nearly 120 years old, and being Master of such an old lodge he felt himself somewhat on his mettle, being a young man. As regarded Freemasonry he might say it had a very firm place in his heart. Masonry was, if he might use the term, at present only in its infancy. He felt convinced that in years to come they would see a great number of lodges over the whole face of the globe; indeed, he would go so far as to say he was convinced that all men should become Freemasons, and if that were the case the better it would be for the community at large. The brethren heard people who were not brethren pass remarks which were not complimentary to the Craft, but if those people were to join it we should not have any of their ridicule. Once more he thanked the brethren heartily and sincerely for the warmth with which they had received the toast.

The W.M. then proposed "The Initiate," and said it afforded him more than ordinary pleasure to give that toast. If it had not been that Bro. Frank Goosey was an old friend of his of twenty years' standing, he would not have undertaken the duty of initiating him on the night of his installation. But immediately he heard the name proposed he felt in honour and duty bound to take upon himself the responsibility of his initiation. They had already two brethren of the same family in the lodge, and when he came to the lodge and saw his old friend, William Goosey, there it gave him more pleasure than it was possible for him to find words to express. The initiate had told him confidentially that he had felt very much impressed with the ceremony. It was that day seven years that he (the W.M.) passed through the same ordeal in that lodge, and he could sympathise with Bro. Goosey in feeling it was no light undertaking to pass through the ceremony of initiation. He only hoped Bro. Frank Goosey would at all times be a credit and an honour to the Craft.

Bro. Frank E. Goosey, in reply, said he thanked the W.M. very much for his kind and friendly expressions, but he was not surprised at it, because he had always been a sincere and genial friend. He hoped, with the W.M., that he would be an honour and credit to the Craft, and he could assure the brethren he would use his best endeavours to achieve that position.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Visitors," of whom, he said, there were no less than 59 in number. Among them were many distinguished brethren, and he must tender his most hearty thanks to them for coming. Many of them hailed from long distances, and some from the Northern provinces. They came from Yorkshire, Worcestershire, Herefordshire, Hertfordshire, and other parts to do honour to the Old Concord Lodge. It spoke volumes for the lodge when brethren were found to travel so many miles in such weather in the snow to meet the brethren of that lodge. He had been told the Old Concord Lodge had the reputation of treating its visitors well, and it was true that the better the lodge treated its guests, the more often it was likely to see them. Although he was a Worshipful Master, he was a worshipful son, and he was very glad that his and the Senior Warden's father was present to see them placed in their respective chairs. Their father was the father of the Constitutional Lodge. Among the visitors were Bro. Lewis Isaacs, M.P., Bro. Joseph Mitchell, who had come all the way from Barnsley, and Bro. Williamson, Mayor of Worcester, and Prov. J.G.W., and all these brethren he thanked very much for attending.

Bro. Thomas Whaley, 55, in acknowledging the toast, said it was true that he was father of the W.M., and he was very much glorified indeed by his being installed as W.M. of that lodge. If anything could arouse the feelings of a true Mason it would be the pleasure of witnessing what he had witnessed that night—the installation of his own son. He had also seen his junior son elevated to the post of S.W. What did that mean? It meant that if he steadily

pursued his path as a Mason he would tread in the footsteps of his elder brother next year. The brethren would therefore see there was another treat in store for him, and he was looking forward to next year to see that happy event. It was a grand thing in this great country to be the W.M. of a lodge. The W.M. had already expressed his opinion that if every man in this country was a Mason, there would be a better feeling than there was at present. Would it ever happen that every man would be a Mason? It might be, but of course at his age he could not hope to live to see such a thing come to pass. But he hoped to see Masonry prosper in order that the country might progress in every shape and form. Again referring to the eminent position his son had arrived at, he said he was very proud of it, but he was not at all surprised to see him go through his duties in the manner in which he did. It was his advice to his son that he should work up, and it was evident that he had done so, and every brother would give him credit for the way in which he had conducted the business of the lodge. His son was quite a young thing, but in the interests of Masonry, and for the credit of the Craft, he would not be surprised to see him somewhat greater than he was now. He should not be at all jealous if that should happen. It was the first time in his life that he had acknowledged his son to be his Master, but he must frankly admit that he was his Master in Masonry. He was proud to see the progress his son had made, not only in Masonry but outside it. In this great assembly he thought he might say it was a credit to the son and not derogatory to his father. He had the highest officers of the lodge right and left of him, and they were proud of the old man. He was father of the Constitutional Lodge, No. 55. He had worked for the Charities of the Order and of the trade to which he had the honour to belong, and he had done for them the best he could. He had had a large amount of credit for the success of his efforts, and he hoped he would be excused if he had not taken office in Masonry. Perhaps some day he might be elevated in that direction, and if he was he would serve the Institutions.

Bro. Lewis Isaacs, M.P., also replied and referred to the peculiar circumstances of the father of the W.M. being father of his own lodge. He thought it highly creditable that the father and the sons should occupy their high positions. He (Bro. Isaacs) had known the Old Concord Lodge for 30 years or a fourth part of the time it had been in existence. Thirty years ago it was celebrated for its good working, and he was pleased there was no departure from that standard now.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The P.M.'s." In many lodges there were few brethren to respond to this toast, and he regretted that there were not a long string of P.M.'s present; but still there was a very good list. On approaching this toast he felt the harder was the task that devolved on him, because he really did not know what to say that the brethren did not already know of the P.M.'s, and how they had passed through the chair. They gave every kind help that was necessary to every member of the lodge. He thought they ought not to separate without mentioning their dear departed P.M., Bro. Gurton, who was a member for 40 years and was beloved by everybody. All the P.M.'s were respected and loved by the whole of the members of the Old Concord Lodge, and when he had said that he thought he had said all that could possibly be said of them. Bro. Dixon was the senior P.M., and this brother he had known more than 20 years.

Bro. Dixon, P.M., in the course of his reply, said the Past Masters had looked on the present W.M. as a bright shining star, who would soon take his place among the Past Masters. The W.M. had said that seven years ago that day he was initiated in the lodge. It was a great pleasure to him that it was so, and it was a great pleasure also to him that it had pleased T.G.A.O.T.U. to spare him so long. It was twenty-one years ago that day that he (Bro. Dixon) was installed as Master of the Old Concord Lodge, and he looked forward with great pleasure to a recurrence of those happy meetings, for he had always spent most agreeable hours with the brethren.

The W.M. in giving "The Treasurer and Secretary," regretted the absence of Bro. Hancock, who had been Treasurer many, many years. If Bro. Hancock had been able to be present he knew he would have been with them. As to Bro. King, the Secretary, the brethren had seen how he had performed the duties of Installing Master. As Secretary of the lodge there was no question that he did his work thoroughly well. He set an admirable example. He could not conclude without a few words of thanks to Bro. Cope, P.M., who had, in the absence of the I.P.M., worked the Second and Third Degrees in a style which was to the credit of the lodge, when he had only 24 hours' notice. The brethren were greatly indebted to Bro. Cope or taking the position.

Bro. George King, P.M. and Secretary, replying, said that ever since he had been a member of the lodge it had always been his object to carry out the various ceremonies whenever called upon to do so. He had performed the installation ceremony for some years, and he was happy to be able to do so. If he had done it to the satisfaction of the brethren he was well rewarded. He had done his best. So long as it pleased Worshipful Master's to make him the Secretary he should endeavour to give satisfaction in that important position.

The Worshipful Master, in giving the toast of "The Officers," said he felt himself overweighted with flattering remarks that evening; but without the hearty assistance of the officers of the Old Concord Lodge, what would the Master's position be? He was proud of having such officers as he had around him. He felt convinced that the officers appointed that evening would be an honour to the lodge. His principal officer was his brother by birth, and no Master could be more proud than he when he invested his brother as his S.W. He was also very proud to invest Bro. George Evans as J.W.; and, in fact, he was very proud of the whole of his officers.

Bro. Thomas Whaley, jun., S.W., said he felt very much flattered by the remarks of the W.M.; but he must say that the example the W.M. had set his officers in the way he carried out the ceremony of initiation of Bro. Goosey ought to be an encouragement to the officers of the lodge. If they could only keep up the prestige of the Old Concord Lodge they would all be pleased.

Bro. Evans, J.W., assured the W.M. that nothing should be left undone by him which would be of assistance to him in his year of office. He felt much flattered by being J.W. It was only four years since he was initiated in the lodge. Bros. Fleck, S.D., and Armour, J.D., also assured the

W.M. that they would do all in their power to bring credit on the Old Concord Lodge.

The brethren then separated. Miss Effie Chapuy, the only lady singer among the musical artistes, was highly applauded for her execution of the several songs she sang.

HULL.—Humber Lodge (No. 57).—On Monday, the 27th ult., being St. John's Day, the W.M. elect, Bro. Edward Corris, was duly installed as W.M. of the above lodge—which meets at Freemasons' Hall, Osborne-street—in the presence of one of the largest and most influential gatherings of the brethren of the mystic tie that has been seen for many years. The ceremony of installation was most impressively performed by Bro. G. Wilson, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., assisted by Bros. T. Thompson, P.M.; King, P.M.; and O'Donoghue, P.M. The W.M. then appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. D. J. O'Donoghue, I.P.M.; J. McLeavy, S.W.; J. R. Forman, J.W.; H. Toozes, P.M., Chap.; T. Thompson, P.M., Treas.; W. Tesseyman, P.M., Treasurer of Benevolent and Pension Fund; M. Kemp, P.M., Treasurer of Sinking Fund; W. D. Keyworth, P.M., Almoner; A. King, P.M., Sec.; Jas. Thyer, Asst. Sec.; M. Haberland, P.M., Lecture Master; James Hargreave, S.D.; E. Hall, J.D.; J. Clark, D.C.; J. R. Stringer, Org.; G. Latus, I.G.; W. W. Fletcher, Librarian; J. W. Moody, Stwd.; and W. Cuthbert, Tyler. The following brethren were present from their respective lodges: Bros. W. Reynolds, P.M., P.G.T.; M. C. Peck, P.M., P.G.S.; W. C. Whiteside, W.M.; F. Blackburn, Towler, Metcalfe, J. W. Burton, C. T. Capes, and G. Booth, 250; F. Fullerton, W.M., and Lambert, 1010; J. R. Ansdell, Stirling, J.W., Chant, and A. W. Cook, 1605; T. T. W.M., P. Whitfield, P.M., G. T. Lloyd, S.W., J. A. Davies, W.M., Mackaid, S.W., and R. Moll, J.W. 2134; Rev. H. Greaves, W.M., P.P.G. Chap., W. M. Cheeseman, S.W. 566; R. Dannatt, I.P.M. 1447; R. Webb, W.M., and G. Milner, P.M. 1511; J. Sugden, P.M. 1379; W. H. Doughty, P.M. 1379; J. Nicholson, Combermere; J. Bo-dass, Sykes; Guy Hayler, Prudence; D. Taylor, 405, Scotland.

Between 80 and 90 of the brethren afterwards sat down to a sumptuous banquet, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and honoured.

Bros. G. Latus, Chant, Sugden, Walton, and others contributed much to the harmony of the evening with some excellent songs and recitations, Bro. Stringer, the Organist, accompanying.

The Humber Lodge has just been thoroughly renovated and redeccorated, and the handsome appearance it presented was noticed by the visiting brethren.

The great loss that the lodge, and Freemasonry generally, has sustained by the death of the late D.P.G.M., Bro. Dr. Bell, one of the oldest members and Past Masters of the lodge, was most feelingly alluded to by the W.M.

The W.M., Bro. Corris, must be congratulated that on his installation he was honoured by the presence of over 30 Masters and Past Masters, and we feel sure that the dignity and reputation of this very ancient lodge will be in the safe keeping of so respected a brother.

PLYMOUTH.—Lodge of St. John (No. 70).—

The annual meeting of this lodge—the senior lodge in the three towns and district—was held at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, on Tuesday evening, the 28th ult., to instal Bro. W. F. Westcott, S.W., as the W.M. for the ensuing year. The installing officers were Bros. G. Sercombe, the retiring W.M.; R. Pengelly, P.M. 70, P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. B. Gover, P.M. 70, P.P.G.A.D.C.; and J. Griffin, P.M. 70, P.P.J.G.D. Among the Installed Masters present were Bros. E. Tout, P.M. 70; F. B. Westlake, P.M. 70; C. H. Cooper, P.M. 105, P.P.J.G.D.; W. H. Discombe, P.M. 1443, P.P.G.D.C.; the Rev. W. Lemon, P.M. 189, P.P.G.C.; T. Goodall, P.M. 954, 1550, P.P.G. Org.; G. Whitley, P.M. 156, P.P.G.C.; W. Powell, P.M. 1205, P.G. Stwd.; W. Browning, P.M. 223, P.P.G.D.C.; S. Jew, P.M. 105, 1847, P.P.G.T.; J. R. Lord, P.M. 1247, P.P.G.S.B.; J. W. Cornish, P.M. 223, P.P.G.T.; J. Gifford, P.M. 105, 2025; W. Alsford, P.M. 202; J. Gidley, P.M. 156, 2025; R. Pike, P.M. 230; W. H. W. Macey, P.M. 1847; J. Gould, P.M. 1099; W. Coath, P.M. 893; G. Horswill, W.M. 105; H. S. Hill, P.M. 223; E. Pillar, P.M. 105; and J. Wallis, P.M. 1255. The Board of Installed Masters being closed the officers were appointed as follows: Bros. G. Sercombe, I.P.M.; W. T. Hocking, S.W.; W. King, J.W.; R. Pengelly, P.M., Treas.; J. B. Gover, P.M., Sec.; Fred. Wreford, S.D.; J. H. Evans, J.D.; W. D. Collings, I.G.; J. Hicks, D.C.; J. Goad, A.D.C.; J. H. Ratty, Org.; J. Carr and M. Jacobs, Stwds.; and W. H. Phillips, Tyler. Previous to the installation three candidates were duly initiated into the Order.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the refectory, where a very enjoyable hour was passed. The usual Masonic toasts were given and ably responded to.

GUERNSEY.—Doyle's Lodge of Fellowship

(No. 84).—St. John's Festival was duly celebrated by this old lodge, on the 27th ult. The lodge was opened at the Masonic Hall, Court Place, St. Peter Port, when Bro. Col. Haighton Williams, P.M. and Secretary, who had been previously elected W.M. was duly installed, the interesting and impressive ceremony being very ably performed by Bro. E. Ozanne, P.M., the Queen's Comptroller. The following officers were then duly invested: Bros. F. Clarke, I.P.M. and Sec.; J. Laine, S.W.; Ogier, J.W.; Laine, S.D.; Dr. Ryan, Staff-Surgeon, J.D.; Hemel, I.G.; Sergt. Bowden, Tyler. The Offices of D.C., Organist, Chaplain, and Steward, were not filled up. After the lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to Gardner's Royal Hotel, where they were joined by several visitors, General Gordon, Col. Hay, of the Gordon Highlanders, and others, and a very agreeable symposium was brought to an end at a late hour after the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly honoured from the chair. The W.M. in the course of his remarks threw out a suggestion as to the desirability of the appointment of a Provincial Grand Master for Guernsey.

HEREFORD.—Palladian Lodge (No. 120).—

This lodge annually celebrates the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, on which occasion the W.M. is installed

for the ensuing year. The brethren present on the afternoon of the 27th ult. were Bros. John Davies, P.M.; T. Smith, P.M.; W. Earle, P.M.; J. A. White, P.M.; T. G. Chance, W. C. Gethen, G. West, W. Parlyb, Frank Richardson, F. S. Prosser, and H. Watkins. Visitors: Bros. A. T. Hudson, 892; C. J. Saxby, P.M. 892; S. Goode, 892; U. R. Stafford, 892; Tom O. Hunt, S.W. 892; E. Blinkhorn, P.M. 1471; and T. Blinkhorn, S.D. 1005.

During the business, Bro. the Rev. R. Evans, the D.P. G.M. of Herefordshire, I.P.M. 892, was balloted for, and received, as a joining member of this, the mother lodge of the province. Bro. T. Blinkhorn, the S.W., was installed as the W.M. for the ensuing year, and invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. Barnes, I.P.M.; Geo. J. Caldwell, S.W.; W. H. Webb, J.W.; Rev. R. Evans, Chap.; H. C. Beddoe, Treas.; J. S. Norton, Sec.; B. Cullwick, S.D.; C. Caldicoth, J.D.; O. Shellard, P.M., D.C., and Org.; E. George, I.G.; Wm. Parlyb and F. Richardson, Stewards; and C. A. Stephens, Tyler.

The banquet took place under the presidency of the new W.M., and in the course of the speeches which followed, the D.P.G.M. dilated upon the increase which had occurred in the number of lodges throughout the world during the past year, and the growth of their Benevolent Funds. Bro. Earle's Charities' votes management was highly commended by visitors and members, and will probably be adopted by other lodges.

RICHMOND.—Lennox Lodge (No. 123).—

The members of this lodge celebrated their annual festival of St. John at the Masonic Hall, on the 28th ult. Bro. Jas. March was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, W.D.P.G.M. of N. and E. Yorkshire, conducted the ceremony of installation. There were present Bros. J. Metcalfe, W.M.; G. Roper, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; J. W. Smith, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; Rogers, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; H. Procter, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; C. Palliser, P.M. 1337, P.P.G.S. of W.; the Rev. J. E. Torbett, Chaplain; J. H. Scholes, Secretary; J. Gibson, S.D.; R. H. Glenton, Organist; R. Murray, Steward; F. J. Greatehead, R. S. Robinson, J. C. Watson, Sydney Pearson, F. Gilling, W. C. Williams, G. Peacock, E. V. Schofield; and the following visitors: Bros. Woodall, P.M. 200, P.G. Treas. Eng.; Sootheran, P.M.; Warrior, W.M. elect; and Winn, Sec., of 1337; and Brown, 1932.

The W.M. appointed and invested the following officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. Metcalfe, I.P.M.; T. C. Denham, S.W.; J. Gibson, J.W.; the Rev. J. E. Torbett, Chap.; J. W. Smith, P.M., Treas.; J. H. Scholes, Sec.; R. Spence, S.D.; S. W. Close, J.D.; H. Procter, P.M., D.C.; Schofield, Org.; R. Murray, I.G.; F. Gilling and G. Peacock, Stewards; and Grieves, Tyler.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the brethren adjourned to the King's Head Hotel to the banquet, which was provided. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

Bro. Rogers, P.M., proposed "The Health of the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, W.D.P.G.M.," on his accession to that highly important post in Freemasonry, and on the efficient manner in which the ceremony of installation had been conducted.

The toast was responded to by the W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master.

BOURNEMOUTH.—Hengist Lodge (No. 195).

—The annual meeting of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on St. John's Day, when Bro. J. Shemmonds, S.W. and W.M. elect, was duly installed into the chair of K.S. by the Installing Master, Bro. H. J. Atkins, P.M. 1764, P.P.S.G.W. Norths and Hunts. The W.M. afterwards invested the following officers for the year: Bros. C. W. Wyatt, S.W.; Woodhouse, J.W.; Lowe, Chap.; Scott Evans, Treas.; Stonham, Sec.; Hodges, S.D.; Keep, J.D.; W. B. Rogers, D.C.; W. Townsend, Org.; Keep and J. A. Nethercote, Stewards; Cross, I.G.; and Beamish, Tyler. After the investment of officers, Bro. Miles was presented by the W.M. with a handsome Past Master's jewel, bearing a suitable inscription in recognition of his services to the Craft during his year of office.

LANCASTER.—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281).

—The annual installation meeting was held on the evening of the 29th ult., in the Masonic Hall. There was not a large attendance. The lodge having been opened in the usual form, Bro. Richard Nicholson, S.W., the W.M. elect, was duly presented and regularly installed into office, the ceremony being efficiently gone through by Bro. J. Hatch, P.M., &c. The newly-installed Master subsequently appointed his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. A. McRaith, I.P.M.; Jas. Heald, S.W.; J. B. Shaw, J.W.; Jas. Hatch, P.M., Treas.; J. R. B. Pilkington, P.M., Sec.; A. T. Relph, S.D.; H. Gooch, J.D.; Price, I.G.; W. Atkinson and J. Hatton, Stewards; Parker, D.C.; and A. K. Allinson, Tyler.

The lodge was afterwards closed with the formalities of the Craft, and an adjournment was made to the King's Arms Hotel, where about 30 members sat down to an excellent dinner, which was admirably served by Mr. Ducksbury. The newly-elected Master, Bro. R. Nicholson, presided, supported by Bros. P.M.'s James Hatch, John Hatch, King, Jowett, and Kelland; J. F. Willan, W.M. 1561; D. Shaw, S.W., and J. Simpson, J.W., of 1353; and others. The vice-chair was occupied by Bro. J. Heald, S.W.

On the conclusion of the repast, the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair, and received in the usual manner.

Bro. James Hatch (ex-Mayor), proposed the toast of "The Worshipful Master" in flattering terms.

Bro. Kelland gave the toast of "The Installing Master." The toasts of "The I.P.M.," "The Wardens," "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Visitors," &c., were honoured, and acknowledged by the several brethren with whose names they were coupled.

Bro. Heald, in responding for the Wardens, incidentally mentioned the fact that next year the lodge would celebrate its centenary—a hundred years having elapsed since its foundation.

Bro. Pilkington, the Secretary, in responding to the toast associated with his name, gave some interesting information as to the part the lodge took in the celebrations which followed on the accession and marriage of her Majesty.

During the evening a capital musical programme was rendered by Bros. Relph, Gooch, Price, and Parker, the accompaniments being played by Bro. James Taylor, P.M.

LEEDS.—Philanthropic Lodge (No. 304).—At the regular meeting of this lodge, held on Wednesday, the 29th ult., in the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, there was a large muster both of brethren and visitors, it being scrolling-night. Bro. T. Myers, W.M., presided, and the officers present were Bro. W. Brownfoot, S.W.; J. Rickard, J.W.; C. Letch Mason, P.P.G. Treas., Treas.; W. H. Hewson, Sec.; Cockerline, S.D.; Grimshaw, J.D.; and Barrand, Tyler. Also Bros. Craig, P.P.G.D.; Bedford, P.P.G.D.; and Tomlinson, P.M. Bro. Brownfoot was unanimously elected W.M., and Bro. Mason for the tenth time was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Barrand Tyler.

At the banquet afterwards, the W.M. elect thanked the brethren for their kindness and for the confidence they had reposed in him, as evidenced by their unanimous vote. It was only when elected to the position as occupant of the chair of K.S. that he realised the gravity and importance of the duties he had undertaken. He trusted that when his year of office ceased he would carry with him, in as great a degree as he now possessed it, the confidence of his brethren. He relied upon the kindness and support of the P.M.'s to enable him to perform his exalted duties with credit to himself and advantage to the lodge. Bro. Mason, the Charity Steward for the lodge, made a powerful appeal on behalf of the Benevolent Institution. He called attention to the benefits which the Province of West Yorks received from that fund, benefits in which the Philanthropic Lodge especially shared, and he hoped this would be an incentive to several brethren to come forward as Stewards at the Annual Festival in February next. The rest of the evening was spent in harmony.

TORQUAY.—St. John's Lodge (No. 328).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on the 27th ult., when Bro. E. Richards, W.M. elect was installed, the ceremony being performed by the Installing Master, Bro. J. W. Grant, P.M. The W.M. afterwards appointed his officers as follows: Bros. R. L. Mugford, S.W.; W. A. Hill, J.W.; C. J. Harland, Treas.; R. D. Benwick, Sec.; W. Wakeham, P.M., D.C.; T. Beckett, S.D.; A. W. Searley, J.D.; J. Taylor, I.G.; W. Cridge, S.S.; H. R. Beer, J.S.; T. Brooks, Org.; D. J. Allams, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Chap.; and G. Burt, Tyler. Besides those mentioned there were also present Bros. J. Grant, P.M.; W. Taylor and W. D. Webber, 328; G. Searle, P.M. 248; J. M. McKeller, and T. Prust, 1402; and J. Bradford, P.G.R., P.M. 1358. The annual banquet was afterwards held at Bro. Cridge's Queen's Hotel.

BODMIN.—One and All Lodge (No. 330).—A numerous gathering of members of, and visitors to, this lodge, assembled at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 28th ult., at the annual festival and installation of Bro. B. F. Eadyean as W.M. for the ensuing year, and amongst those present were Bros. Spear, I.P.M.; Capt. Hext, P.P.S.G. W.; W. J. Hawke, P.P.G. Stwd.; W. Rowe, P.P.G. Treas.; F. J. Hext, jun., P.P.G.S.B.; A. C. Sandoe; J. Dennis, P.P.S.G.D.; J. R. Collins, P.P.G.S.B.; R. Vercoe, B. G. Derry, B. F. Eadyean, S.W.; Tom Whale, J.W.; G. E. Liddell, Sec.; W. Raleigh Gilbert, Chap.; R. P. Eadyean, Org.; T. Pellow, S.D.; F. Page, J.D.; Best, I.G.; Gatty, Barrett, Fowler, Garland, Trevail, Higgs, Brewer, Tonkin, Randall, Davis, and W. J. Adams. The visitors comprised Bros. Thomas, Major Ballard, C. E. Juleff, P.P.G.O.; Hards and Brewer, 1954; Geo. Hext, Tredethy, Blight, 596; and the W.M. and Wardens of 1151.

After confirmation of the minutes the chair was assumed by Bro. Rowe, Installing Master, and Bro. Eadyean, the W.M. elect, having been duly presented by Bro. Capt. Hext, was installed by Bro. Rowe. The W. M. then invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year, viz.: Bros. W. T. Davey, I.P.M.; Tom Whale, S.W.; W. R. Brewer, J.W.; W. Rowe, Treas.; Gust. Evans Liddell, Sec.; T. P. Tonkin, S.D.; J. Gatty, J. D.; R. Best, D.C.; R. P. Eadyean, Org.; R. L. Randall, I.G.; Higgs and Evans, Stewards; J. Dennis, Tyler. Bro. Rowe, was again elected Steward of the C.M.A. and B. Fund. The visitors were welcomed by the W.M., and "Hearty good wishes" expressed by them in return. The lodge was then closed. The banquet was held at the Royal Hotel, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

BRADSHAWGATE.—St. John's Lodge (No. 348).—On the evening of the 30th ult., at the Bull Hotel, the annual festival of this lodge was held. In addition to the officers and members of the lodge, a number of visitors were present, including Bro. J. Newton, P.G.A.S., and the W.M.'s of the other Bolton lodges. Bro. W. Chadwick was regularly installed W.M. for the coming year by the retiring W.M., Bro. R. H. Phillips, with all due ceremony, and the Degree of I.P.M. was conferred upon Bro. Phillips by Bro. J. Harwood, P.M. The other officers appointed were Bros. R. Jones, S.W.; J. Eckersley, J.W.; J. Alcock, Treas.; G. Barnes, S.D.; W. Greenwood, J.D.; J. Mantell, I.G.; Councillor H. Greenwood, D.C.; Robert Harwood, P.M., S. of W.; T. H. Heyes and C. Holgate, Stewards; and T. Higson, P.M., P.G.T., Tyler. The whole of the officers were invested by Bro. J. Partington, P.M., and the addresses to the W.M., officers, and brethren were delivered by Bro. Brockbank, Past G.S.B. of England.

At the conclusion of the business, the brethren were entertained to a dinner, served in first-class style by the landlady, Mrs. Long.

HANLEY.—Menturia Lodge (No. 418).—The installation of Bro. E. V. Greatbach as W.M. took place at the Masonic Hall on Tuesday, the 28th ult. Upwards of 70 brethren, including no less than 35 Installed Masters, assembled on the occasion. Bro. John Bromley, P.S.G.W., presented Bro. Greatbach to Bro. E. B. Jackson, the retiring W.M., who ably officiated as Installing Master, assisted by Bros. W. H. Hales, P.P.S.G.W.; Brandon, P.G.R.; and Dr. J. S. Crapper, P.P.G.A.D.C. The other members of the lodge present included Bros. G. Pitchford, P.P.J.G.D.; Spencer Lawton, P.M.; J. Beardmore, P.M.; J. Stringer, P.M.; J. Wain, P.M.; J. Charlesworth, and others. The visiting brethren included Bros. R. Dain, P.P.G.A.D.C., 98; S. Bentley, P.M. 98; F. M. Julian, P.P.G.P., 451; W. Torrance,

W.M. 456; A. Parker, P.M. 456; T. Turner, 460, P.P.G.R.; J. Ingamells, 460, P.P.J.G.D.; F. Mountford, 460, P.P.G.O.; E. H. Croydon, 460, P.G. Asst. Sec.; J. T. Snape, 460, P.G.P.; J. Webberley, 546, P.P.G.R.; A. G. Prince, 546, P.P.J.G.D.; W. R. Blair, 546, P.P.J.G.D.; B. H. Brough, 546, P.G.D.; F. Barlow, W.M. 546; D. Chapman, P.M. 456; R. Tooth, 637, P.P.G.R.; H. C. Faram, 637, P.P.J.G.D.; T. Bakewell, W.M. 637; D. Smith, P.M. 637; Clayton, 1872, P.P.G.A.D.C. Surrey; F. W. Grove, 1942, P.P.J.G.D.; J. Stevenson, W.M. 1942; S. Watson, W.M. 2064; G. P. Bradford and H. Palmer, 2149; and others.

The following officers were appointed: Bros. W. Tunncliff, S.W.; H. Windle, J.W.; Rev. F. E. Waters, Chap.; W. H. Hales, Treasurer; E. B. Devereux, Secretary; Thomas Bickley, D.C.; John Robinson, S.D.; W. Hampton, J.D.; J. Barlow, I.G.; G. Barlow, Org.; D. Jones and E. Jones, Stwds.; and George Wilkes, Tyler.

After the lodge had been closed, the brethren adjourned to the Saracen's Head Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Hassall. The W.M. presided, the vice-chairs being occupied by the Wardens, Bros. Tunncliff and Windle.

"The Health of the Queen," and the toasts embracing the rulers of the Craft, were proposed by the W.M., and received with expressions of loyalty.

Bro. Bromley gave the toast of "The Health of Col. G. S. Tudor, P.G.M.," and Bro. Stringer the toast of "Bro. Col. F. Gough, D.P.G.M., and the other Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge," for whom Bros. Brandon and Bromley responded.

Bro. Jackson submitted what he regarded as the toast of the evening—"The Health of Bro. Greatbach," of whom he spoke in the highest terms of praise as one qualified for the duties connected with the responsible position of W.M. He especially commended Bro. Greatbach for the great interest which he always manifested in the Charities connected with the Craft.

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm, and Bro. Greatbach responded in suitable terms.

Bros. Blair and Clayton acknowledged the toast of "The Visitors," proposed by Bro. Tunncliff.

Bro. Prince proposed "Success to the Menturia Lodge," and the sentiment was endorsed by the most cordial expressions of approval.

Bro. Hales made an appropriate acknowledgment.

After the toast of "The I.P.M." had been heartily drunk, at the call of the W.M., and duly acknowledged by Bro. Jackson,

Bro. Charlesworth gave the toast of "The Officers of the Lodge," for whom Bro. Robinson, S.D., responded.

The toast of "The Masonic Charities" was submitted by Bro. W. Hampton, and Bro. Windle was called upon to respond. He said the position which the Menturia Lodge occupied with respect to the Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Association was a most honourable one. Down to the end of last year the Menturia had contributed £627 16s. to the Association—a larger sum than had been received from any other lodge to that date, and the lodge could give 57 votes for the Boys' and Girls' Schools. Last year the Abbey Lodge, Burton, made a special effort and contributed no less than £127 16s., which made their subscription list exceed that of the Menturia by £2 17s. 6d. The Menturia was in the fortunate position of never having required aid for the family of any of its members. Notwithstanding exceptional circumstances had occurred the last year, the subscription list was in the highest degree creditable to the Menturia Lodge.

"The Health of the Ladies" was proposed by Bro. Dr. Crapper, and responded to by Bro. Thorley. Then came the Tyler's toast.

During the evening some excellent music was given, and the evening was spent in a very joyous manner.

BINGLEY.—Scientific Lodge (No. 439).—The annual festival of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Fleece Inn, on Wednesday evening, the 29th ult. Bro. H. S. Wood, J.W., was installed in the chair, and a large number of members and visiting brethren from other lodges were present. The installation ceremony was gone through in a most able manner by Bro. J. Hopwood, P.M. The other officers appointed were as follows: Bros. E. Hallas, I.P.M.; A. W. Ramsden, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; J. Hopwood, P.M., Treas.; J. P. Priestley, S.W.; J. Tillotson, J.W.; and others.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to banquet. The Masonic toasts were given and responded to. The musical brethren rendered valuable assistance, and a most pleasant evening was spent.

CAMBRIDGE.—Three Grand Principles Lodge (No. 441).—At the annual meeting on Monday, 3rd instant, held at the Lion Hotel, Bro. S. H. Sharman, P.P.G.S.B., was duly installed in the chair of K.S. for the ensuing year; the work of the Installing Master being very efficiently performed by Bro. J. Stacey Youngman, P.M., P.G. Reg. The newly-installed W.M. subsequently appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Thos. Watts, I.P.M.; John Fuller, S.W.; J. E. L. Whitehead, J.W.; J. S. Youngman, P.M., Chap.; Joshua Taylor, P.M., Treas.; F. G. G. Barber, P.M., Sec.; J. F. Symonds, S.D.; Wm. C. Dewberry, J.D.; Jos. Royston, I.G.; F. Dewberry, P.M., D.C.; J. Vail, P.M., F. Bailey, P.M., and F. Cole, Stwds.

Notice was given from the chair that the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. A. H. Moyes should be elected an honorary member of the lodge.

Amongst the Visitors present were the Deputy Prov. Grand Master; Bros. E. Hills, P.M. 88; Freeman, W.M. Aldburgh Lodge; and W. I. Pashler, W.M. elect 88.

CALLINGTON.—Loyal Victoria Lodge (No. 557).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 28th ult., to instal Bro. W. Bond, S.W., as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed by Bro. G. Morgan, P.M., P.G.S.B., assisted by the following Installed Masters: Bros. C. T. Pearce, P.P.J.G.D.; John Turner, P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. T. Williams, P.P.G.P.; J. H. Cousins, R. Parkin, and G. B. Woolcock, all of 557; T. D. Deebler, 1071; H. Bawden, W.M. 1071; G. Trethewey, W.M. 1164.

After the installation, the W.M. appointed the following officers for the ensuing year: Bros. S. G. Bennet, I.P.M.;

W. Dawe, S.W.; T. C. Betty, J.W.; C. T. Pearce, Treasurer; W. H. Turner, Secretary; J. H. Philp, S.D.; James Normington, J.D.; J. Gibson, I.G.; J. H. Davey, D.C.; J. H. Hoskin, Org.; J. H. Bate and R. Jeffery, Stwds.; G. Lakeman, Chap.; and John Goldworthy, Tyler.

At the close of the lodge the brethren adjourned to Bro. Lakeman's, the Bull's Head Inn, where the annual banquet was held.

Among the visitors were Bros. J. C. Hoskin, S.D. 1332; G. C. Roberts, 1212; T. D. Netting, Stwd. 1071; J. Rees, 1071; J. Kinsman, 1071; J. Heydon, Quebec; and P. H. Bridgeman, S.W. 223.

LANCASTER.—Rowley Lodge (No. 1051).—The installation meeting, held in connection with this lodge, took place on Monday, the 3rd inst., in the Masonic Hall, Church-street. There was an average attendance of members, and also of visitors, the latter including Bros. Oglethorpe, P.M., P.P.G.R.; W. J. C. Stork, I.P.M. 1353; John Atkinson, P.M.; J. Heald, S.W.; J. B. Shaw, J.W. 281; and others.

The lodge having been opened by Bro. A. W. Kershaw, W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, the chair was taken by the Installing Officer, Bro. Capt. C. H. Garnett, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., &c. Bro. W. Drinkall, S.W., the W.M. elect, was then presented by Bro. Longman, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., and was subsequently installed by Bro. Capt. Garnett with all the ceremonial of the Craft, the rite being gone through in a most impressive, as well as effective, manner by the Installing Officer. The newly-installed Master afterwards invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. A. W. Kershaw, I.P.M.; J. Whitlock, S.W.; W. Copsick, J.W.; N. W. Helme, P.M., Treasurer; H. Longman, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., Secretary; H. C. Moore, S.D.; J. Cutts, P.M., I.G.; and A. K. Allinson, Tyler. A cordial vote of thanks was passed by acclamation to the Installing Officer, who, in response, said he was always most happy to give his Masonic services for the good of any lodge in the district, or for the promotion of Masonry in any form. A like vote of thanks was also passed to the retiring W.M., Bro. Kershaw, and to the Treasurer, Bro. Helme, whose account of the lodge finances, read before the installation, showed the lodge to be in a satisfactory condition in regard to funds. Bro. Longman was appointed a representative on the Charity Committee, and after transacting other business, the lodge was closed.

LEEDS.—Goderich Lodge (No. 1211).—The usual meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on the 3rd inst. Bro. A. W. Youings, W.M., occupied his post, being supported by Bros. Scriven, I.P.M.; Bradford, S.W.; Smith, J.W.; Eddison, P.M., Sec.; Rev. A. B. Coombe, as Chap.; W. Ward, S.D.; Craister, J.D.; Townsend, Prov. G.O., Org.; Jaques, P.M., I.G.; Spinks, Steward; Crowe, P.P.G.D.; T. Winn, P.P.G.S. of W.; and others. Bros. Pickersgill, 495; Blakey, 304; and Fretwell, 2069, were amongst the visitors.

Bros. Tasker and Smith were raised to the Sublime Degree by the W.M., in his usual careful and effective manner. Bro. Stansfield moved a resolution pledging the lodge to subscribe £21 for the purpose of endowing the Senior and Junior Deacons' chairs in the local Masonic Educational Charity. Bro. Stansfield, who is one of the founders, and whose exertions have in the past very materially benefited the funds of this deserving Charity, said that Goderich Lodge had always been foremost in helping that Charity, and he was certain that now he would not have to appeal in vain. Bros. Jaques, Eddison, Winn, Crowe, and Warren also spoke in favour of the proposition, and it was unanimously adopted. It should be stated that, owing to the exertions of Bro. Stansfield, the Senior and Junior Wardens' chairs are already endowed.

The lodge closed with hearty and seasonable greetings, after which supper was partaken of.

The W.M., Bro. Youings, in submitting the toast of "Success and Prosperity to Goderich Lodge," alluded to the happy time he had spent inside its portals, and to the cordial relations which had existed between himself and the lodge, since he had been installed. The more he knew of Masonry, the more he loved it.

Bro. Crowe, P.M., P.P.G.D., one of the founders of the lodge, responded, and said that during the 19 years of its existence Goderich had been in the rank of all good works. The name would be found on all the great Charities. During the long connection he had had with the lodge he had received the greatest kindness from the brethren, and he cordially wished to them and the lodge a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Other speeches, interspersed with songs, followed, and a happy evening was spent.

LEEDS.—Prudence Lodge (No. 2069).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on New Year's Day, which was very largely attended. Bro. C. L. Mason, W.M., was supported by the following officers: Bros. Dr. Smyth, P.G.C., I.P.M.; Trevor, S.W.; R. Craig, P.P.G.D., as J.W.; Abbott, Treasurer; Middleton, Secretary; Rev. J. Rosser, Chap.; S. Scott Young, S.D.; Fretwell, J.D.; Jameson, I.G.; Howard, Org.; Atkinson, D.C.; and Butterworth, Stwd.

Bros. Smithson and Spencer were raised to the Sublime Degree by the W.M., assisted by Bro. Dr. Smyth and the S.W. Mr. Tom Glover was initiated into the mysteries of the Order by Bro. Craig, ably assisted by the S.W.

A most happy evening was afterwards spent, seasonable greetings being heartily reciprocated between the W.M. and the members of his lodge.

Bro. D. P. Cama, G. Treas., of Winchester-street-buildings, has forwarded to the Lord Mayor a cheque for two guineas in aid of the poor-box at the Mansion House, in recognition of the Queen having conferred "on his dear old father the companionship of the Order of the Indian Empire," and further of carrying out a time-honoured custom amongst the Parsees of commemorating joyful events by some act of charity.

MORTGAGES.—Messrs. JAMES are in a position to Supply Money to ANY EXTENT on the following Securities:—Landed Estates, Houses, Shops, and Offices, Warehouses and Wharves, Life Interests, &c., Reversions, Borough Rates, &c., at the lowest current rates of interest. Prompt Settlement. 11, Staple Inn, London, W.C.—[ADVT.]

INSTRUCTION.

FIDELITY LODGE (No. 3).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 29th ult., at the Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury. Bro. Silvester occupied the chair, Bros. Gregory and Ament were Wardens, and there were a large number of other brethren present.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. rehearsed the investiture of officers. The ceremony of initiation was afterwards rehearsed, Bro. Messer acting as candidate. Bro. Ferguson then worked the 1st, 4th, and 5th Sections of the First Lecture. Bro. Gregory having been duly elected W.M. for the next meeting, the lodge was closed.

ST. LUKE'S LODGE (No. 144).—A meeting was held at the White Hart Tavern, King's-road, Chelsea, on Thursday, the 30th ult. Present: Bros. J. Brandon, J.W., W.M.; O. D. Ward, W.M., S.W.; E. Wills, P.M., J.W.; Peter Coughlan, P.M., Preceptor; W. H. Tucker, I.G., Sec.; R. Q. Moody, Treasurer; Wiles, I.G.; J. Murch, P.M.; F. Green, and J. L. Hume, S.D.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Tucker being the candidate. Bro. Green having offered himself as a candidate, and answered the usual questions, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was then rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

CHAUCER LODGE (No. 1540).—This lodge held its usual weekly meeting at the Old White Hart Hotel, Borough, on Tuesday, the 4th inst., when there were present Bros. J. Osmond, W.M.; Gray, S.W.; Austin, J.W.; Renaut, S.D.; Steele, J.D.; Bellchamber, I.G.; Walter Wingham, Preceptor; F. H. Williams, Hon. Sec.; Roots, Fullick, W. W. Block, Price, and J. Sadler Wood.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st and 2nd Sections were worked by Bros. Bellchamber and Wingham, Preceptor, respectively. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Block candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The lodge resumed to the First Degree, and the ballot taken for £5 5s. in the hands of the Treasurer, which proved in favour of Bro. E. Fullick. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, when it was proposed by Bro. Wingham, Preceptor, that the S.W. be W.M. for the ensuing week—seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The S.W. returned thanks, and appointed the officers. The W.M. rose for 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 30th ult., when there were present Bros. E. Nice, W.M.; F. Kedge, S.W.; J. B. Grieve, J.W.; E. J. D. Bromley, S.D.; E. C. Mulvey, I.D.; H. Sammons, I.G.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; E. Chamberlain, F. W. Cash, James Rowe, Carlo Grassi, G. P. Bertini, H. Matthews, C. Lambert, H. G. Marsden, W. Hancock, C. A. Iter, A. Clark, Frank Gulliford, P. Stomburg, T. A. Dickson, F. M. Noakes, H. Culverhouse, and W. Brindley.

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. Bro. C. Grassi offering himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. was pleased to rehearse the ceremony. The W.M. kindly vacated the chair in favour of Bro. W. C. Smith. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. Bro. E. Nice having offered himself as a candidate to be passed 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 Second and Third Degrees. Bro. E. Nice resumed the chair of W.M. On rising for the first time, Bro. F. W. Cash, 1559, was unanimously elected a joining member of this lodge of instruction, being proposed by Bro. G. Reynolds, Sec., and seconded by the J.W. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. C. Smith proposed that Bro. F. Kedge, S.W., be elected W.M. for the meeting to be held on the 13th inst., as the ceremony of installation would be rehearsed at the next meeting, when the W.M. of the mother lodge would take the chair. The W.M. elect was pleased to appoint his officers for the meeting of the 13th. On rising for the third time, Bro. G. Reynolds gave notice that there would be two ballots drawn on the 13th inst. for two Subscriberships to the Royal Masonic Charities. Bro. W. C. Smith proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes of this lodge to Bro. E. Nice for the able and efficient manner in which he had carried out the duties of the chair for the first time, and also for the clear and precise manner in which he had worked the ceremony of initiation—seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. made a suitable reply.

Bro. C. Lambert said he trusted he was not out of place in proposing that a vote of thanks also be recorded on the minutes to Bros. W. C. Smith, Preceptor, G. Reynolds, Sec., and E. C. Mulvey, and other brethren who had so kindly assisted to make this lodge of instruction successful during the year. Bro. W. C. Smith, as Preceptor, was kind and courteous in his teaching. Bro. G. Reynolds, whom all knew well, was assiduous in his duties as Secretary, and by his attention had brought this lodge of instruction into notoriety amongst the Craft; whilst Bro. E. C. Mulvey and other brethren assisted much to the success of the lodge. He wished all the brethren "A Happy New Year." Seconded by Bro. W. Hancock, who endorsed all that had fallen from the lips of Bro. C. Lambert.

Bro. W. C. Smith, Preceptor, in reply, said that the brethren of the lodge had done much to help and encourage him by their attention to his instruction, and he felt also the kind words which had fallen from Bro. C. Lambert. It was a great pleasure to be amongst them, and nothing gave him more satisfaction than to know that he was helping many brethren to occupy the chair in the same creditable and able manner in which their W.M. had done that evening.

Bro. G. Reynolds, Secretary, in acknowledging the kindness of Bro. C. Lambert in speaking so highly of the manner in which he had carried out the duties of Secretaryship, said he could not say much, as his heart was full of grief, but assured the brethren he hoped to carry out the duties in the future as he had done in the past to the satisfaction of all. The brethren supported the lodge of instruction well, for on looking to the register there had been over 1600 attendances in the year 1886, a number most encouraging to him in his duties. He felt he could rely upon the members to help him to make the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction still more prosperous.

Bro. E. C. Mulvey said he felt a great compliment had been paid to him in coupling his name with the above brethren in the vote of thanks. He could assure them he would do all in his power for the benefit of the lodge of instruction, and wished all the incoming officers of the mother lodge success in their respective duties, and not to forget the instruction they had received from the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction. He wished all the brethren "A Happy New Year."

Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed and adjourned.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on the 4th inst., at the Courtfield Hotel, Earl's Court, S.W. Present: Bros. R. H. Williams, P.J.G.D. Middx., W.M. 865, W.M.; W. C. Williams, S.W.; P. J. Davies, J.W.; G. Read, P.M., Preceptor; Craggs, S.D.; Aslett, J.D.; T. W. Heath, I.G.; Sims, 834; S. Cochrane, W.M. 2015; Woods, W.M. 1642; Rouard, 1559; and Morrell, 436.

The lodge was opened in due form, and this being the first meeting in the New Year, the W.M. asked the brethren to join him in a bumper, wishing them all "A Happy and Prosperous New Year." The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Rouard being the candidate, the W.M. giving the charge in a most impressive manner. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and closed in the Third and Second Degrees. The W.M. rose for the first time, when Bros. Morrell and Rouard were unanimously elected joining members. The W.M. rose for the second time, when it was proposed by the Preceptor, and seconded by the J.W., that the S.W. be W.M. for next meeting. The S.W. thanked the brethren

for the honour conferred on him, and appointed the officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, when it was announced by Bro. Read that there would be one or two ballots at the next meeting for Life Subscriberships to the Charities. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, 3rd inst., at the Baron's Court Hotel, when there were present Bros. Sims, P.M. 834, W.M.; Conway, S.W.; T. Cochrane, W.M. 2015, J.W.; J. Collings, P.M., 1585, Preceptor; Scarr, acting Sec.; P. J. Davies, S.D.; W. C. Williams, I.G.; and Miller.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Scarr being candidate. The 2nd and 3rd Sections were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The W.M. rose for the first and second times, when it was proposed by the Preceptor, and seconded by the J.W., that the S.W., Bro. Conway be W.M. for the next meeting. The S.W. thanked the brethren for this mark of their favour, and was pleased to appoint the officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, when it was proposed by Bro. Conway, and seconded by Bro. Scarr, that the fifteen Sections be worked on the first and second Mondays in February, and the installation ceremony on the third Monday. This was carried unanimously. Much regret was expressed by the brethren at the absence of the Secretary, "Mr. Morley," through some serious family misfortune. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

THE QUEEN'S WESTMINSTER AND MARYLEBONE LODGE.—The above lodges, having united, now hold their usual weekly meetings at the Criterion Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8 p.m., on Monday evenings. On the 3rd inst., the usual weekly meeting was held, when there were present Bros. Wright, W.M.; R. Hunt, S.W.; A. Jones, J.W.; W. Brown, S.D.; G. Godfrey, J.D.; Ray, I.G.; G. Coop, W.M. 141, Preceptor; C. Bellerby, Sec.; Foss, Harnell, Walford, Bonham, Grassi, Curzons, and Davis.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Coop having taken the chair, rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Harnell being the candidate. Bro. Jones gave the charge. The 5th Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Coop, and the 1st Section by Bro. Harnell. Bros. Brown and Davis were elected joining members. It was proposed by the Preceptor, and seconded by the J.W.—"That Bro. R. Hunt be elected W.M. for the ensuing week."—Carried unanimously. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed in due form. Brethren are earnestly invited to attend this lodge, where they will find every comfort.

Royal Arch.

SUNDERLAND.—St. John's Chapter (No. 80).

—On Tuesday night, the 21st ult., the annual convocation of the above chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, for the installation of the principals and investiture of officers for the year. There was an unusually large attendance of Past and Present Principals and companions. Amongst those present were Comps. J. Mitchinson, Z.; R. W. Halfnight, H.; J. Egglestone, J.; H. J. Turnbull, P.Z., P.P.G.H., 80; E. D. Davis, P.P.G.H., G.A.D. of C. of England; John Horsley, P.G.H.; Wm. Coxon, P.G.J.; R. Hudson, P.G.S.E.; M. Corbitt, P.G.P.S.; W. Gray, P.G.A.S.; W. Brandt, P.G.S.B.; A. T. Munro, P.G. Std. Br.; J. J. Clay, P.G.D. of C.; G. Carter, G.A.D. of C.; T. Twizell, P.P.G.R.; T. M. Watson, P.P.G.A.S.; F. Maddison, P.P.G.A.S.; Wm. Liddell, P.P.G.J.; M. Douglass, P.P.G.R.; R. Kinmond, P.P.G.A.S.; J. D. Todd, P.P.G.A.S.; T. Henderson, P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. R. Smart, Z.; J. C. Moor, H.; E. Sutherst, J.; and J. Hudson, P.Z., of 94; J. G. Kirtley, H.; J. R. Pattinson, J.; and T. Sharp, J. elect, of 97; J. E. Nelson, R. Shadforth, and J. Metcalfe, J., of 531; James Dobson, M. Harrison, R. Singleton, T. Atkinson, F. S. Cowper, T. Burlinson, H. J. Wilson, J. Hewson, the Rev. R. H. Yeld, W. H. Craven, R. Todd, J. N. Todd, John Scarborough, T. G. Garrick, W. Dawson, R. Blake, Dr. Pearcey, J. R. Cutter, and others.

After the confirmation of the minutes of last convocation, the installation of Principals took place, Comp. R. W. Halfnight being installed as Z. by Comp. H. J. Turnbull, P.Z.; Comp. John Egglestone, as H., by Comp. R. Kinmond; and Comp. John E. Nelson being installed as J. by Comp. R. Hudson, P.G.S.E. The following officers were afterwards invested: Comps. J. Mitchinson, I.P.Z.; A. T. Munro, P.Z., Treas.; J. Hewson, S.E.; J. J. Wilson, S.N.; Rev. R. H. Yeld, P.S.; T. Atkinson, 1st A.S.; J. Deans, 2nd A.S.; H. J. Turnbull, P.P.G.H., D.C.; and J. W. Brown, Janitor.

After the closing of the chapter the companions adjourned to a substantial repast in the banqueting hall. Comp. R. W. Halfnight, Z., presided. The proceedings were most successful. The ceremonies were very impressively rendered. The gathering was one of the largest we have ever known at a chapter meeting in Sunderland.

Mark Masonry.

WHITEHAVEN.—Fletcher Lodge (No. 213).

—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 31st ult. Bro. W. Bewlay, W.M., P.G.M.O., occupied the chair, there being also present Bros. George Dalrymple, P.M., as S.W.; T. Atkinson, I.P.M., J.W.; T. Brakenridge, M.O.; Thos. Rowlings, S.O.; W. J. Tyson, J.O.; Rev. J. Anderson, P.G. Chap.; Dr. Muir, S.D.; T. D. Medcalf, I.G.; T. Richardson, Tyler; and G. W. Roll, 36; and others.

The minutes were read and confirmed, and one candidate balloted for and accepted. Bro. G. Ryrie, P.G.D. of C., was, by a unanimous vote, elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Geo. Dalrymple, Treasurer. One brother was proposed as a joining member, when, with "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed in form.

GATESHEAD ON TYNE.—Lodge of Industry (No. 293).

—The annual gathering of this lodge was held on Monday, the 3rd inst., at the Industry Masonic Hall, Gateshead, when Bro. John Page, S.W., was installed W.M. by Bro. Ford, the retiring W.M., in a satisfactory manner. The following Brethren were appointed as officers: Bros. C. P. Ford, I.P.M.; W. F. Carman, S.W.; J. T. Harrison, J.W.; Robt. Whitfield, M.O.; Wm. Brown, S.O.; Thos. Thompson, J.O.; Wm. Stafford, R.M.; H. F. Dryden, Sec.; John Wood, P.M., Treas.; M. Corbitt, P.M., D.C.; R. W. Klyne, S.D.; Robt. Wilson, J.D.; J. Hedley, I.G.; W. Richardson, S.S.; J. Armstrong, J.S.; Johnson Curry, Tyler.

Amongst those present supporting the W.M. were Bros. John Wood, P.M.; R. B. Reed, P.M.; M. Corbitt, P.M.; D. Sinclair, P.M.; J. G. Smith, P.M.; Wm. Coulson, S.W. 362; M. H. Dodd, S.W. 124, &c., &c.

The brethren afterwards dined together in the refreshment room attached to the lodge, and a pleasant evening was spent in Harmony.

Scotland.

RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

GLASGOW.—St. Andrew's Council (No. 69).

—An emergency meeting of the council of Red Cross Knights was held in the Masonic Hall, 30, Hope-street, on Tuesday, the 28th ult. The council was opened by Sir Knight John M'Innes, M.E.C., who was supported by Sir Knights David Chamlers, S.J.; Angus Rankin, Capt. of the Guard, acting J.G.; David Russell, G.T.; J. M. Campbell, Secretary; Wm. Carruthers, J. Hamilton, T. H. Duffus, and others. Comp. Charles Mattias Peter Valentine, of St. Andrew's Chapter, was then admitted, and received the several points comprising the Red Cross Degree from the M.E.C. The council was then closed.

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

The annual entertainment given on the first Wednesday in the new year to the annuitants in residence in the Masonic Benevolent Institution at Croydon, was held last Wednesday. A numerous company went down by the South Eastern Railway, and arrived shortly before two in the afternoon. Notwithstanding the bad weather, the ground being covered with a soft wet snow, the brethren and ladies appeared to be in the best of spirits, and fully determined not only to amuse their aged brethren and sisters, but to enjoy themselves while ministering to the annuitants' enjoyment. The assemblage consisted of Bro. James Terry, Bro. Arthur Matthey, George Price Lodge, No. 2096; Bro. Charles Daniel, Mrs. Daniel, and Miss Daniel; Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.M. 2048, P.G. Sup. of Wks. Middx.; Miss Jessie Bush, Miss H. S. Scurrah, Bro. Thos. Cubitt, P.G.P., Bro. H. H. Shirley, P.M. 1491; Bro. A. H. Tattershall, P.M. 140, P.Z. 140; Bro. J. Newton, P.M. 174, and Mrs. Newton, Bro. Charles F. Hogard, P.M. and Z. 205, and Mrs. Hogard; Bro. Alex. Mullord and Mrs. Mullord, Bro. H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928, P.Z. 619 and Z. 1928, Mrs. Massey, Mr. H. W. Massey, Miss A. R. Massey; Bro. R. W. Galer, W.M. 1366, Bro. Hugh Cotter, P.M. 554; Bro. Dr. H. J. Strong, M.D., Hon. Surgeon to the Institution; Mrs. Strong, Miss Strong; Miss Owen; Bro. Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br., and Mrs. Bowyer; Bro. Dixie, J.W. 453; Bro. W. H. Perryman, A.G.P., and Mrs. Perryman; Bro. E. H. Thiellay, P.M. 2060; Mr. W. F. Crutch, Miss Crutch, and Miss Ada Crutch; Bro. W. Lake, P.P.G. Reg. Cornwall, Mrs. and Miss Lake; Mrs. Dolby; Mrs. John Constable; Mrs. and the Misses Mason; Mr. A. P. Bowyer; Bro. John Mason; Bro. John G. Stevens; Bro. J. E. Terry, J.W. 194; Bro. W. J. Crutch; Miss Annie Cotter, Miss Harriet Cotter.

Bro. James Terry received the visitors with a hearty welcome and "A Happy New Year" to everyone. Bro. and Mrs. Edgar Bowyer and family immediately visited the residents at their dwellings and made each of them the annual presents of tea and tobacco, and when this office had been performed the whole party were summoned to dinner, which was spread in the handsome hall of the Institution, where the warm and cheerful aspect of the place afforded a pleasant contrast to the wretched experiences of the visitors on their journey from home. The gathering was most agreeable, and made a delightful family party, for there were very few of the visitors who had not been to the Institution before. The best exertions were made by each and all to make each and all happy, and the consequence was that everyone was happy. Bro. Dr. Strong presided, having on his right Mrs. Bowyer and on his left Miss Norris, the matron of the Institution, to whose indefatigable exertions on behalf of the residents the Institution owes so much. Bros. Edgar Bowyer, James Terry, Dr. Strong, Thos. Cubitt, and W. A. Scurrah did duty as carvers, and the other gentlemen acted as assistants in attending to the diners. When dinner was finished the few customary toasts were proposed, and Bro. John Newton was called upon to respond as one of "The Founders of the Feast."

Bro. Dr. STRONG having explained that these entertainments were not provided out of the funds of the Institution, but came of voluntary contributions by brethren and ladies.

Bro. NEWTON said he was taken by surprise when he heard his name coupled with the toast, but he nevertheless thanked the brethren and ladies for receiving it so warmly. Speaking on behalf of the founders of the feast he assured the company that nothing gave them greater pleasure than to render any service, however small, to the inmates of this splendid Institution, and their efforts would be none the less in the future for the kind way in which their services had been recognised.

Bro. Dr. STRONG then proposed "Success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution!" Long might it flourish, and long might those who now reigned over it minister to the comfort of the inmates, and long might the inmates live to enjoy the ministrations. In this jubilee year of the Queen the brethren looked forward to having some day to celebrate the jubilee of a brother who had done more for the Institution than anyone—Bro. Terry. To a certain extent he was the reigning sovereign there, and they were all pleased to see him. If a domestic affliction had not visited him Mrs. Terry and family would also have been present, but Bro. Terry, as a matter of duty, felt bound to come.

Bro. TERRY, in reply, said at a meeting like that, associated as it was with friends who did honour to the Institution, very few words were necessary to convey to the minds of those who attended the Executive Committees of the management of the Institution. But it might be necessary to inform those who were there for the first time that the room in which they now met was at one time not more than half its present size, and was then used as a lumber room, and not for the comfort of the residents. After a short time, however, since he was first appointed

as Secretary, it struck him that that was not right, and that those who were in the Institution should not be without some knowledge of their neighbours. He, therefore, thought of instituting this annual dinner, and bring the inmates of the Institution together, and revise their memories of happy days by having a happy and enjoyable day. The next thing was find out the ways and means, and upon going round to an old friend, now dead, and laying his design before him that friends said, "I'll take you to a friend of mine who will send the beef down; I'll send the wine, and another friend will send the tobacco." He (Bro. Terry) said, "But how about the poultry?" His deceased friend said, "You're a good cadger; but I'll find some one to do that." That was how it was done, and the company would therefore see that the entertainments were provided at a minimum cost. These meetings had grown, and last year there was a further gift by the Board of Grand Stewards, who, finding themselves in possession of a surplus after the expenses of Grand Festival had been defrayed, through Bro. F. West, now the Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Surrey, enabled him (Bro. Terry) to give each inmate of the Institution half a sovereign. This year this could not be done; but he hoped before this Jubilee year was out he should have an opportunity of doing something that way. There was unfortunately an enormous struggle now to get into the Institution. There were now up to the present time 131 candidates and only four vacancies—two men and two widows—76 or 77 widows and two vacancies, and 44 men and two vacancies, for the election next May. Now, unless they could raise within two months a large sum of money, it would be impossible for the Committee to take any number of candidates, and it would be a woeful thing to go through the expense and trouble of an election for the purpose of taking on four annuitants. He hoped those connected with lodges would impress on those lodges the importance of the situation and try and get them to make a larger grant than they had been in the habit of making. He had known some lodges double their subscription, and some to treble them. East Lancashire had been giving 200 guineas and West Lancashire 200 guineas, and they were now making a great effort to raise a total which they had never yet raised for the Institution. That, however, would not be forthcoming for the next festival. West Yorkshire this month would hold a meeting and no doubt they would do their very best to make their list a successful one. So he hoped they would see their way when the Committee met next Wednesday to inform the brethren that a substantial addition might be made to the number of candidates to be elected. As to his (Bro. Terry) being the reigning sovereign in the Institution, Dr. Strong had forgotten that the last 50 years the country had been under petticoat government, and it was at the same time a glorious fact that Miss Norris ruled the destinies of the Institution. He trusted that for many years she would be spared in health and strength so to reign, and that for many more years there might be similar meetings to the present.

Bro. BOWYER having proposed "The Chairman," Bro. Dr. STRONG responded, and the ladies then paid a round of visits to the inmates of the Institution who were dismissed till 7 p.m.

The brethren who had looked after the comforts of the inmates at the dinner subsequently dined, under the chairmanship of Bro. Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P., when toasts were again proposed, the principal toast, of course, being "The Institution." In connecting Bro. Terry's name with the toast, Bro. CUBITT referred to the indefatigable energy of that brother on behalf of the Institution, and said he was sure Bro. Terry would not leave a stone unturned to accomplish the success the Institution ought to attain. Bro. Terry considered the old folks next to his own family, and he showed the greatest attention to everything that could promote their happiness and enhance their pleasure. He was also never above appealing to the brethren for assistance in his object.

Bro. TERRY, in reply, said the Institution was exceptionally fortunate last year in procuring the money for the New Year's entertainment; but this year unfortunately it was £31 less, which meant a material difference. Their good friends at Manchester were holding a similar entertainment at the Masonic Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester, at five that evening; but had sent £5 for that entertainment, and congratulated the brethren, the inmates, and the visitors. The Manchester brethren incurred large expense in their entertainment, because they brought together the Lancashire annuitants. Some eight years ago he was there, and he mentioned to the brethren the fact of the New Year's entertainment at Croydon. They said they had never thought of that, but they raised £20 and sent it to him as a contribution to these expenses. That enabled him to give the residents £20 in equal proportions. The Board of Grand Stewards, as he had already mentioned, for 1884-5, last year presented him with £13 9s., which sum was supplemented so as to make it up to ten shillings for each resident. When he went round to-day and distributed a packet of tea for every person in the Institution, and every male a packet of tobacco, they looked as if there was something more to follow, and he hoped that in the end they would not be disappointed. He had to acknowledge the kindness of Bro. Bowyer for presenting the two turkeys, and also the fruit, which would be served during the evening, and the good things he had distributed at the homes. He had likewise to acknowledge the great kindness of Bro. Hastings Miller in sending two nice hams, and Dr. Strong and his wife for the plum puddings. Bro. Berridge had got the Company of Playing Card Makers to send half-a-dozen packs of cards, and Bro. Matier had sent a dozen packs. These would be greatly appreciated. He had to thank those brethren, and also brethren of lodges of instruction who had contributed to the entertainment. He had hoped to present half-a-sovereign as he did last year. To some it would be a priceless boon. He hoped it would come; if not he should personally present it; they should not lose it. With respect to the Institution. This meeting was looked upon as one at which he was to issue a manifesto for the festival. He had no doubt the brethren had read with some concern and interest the amount of contributions last year to the three Masonic Institutions. They would find there was a falling off of nearly £8000. The Benevolent Institution was the greatest loser, having £3200 less than it had received in 1885. The Girls' School approached very nearly their old amount. The Boys' Institution was a considerable loser. The Benevolent Institution announced £15,000 at the festival, and they collected in round figures £14,300. But when he said there were on three lists alone over 1000

guineas outstanding they would clearly see that if that amount had come in the Institution receipts would have turned the scale by that amount. Now with a diminished income to the extent of £3200, with a largely increased amount of candidates and fewer vacancies than they ever yet had had at this time of the year the brethren would see that it was a moment of great consideration. What was to be done? The only way he had of getting out of the difficulty was this. He received a letter from Cornwall suggesting that it would be well if the Committee could see its way within a short time to make some positive announcement with respect to the Jubilee Fund. He hoped when next Wednesday came the Committee would see its way to do that, because in the Province of Cornwall they were prepared to come forward largely to augment their previous gifts, to do honour to the 50th year of Her Majesty's reign, to do something on behalf of the widows, the Queen herself being a widow, and the patroness of this Institution. It would therefore be an acceptable offering of thankfulness for the many years she had reigned over us, if they could get a certain number of widows to be known as the Victorian Jubilee Annuitants. How was the question to be solved? At the first meeting of the Festival Stewards on Tuesday the number of Stewards who had accepted up to that time was 60 in advance of what it was this time last year, which certainly betokened better prospects as far as regarded amounts than they had in the past. There was a something being done which he hoped on the 22nd February would be worthy the exertions of the Stewards and justify the expectations of the Committee. If he could only get a promise from certain provinces that they would give during the course of the year 1887 such an amount as would justify the committee in taking on, say 20, additional annuitants beyond every additional vacancy which might occur between now and May, he ventured to think it would be a most acceptable offering for the Jubilee year of the Queen. He hoped it would be so, and that next Wednesday he should obtain some such assurance from the provinces. If so, he would pledge himself individually to the committee that should they see their way clear to the payment of this £640 a year, they would take 20 widows on at £32 a year without troubling them any further in the matter. There was a balance to the credit of the Widows' Fund of about £2000 after defraying all the expenses of the year. The Male Fund had unfortunately been overrun considerably over £500. They were £800 to the bad last year, making a present total deficit of £1300. Therefore to attempt to increase the number there would be out of all character; but when they had 67 candidates and only two vacancies for the widows it certainly behoved them to do their best to augment the number of those to be elected in May next, and no more appropriate way of celebrating the Queen's Jubilee could be found than by taking on say 20 or 30 additional annuitants. He employed the brethren to assist him as much as they could.

"The Health of the Chairman," with Bro. Cubitt's response, brought this part of the proceedings to a close, and after tea Herr Frikell entertained the annuitants and visitors to his clever conjuring feats. Refreshments were partaken of during the evening, and shortly after ten o'clock the visitors bade the old people good night, and returned to town.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of the above Institution held their usual monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, the 30th ult., Bro. Edgar Bowyer being in the chair, with Bros. R. Grey, J. H. Matthews, S. H. Parkhouse, C. H. Webb, and others.

Six petitions were approved, making the total number of candidates for the April Election 29, with 23 vacancies. The sum of £446 14s. 3d. was ordered to be invested in the purchase of stock, in the names of the Trustees of the Sustentation Fund.

The proceedings closed with the customary vote of thanks to the Chairman.

MASONIC BENEVOLENCE AT HEXHAM.

In the Corn Exchange on Monday, the 27th ult., a number of the aged and necessitous poor of the town were regaled with bread, beef, and tea by the Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1557. About 200 invitations had been issued, but for obvious reasons some were unable to be present. Those, however, were not forgotten, and their treat was sent home to them. The tables in the Corn Exchange were adorned with pot plants, and had a bright and attractive appearance. The following ladies presided at the tables—Mrs. J. Fisher and Mrs. F. Spence, assisted by Miss Renwick; Miss Wear and Mrs. Potts, assisted by Miss Bulman; Miss Johnson Turner and Mrs. Stephenson; Mrs. W. Moffat and Mrs. Kendal, assisted by Miss Kendal; Mrs. Johnson Turner and Mrs. McComb, assisted by Miss Ellis; Mrs. W. H. Harrison and Mrs. E. Shield, assisted by Miss Spraggon; Mrs. J. Johnson and Mrs. Purvis, assisted by Mrs. John Guthrie, Miss Guthrie, and Miss Purvis. Amongst the members of the lodge, who were present during the repast, and who assisted in carrying out the arrangements, we noticed—Bros. Faraday Spence, W.M.; Joseph Fisher, S.W.; Dr. Stewart, J.W.; E. Shield, I.P.M.; Johnson Turner, P.M.; John Purvis, P.M.; J. Ellis, P.M.; P. J. G. D.; H. Bell, G. J. Bell, John Guthrie, Dr. Kendal, G. F. Hedley, J. Johnson, W. H. Harrison, J. Stephenson, J. Bowman, W. Moffat, J. Potts, J. Crisp, T. Bulman, and others.

At the conclusion of the repast, each of the women was presented with a quarter of a pound of tea, and each of the men with an ounce of tobacco. Selections on the piano were played by Miss Harrison, and helped to enliven the proceedings. In the evening, at half-past six o'clock, a concert of vocal and instrumental music was provided in the Town Hall for the guests and their friends. The hall was well filled, and judging by the frequent rounds of applause which greeted the efforts of the various performers, the entertainment was highly enjoyed.

Before the concert was opened, Bro. FARADAY SPENCE, W.M., appeared upon the platform, and, on behalf of the Albert Edward Lodge, said they were extremely pleased to see so many there that night. They had never before had so large a complement of visitors, and it had been rather an anxious matter for them to get things properly arranged.

However, they had done their best, and they hoped their guests had enjoyed their tea as much as they had enjoyed the preparing of it. (Applause.) Christmas time was one at which they should all feel as happy as they could, and the Freemasons had had their own happiness increased in being able to contribute a little to the happiness of those whom they had invited there that night. (Applause.) He concluded by expressing the hope that the concert would be the means of helping them to spend a pleasant evening.

The following programme was then gone through:—Duet (piano), "Die Stumme," Miss L. Turner and Bro. R. Seaton; song, "Jock o' Hazeldean," Miss Watson; song, "The postillion," Bro. W. J. Stephenson; song, "The miller and the maid," Miss Edwards; solo (piano), "Caller Herrin," Bro. R. Seaton; song, "We'll both go hunting to-day," Bro. Renwick; song, "Aladdin's lamp," Miss Camidge; duet, Overture to "Guy Mannering," Mrs. McComb and Mrs. W. J. Stephenson; song (comic), "Far, far away," Bro. W. L. Harrison; song, "Far away to Bonnie Scotland," Mrs. Renwick; song, "Ca' the yowes to the knowes," Bro. T. Bulman; song (Tyneside), "Lizzie Moody's Ghost," Bro. T. Ellis. The opening duet on the piano was received with much acceptance. Miss Watson's rendering of "Jock o' Hazeldean" seemed to captivate the audience, and in response to a rather stormy encore she gave "Sweet Violets," which was also concluded amidst hearty plaudits. "The Postillion," given by Bro. Stephenson, did not lessen the appreciative humour of the audience. Miss Edwards received an encore to "The Miller and the Maid," and responded by singing "Mrs. Prue." All the songs which followed were encored. Bro. Renwick sang his songs with great vigour and spirit, inviting the audience to join in the chorus, which in the first instance they did to the best of their ability. From this point the enthusiasm and pleasure of the audience seemed to increase, and there can be no doubt that they spent a most enjoyable evening. Bro. Renwick gave an encore the song "Such a wonderful scholar was he;" Miss Camidge, "Just as well;" Bro. W. H. Harrison (who was completely metamorphosed, and who sung his droll song in the drollest manner), a second edition "Far, far away;" Mrs. Renwick, "Robin Adair;" Bro. T. Bulman, a repetition of part of the same song; and Bro. T. Ellis, the humorous announcement that he was "Mar-ri-ed to a mer-mi-ed at the bottom of the deep blue sea." Bro. Seaton's solo was splendidly executed, and the duet from the overture to "Guy Mannering" was very well played indeed. Miss Harrison accompanied Bro. Bulman on the piano, and Bro. John Camidge performed the same office for Miss Camidge in the two songs which she sang.

At the conclusion of the entertainment, Bro. SPENCE said that the evidence which the audience had given of their enjoyment of the concert, afforded the promoters of it very great pleasure indeed. He hoped sincerely that this would not be the last time they would be invited there, but that on some other Christmas they should be there again. He invited cheers for the ladies who had presided at the tables, and in other ways added to their pleasure that afternoon and evening.

Hearty cheers and waving of hats followed, and after singing "God save the Queen," the proceedings terminated.

JAMAICA MASONIC BENEVOLENCE.

We extract the following from the annual report of the Directors of the Jamaica Masonic Benevolence:—

"The Board of Directors of the Jamaica Masonic Benevolence begs to present their special report to the lodges, chapters, and subscribing members of the Association.

"During the year ending 31st December, 1885, the subscriptions received from the lodges, chapters, and individual Masons in the island amounted to £164 18s. 6d.

"It is greatly to be regretted that subscriptions have not been more general; while there are over 1500 Masons in the island not one-tenth that number contribute to the funds of this valuable Charitable Institution. It is, therefore, urgently requested that this will be regarded as an appeal as well as a report, and that every Mason in whose hands it shall fall will himself cheerfully contribute, and will use his influence with others to the same end, and thus aid in bringing the subscription list to an amount considerably in excess of what it is now.

"The field for this practice of Charity is unfortunately a large one, and unless the hands of the Directors can be materially strengthened the extent of assistance rendered must be kept within present limits, which do not allow of permanent relief to those whose necessities demand permanent assistance.

"No Masonic Institution that has existed in this island has ever conferred such a boon on the distressed and suffering of our Order as has the Jamaica Masonic Benevolence. The Directors therefore urgently appeal to every Mason in the island to contribute at least one guinea a year to the funds; and as Masonic Charity is now wholly dispensed by this Institution it is hoped that the lodges and chapters will see their way to augment considerably the amount of their annual contributions.

"During the present year (1886) the demands on the resources of the Society have been so large—at one meeting over £80 was voted to distressed Masons and the widows and orphans of Masons—that the Directors have had to resort to their accumulations in the Government Savings Bank.

"Brethren should not lose sight of the fact that if they do not subscribe to the benevolence when they are in a position to do so, they become ineligible for relief if unfortunately they fall into distress; but, apart from this, it is believed that in responding to this appeal, the Divine command will be remembered—'Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to the poor and to the needy.'

"The officers for the present are: Bros. S. C. Burke, President; J. Macglashan, and Atl. De Cordova, Vice-Presidents; J. Harris, Treas.; and A. C. Sinclair, Sec.

"The receipts from March, 1882, to the 31st December, 1885, amounted to £1514 os. 3d., of this amount £707 4s. were given in grants to distressed Masons, wives of Masons, daughters, widows, orphans, relatives and Masons from abroad, while the working expenses reached £119 9s. 5d., leaving a balance in the hand of the Treasurer of £687 6s. 10d. The affairs of the Institution have been very creditably managed, and it is to be hoped that the ends for which it has been instituted will be satisfactorily and permanently secured."

Obituary.

BRO. JAMES W. GEORGE, P.M. & SEC. 1309, P.P.G.O. MIDDX.

It is with very great regret we record the death of Bro. James William George, which took place very suddenly at his residence, 12, St. Hugh's-road, Anerley, on Wednesday, December 22. He died from heart disease. The deceased was initiated into Freemasonry at the Acacia Lodge, No. 1309, on 8th March, 1873. Unless too ill to attend, he never missed a meeting of the lodge. He served through the various offices, and was in due time installed W.M., subsequently retaining a prominent position in the lodge. On Bro. C. J. Rushworth, P.P.G.R. Middx., P.M., Treasurer, relinquishing the office of Secretary, Bro. George was made Secretary, which position he held till his death. He also succeeded Bro. F. Walters as installing officer on his retirement from that position through ill-health. He refused to accept the usual Past Master's Fund, which had been unanimously voted to him, and the amount was by his request paid into the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution instead. He was a fine musician, and used to treat the members, when exercising his talents, to some exquisite selections of music, so that it is not surprising he should have been appointed P.G. Org. Middx. He was very much beloved by every member of the Acacia Lodge, and all to whom he was known in Masonry. He was interred at Elmer's End Cemetery on Wednesday, the 29th ult., at 3 p.m.

BRO. S. CORSON.

Bro. Stephen Corson died suddenly on the 21st ult., at Ostend. He was initiated in the Acacia Lodge, No. 1309, in 1870, and subscribed until June, 1871, when he became a joining member of the Lebanon, No. 1326, and continued such until his death. Being a marine engineer, he was unable to take office in any lodge, but both he and his wife were annual subscribers to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. At the time of his death he held the important post of chief engineer, s.s. "Rhine," General Steam Navigation Company. He was well known amongst marine engineers and the engineering world, having in his time held important positions at John Penn & Sons', Greenwich, Woolwich Steam Packet Company, and other firms, and, lastly, with the G.S.N. Co.

BRO. C. W. SMYTH, P.M. 1524.

We regret to record the decease of this brother, who was well-known in the North-East of London as the genial host of the Sisters Tavern, Powndall-road, Dalston, the place of meeting of the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Smyth was initiated in the Duke of Connaught Lodge in December, 1875, was a P.M., and also served as Treasurer. He was a Life Governor of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and also of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, having served as Steward to both these Institutions. He died on the 28th ult., after a brief illness of three days, and was interred at Highgate on the 4th instant.

THE LATE BRO. EDWIN GILBERT, P.G.P. MIDDLESEX.

The funeral of the late Bro. Edwin Gilbert, of the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street-west, Hammersmith, took place at Brompton Cemetery, on Friday, the 17th ult. The inhabitants of the immediate neighbourhood, and all along King-street showed their respect for the memory of the deceased by partly closing their establishments. The cortege consisted of an open car, in which was laid the coffin of polished oak, covered with between 40 and 50 floral wreaths, noticeable among which was a splendid one sent by the Hammersmith Lodge, No. 2090; and a wreath of acacia contributed by the Lebanon Lodge, No. 1326. Wreaths were also sent by the Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012; West London Angling Club, the employees of the London General Omnibus Company, Bros. W. R. Vassila, P.G. Std. Br. Middx., W.M. 1326; S. Page, Treas. 1326; F. Walters, P.M., P.P.G.D. Middx., Sec. 1326; J. Symes, P.M. 834; and many others. There were also three mourning coaches, and some twenty private carriages. The first coach containing Mrs. Gilbert, (widow of the deceased), Mr. E. Gilbert, Mr. C. Gilbert (sons), and the three Misses Gilberts (daughters). The cemetery was reached about half-past twelve o'clock, and was there received by the Rev. W. G. Martin, chaplain of the Licensed Victuallers' Asylum, who conducted the service both in the chapel and at the grave side. Amongst the gentlemen who attended in private carriages and on foot were Mr. Walter Venner, Chairman of the Licensed Victuallers' Asylum; Mr. G. Smith, past Trustee; Mr. L. Annett, Secretary of that Institution; M. W. H. Beauchamp, past Governor of the Licensed Victuallers' School; Mr. Robertson, present, and Mr. W. Cambden and Mr. G. S. Ayres, past Trustees; and Mr. Milles and Mr. Willis, past Committeemen of that Society; and many others.

We are pleased to learn that Bro. L. Allport has succeeded to the business for over a hundred years successfully conducted by Messrs. Chas. H. Job & Co., and Job Bros. & Co., as wholesale and retail stationers, and will continue it under the name of Chas. H. Job & Co., at 149, Queen Victoria-street, E.C.

PARIS HIPPODROME AT OLYMPIA.—Representations having reached the management of Olympia that it would be a convenience if visitors could lunch or dine there before the Hippodrome performances, arrangements have been made for a private door, on the South side, to be opened at 15.30 and 6 o'clock, at which tickets for boxes, stalls, and grand circle may be purchased. These tickets will admit visitors to Messrs. Bertram and Co.'s, dining and grill rooms, from which they will pass to their reserved seats with perfect comfort and entirely avoiding the crowd. Another innovation is the supplying of afternoon tea on the first promenade, where ladies sip their tea, and gentlemen enjoy their cigarettes while witnessing the performances. The first promenade is fast becoming a fashionable afternoon rendezvous.

Dr. Locock's Pulmonic Wafers give instant relief and rapidly cure Asthma, Consumption, Coughs, Bronchitis, and all Disorders of the Breath and Lungs. In Hysterical, Nervous, and Heart Complaints, they are unfailing. In Rheumatic and Nervous Complaints they act like a charm. Nothing else gives such a sound, refreshing night's rest. They taste pleasantly. Sold by all Druggists at 1s. 1d. and 2s. 9d. per box.—[ADVT.]



The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will hold their next monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday next, the 12th inst., at the usual hour. The names of the petitioners who may be accepted will be placed on the lists for the May election.

The Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will be held at Freemasons' Hall, to-morrow (Saturday), at the hour of noon. The Boys' School Quarterly will be held on Monday, the 10th inst., at the same place. The business to be dealt with in each case will be found described in our advertisement columns.

It will be news to most of our readers to learn, on the authority of the Hanley *Echo*, that "Freemasonry was interdicted in England in 1717.

Bro. Hanington was to be installed W.M. of the Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, No. 574, Newbury, among the brethren invited to be present on the occasion being Bros. Mount, M.P., and Murdoch, M.P.

Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to send for half a dozen copies of "From Morn till Eve," a most charming little every-day text-book, with 38 different illuminated designs and texts, with verses by Miss Havergal.

It is announced that the Earl of Zetland has been appointed Prov. G. Supt. of R.A. Masons for N. and E. Yorkshire, in succession to the late Comp. J. Pearson Bell, M.D., who has held the office for many years.

"The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar, Diary, and Pocket Book"—an indispensable handbook for all who take an interest in Freemasonry—is published for the 17th year by Mr. George Kenning.—*Daily Chronicle*.

Bro. Sibley was recently installed W.M. of the St. Petroc Lodge, No. 1785, Padstow, a full choral service being for the first time introduced on the occasion. The banquet was held at the St. Petroc Private Hotel.

The Selwyn Lodge, No. 1901, will hold its second annual ball in aid of the Masonic Charities, on Thursday, February 10th, in the Peckham Public Hall. A concert will also be provided which the Committee consider will prove an additional attraction.

THE GOLD AND SILVER WYRE DRAWERS' COMPANY.—A meeting of this company will be held on Monday next for the purpose of electing master and wardens for the ensuing year. Bro. N. Abel, senior warden, has been put in nomination for the office of master in succession to Bro. Major Joseph, C.C.

Bro. Alderman H. G. Martin, of St. Albans, a P.M. of the Watford and Brighton Lodges, has died recently. The deceased entered the Town Council in 1867, and was appointed Alderman and subsequently Mayor in 1869. He was very highly respected, and will be greatly missed by the town and the Masonic community.

The *Croydon Guardian* is silly enough to ask "the Masonic body" to explain how the Secretary of one of its lodges could have been found starved to death on Plumstead Common? Will this journal point out how the "Masonic body" is to know the whereabouts of all its members, especially when, as in the case of this unfortunate Secretary, they studiously hold themselves aloof from their family and friends?

Bro. Major John Crombie, P.M. of St. Machar Lodge, No. 319, and Past Grand Warden of Scotland, was presented by the members of his lodge with a handsome epergne, on Wednesday, the 29th ult., in recognition of his services to the Craft generally, and especially to St. Machar Lodge. The presentation was made by Bro. the Rev. C. C. Macdonald, and generously acknowledged by Bro. Major Crombie.

The "Garden Oracle" (Is. London: 4, Ave Maria Lane), for 1887 (edited by Mr. Shirley Hibberd, F.R.H.S., conductor of the "Gardeners' Magazine") contains as a special feature, a complete list of show auriculars, corrected to the present time, giving names, raisers, characters, dates, and colours. The lists of plants figured; descriptions of all new plants, flowers, and fruits of the best of everything in aid of purchasers, and notes on new inventions, &c., are also given. The commercial and astronomical information renders it a valuable almanack for the desk and the library table. This new issue is the 29th in the continuous series of the "Garden Oracle."

The members of the temperance lodge, St. George, No. 205, held at St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, at the close of the business of the meeting on the 28th ult., adjourned to Bro. H. Matthews's, Bedford-street, Plymouth, to hold there their Christmas High Tea. There was a good attendance of members and visitors. In the absence of the W.M., Bro. J. S. Sloggett, through illness, Bro. G. R. Barrett, P.P.J.G.D., the first W.M. of the lodge, presided, supported by the following officers: Bros. J. T. Bond, S.W.; William Cann, J.W.; the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.P.G. Chap.; F. Hooper, P.P.G. D.C., Treas.; J. Gifford, Sec.; E. Aitken-Davis, P.P.G. S. of Wks.; J. Griffin, P.P.J.G.D.; J. Neno; James Gidley, 2025; S. Jew, P.P.G.T., 105; G. Horswill, 105; T. J. R. Chalice, 1855; and O. Knowles, 159. After tea a capital entertainment was furnished by the singing and recitations of several brethren, among whom were Bros. Gifford, Hooper, Knowles, Gidley, Healey, Woolcock, and others. Three candidates were initiated at the lodge meeting.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Health's Defences.—None save the strongest can with impunity pass through the sudden transitions from wet to dry, from cold to muggy, weather so prevalent during the autumnal and early winter months. Influenza, bronchitis, cough, sore throat, or quinsy will attack those most watchful of their health; but they can readily arrest any of these complaints by rubbing Holloway's Ointment twice a day upon the skin over the affected parts, and by assisting its corrective action with appropriate doses of his Pills. This well-known, safe, and easy mode of treatment efficiently protects the invalid both from present and future danger without weakening or even disturbing the system in the slightest degree.—[ADVT.]

Bro. Thomas Tate is the W.M. elect of the Lion Lodge, No. 312, Whitby.

Bro. Kent, S.W., has been elected W.M. for the ensuing year of the Boscawen Lodge, No. 699, Chacewater, and Bro. Niniss, P.M., has been re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. W. Lean, Tyler.

The Grand Masonic Festival and Ball in aid of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution will take place in the Town Hall, Liverpool, on Tuesday next, the 11th inst., and there is every prospect of its turning out a great success.

The Palladian Lodge, No. 120, held their first meeting of the new year, on Tuesday evening, the 4th inst., at the Palladian Lodge Rooms, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford, under the presidency of the newly-installed W.M., Bro. Blinkhorn. After the confirmation of the minutes of the previous lodge and of St. John's Day, there were several advancements of new members, and a ballot for another candidate from Kington, where there is no lodge. Bro. Alfred Henry Matthews, solicitor, M.M., Vitruvian Lodge, No. 338, Ross, proposed by the I.P.M., and seconded by Bro. Elijah Shaw, P.M., was received through the ballot as a joining member of this lodge.

Bro. Sir Francis Bolton died on Wednesday at the Royal Bath Hotel, Bournemouth, where he and Lady Bolton had been staying for the last two months. The deceased was born in 1831, and entering the army in 1857, was staff officer on the Gold Coast from 1858 to 1860. He became captain of the 12th Foot in 1861, major (unattached) for special military scientific services in 1868, lieutenant-colonel in 1877, and retired colonel in 1881. He was the inventor of the system of telegraphy and visual signalling introduced into Her Majesty's service in 1863. Since 1871 he had been the water examiner under the Board of Trade; and was the founder, vice-president, and hon. secretary of the Society of Electricians. Bro. Sir Francis Bolton will be best recollected by the general public in connection with the Health, Inventions, and Colonial and Indian Exhibitions, in all of which he played an important part.

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- SAVOY THEATRE.**
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- GAIETY THEATRE.**
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- COURT THEATRE.**
Every Evening, at 8.45, THE SCHOOLMISTRESS; at 8, BREAKING THE ICE.
- OLYMPIC THEATRE.**
Every Evening at 7.45, Orchestral Concert; at 8.10, HOME RULE; at 9, THE CHURCHWARDEN.
- ROYALTY THEATRE.**
Every Evening at 8, THE COMING CLOWN; at 9, TURNED UP.
- COMEDY THEATRE.**
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- TOOLE'S THEATRE.**
Every Evening at 7.30, HESTER'S MYSTERY; at 8.30, THE BUTLER.
- PRINCE OF WALES'S THEATRE.**
Every Evening at 8.30, DOROTHY.
- STANDARD THEATRE.**
Every Evening at 7, ALADDIN, or THE SLAVE OF THE LAMP.
- GRAND THEATRE.**
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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.
 For the week ending Saturday, January 15, 1887.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, at 12.
 Lodge 1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1426, The Great City, Cannon-st. Hotel.
 " 1686, Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
 " 1743, Perseverance, Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct.
 " 1839, Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 2029, King Solomon, 33, Golden-sq., W.
 Chap. 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Wick.
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, JANUARY 10.

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

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 8.30.
 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 JANUARY 11.

Lodge 46, Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
 " 180, St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall
 " 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 255, Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond
 " 548, Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
 " 917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1196, Urban, Freemasons' Hall
 " 1604, Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall
 " 1614, Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly
 " 1635, Canterbury, 33, Golden-sq., W.
 " 1909, Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall,
 Chap. 46, Old Union, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 1604, Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall
 Mark 22, Southwark, Bridge House Hot., London Bdg.
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 Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.
 Islington, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., E.C., at 6.30.
 Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
 Kennington, Giraffe Tav., Newington Crescent, Newington Butts, S.E., at 7.30.
 Kensington, Courtfield Hot., Earl's Court Station, at 8.
 Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8.
 Mount Edgcombe, 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, JANUARY 12.

General Committee Benevolent Institution, at 4.
 Lodge 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
 " 15, Kent, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 87, Vitruvian, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
 " 147, Justice, White Swan, Deptford.
 " 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., E.
 " 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.
 " 1306, St. John, Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate.
 " 1349, Friars, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.
 " 1694, Imperial, Pier Hot., Oakley-st., Chelsea.
 " 1718, Centurion, Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's Inn Fields.
 " 1986, Honor Oak, White Swan Hot., Upper Norwood.
 Chap. 1260, John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1305, St. Marylebone, Regent M.H., Air-st., W.
 " 1446, Mount Edgcombe, 191, Bishopsgate-st., E.C.
 " 1524, Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 Mark 284, High Cross, Seven Sisters' Hot., Tottenham.
 K.T. 129, Holy Palestine, 33, Golden-sq., W.

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., Hammersmith, 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, JANUARY 13.

Lodge 91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 206, Frier's-hip, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 263, Bank of England, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 657, Canonbury, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-street.
 " 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 879, Southwark, Bridge House Hot., London Bdg.
 " 1076, Capper, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury
 " 1599, Skelmersdale, M.H., Masons' Avenue, E.C.
 " 1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-rd., Notting Hill.
 " 1708, Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley.
 " 1987, Strand, Criterion, Piccadilly.
 " 2090, Hammersmith, Vestry Hall, Hammersmith.
 Chap. 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot., Lond. Bdg.
 " 140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich.
 " 619, Beadon, M.H., Masons' Avenue, E.C.
 " 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
 " 813, New Concord, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 1716, All Saints, Vestry Hall, Fairfield-rd., Bow.
 Rose Croix 42, St. George, 33, Golden-sq., W.
LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.
 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.
 Burdett Coutts, 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, Clerkenwell, 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-road, N., at 8.
 High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, 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-road, Chelsea, at 8.
 Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tav., Liverpool-rd., 8.
 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New-rd., 8.
 Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st., Kennington.
 The Great City, M.H., Mason's-avenue, E.C., 6.30.
 Tredegar, 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, JANUARY 14.

Lodge 157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 177, Domatic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1536, United Military, Lord Raglan, Plumstead.
 " 1702, Sub-Urban, Abercorn Hot., Great Stanmore.
 " 2000, Earl of Mornington, 8A, Red Lion-sq., W.C.
 Chap. 33, Britannic, Freemasons' Hall.
 K.T. D, Mount Calvary, Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's Inn Fields.

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. 7.
 Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
 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, JANUARY 15.

Lodge 715, Panmure, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 1329, Sphinx, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
 " 1364, Earl of Zetland, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 1732, King's Cross, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1767, Kensington, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-rd., Notting Hill.
 " 1897, Citadel, Railway Hot., Harrow Station.
 " 2147, Crays Valley, St. Mary Cray, Kent.
 Chap. 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 1556, Addiscombe, M.H., Croydon.
 " 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 Mark 251, Tenterden, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
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