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## THE USUAL QUESTIONS.

In the good old days, about which some people are never weary of writing, it not unfrequently happened that those who declined, either with or without reason, to take the temporal or ecclesiastical authorities into their confidence were put to the question. The process was decidedly a painful one, and whether it was a thumb-screw, the boot, the wheel, or the rack which was employed to extract from him the required information, the person operated upon had good reason to remember the kind of examination he was called upon to undergo. The inquisitorial arrangements of the present day are not quite so formidable. They involve no bodily torture, and those who are put to the question invariably emerge from the ordeal with their bodies and limbs in the same state and of the same dimensions as when they entered upon it. There is still, however, a good deal of questioning and cross-questioning, which is often attended with excruciating mental torture, and among those who come in for more than a fair share of the trouble and annoyance thus caused are Members of Parliament, policemen, railway porters, and newspaper editors. These are all supposed or expected to know everything, and everyone, therefore, appeals to them for information. However, as we are not Members of Parliament or ex-M.P.s., railway porters or policemen, we must confine ourselves, for the present at all events, to the inquisitorial troubles which afflict the newspaper editor, and which in the case of a Masonic journal, are not made lighter or less irksome by the necessity he is under of being exceedingly circumspect in the information he vouchsafes. He must not be too outspoken in answering many of the queries which are addressed to him, or he may find himself communicating what he is bound to keep secret, neither must he be too oracular or his querists will fail to understand him. However, it is not often that he is called upon outside the door of the tyled lodge for information which he is forbidden to divulge. The questions he is asked are of a simpler kind, and though they are no great test of his acquaintance with Masonic history, Masonic usage, or Masonic precedent, they are mostly annoying from the frequency with which they are asked. For instance, one constant subject of inquiry—perhaps of all inquiries the most constant—is about the lady Freemason. Who was she? Where and when did she live? When, where, and how was she made a Mason, and for what reason? Was she married, and if so, was her husband a Mason? Is she alive now, and if not, why not? The inquiries about this personage which have been again and again, and still and yet again, asked and answered in the columns of the Masonic press, both at home and abroad, are as numerous, if not as amusing, as those which, according to the late ARTEMUS WARD, were propounded some 30 years ago, when a census of the inhabitants of the United States was taken. Then it sometimes happens that your querist has some slight knowledge of the circumstances, but this knowledge makes him none the less curious, though the series of questions with which he pursues you take a somewhat different form. The story has been told a thousand times, he has probably heard or read about it on a hundred occasions or in a hundred newspapers, but, just as the lady who is going a railway journey, and has studied BRADSHAW, the A B C, and every time-table that is issued, considers it her imperative duty to pester every railway porter and half the intending passengers on a platform, as to which is her particular train (say) for Clapham Junction; so does the curious new-fledged Mason, who has heard of the Hon. Mrs. ALDWORTH, consider it his duty to learn the necessary details about her initiation, and why it took place. Did she hide herself in a clock-case, or in an adjoining room and watch the proceedings through a chink in the wall? Did the Tyler really threaten to stab her with his weapon? Would she have been put to death if she had refused to be initiated? Why was she not put to death instead of being initiated? and so forth. We have read nearly every volume of every one of the Masonic newspapers published in England, and of a large proportion of those which appear or have appeared in the United States and other foreign countries, and we venture to affirm that the lady Freemason and her identity has been the subject of repeated and various inquiries, at frequent intervals, ever since a Masonic Press was started.

Other frequent subjects of inquiry among new-made Masons, and not a few of their elders, concern ELIAS ASHMOLE and the Four Old Lodges; SIR CHRISTOPHER WREN and the candlesticks he presented to the Lodge of Antiquity. It has been stated again and again that ASHMOLE was a Mason, and whence the information as to his initiation is derived, yet there is always someone who prefers giving other people the trouble of re-stating the facts to ascertaining them for himself from sources which are easily accessible. It has been constantly affirmed, and as constantly denied that WREN was a Mason, yet the question crops up periodically in some Masonic journal at home, or abroad, and what is still more surprising secures that attention which it does not deserve. Other questions, of a more ridiculous class, are often asked in all sober seriousness. As when a brother is desirous of learning if it is true that when NOAH was told the Deluge was coming, he placed the Antient Charges inside certain marble pillars, which he had caused to be hollowed out for the purpose. The ancient York Rite is also the cause of much annoyance to the editorial mind, while as regards the terms "ancient," "modern," "time immemorial," the status of "honorary members," the rights and privileges of Past Masters, the proposition of candidates, and other matters of lodge procedure, from the frequency with which brethren make inquiries upon these and other subjects, one might almost be led to imagine that nothing had ever been written about the history of Masonry, that it had no laws, and that its lodges were without established usages and customs; or else that the bulk of the people who join its ranks are—well, we are not going to say anything uncomplimentary. We fulfil our duties to the best of our ability, and if they are occasionally made somewhat more trying than it is in the nature of things they must be, that is no reason why we should retaliate by calling people names.

## THE "QUATUOR CORONATI" LODGE. No. 2076.

The last number or Part of Volume seven is now being distributed, and, as with its numerous predecessors, is of a very interesting character, and extends to a considerable number of pages. I will not say too many, but it is a question with me, how even the large membership of the "Correspondence Circle" can really meet the expenditure for such an artistic and bulky part. The Editor, Bro. Speth, has assuredly done wonders in the past, as respects handsome and invaluable publications, so possibly when the accounts are presented, it will be found that the large outlay for printing has been met by the subscriptions. There is one thing, the Editor is competent for almost any duty. He writes, speaks well, and can, does in fact, sketch well, and I have yet to find out what he cannot do, that can be done by any ordinary or extraordinary mortal.

Many of the illustrations in this number have the words attached, "G. W. Speth, Del," and they are all most satisfactory. This gift of our Secretary's, thus utilised, adds much to the interest of the Transactions, and is most useful in affording a fair idea of the curiosities noticed, especially for those members of either Circle, who, like myself, can rarely attend the meetings.

This attractive part begins with an account of the summer outing at Salisbury and Stonehenge, and those who were privileged to take part were favoured by hearing a short paper read by Bro. Lovegrove on "Salisbury Cathedral"—that "glorious monument," as he aptly terms it—besides hearing and seeing much else combining to render the summer treat "a perfect success from every point of view, and second to none of its predecessors." The "snap shots" are good, and other views are well worth preserving.

Then follows a remarkable paper on "The True Text of the Book of Constitutions," by the Hon. W. H. Upton, our local Secretary for Washington, U.S.A. The title is not a happy one, as it is not suggestive of its dealing exclusively with the "Old Charges" of the Craft. Apart, however, from that trifling objection, let me say that Bro. Upton seeks to discover the true text of these ancient Masonic MSS. by reference to certain versions thereof, and takes as points for guidance, the (a) Invocation; (b) the beginning of Masonry; (c) Hermes, Abraham, Euclid, Babylon; (d) David, Solomon, Hiram; (e) Naymas Grecus; (f) St. Alban; (g) Athelstan and Edwin; (h) Athelstan's Assembly; and (i) Manners and Charges. The aim of this new contributor, to whom I offer a hearty greeting, and the treatment of the subject generally, cannot now be considered, both because of the time and space required; but the paper will doubtless receive due attention and be reported on by competent experts during 1895.

Bro. J. C. Moyle sends an article on "Chinese Secret Societies," all the more welcome under existing circumstances, and Bro. John Yarker has brief "Notes in reference to H. A. B.," especially to elucidate the point as to there being "two Hiram, father and son, besides Hiram, King of Tyre," and I hope, with him, that our esteemed W.M. (the Rev. C. J. Ball) as an able linguist, will give us his opinion on the subject.

Our old friend and Bro. Jacob Norton is again to the fore, the question selected by him being as to "The two Saints John legend," about which he has had much to say previously, but the facts have evidently not been exhausted, for he furnishes several more this time.

"Random Courses of Scottish Masonry," by Bro. C. N. McIntyre North, will be read with much interest, covering as it does, more or less, some four centuries, and ending with a portrait of "William Aytoune, Master Mason to Heriot's Vorke" from 1621.

The meeting on October 5th was noteworthy for the announcement of the decease of our lamented friend, Bro. William Kelly, of Leicester, one of the full members of No. 2076, and one of the best Masons that ever lived. A short memoir—appreciative and suggestive—by Bro. Speth, was read, and an excellent portrait accompanies the account of this honoured Masonic veteran. Singular to note, Bro. J. T. Thorp (on whom the mantle has fallen in some respects, of Bro. Kelly's), sent for exhibition two jewels, skillfully pictured by our Secretary, one being an old Master's, or Past Master's jewel, unique in style, dated 1769, and the other resembles the "9 Worthies' Medal."

Bro. Larter, of Glasgow, also presented two jewels, one being already noted at page 87 of this volume, and the other is depicted on this part of A.D. 1768, one similar, being in possession of brethren at Leeds, who are about to reproduce it on a menu card, so Bro. Alfred Scarth tells me, and sent me a drawing of it. The field is cut out, and the emblems are quite artistically arranged.

The meeting was especially noteworthy for a most able and exhaustive paper by Bro. Gould (who has done so much to add to the information of the members) on "The Medical Profession and Freemasonry" (in two parts), which is simply undecipherable in this short article, because of its thoroughness and deeply interesting character. It ranks as one of his best efforts, and must have meant an enormous labour to produce, because so many authorities have been consulted, both ancient and modern. I sympathise respectively with Bro. Ball's remarks and Bro. Sir Charles Warren's, after its reading, that it was possible to make another good paper for the ministers of religion, and one in respect of the military side of the question. I can only say the very valuable paper pleases me exceedingly, and it is to be hoped that our gifted brother will yet try his hand at the military profession and Freemasonry. Let those of us who have particulars be looking them out, so as to be ready when the call is made upon us, as I hope it will be ere long, by Bro. Gould, the Masonic Historian.

There are several useful reviews (useful in affording information as to new Masonic works), one, quite a long one, on the "Manuel de la Franc-Maçonnerie, 1894," by Bro. Speth, who also attends to Bro. Conder's most important History of the Masons' Company, just published (the latter being very brief and far from a full description of this most opportune and welcome volume), and to Bro. Crowe's handy and well arranged catalogue of his

wonderful collection of Masonic certificates, with particulars of the origin of the various Grand Masonic bodies from 1717 to now. Copies may be had from Bro. Speth, or from the author ("Marsden," Torquay) for 1s. 6d. post free, if remittance is sent with the order.

Bro. Gould reviews the fourth and concluding volume of Freemasonry in New York, by Bro. McClenachan, one of the handsomest and finest works of the kind ever published; the history of the Lodge of Fidelity, No. 289, Leeds, by Bros. Scarth and Braim (a most artistic and interesting book), and I have done the racy transactions of the Newcastle College, Part 3, now being issued by the editor and librarian, Bro. F. F. Schnitger.

Bro. L. de Maltzovich continues his able and comprehensive History of the Craft in Austria and Hungary; the Notes and Queries department this time is especially valuable, and the brass gift jewel, illustrated and described, which has been presented by Bro. Shepherd, of Abingdon, looks as if it were of the same family as the Master's jewel—old and curious—previously referred to, which is in the valuable library at Leicester. Bro. Crowe's contribution on Masonic Clothing in Germany will be found most interesting reading.

The Installation Address by the Rev. J. C. Ball, W.M., is in poetical form, and of quite a remarkable character; as also the *Respondent Quatuor Coronati*. These are real contributions to our small collection of Masonic Poetry.

There are many other papers and articles that should be noted, but time and space forbid. The excellent portrait of our respected I.P.M., Bro. Dr. Westcott, will be much appreciated and valued by our 2000 members.

W. J. HUGHAN.

### MEMORIAL TO BRO. THE REV. JOHN EDMOND COX, D.D., P.G.C.

On the afternoon of Monday last a memorial service was held at the ancient church of St. Helen, Bishopsgate, which was attended by the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs in State, with the Lady Mayoress, and several of the Grand Officers of England. The elegant edifice, which is known as the Westminster Abbey of the East End, was crowded, but the arrangements were so well made that there was no inconvenience. The Masonic body was very strongly represented, and by dispensation they wore Masonic clothing. Many of the choir and the clergy were thus clothed, and by far the larger portion of the congregation also exhibited regalia of Masonry. Among those present were:

Bros. Ex-Sheriff Hutton, P.G.D.; Ex-Sheriff F. C. Dimsdale, Grand Treas.; Sir Reginald Hanson, M.P., Ex-Lord Mayor, Past G.W.; Dr. Balfour Cockburn, Prov. G.M. for Guernsey; Edward Letchworth, G. Sec.; and many others.

The service was fully choral and was in the following order: Processional Hymn—No. 601; Shortened Form of Evensong; Proper Psalms—xv., and ci.; First Lesson—Proverbs x., 2-22; Magnificat—Tours in F; Second Lesson—I. Thess. iv.; Nunc Dimittis—Tours in F; Creed, Lesser Litany, and Collects; Anthem (Clarke-Whitfield)—"Behold, how good and joyful"—Ps. cxxxiii.

Canon BENHAM read the first lesson, and the Rev. J. A. L. AIREY the second, while the prayers were intoned by Bro. the Rev. J. H. SMITH, Head Master of Allyn's School, Dulwich.

Dr. Turtle Pigott, P.A.G.D.C., then unveiled the marble tablet which bore the following inscription: "This tablet was erected by a few Masonic friends to the memory of the Rev. John Edmund Cox, D.D., of All Souls' College, Oxford, who for twenty-four years was Vicar, and subsequently for fourteen years Vicar-in-charge of this Parish, and for ten years Grand Chaplain of the Freemasons of England. Born, October 9, 1812. Died, October 27, 1890."

The Ven. Archdeacon SINCLAIR then delivered the address on "The Purpose of Monuments," taking for his text 2 Kings, xxiii., 17, "Then he said, What title is that that I see? And the men of the city told him, It is the sepulchre of the man of God." He said there had been philosophical persons of excessive delicacy and refinement who have severely criticised the custom of raising memorials of the dead. Poor human nature, they have said, is so feeble and prone to error, that such monuments are not only superfluous but out of place. If any man has done an imperishable work, like Shakespeare, he will be remembered sufficiently without the help of brass or marble. God alone is great; let men do their duty according to the best of their ability, and then pass away, make room for others, and be forgotten. But these lofty theorists leave out three very practical considerations, which outweigh their exalted ideal. The first is that we owe a debt of gratitude to those who have served their generation well and done sound and solid work in their day. "The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance," said the Psalmist. "The memory of the just is blessed, but the name of the wicked shall rot," said the wise man. Secondly, the historical associations of the past, whether local or national, are in many ways a treasure to the present. "Monuments are the grappling irons that bind one generation to another." They furnish us with examples, records of past deeds which often explain contemporary events, instructions, warnings, and precedents. Thirdly, they are incentives to virtue. There are many motives to action that we may recognise; and the desire to emulate the great deeds of the past is one which should constantly be before the minds of the young. A church that has no record of its departed worthies, a nation that has no memorial of its famous sons, neglects a powerful and fertile source of impressions for good. St. Helen's, Bishopsgate, is proverbially celebrated for the honoured names of great and good citizens of London, enshrined on its walls—Lord Mayors, Aldermen, Privy Councillors, great legal luminaries, liberal merchant princes. But it is not of these that I wish to speak to you to-day, but of the "title" which we have just now added to the memories of the past. There are two reasons why John Edmund Cox should be remembered with gratitude in this place; he was a good friend to St. Helen's, and an enthusiastic supporter of the brotherly Craft of Freemasonry. During 30 years he was vicar and vicar-in-charge of this parish, he rescued the church from utter decay, and prepared the way for that complete and noble restoration which has been carried out with affectionate zeal and conspicuous success by the present esteemed and honoured Rector. He was the historian of St. Helen's, and collected abundant memorials of delightful and interesting reminiscences. He was a scholar and an antiquarian of repute, and we may well hope that it will be long before the Church of England ceases to recognise and reward learning among her ministers. In Freemasonry his place was still more distinguished, for he had the unique fortune to serve nine years in succession as Grand Chaplain of the Freemasons of England. In those days, when the Craft was not so widely spread amongst us as it is

now, there were fewer of the clergy interested in its work, and there was a lack of candidates for the post. Such a repetition would not now be possible. But our friend must have been respected and trusted in that capacity, and must have made his mark conspicuously, or the honour would certainly not had been so often conferred. He also wrote valuable and useful works on the principles and history of the Craft. The duties of a Grand Chaplain are not heavy; but they are a witness to the world of the reverence in which Masonry holds the truths and principles of the Christian religion, and the earnest sympathy with which it co-operates in the primary religious duties, and in the great leading virtues of the moral Code. In connection with the event of to-day, it is interesting to notice that it is almost exactly 300 years since the death and burial in this church of a distinguished architect and practical Freemason of the reign of Queen Elizabeth, William Kerwin, who died in December, 1594, and whose tablet is also on these walls:

"Aedibus Attalicis Londinum qui decoravi  
Exiguam tribuunt hanc mihi fata Domum.  
Me duce surgant alii regalia tecta,  
Me duce conficitur ossibus urna meis."

I who advanced fair London with splendid Attalian buildings  
Lie in a narrow home here in the shade of the church.  
Under my guidance, for others, rose palaces regal in glory;  
Under my guidance is made one little urn for myself.

It is an interesting coincidence, and the two monuments separated by the space of three centuries will be a link between the traditions of practical and speculative Freemasonry. Our friends the Roman Catholics have excommunicated Freemasonry because before the Reformation it was the only refuge for liberty of conscience and freedom of speech. It is a characteristic of the Roman Church that it must in all things provide direction for its votaries. It is on the contrary, the glory of English Christianity to join hands with everything that is in itself good, wise, and useful, whether actually on its own lines or not. In this English Christian thought is merely following the rule of Christ himself when he said, "He that is not against us is on our part." The result is seen in the difference in character between Freemasonry at home and abroad. Abroad it is often practical, and sometimes allied with unbelieving and revolutionary associations, in England it is founded on the fear of God, is in support of law and order, and walks hand in hand with religion. "Masonry," it has been said, "is not religion, but it is rooted in religion." "Not a step can be taken in Freemasonry," wrote another, "without the fear of God." "The science of Freemasonry embraces every branch of moral duty," wrote one of our own authorities, Dr. Oliver. "Masonry is a succession of allegories, vehicles of great lessons in morals and philosophy." "Masonry," wrote Victor Hugo, "is the truest exemplification of our national motto, Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity." "Freemasonry," said another, "is a federation, the members of which are allied together for the good of mankind." "I know of no more efficient and faithful friend of morality and Christianity than the Institution of Freemasonry," wrote an American divine. "Freemasonry," said another, "is a system of ethics, and teaches the theory and practice of all that is good in relation to God and man." "As a military man I can say," said the late Lord Combermere, "and I speak from experience, that I have known many soldiers who were Masons, and I never knew a good Mason who was a bad soldier." "A Masonic lodge is supported by three grand pillars; they are called wisdom, strength, and beauty; wisdom to direct us in all our undertakings, strength to support us in all our difficulties, and beauty to adorn the inward man." "Freemasonry is a moral Order, instituted by virtuous men, with the praiseworthy design of calling to our remembrance the most sublime truths, in the midst of the most innocent and social pleasures, founded on liberality, brotherly love, and Charity." "Freemasonry holds out two mighty arguments in its favour, a universal language understood by the Fraternity in every quarter of the world, and a universal fund for the relief of the distressed, whatever may be their country, religion, or complexion." "One has even gone so far as to assert that the abstract principles of Freemasonry are of Divine origin; the system embraces and inculcates evangelical truth; there is not a duty enjoined nor a virtue required in the volume of its inspiration but what is found in and taught by speculative Freemasonry." "Masonry is intended to make good men better, to awaken the dormant energies of the apathetic, to arouse in the breast of its votary that Divine spark, that inward symbol of the Deity which is implanted in man as a monitor against evil and an incentive to good." Lastly, it was said by George Washington "To enlarge the sphere of social happiness is worthy of the benevolent design of the Masonic institution, and it is most fervently to be wished that the conduct of every member of the Fraternity may tend to convince mankind that the great object of Masonry is to promote the happiness of the human race." My brothers, these are some of the testimonies that has been borne to Freemasonry by those who have known it best. These Masonic services in our churches were kept within proper limits of reverence, and humility cannot but tend to draw closer the connection between this vast and influential brotherhood and the Kingdom of Peace and Truth and Love, which our Lord Jesus Christ came at this season to found. You will all agree with me that Masonry is something nobler than social entertainment or festal gatherings, and that Masons who see nothing better or higher in it that this have learned their lesson most imperfectly. I entreat you all by the conduct of your whole life in every part and detail to show a wholesome and attractive example of every Masonic virtue. And to-day I call you to signalise this interesting occasion by generous and self-denying gifts to the great Charities for the aged, for orphan and destitute boys and girls, which are justly one of our chief subjects of satisfaction and thankfulness. Perhaps we do not do enough even yet for old and distressed Masons. There are, I believe, generally more than 100 applications than the number that can be granted. Population increases every year, and the number of Masons increases with it. At the same pace increases the intensity of the struggle for a livelihood. Knowing the admirable manner in which our Charities are administered, nothing that we can do in this direction will be thrown away. God grant that as the great feast of Peace and Goodwill returns once more those benign and happy influences of Charity, kindness, self-denial, mutual forbearance and understanding, conciliation, generosity, loyalty, patriotism, high principle, and consistent living, which are characteristic of our Order, may animate every class of our fellow citizens through the length and breadth of that ancient and glorious country of which we have the tremendous responsibility of having received the magnificent inheritance.

The offertory hymns were then sung, and the offertory (£26 8s.) deposited, after which the benediction was given, and the Recessional Hymn closed the proceedings.

The service was rendered by the regular choir of the church, assisted by Bro. George Castleline, solo bass of St. Jude's Church, South Kensington, who sang the solo in the anthem.

## Craft Masonry.

**Gallery Lodge (No. 1928).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 8th inst., at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. J. C. Manning. The meeting was one of the most successful of all the successful meetings the lodge has had during its nearly 14 years of existence, and was acknowledged to be so by every brother who attended, whether a member of the lodge or a visitor. About 70 brethren were present, among them were all the officers and Past Masters W. M. Duckworth, J. C. Duckworth, H. Wright, W. T. Perkins, E. E. Peacock, C. K. Moore, H. Massey, with joining P.M.'s of other lodges, J. G. Fretwell, Scott, J. Hurdell, and Geo. Saunders. The visitors' list included the names of Bros. Richard Eve, P.G. Treas.; Lennox Browne, Dep. G.D.C.; W. E. Abraham, P.M. 72; J. Read, P.M. 120, &c.; J. S. Albert, P.M. 227; G. L. Horne, P.M. and Secretary 227; W. J. Fisher, I.P.M. 2190; John Northcott, 859, 1974, and W.M. 2190; E. Schuberth, 178; T. J. Gardner, 228; R. Sherington, 1821; J. Bune, late 1928; David Lowe, 1587; T. Bello, 2190; John B. Hart and R. Wilson, 1790; Bernard, W.M. 1974; J. H. Scot, 1673; E. D. Jackson, 509; J. Budd, 101; Reginald Groome, 1929; A. Weston, 101; W. T. Spencer, 2291; Templer Saxe, 2190; Eaton Ederesin, late 2; H. E. Joyce, P.M. 507, &c.; Edwin Bending, late 2190; W. H. Kidson, 2395; C. Rawle, W.M. 2369; and Passmore Edwards, 2369.

Bro. J. C. Manning, W.M., initiated in excellent style, for the last time during his year of office, Mr. Timothy O'Neill Lane, who had been proposed by a very popular member of the lodge (Bro. Baines), and seconded by another and equally popular member (Bro. Perkins, P.M. and Sec.), and, with the exception of the introduction of a prosperous balance-sheet of the lodge and a splendid report as to the Benevolent Fund, this constituted all the business but the installation. This last ceremony was performed by Bro. Manning, who, on the presentation by Bro. E. E. Peacock, P.M., D.C., addressed the brethren, and the W.M. elect, Bro. Charles Lock, of the Parliamentary staff of the *Morning Advertiser*. His unqualified assent having been given to the "Excellent Charges and Regulations," he was obligated in the Second Degree, and subsequently, in a Board of Installed Masters, was placed in the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom. After Bro. Lock had been properly saluted and greeted he invested as his officers for the year the following brethren, giving to each his charge as to the duties of his office without any abbreviation and with compliments, which he was so gracious as to say they were, from his knowledge of the work the brethren had done, thoroughly deserved: Bros. J. C. Manning, I.P.M.; Percy W. Husk, S.W.; Geo. Farran, J.W.; W. M. Duckworth, P.M., Treas.; W. T. Perkins, P.M., Sec.; Bert Striem, S.D.; Samuel James, J.D.; E. A. Peachey, I.G.; The Rev. J. S. Barrass, Chap.; H. E. Peacock, Org.; Henry Massey, P.M., D.C.; F. W. Brodie and L. F. Gowing, A.D.C.s; G. H. Ribbons, H. L. Bell, J. D. Irvine and W. G. Kirby, Stwds.; and J. Very, Tyler. Bro. Manning then delivered the addresses to the Worshipful Master, Wardens and brethren, with fluency and exactitude, and after the cheering which followed the completion of his work, he was presented with a Past Master's jewel, his remarks on which the W.M. deferred till after the banquet. Nothing now remained, but according to ancient custom, to partake of this hospitable meal, and the lodge was closed for that purpose. The usual toasts succeeded the disposal of the repast, and the W.M. proposed "The Queen and the Craft," and "The Most Worshipful Grand Master," with the greatest brevity, and the brethren heartily responded. The Benevolent Box yielded £3 3s. 3d.

Bro. Richard Eve, P.G.T., was the first to reply to the toast which included "The Grand Officers," of whom he was an "elected," and not an "appointed," member. He claimed from the Craft a cosmopolitan character, and also that it was democratic, and really outside all other institutions. It cared not what colour a man was so long as he was a free man—black, white, yellow, red, or brown (Lennox Browne), who was only a shade brown, it might be sienna brown. Religion, too, made no difference in the acceptance of a man in Masonry's ranks. Divinity was represented, and so was the stage—even among the Grand Treasurers. Reference would be made by the proposer of the toast to the work of Grand Officers in the cause of Charity, and he was happy to say that the Grand Officers had done much in that great work. He quite concurred with the proposer of the toast that that was the great object they, as well as the Gallery Lodge, had in view. Nobody knew what might happen, and it was quite right to provide against any disaster that might befall widows and orphans. As the Order was largely extending, no doubt it would become necessary to enlarge the institutions; but they had already done great work, and were now supporting some 400 Old People, 263 Boys and 263 Girls. Forty years ago when he joined the Craft £2500 was a large collection, but only two years ago one Institution alone gathered together nearly £70,000. Very likely the Prince of Wales becoming Grand Master had much to do in this great success, but it was the inherent strength of the Institution which was the support of it.

Bro. Lennox Browne also responded.

Bro. J. C. Manning, I.P.M., in proposing "The W.M.," said he supposed it fell to his lot to submit that toast because in his Masonic capacity as I.P.M. of the Gallery Lodge he knew perhaps a little more of the inner Masonic power of their present W.M. than any other member of the lodge, and he was quite sure while he possessed that power he had also a splendid subject on which to expend it. Bro. Lock joined the lodge in the old days when it met at Brixton, and the work he had done for the lodge as a Mason would stand as a splendid record in connection with the lodge. The work he had done in pushing forward the charitable aspect of the lodge would also stand as a satisfactory record of his career. The fact that he was now the W.M. of the lodge was a sufficient guarantee that he deserved the brethren's respect and that they appreciated his conduct. He should, therefore, in proposing the health of the W.M. contend that he was a living embodiment of the three chief principles stated in the ritual as being the necessary qualifications of a W.M.—a man of good report, true and trusty, and held in high estimation amongst his brethren and fellows. On those grounds he proposed with every feeling of confidence the health of the W.M. of the Gallery Lodge.

The toast was drunk with the heartiest enthusiasm.

The W.M., in reply, said he had to thank the I.P.M. for the kind terms in which he had proposed his health, and the brethren for the enthusiastic manner in which they had responded to the toast. The lustre which attached to the position of Master of the Gallery Lodge he conceived to be of a two-fold character, and to have little or no connection with the brother who, for the time being, happened to occupy it. All the glory was to the Ancient Institution of Freemasonry, in the first place, and in the second place to the splendid status to which the lodge itself had attained. Their lodge was, as they were all proudly aware, the only purely Press Lodge in the world, and it was, moreover, as he (the W.M.) had known it, a most creditable school of Masonic teaching and practice. As such it had been that evening handed to his keeping for the ensuing 12 months; as such he trusted to be privileged to maintain it. He did not intend to be long. To Pressmen, at any rate, one song was worth a multitude of speeches, always excepting they were not on "lineage"; but there were one or two matters to which he felt bound to briefly refer. First, what was their present position, and what were the future prospects of the lodge? He was not going into statistics, but should content himself with saying that, both financially and numerically, the Gallery Lodge was now in a better position than it had been at almost any previous period of its history. Their debt was insignificant; their present assets were good and substantial, and the lodge at that moment was a long way in advance of the degree of being perfectly solvent. To whom was this improved condition of things due? In his opinion it was attributable to several reasons and to several persons. First, it was due to the exercise of a wise economy; secondly, to the exhibition of a self-denial on the part of the brethren, without which that economy would not have been possible, and, thirdly, it was due to an increased spirit of earnestness on the part of the officers and brethren as a whole. Whether this necessary economy had been most promoted by Bro. Peacock, P.M., Bro. C. K. Moore, P.M., or the I.P.M., he would not now stay to consider. It was sufficient for them, he thought, that it had been a policy which had been fraught with very beneficial results; and it was a policy which, during his year of office, he should himself do his utmost to maintain. He had nothing more to say in reply to the toast of his health, but before he sat down it became his duty, as it was also his pleasure and privilege, to propose to them the toast of "The I.P.M." Now, what should they say of their Bro. Manning? That he was a jolly good fellow, nobody could deny. As he (the W.M.) had already pointed out, the I.P.M. had been a just and not too generous guardian of their finances. In addition to that, he had worked the ceremonies of the lodge and presided over its business generally, and, above and beyond that, had discharged the onerous duties of Installing Master that day in a manner which had not only shed lustre upon himself, but which had brought credit on them all. Nor was this all he had done, for, by his interest and perseverance, he had succeeded in establishing, on a most substantial basis, an excellently equipped lodge of instruction. The want of such a lodge had long been felt, and it was not too much to say that its formation had already been fraught with Masonic advantages. In this matter, as well as in the others to which he had alluded, Bro. Manning had done that which would make his name long remembered in the Gallery Lodge as one of its most notable and exemplary Masters. He therefore asked the brethren to drink, in a bumper, to the continued health and prosperity of their I.P.M.

Bro. J. C. Manning, I.P.M., in responding to the toast, which was received with the same heartiness as the previous toast, said he hardly knew how to begin the few remarks he had to make; he was almost afraid that the brethren would become weary of the monotonous measure of his intonations—they had heard so much of him that evening. He was exceedingly obliged to the W.M. for presenting his (Bro. Manning's) name to the brethren in such glowing colours; he hardly knew what to think, or how to express himself in thanking him and the brethren for the way in which his name had been submitted and received. The little he had done in the Gallery Lodge for Masonry had been in response to an instinct he had in his mind which dictated his conduct—that they ought at least in their progress through the Masonic life to be able to "make both ends meet." It was a very simple social problem, but a very difficult one to achieve. He was very pleased to know and to say that the Gallery Lodge had discovered that secret; it had been at that secret for the last three or four years; that night they saw the happy results—the happy elucidation of that particular problem: they had made both ends meet, and they stood now financially in a better position than at any period in the history of the lodge. He looked back with a good deal of interest on the growth of the Benevolent Fund of the lodge; he looked at the Benevolent Fund in much the same light as a Chancellor of the Exchequer looked at the National Debt: it was the glory of the Gallery Lodge to have a good, substantial Benevolent Fund, as it was the salvation of the country to have a good, substantial National Debt. It was one of the most gratifying features in connection with the Gallery Lodge, from the time of its inception to the present moment, to think that without swerving or hesitating at all, it had gone on loyally accumulating a Benevolent Fund until it stood at £120, as a good asset of the lodge. With all their shallow finance was the phrase—paying five per cent. on borrowed money to pay tavern bills, when three times more than was wanted was owing by members—or borrowing £50 from the Benevolent Fund to help pay for a picnic, and then getting an over-draft at the bank at five per cent. interest to rehabilitate the depleted fund. He called that very shallow finance indeed, and that was the finance he meant. He was very glad they had seen the end of it. Yes, their Benevolent Fund was a thing the lodge had a right to be proud of. It had gone on growing, with all their troubles and drawbacks; and in their hankering after economy every suggestion that their contribution to the fund should be less had been persistently avoided, and they had sought rather to curtail their luxuries in other ways. By this method their drift to the leeward had been made up, their course righted and made clear, and their Benevolent Fund remained substantial and intact. It was a thing most sacred to the lodge. They had ministered to it, they had fostered it and given money to it when they could ill afford it; and he said it stood as a good record of the loyalty and good feeling of the Gallery Lodge, that it should have such a good Benevolent Fund at its back. He had helped a little towards that consummation; every

brother of the lodge had done the same. The brethren had seen there was a policy at work in bringing matters to a more wholesome condition than they were in times gone by, not from any fault of the lodge, but from the fault of the circumstances on which lodges were built up. They were out of the wood; they breathed freely, and saw the blue sky, as their friend Stanley saw the blue sea and blue sky out of the forest, and felt he breathed freely, he was proud to say and to think that he had helped—with others—to bring that result to a head. He then thanked the brethren for their kindness during his year of office; for the consideration they had shown him he could not say too much. He had done his best; it had been done with one single object—to further the interests of the lodge; and he was proud to find by the brethren's appreciation that his endeavours to please—to use a hackneyed phrase—had been crowned with success. He had been told by the W.M. that it was his duty now to propose a toast, and it was one which was always welcome to the Gallery Lodge as it must be welcome to all lodges. They could not get on without an infusion of new blood; he was a drop himself—a little drop—and he had now to submit to the brethren the toast of "The Initiate." Bro. Lane was a good sized drop, but he was, he believed, a drop of good blood. Bro. Lane could look back on a record of 20 years' experience of journalistic work in the *Metropolis*. He (Bro. Manning) had known him 10 years; other brethren had known him longer. He could safely say that a more genuine friend, a more kind-hearted man, or good natured acquaintance did not exist.

Bro. Lane responded, and said he was very much struck with the beautiful ceremonial through which he had passed, as well as by the impressive manner in which it was conducted by Bro. Manning. He was proud to become a member of the Order and of that lodge, and he hoped to be a worthy member of the Craft.

Bro. Peacock, P.M., proposed "The Savage Club Lodge," with which the Gallery Lodge was closely allied.

Bro. Northcott, W.M. 2190, responded, and said he had been told he would have a very pleasant evening, and it certainly had proved so, both as regards the working, the hospitality, and the music.

Bro. W. T. Perkins, P.M., Sec., in proposing "The Visitors," said: the W.M. has honoured me by entrusting to my charge a toast which, after that of his own health, is one of the most important toasts of the evening, for it is that of the visitors. During the 13 years of its existence the Gallery Lodge has received many distinguished visitors. It has given welcome to the noble and learned lord who now adorns the woolsack (Lord Herschell); it has welcomed the noble lord who has rendered conspicuous service as one of the Ministerial whips in the Upper House (Lord Kensington); it has equally welcomed the present chief whip of the Conservative party in the House of Commons (Bro. Akers-Douglas), showing that Masonry recognises among her sons no distinction of party politics; it has welcomed a brilliant advocate in whom we have special pride, inasmuch as we have seen him rise from the ranks of journalism to occupy one of the highest legal positions in the State, that of her Majesty's Solicitor-General (Sir Edward Clarke), and, finally, it has extended a cordial welcome to two prominent American citizens who came to its doors as perfect strangers on the very day of their arrival in London. These and many other distinguished Masons have received welcome within our walls, and to-night we are favoured with a memorable list of visitors, which is so long that, at this late hour, I am reluctant even to read their names. It includes the entertainers who have contributed so much to the remarkable success achieved to-night. I doubt whether it has ever been the fortune of any Masonic lodge in England to count among its visitors such a galaxy of fine musical talent as we have on this occasion enjoyed. On behalf of the W.M., officers, and brethren, I beg to tender to our entertainers our profound thanks, and I trust that we may see them all again. Brethren, I beg to associate with this toast the name of the last comer, Bro. Passmore Edwards, who, after taking his Second Degree to-night in the Cornish Lodge, has, with the W.M. and S.W. of that lodge, honoured us with a visit even at this late hour. I further couple with the toast the name of Bro. James Budd, on behalf of our musical visitors.

Bro. Passmore Edwards said that during a somewhat eventful career he had experienced many surprises, but no surprise had been so great as that which he felt when he heard his name mentioned in connection with this important toast by Bro. Perkins, the Secretary of the Gallery Lodge. He was honoured by such an unexpected compliment, he was delighted to enter such a truly Masonic and Bohemian assembly, and he hoped to have other opportunities of visiting the Gallery Lodge.

Bro. James Budd was loudly cheered on rising to reply for "The Artists." He briefly thanked the lodge for the acknowledgment made of their services, and said he hoped that this, his first, visit to the Gallery Lodge would not be the last.

"The P.Ms., Treasurer, Secretary, and Officers" was the next toast, and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

The following artistes contributed to the remarkable musical entertainment of the evening:—Bros. James Budd, Dalgety Henderson, Templer Saxe, Arthur Weston, Reginald Groome, Herbert Grover, J. Strugnell, George Ridgewell, Maurice Parkoa, Frank Lindo (character delineator), F. Russell (ventriloquist), E. Schuerth (violinist), E. W. T. Spencer, the Vernon Lee part singers (Vernon Lee, alto; William Fell, tenor; Arthur Beckwith, baritone; Wingrove Ives, bass), with Bro. Edwin Bending as the able accompanist.

**CONVERSAZIONE.**—There was a large company at the fourth social gathering for Freemasons and their friends at the Masonic Hall, Princess-square, Plymouth, when a conversazione and dance were held. Songs were given by Bro. R. White, W. H. Crimp, and J. Jacobs. At the dance Bro. E. H. Hedger officiated as M.C., assisted by Bros. H. J. Barter, and S. Horswill. Light refreshments were supplied by Mrs. Harvey the able and genial stewardess of the club, and Mr. G. Miller directed a small orchestra, Mrs. C. Barter being at the piano. The whole thing was a thorough success and all spent a most enjoyable evening. The arrangements were admirably carried out by the Recreation Committee of which Bro. W. L. Lavers is Chairman. A smoker will be held next month, and a club ball about Valentine's Day.



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## GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1894.

## Masonic Notes.

The report of the General Board, which was submitted for the consideration of the brethren at the Quarterly Communication of the Mark Grand Lodge on the 4th inst., contained several matters of moment, to which it seems desirable to direct attention. In the first place, it was announced that warrants for four new Mark and three new Royal Ark Mariner Lodges had been issued. At the previous Communications during the year, the numbers announced were comparatively few, so that these will help to bring the total of new lodges warranted during 1894 more nearly on a level with the totals of past years. It is also to be remarked from the returns of registered Mark Master Masons and Royal Ark Mariners that over 1500 certificates in the former case and close on 300 in the latter must have been issued during the 12 months ending 30th September last.

It may also be as well to specify the changes which have followed on the death of our veteran Bro. William Kelly who had been a Prov. Grand Mark Master for the unusually long period of 36 years. That brother's Province included the counties of Leicester, Derby, Northampton, and Rutland. His Royal Highness the M.W.G.M.M. has now sanctioned the following arrangement: Leicestershire and Rutland with four lodges to be one Province under Bro. the Earl of Euston; Derby (six lodges) a Province by itself under Bro. A. Woodiwiss as P.G.M.; and Northants, Hunts, and Beds (four lodges) one Province under Bro. the Earl of Euston. We further note that Bro. the Rev. W. Mortimer Heath has retired from the Prov. Grand Mastership of Dorsetshire and has been succeeded by Bro. W. E. Brymer, M.P.

We notice, also, with satisfaction, as evidence of the increased prosperity of the Mark Benevolent Fund, that the male annuities have been increased from £26 to £40, and the widow annuities from £21 to £32. The increased annuities are at the same rate as those granted by the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and it is just possible this may have the effect of lightening the heavy demands which for many years have pressed so heavily upon the resources of that Charity. In any case, it shows a great advance in the progress of the Mark Fund, on which we take leave to congratulate the members of that Degree.

The late Bro. the Rev. John E. Cox, D.D., to whose memory, as will be seen elsewhere, a tablet, erected in St. Helen's Church, Bishopsgate, has just been unveiled, was a very distinguished member of our Order, and as a Grand Officer, a man of great literary ability, and one who took a deep interest in the welfare of our Schools, rendered it, during his long career, many and valuable services. He was Grand Chaplain during the Grand Mastership of the late Earl of Zetland, from 1848 to 1857, both inclusive, among his contemporaries being the still surviving Bro. the Rev. Sir John Warren Hayes, Bart., and the late Bros. the Rev. W. Falloufield, the Rev. E. Moore, the Rev. A. R. Ward, the Rev. John Huyshe, and the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford; and Bros. the Rev. Joseph Senior, LL.D., and the Rev. W. K. R. Bedford, who are still living. As a promoter of Masonic literature, he will be remembered for the attention he gave to the different issues of the Book of Constitutions, a carefully annotated edition of which was compiled by him, and is still purchasable, while he was a frequent contributor to the columns of the old *Freemasons' Magazine and Mirror*. As for the Schools, he acted the part of examiner of the children for many years, and very materially assisted by the suggestions he offered in his reports in improving the curriculum. He died in 1890, and we rejoice that the memory of his services in the church with which he was associated during a great part of his career has been thus fittingly honoured.

A meeting of the founders of the Fellowship Lodge, for the purpose of making final arrangements for the consecration on Monday next, was held at the Frascati, on Wednesday, the W.M. designate, Bro. W. H. Bailey, in the chair. The Secretary *pro tem.*, Bro. James Stephens, handed to the Treasurer over £400 which had been received from the founders, thus placing the new lodge, not only free from debt at starting, but with a handsome balance in hand. The success of this lodge has been phenomenal, and we congratulate the founders, especially that most "active and energetic of all Secretaries, *pro tem.* or permanent," Bro. James Stephens, on having established a lodge which promises not only to start so well, but, judging from the past record of its promoters, bids fair to be a leading light in its support of the Masonic Charities. We understand that invitations for the ceremony and banquet would have been extended but for the limited space.

The Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masons, R.W. Bro. Lord Dungarvan, accompanied by the Grand Secretary, V.W. Bro. C. F. Matier, and the Grand Director of Ceremonies, Bro. Dr. Balfour Cockburn, paid a visit to the County Palatine Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 156, at Manchester on Monday last. On the closing of the County Palatine Lodge, the United Manchester Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners was opened and some 16 new members admitted to the Degree, and Bro. W. Cartwright elected and installed as W.C.N. This being concluded a meeting of the Matier Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees was held, and a great number of candidates admitted members of the council. The Degrees were excellently worked by Bros. C. F. Matier and J. D. Murray.

## Correspondence.

## ARREARS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

As Secretary to a Provincial Lodge of Instruction, may I ask through your columns what is the proper course to take with brethren in arrears of subscriptions. The above lodge of instruction has a fixed joining fee and the annual subscription; a certain fixed proportion of the subscriptions goes in the rent of the Masonic Rooms, and if brethren do not pay regularly the authorities complain of the smallness of the sum received by them. I am, yours fraternally

SECRETARY.

Mary Street, St. Paul's, Birmingham,  
December 12th.

## Masonic Notes and Queries.

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WARRANTS No. 150 OF THE "ANCIENT,"  
OR ATHOLE GRAND LODGE.

Having been favoured with a sight of the practically unknown old warrant, a transcript of which was given by Bro. John Lane in the *Freemason* of the 17th ult., I have no hesitation in saying that it is quite regular and authentic, although it has the appearance of having been somewhat hurriedly issued, the signature of the Junior Grand Warden, the day of meeting of the lodge, and certain other words, usually inserted, being omitted. There are two seals attached to the warrant by means of narrow ribbons (orange and blue) after the manner of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, of which the Grand Lodge of the "Ancients" was undoubtedly an offshoot. The warrant has also three narrow ribbons (light blue, purple, and scarlet) attached to the top right hand corner, doubtless referring to the Royal Arch, which was worked by the "Ancients" under the Craft warrant, and which Degree, the Royal Arch Register shows, was practised in this lodge from the beginning of 1806 to the end of 1812.

It appears that two lodges under the No. 150 were constituted by the "Ancients," the first at Bridgwater by warrant dated 9th Sept., 1767, which is duly entered in the Grand Lodge Register; the second for Dover, as shown by this warrant dated 3rd October, 1767, of which there is no mention in the Grand Lodge records. Neither of these lodges returned any members to the Grand Lodge, nor did they indicate in any other way that they had given practical effect to their warrants. It was a frequent practice for the "ancients" to constitute a lodge under a number previously held by a lodge which had ceased to exist, but this is the only instance I have met with of two lodges being constituted under the same number within so short a period.

A probable explanation may be found in the fact that at the period when the first warrant, No. 150, was granted there were serious dissensions in a lodge at Bridgwater under the "Modern" Grand Lodge, and one or two of the members may have applied to the "Ancients" for a warrant with the intention of forming a new lodge independent of their former associates (an application of this kind to the "Moderns" would probably have been refused). Assuming this to have been done, their petition was granted, and the lodge duly entered in the Grand Lodge Register, the names of the applicants being omitted, probably being insufficient to form a lodge; before, however, the warrant could be made out and despatched, they had probably decided not to avail themselves of it, but to endeavour to settle their differences amicably and retain their allegiance to the "Moderns." Had this been really the case, the Grand Secretary of the "Ancients," Laurence Dermott would, of course, consider the No. 150 vacant, and consequently give it to the next applicants for a new warrant, who were evidently the brethren at Dover, but he omitted to make the necessary alteration in the register, and as the second No. 150 made no return of members, he may have considered it unnecessary to make the correction, or the matter may have escaped his notice altogether. After Dermott's decease a printed list of the "Ancient" lodges was issued (in 1795), doubtless compiled from the Grand Lodge Register, wherein No. 150 was located at Bridgwater, no reference being made to the second No. 150 at Dover, which is not mentioned in the Records until 1802, when some brethren at Folkestone, being desirous of forming a new lodge, intimated to the Grand Secretary that the old warrant No. 150 was in the hands of a Bro. Wallace at Dover (probably the brother to whom it was first issued, or a descendant of his), who was willing to give it up to the authorities, for the purpose of having it transferred to Folkestone.

In order to evade the Act of Parliament passed in 1799 for the suppression of secret societies, which was not intended to apply to Freemasons' lodges then in existence, no new warrants were granted, at this period, for lodges in England, but the numbers and warrants of defunct lodges were utilised and made to appear as a continuation only. The petition from Folkestone being granted, the old warrant was sent to London, properly endorsed and signed, and the seal then in use affixed.

The seal bearing the square and compasses and the flaming sword was affixed when the warrant was first granted, and was in use from 1760 to 1775, while the larger one was used from 1775 to 1813. The

new lodge was constituted 4th October, 1802, under the title of the Temple Lodge, No. 150. At the renumbering of the lodges after the Union of the two Grand Lodges in 1813, it became No. 183, and in 1832, No. 134; it gradually declined for want of members, and was erased from the list in 1838.

HENRY SADLER.

## Reviews.

"THE INTERNATIONAL DIRECTORY OF SECOND-HAND BOOKSELLERS MANUAL." (*James Clegg*, Aldine Press, Rochdale.)—This well known and much appreciated work is now in its fourth edition, the new one just issued, being by far the best of the remarkable quartette. The title, comprehensive as it is, scarcely represents the great scope of the volume, as it concerns most intimately Book-buyers, quite as much as Book-sellers, Book-makers, and Book-publishers, Book-readers and Book-printers. It deals with all points of special interest to all these several classes, and is exceedingly well edited by Bro. James Clegg, the respected Bookseller, Printer, Publisher, and Collector, of Rochdale. It has neither rival nor equal, being entirely to itself, and completely fills a niche of its own, as all will discover on noting its varied and valuable contents. The Directory portion supplies some 10,000 addresses to date, of bookmen and book-buyers, institutions, &c., and is moreover full of literary matter, especially in relation to the departments which Bro. Clegg has so thoroughly made his own. There is an admirable and lengthy introduction by Mr. Kineton Parkes "Concerning Books;" the contents of the well got up work embrace a wealth of particulars as to the preparation, publishing, selling, and reading of books in both hemispheres. Copies may be had from the publisher, who is also the editor, for 6s. per copy, of considerably over 300 pages, neatly bound in cloth.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR  
GIRLS.

A very admirably carried out "reception" (the last of the half-year) was held at this Institution on Tuesday afternoon, when Miss Davis produced an enjoyable programme of calisthenics, marching, club exercises, singing, and pianoforte, to the great pleasure of a large number of visitors, among whom were the following brethren: Bros. Admiral Markham, C.B., Dist. G.M. Malta; General Sir Charles Warren, K.C.B.; the Ven. Archdeacon Sinclair, Sir John Monckton, Robert Grey, Frank Richardson, E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; C. Hammerton, Spaul, Abernethy, F. Mead, Henry Tobias, A. W. Duret, Dr. F. Turtle Pigott, Arthur Mitchell, Brough, Maltby, C. Wetton, F. R. W. Hedges (Sec.), and others. Mrs. Markham, Mrs. R. Grey, Mrs. J. H. Matthews, and many other ladies were present. The girls, who are in perfect health, went through the various performances with the precision and charm that always characterises them, and at the conclusion Admiral Markham addressed them in very appreciative and kindly terms in the name of the assembled company.

## Obituary.

## BRO. COL. BENTHAM.

We regret to announce the death, at Newcastle-on-Tyne, on the 11th inst., of Lieut.-Col. Bentham, who has been long and honourably connected with the Craft in the Province of Northumberland, having been initiated in 1869. It was only in May last that our deceased brother was appointed to the office of 1st Asst. Grand Director of Ceremonies in Grand Chapter, and his friends had looked forward, not only to his filling that office for the year, but to future usefulness and honours in other directions. The appointment gave great satisfaction to his brethren in the province at the time as it was known to have been earned by loyal and consistent Masonic work. We gave at the time a full account of our late brother's Masonic career, to which we can only now add our regret at the loss which the province has sustained, and our sympathy and condolence with the family and connections.

## BRO. JOHN CONNING, P.M. 1687.

We regret to announce the death on the 3rd inst., of Bro. John Conning, P.M. 1687. Our lamented brother was initiated in the Rothesay Lodge, No. 1687, in November, 1886, and having passed through the different offices with conspicuous ability, became W.M. in 1892. Bro. Conning had been chief cashier for 14 years at the Café Royal, but a few months since he became the proprietor of the Cock Tavern, Market-street, St. James', W., where he had already succeeded in gathering a good circle of friends around him, and seemed to be very successful. He was much respected by all who knew him, especially by the brethren of his lodge. The funeral took place at Hanwell Cemetery on the 7th inst., when Bros. Valeriani, P.M., Sec.; Adams, P.M., Treas.; and Catten, as representing the lodge, attended to pay a last tribute of respect to the memory of our late brother. Bro. Conning leaves a widow and two children to mourn his loss, and the former will carry on the business. Bro. Conning was a Life-Governor of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and a Life-Subscriber of the Boys' School, serving as a Steward for the last-named Institution in 1893.

SIR MICHAEL R. SHAW STEWART, Bart., has intimated a subscription of £300 towards the building of a Masonic Temple for Greenock St. John's Lodge, No. 175.



## Craft Masonry.

## METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

**Egyptian Lodge (No. 27).**—This very old, established and well-known lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st., on Thursday, the 6th inst., and was well attended. There were present Bro. F. Brendel, W.M.; A. E. Todd, I.P.M.; H. J. Macfarlane, S.W.; D. Niven, J.W.; C. J. Cuthbertson, P.M., Treas.; Mat. H. Hale, P.M., Sec.; Bull, J.D.; C. J. Pallot, I.G.; D. H. Jacobs, P.M., and C. R. Kemp, Stwds.; F. Harrison, P.M.; W. H. Libbis, P.M.; C. B. Todd, P.M.; Isaac Scartle, P.M.; W. Notting, J. Bangs, H. C. Todd, J. L. Dunford, A. Lyons, S. Ullman, H. P. Robinson, R. Emery, W. Winn, W. A. Pattison, F. Linfoot, and R. F. Potter, P.M., Tyler. Visitors: Bros. A. Stirling; H. J. Gabb, P.M. 813; W. L. Downes, 65; J. C. Ashdown, 1158; T. Welham, 1681; M. T. Tuck, 1343, P.P.G. Std. Br. Essex; W. D. Pinchin, 2374; J. Hands, S.W. 1158; E. Linfoot, J.W. 1298; and R. T. West.

The lodge was opened and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read, the W.M. initiated Mr. Francis Linfoot. The Worshipful Master's working of the ritual was carried out in a highly impressive and perfect manner for which he is to be congratulated.

A joining member having been proposed for election at the next meeting, and after other business, the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, which was prepared in excellent style by Bro. A. Clemons, and admirably served under the direction of Bro. Evans.

The W.M. gave in brief but appropriate terms the customary loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured.

Bro. A. E. Todd, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." He stated that Bro. Brendel's work that night was excellent, and no one would ever regret having elected him W.M., and the way he was carrying out his duties was evidence that he would make one of the best W.Ms. the lodge had ever had.

Bro. Brendel, W.M., on rising to respond, had a hearty greeting. He thanked the brethren for the flattering reception, and for the kind remarks of Bro. A. E. Todd. He was proud to know that they thought well of his work that night, but it did not come up to his satisfaction.

In submitting the toast of "The Initiate," the W.M., on behalf of the Craft and the members, extended to him a hearty welcome, and hoped he would become a useful member and an acquisition to the lodge, and that he would find the members good friends and always consistent.

Bro. F. Linfoot responded in a speech given with much feeling. He said that he hoped the members would not expect him to make a long speech, as he was a poor speaker. When he entered the lodge-room he was much impressed, but when he saw and heard what followed he was charmed with the ceremony, which he thought was most beautiful. He could not say more, as he had not the power to express what he then felt, but he thanked his proposer and seconder for having introduced him to the lodge, and the members for the honour they had paid him in electing him.

The Worshipful Master gave "The Visitors," observing that they were more than welcome. He read out the names of the numerous guests with a kind word for each, and he hoped to be honoured again with their presence.

In response, Bro. Tuck said that the members were to be complimented in having such a splendid W.M., and he had never seen better working of the ritual. He had been invited on many occasions, but that was his first visit, and it certainly was his great loss that he had not been there before.

Bro. Gabb also replied, bearing testimony to the excellent working and the hospitality of the members. He was always glad when invited to the lodge, and to meet the veteran, their esteemed Bro. Jacobs, who was a good fellow, and he ventured to think that from the remarks of the initiate that evening, he would make a valued member of the Craft.

Bro. E. Linfoot also responded, remarking that he had had a surprise that evening as the initiate, who was an old friend of his, and whom he had seen recently, did not mention that he was going to be made, and being present at his initiation, was an agreeable but unexpected pleasure.

In giving the toast of "The Past Masters, Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. stated that the Past Masters were ever ready to do anything to promote the interests of the lodge, and he had to thank Bro. R. Douglas-Smith, P.M., who at a moment's notice had acted as S.W. in the place of Bro. Macfarlane who had to leave early to attend a Ladies' Night of the Mozart Lodge, and referring to Bro. Cuthbertson, Treas., and Bro. Hale, Sec., he said they were both efficient and painstaking officers, and they could not do too much for the members.

Bro. A. E. Todd, I.P.M., responded. He was proud that he had gone through the chair in such a distinguished lodge, and he would be pleased to render any assistance if ever required.

Bro. D. H. Jacobs said that it had been his honour to respond to the toast for over 30 years, but when the W.M. demanded a speech he was compelled to go through the same ordeal. The Past Masters were always in attendance to assist in case of need; but with their genial W.M., he was perfect, and required no aid from his predecessors.

Bro. Libbis stated that, after the remarks of his very old friend, Bro. Jacobs, nothing more was required of him except to add that he wished everything to the members and the visitors who had honoured the lodge with their attendance.

Bro. M. H. Hale, P.M., Sec., also responded. He said that the Treasurer, Bro. Cuthbertson, had had to leave early in consequence of his City duties. He (Bro. Hale) never made a speech, but he was always delighted to see them all in response to the summonses he sent out as their Secretary.

Bros. Harrison, P.M.; C. B. Todd, P.M.; R. Douglas-Smith, P.M.; and Scarth, P.M., also suitably responded. The W.M. proposed "The Officers." He stated that



they were all good and rendered him great assistance, which he appreciated.

Bro. R. Douglas-Smith, P.M., acting S.W., responded. He was proud to have been asked to act for Bro. Macfarlane, who had been called away to look after the ladies. He was present at Grand Lodge and was glad that their old and esteemed friend, Bro. W. M. Stiles, had been again nominated for the office of Grand Treasurer. He was well known to them all for the great things he had done for Freemasonry and the Charities, and he well deserved the Blue Ribbon of the Craft, of which he had been a member for upwards of 20 years.

Bros. Niven, J.W., Bull, J.D., and Kemp also replied in appropriate terms.

The Tylers' toast ended a very happy and successful gathering.

It is pleasing to record that the Charity box for the evening amounted to £1 14s. 6d.

The proceedings were enlivened by some good songs by Bros. Jacobs, A. E. Todd, Stirling, Notting, and Kemp.

The portrait of the W.M., Bro. F. Brendel, appears in our Portrait Gallery of Worshipful Masters in this issue.

**Moir Lodge (No. 92).**—This old city lodge, which has nearly completed the 140th year of its existence, celebrated its annual festival on the 7th inst. (the birthday of the second Earl Moira), at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C. The officers for the ensuing year are: Bros. J. M. Mitchell, W.M.; Ernest Greiner, I.P.M.; M. A. Tweedie, S.W.; Rev. R. I. Woodhouse, Chap., J.W.; T. L. Wilkinson, D.G.R., P.M.; Treas., R. F. Gould, P.G.D., P.M., Sec.; W. F. Noakes, S.D.; John Webb, J.D.; C. E. Russell, I.G.; Wickham Noakes, P.M., Stwd.; and George Couchman, Tyler. There were also present: Bros. M. F. Tweedie, P.M.; Adam Pringle, P.M.; H. F. Auldjo, P.M.; G. C. Andrew, P.M.; G. Greiner, P.M.; William Bohm, P.M.; E. D. Oppert, and J. P. Murrough. Also the following visitors: Bros. Col. G. Noel Money, C.B., Prov. G.M. Surrey; Major-General Sir Charles Warren, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., Dist. G.M. Eastern Archipelago; Rear-Admiral Albert Hastings Markham, Dist. G.M. Malta; Sir Joseph C. Dimsdale, G. Treas.; Edward Letchworth, G. Sec.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B.; H. Whitney, S.G.; H. Reid, P.M. 142; G. Piddock, 1107; G. I. Goodhart, 1506; Rev. J. H. Smith, W.M. 1827; W. T. Heath, P.M. 766; J. C. Partridge, P.M. 1794; Henry Times, W.M. 165; Alfred P. Crabb, 165; J. Peeke Richards, 1584; Albert G. Clinton, 2317; and J. Chappell, late 92. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. R. F. Gould, P.G.D., assisted by the following Grand Officers: Bros. Col. Money, Sir Charles Warren, Admiral Markham, Frank Richardson, and W. M. Bywater, who filled the offices of I.P.M., S.W., J.W., D.C., and I.G., respectively.

Bro. E. D. Oppert, P.M. 1027, Shanghai, was elected a joining member, after which a Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. T. L. Wilkinson, P.M., D.G.R., Treas., by the I.P.M., who said: It affords me much pleasure to be the medium of conveying to you an expression of goodwill on the part of the Moira Lodge, which is symbolised by the jewel I now hold in my hand. Initiated in 1876, you have been continuously in office from the date of your first appointment as I.G. in 1878. On vacating the chair—December 7th, 1883—you became Treasurer, and we now desire to mark our sense of the valuable service you have rendered us in that position for the past 11 years, by presenting you with a slight token of our affection and esteem. During the current year you have been appointed to an important office in the Grand Lodge, and our hearty congratulations on that auspicious event we also seek to record on the surface of the jewel, in order that it may for ever remind you of the satisfaction of your mother lodge at your attaining so well-merited a distinction. In an appropriate and touching reply, the Treasurer thanked his brethren of the Moira Lodge for the compliment they had paid him; and, there being no further business, the lodge was closed.

The customary banquet followed; and, after the toasts of "The Queen" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales,"

The W.M., in proposing that of "The Grand Officers," said: Brethren, those of us who have the good fortune to belong to any of the Great English Public Schools, well know the feeling of fearful awe and admiration with which the fellows in the Lower Forms look on the giants of the VI. Form or the XI. Somehow or other as one rises in the school, and approaches the VI., the old glamour seems to die out, and the fellows in the VI. and XI. seem but mortal after all. I remember well having a similar feeling of admiration at my initiation for the Grand Officers of the Craft, but I have since found that between the old feeling and the new there is a wide difference, for as I have risen in the Craft and become better acquainted with the members of Grand Lodge I have, in common with the brethren of the Craft, discovered that the more thoroughly we know the officers of Grand Lodge, the more our respect and admiration for them increases. Indeed it could not be well otherwise, seeing that our Grand Officers are men, who like our founder, Earl Moira, as servants of the Craft, leave their mark upon history, and as Freemasons, their influence for good on their fellow men. We have here to-night Colonel Noel Money, Provincial Grand Master of Surrey, who, after long service in India, and participations in numerous campaigns, has settled down as an English country gentleman, and not only as Provincial Grand Master, but as a Magistrate and County Councillor, is very greatly respected and looked up to. Next, there is an eminent brother—Major-General Sir Charles Warren—who has attained distinction in so many walks of life that it is not without some feelings of trepidation that I attempt to place before you a fragment of his biography. Our brother first made his mark in connection with exploration in the Holy Land. After that he settled boundaries, commanded troops, and administered Governments in South Africa. Next he commanded a perilous mission, and succeeded in bringing to justice the murderers of Professor Palmer and others, who were put to death by the Arabs during the Egyptian war. Also, during this active career, he found time to write two books descriptive of Jerusalem, which are regarded as standard works. But of his public services greatest of all, occurred in 1884, when he proceeded once more to South Africa in order to take up the command of the Bechuanaland Expedition, the complete success of which is a matter of history. As a Freemason Sir Charles Warren has likewise a very brilliant career.

In 1879 a lodge at Kimberley was called after him. Ten years ago, at the formation of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, which at the present time has 2000 subscribers to its printed transactions, he was elected as the first Master, and only a few weeks ago, on retiring from the military command of the Straits Settlements, he resigned the office of District G. Master, which he had held for three years, to the general satisfaction of that Masonic jurisdiction. Admiral Markham, District Grand Master for Malta, I need not tell you, for you know it already, is one of the most distinguished representatives of the Naval Service. He is also a well known author, and his "Life of Sir John Franklin" and other works entitle him to take high rank as a chronicler of maritime adventure. This, indeed, is no more than might be expected from a brother who has borne such an active part in the same kind of perils and explorations as those which are so graphically related in his books. His brilliant record commences with the China War of 1860, but, passing over a variety of minor achievements, I shall conclude this short sketch of our brother's career by stating that he served in the Arctic Expedition of 1875-76, and was presented by the Royal Geographical Society with a gold watch for his services when in command of the northern division of sledges, and for having planted the Union Jack in the highest latitude ever reached by man. There is also present, the Grand Treasurer, Sir Joseph Dimsdale, Alderman, and until lately Sheriff, of the City of London. In former days, the Grand Treasurership was always held by a banker, and the desire of the brethren at large that it should be so held again, and by Bro. Dimsdale himself, was very plainly signified by his triumphant election to that office in March last. Our brother, as perhaps I need hardly tell you, is both respected and esteemed in all situations of life, and his services to Freemasonry have been of such value as to fully warrant the expectation that at no very distant date even higher rank in the Craft will be conferred upon him. We are also honoured by having with us the Grand Secretary. When a vacancy occurred in that office a few years ago, it was hoped by everyone that the very best man might be selected to fill it. The choice of the M.W. Grand Master, as all are aware, fell upon Bro. Letchworth, and I am only echoing what is common knowledge, in saying that it is universally felt throughout the English Craft that the very happiest selection has been made, and we all trust our distinguished brother may for many years continue to hold the highly important post, the duties of which he discharges with such ability and geniality. Bro. Frank Richardson is not only renowned as a good worker in the Craft, but also as an active member of the Boards and Committees of Grand Lodge, and as a munificent patron of our Charitable Institutions. He has assisted, I believe, at the birth of more new lodges than any other English Mason, and the House Committee of the Girls' School, which is generally regarded as the model of what such a Committee ought to be, is largely indebted to our brother for the commanding position it occupies in the public favour. Bro. Bywater was initiated in the Royal Athelstan Lodge, No. 19, and has been a member of it for no less than 48 years, 16 of which he served as Secretary. He has been elected five times on the Board of General Purposes and twice on the Board of Benevolence. A long list of Stewardships bears witness to his warm interest in the Masonic Charities, and I may add that he is a Vice-President of them all. So much, brethren, in respect of the Grand Officers on my right, but there are two on my left whom I am sure you will toast with equal cordiality. These are the Treasurer and Secretary of the Moira Lodge. I have noticed that at the banquets Bros. Wilkinson and Gould invariably take up their position on the left of the W.M., but I feel sure you will all agree with me that when there is any work to be done, they are the right hand members of the lodge. Brethren, I give you "The Grand Officers," coupled with the names of Colonel Noel Money, Provincial Grand Master for Surrey; Major-General Sir Charles Warren, District Grand Master of the Eastern Archipelago; and Admiral Markham, District Grand Master for Malta.

These distinguished brethren having suitably responded to the call which had been made upon them, the next toast—"The Memory of Earl Moira, the Patron of the Lodge"—was given by the Treasurer, Bro. Wilkinson, with all the force and eloquence to which those brethren are accustomed who have enjoyed the hospitality of the Moira Lodge at any of its anniversary meetings during the 10 or more years that the toast of the evening has been entrusted to Bro. Wilkinson.

Other toasts followed, and the brethren separated, after having spent a very pleasant evening, the enjoyment of which was much enhanced by the excellent programme of music provided by Mr. H. W. Wing, who was assisted by the following artistes: Miss Nellie Asher, Miss Annie Layton, Herr Gustav Schmidt, and Miss Dora Robinson.

**Enfield Lodge (No. 1237).** The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 10th inst., at the George Inn. Present: Bros. H. Woodley, W.M.; E. J. Tilly, S.W.; W. Marshall, J.W.; H. V. Clements, P.M., P.P.G. Treas., Treas.; A. G. Fidler, P.M., P.G.D., Sec.; A. Monk, S.D.; C. H. Penny, I.G.; J. M. Dexter, A.D.C.; J. V. V. Tyler; J. Hicks, I.P.M.; C. S. Brown, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; G. C. H. Jennings, P.M., P.G. Reg.; A. Bryant, P.M., P.P.G.D.; H. B. May, P.M.; O. S. Oxley, P.M.; W. H. Hetherington, Jas. Marshall, H. C. Brown, G. Gange, G. H. M. Myers, C. Willis, C. W. Offord, T. S. Tilly, E. H. Jones, S. T. Temple, and A. Millhoun. Visitors: Bros. H. J. Adams, P.M. 509, P.G.S.B.; E. Blake, P.M. 507; P. H. Recknell, P.M. 212; E. W. Mackney, P.M. 134; W. C. Smith, S.W. 2264; W. G. Scott, S.W. 1579; S. C. Bateman, J.W. 1707; T. A. Bullock, Treas. 2470; J. Driscoll, Sec. 1579; A. H. Jones, I.G. 209; A. Brown, 2470; T. S. Harley, 1050; W. S. Witherington, 907; H. S. L. Smith, 2470; M. Hepner, 59; and Albert James.

The lodge was duly opened and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, and the report of the Audit Committee adopted. Bro. C. W. Offord was raised, the ceremony being performed in a most impressive manner. The W.M. elect was then installed, and appointed his officers as follows: Bros. W. Marshall, S.W.; A. J. Monk, J.W.; H. V. Clements, P.M., &c., Treas.; A. G. Fidler, P.M., &c., Sec.; W. Humphreys, S.D.; C. H. Penny, J.D.; J. M. Dexter, I.G.; W. J. Hetherington, D.C.; Geo. Gange, A.D.C.; H. E. Brown, Stwd.; Chas. W. Offord, Org.; and James V. V. Tyler. The beautiful ceremony of installation was performed by the outgoing

Master in an exemplary manner, Bro. Bryant, P.M., acting as Director of Ceremonies. After a proposition for initiation had been received the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to an excellent banquet, under the personal supervision of Bro. J. H. Jones.

The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales" having been honoured,

The W.M. proposed "The Pro Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom; the Deputy Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," at the same time expressing the pleasure he felt in having as a visitor, Bro. Herbert J. Adams, P.G.S.B.

Bro. Adams, in reply, said after an experience of 33 years of Masonry, he could congratulate the lodge on the excellent work done by its officers, whom he knew had only one object in view, and that was to promote the welfare of Masonry and good feeling and harmony in the lodge; he thanked them heartily for the manner they had accepted the toast.

The W.M. next proposed "The R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Lord George Hamilton, M.P."

In responding on behalf of "The V.W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," Bro. G. C. H. Jennings, Prov. G. Reg., thanked the brethren very much for the kind way they had received the toast, and he thought as the Prov. Grand Lodge was very careful to pick out those most worthy of the honour, it was very gratifying to find so many brethren in the lodge who had enjoyed the privilege.

The I.P.M., in proposing "The W.M.," said it had afforded him the greatest pleasure to instal as his successor Bro. Tilly, who had followed him step by step through the various offices in the lodge. He had every confidence that if the G.A.O.T.U. granted Bro. Tilly health and strength, he would perform his high duties with credit to himself and advantage to the lodge, and he hoped he would have a substantial year of office.

The W.M., in acknowledging the enthusiastic reception of his name, said he had great diffidence in following Bro. Woodley into the chair. He looked for the support of the officers and plenty of work to do, which he would endeavour to perform in the efficient way hitherto done by his predecessors.

The W.M. said it was a very pleasing duty for him to propose "The Health of the I.P.M." The brethren knew and appreciated his efforts to carry out with credit the work of his office, and they could also testify to the excellent result. He had much satisfaction in presenting him with a Past Master's jewel, at the same time assuring him that such was never better deserved. He trusted the brethren would have him to instruct them for many years to come.

The I.P.M., in response, said that he thanked the W.M. for the manner in which he proposed his health, and the cordial way it was received; it was most gratifying for him to be the recipient of the Past Master's jewel, which would always be a source of pride to him. During the 10 years he had belonged to the lodge he had at all times endeavoured to do his best, both as a man and a Mason. He would like to thank Bros. Hicks, P.M., and Parsons, P.M., for their kind assistance.

The W.M., proposed "The Past Masters," referring to the services they had rendered, and coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Brown and Hicks, who suitably responded.

Bros. Mackney and Scott replied for "The Visitors," each expressing admiration of the working and the hospitality they had enjoyed.

"The Officers" were next honoured.

During the evening songs were given by Bros. James, Mackney, Smith, Brown, Willis, and Temple, Bro. Offord accompanying, whose efforts greatly contributed to the pleasure of a most enjoyable evening, which the Tyler's toast brought to a conclusion.

**United Northern Counties Lodge (No. 2128).**—Another of the pleasant meetings of this lodge for the installation of a new W.M. was held at the Inns of Court Hotel on the 4th inst., when a very large assembly of the brethren was got together to witness the working of the outgoing Master, Bro. Cuthbert Lee, and to greet the incoming Master, Bro. R. Porter Keates. Bros. G. Ratcliffe, J. S. Cumberland, T. Bateman Fox, W. F. Smithson, Frank Wright, and W. H. Bullock were among the Past Masters present, and the list of visitors included the names of Bros. S. S. Partridge, P.A.G.D.C., D.P.G.M. Leicester and Rutland; T. Lane Fox, P.M. 208; Arthur Spicer, S.W. 2218; W. Hearnley, S.D. 2428; W. D. Church, P.M. and Sec. 1395; W. Riley, 352; Charles A. Gompertz, P.M. 809; Halley Buckolt, J.W. 779; C. Cope, S.D. 2192; A. F. Mulliner, P.M. 2380, P.P.G.W.; W. G. Madeley, S.D. 468; Charles Lewis, S.W. 2508; A. H. Boys, 1479; H. Massey, 160, P.M. 619 and 1928; George Lavington, P.M. 857; Henry C. Muckley, 1395; W. Salmon, P.M. 177; George Grant, J.W. 31; John F. Wynn, 1050, P.G.W.; Donald D. Macpherson, P.M. 163; James Cook, I.P.M. 907; John L. Anderson, 209; Alfred H. Bateman, 160; W. C. Nickinson, P.M. 30; E. J. Spencer, 2218; E. Mosley, 857; J. Llewellyn Jones, P.M. 1490, 1670; Charles A. Reeve, 809; Horace Slade, P.M. 60, &c.; F. Brough Fennan, 1200; Sutton Shepley, J.W. 1700; Ernest A. Taylor, 1700; Turle Lee, 2204; Ager Grover, 1700; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.C., Henry Smith, D.P.G.M. West Yorks; Robert W. Bourne, and James Kershaw.

The W.M., Bro. Cuthbert R. Lee, in an able manner, installed Bro. R. Porter Keates, who is W.M. of the Graciosa Lodge, No. 2428, Coalville, Leicestershire, Bro. J. S. Cumberland, P.M., acting as D.C., and Bro. Lee having been invested as I.P.M., the following brethren received the other collars: Bros. Robert Davidson, S.W.; William H. Hestall, P.M., P.P.G.W. Derbyshire, J.W.; Rev. H. A. Hebb, M.A., P.P.G. Chap. Devon, Chaplain; G. J. Wood, P.M., P.P.G.P. Derbyshire, Treasurer; W. Masters, P.M., W.M. 60, P.G. Stwd., Sec.; E. C. Rice-Oxley, S.D.; W. R. Porter, M.D., J.D.; W. H. Bullock, P.M., D.C.; V. H. Wyatt Wingrave, I.G.; F. B. Wood, F.C.O., Org.; W. Nicholson Haydon and F. Whitmore Chant, Stwds.; and H. Evenden, P.M., Tyler. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Cuthbert Lee, and the brethren then sat down to a choice banquet.

The music after dinner was performed under the direction of Bro. Sutton Shepley, with Bro. Turle Lee at the piano-forte, by Bros. Ernest Taylor, Turle Lee, Ager Grover, and Sutton Shepley.

Bro. W. H. Bullock, P.M., D.C., proposed the toast of "The Pro G. Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and spoke in high terms of the Earl of Lathom, who is an Hon. Member, and who had frequently been at the lodge, and had done great good to the Craft. In his position of Pro Grand Master he had earned the good will and the devotion of the Craft by the way he had discharged his duties. But he had done something more since they last came into the room they were then sitting in. His Lordship had given an instance of his concern for the Order by coming down from his high pedestal and becoming, like themselves, a working Mason, in taking the first Mastership of the Lancastrian Lodge.

Bros. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg and Partridge responded. Bro. Wood, Treas., gave "The Prov. G. Master of the Northern Counties." He was himself a Northern Mason, and it was only natural to say they thought themselves very superior to their brethren of the South. He did not wish to hurt the feelings of the brethren of the South, but there was no doubt No. 2128 owed a great deal to the Prov. G. Masters of the Northern Counties, one of the most respected of these, Bro. Tew, was among the founders, and was at present a member of the lodge, but his health had compelled him to relinquish the post of Prov. G. Master for West Yorkshire. No better Mason graced the earth. It had been his (Bro. Wood's) pride to receive the Past Master's jewel of No. 2128 at the hands of the Earl of Lathom, which was a great thing to say. They had then present Bro. Henry Smith, D.P.G.M. for West Yorkshire, who was a Mason everybody might be proud of. Bro. W. L. Jackson, M.P., Prov. G. Master for West Yorks., also a member of the lodge, was present at the installation meeting of this lodge in 1893; he had taken upon himself a great responsibility, and what they saw of him on that occasion showed he was prepared to follow in the steps of his predecessors. He (Bro. Wood) had purposely left Derbyshire to the last, but that was due to his inveterate modesty, and he was pleased to say that three of the present officers of the lodge had the pleasure and privilege of belonging to Derbyshire.

Bro. Henry Smith, D.P.G.M. W. Yorks., responded. He felt very deeply the complimentary terms in which Bro. Wood had spoken of Bros. Tew and Jackson. The latter took the chair at the last Festival of the Boys' School, and West Yorkshire was very proud of him. For himself (Bro. H. Smith) he did not know that he had any qualifications except long service to stand up as D.P.G.M. to acknowledge the toast, but when he came to tell the brethren the comprehensiveness of that toast they might imagine how appalled he was when it was placed before him. It comprised Northumberland and Durham, Cumberland and Westmorland, Derby, Nottingham, Leicester, and East and West Yorkshire, as well as East and West Lancashire. West Lancashire had 105 lodges, and East Lancashire 105. West Yorkshire had only 76. It was no little labour to deal with these 76. How they did with East and West Lancashire he did not know. There were 500 men in West Yorkshire well worthy of recognition, and only 30 collars to give them. He could only say he appreciated very highly the toast, and also the kind reception of Bro. Wood, and he hoped that this happy union might often be repeated, and that he might have the honour of being present, but that some other brother more able might be called upon to respond.

Bro. Cuthbert R. Lee, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," who, from the office of I.G. to that of S.W., Bro. Keates had always done his work faithfully and well. Now that he had been installed in the W.M.'s chair he would be a very excellent Master, and the brethren would do their utmost to make his year of office successful. They could not say of him that he toiled not neither did he spin.

Bro. R. P. Keates, W.M., in reply, said he felt the responsibility of the office he filled. The position was a difficult one to fill, as the work previously had been so ably done. He would do his utmost for the lodge, and in a year's time he trusted the brethren would say he had not failed in what he had promised—to keep up the high prestige. Bro. Lee had spoken of him as one of whom it could not be said he toiled not, neither did he spin; but it would not be a toil to him, but a pleasure. It was a pleasure to him to think they had all worked, and he was sure he should be backed up by his officers. He pledged his word that nothing should be wanting on his part to keep up the traditions of the lodge in doing the work put into his hands well and worthily.

Bro. T. Bateman Fox, P.M., proposed "The Masonic Charities," and referred to the proposal put forward by the Benevolent Institution to create Patrons and Vice-Patrons, and to give a large number of votes to Subscribers holding those positions.

Bro. W. F. Smithson, P.G.D., responded, and took up the same subject, calling upon the brethren to attend next day in Grand Lodge and oppose the proposition. All the Institutions were equally deserving of support. He hoped the motion would not be carried, because he believed it would be diametrically opposed to the interests of the two other Institutions. They ought to run on equal lines. The matter had come on the brethren as a surprise.

Several brethren responded to the toast of "The Visitors," which was proposed by the J.W.

Bro. R. Porter Keates, W.M., proposed "The I.P.M. and Past Masters." A great deal of the success of that meeting was due to Bro. Cuthbert Lee, and it must be a proud thing for him to know that the lodge had appreciated his work. What he had done had always been done by the Past Masters of that lodge, who had at all times backed up the W.M. The Past Masters constituted the backbone of any lodge, and any lodge might be proud of such Past Masters as the brothers who had gone through the chair of the United Northern Counties Lodge.

Bros. Lee, Smithson, Masters, Bullock, and Bateman Fox responded.

The toast of "The Officers" was then given, and the Tyler's toast closed the evening.

#### PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

##### BRUTON.

**Royal Clarence Lodge (No. 976).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Blue Ball on Thursday, the 6th inst., when Bro. A. E. J. Creed, S.W., was installed as W.M., the ceremony being performed by Bro. R. C. Else, D.P.G.M. On his assuming the chair, the P.S.G.W., Bro. Bewsey, was conducted to

the S.W.'s chair by the P.G.D.C., Bro. Buckley. Bro. E. R. Hayter, P.G. Reg., was also present, and there was a goodly array of P.P.G. Officers. The W.M. invested the following as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. W. J. Clarke, I.P.M.; E. King, S.W.; J. W. Pearce, J.W.; E. G. Austin, P.M., P.P.G. Chap.; H. Harrold, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; E. R. Hayter, P.M., P.P.G. Org.; P.G. Reg., Sec.; J. F. Lock, D.C.; G. Porter, S.D.; S. J. Martin, J.D.; J. F. Jones, I.G.; R. T. A. Hughes, Org.; F. White and H. W. White, Stewards; and J. A. Swain, Tyler.

Bro. Bennett, P.M., who is representing the lodge as Steward at the ensuing Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in February next, announced that mainly through the munificence of Bro. Jelley, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., the sum already subscribed by the lodge would be increased, making the total amount subscribed to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution 100 guineas. A vote of thanks was given to a number of the Past Masters of the lodge who have presented their portraits to hang in the lodge. This has been done mainly through the instrumentality of the Secretary, Bro. E. R. Hayter, P.M., P.G. Reg., who has done his best to get a complete collection of all the Worshipful Masters since the consecration of the lodge.

After the completion of the business, the brethren adjourned to a banquet provided by Bro. Carhart of the Blue Ball Hotel; the catering was of a high order, and such as is rarely seen in a provincial town.

After the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

##### HULL.

**Kingston Lodge (No. 1010).**—The installation of Bro. Robert Carson, C.E., as the W.M. of the above lodge took place on the 5th instant in the Masonic Hall, Kingston-square. Bro. H. Woodhouse, LL.D., P.M., Prov. Grand Registrar, performed the ceremony of installation, which was attended by a large number of members of the lodge and visiting brethren. The following officers were invested for the ensuing year: Bros. J. Wright Mason, M.B., I.P.M.; Charles Judge, S.W.; F. Bentley, B.M. Oxon, J.W.; Rev. F. H. Duggins, M.A., Chap.; F. Fullerton, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., Treas.; J. Carlile Savill, Sec.; J. C. Smithson, P.M., Lecture Master; Col. H. F. Pudsey, P.M., P.P.G.D., Charity Representative; J. Mackaill, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Almoner; Walter F. Harris, S.D.; Thomas Pearce, J.D.; H. S. Tadmam, D.C.; J. W. Mawer, Org.; T. Thomas Locking, I.G.; J. French Thompson, Librarian; George J. Cole, Alfred H. Gibbins, and Capt. F. P. Gurney, Stwds.; and F. J. Lambert, P.G.T., Tyler.

The usual banquet followed.

**Installed Masters' Lodge (No. 2494).**—The regular meeting of the above lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Osborne-street, on Friday, the 7th inst., when the Worshipful Master, Bro. M. C. Peck, P.G. Std. Br. Eng., Prov. G. Sec., presided, and was supported by Bros. W. Tesseymann, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks., S.W.; G. L. Shackles, P.P.G.D., J.W.; E. Corris, P.P.G. Reg., Treas.; T. B. Redfearn, P.A.G.S., Sec.; J. Bilson, S.D.; Thompson Foley, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks., J.D.; J. R. Ansdell, P.P.G.S.B., D.C.; A. E. Kessen, Org.; A. King, P.P.G.D., I.G.; R. Beevers, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks., Stwd.; H. Preston, P.P.G.D., Tyler; S. Rutter, P.P.G.D.; George Leigh, P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. MacRae, P.P.G.S.B.; L. P. Brekke; W. Brook; J. T. Belt, W.M. 2134, and others.

The lodge having been opened and the minutes read, successful ballots were taken for three joining members, including the Prov. Grand Master. The Secretary having read the by-laws relating thereto, the brethren proceeded to the election of Worshipful Master and Treasurer for the ensuing year, when Bro. W. Tesseymann, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M., and Bro. E. Corris was re-elected Treasurer. Two auditors were elected, and the worthy Tyler, re-elected. The Secretary then read a valuable and interesting paper on "The Legend of the Third Degree," reviewing that most striking feature of Masonic ritual in its historical, allegorical, astronomical, and symbolic features. An interesting communication on the subject of the paper was read from Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D., whose opinions are always received with the greatest pleasure. A vote of thanks was moved by Bro. Wollaster, who referred to the origin of the traditional history, and to the Holy Temple and its ichnography; the vote was seconded by the Senior Warden, who stated that his son-in-law (a missionary in Africa) had communicated interesting details upon the existence of a species of Freemasonry amongst the natives of South Africa. The Treasurer mentioned the North American Indians as possessing similar orders, and the Worshipful Master alluded to the pseudo-Masonic rites of the Druses, the Chinese and the Turks. The vote of thanks was carried unanimously.

Two Past Masters were proposed as joining members and the lodge was closed.

The Worshipful Master subsequently entertained the brethren at supper when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

The healths of "The Worshipful Master elect" and of "The Worshipful Master" were enthusiastically received, and responded to by those brethren, the latter of whom gave a brief *resumé* of the year's work of the lodge, which had fully maintained its *raison d'être*.

During the evening, as usual in this lodge, several Masonic curiosities were exhibited.

##### KIRKDALE.

**Kirkdale Lodge (No. 1756).**—The annual meeting was held on Wednesday, the 28th ult., at the Skelmersdale Hall, Westminster-road. There was a very numerous attendance of members and visitors. Bro. Dr. J. Ricketts was installed W.M. by Bro. J. Macaulay, the retiring Master, whose year of office has been most successful, over £300 having been contributed to Charity, still leaving the lodge in a thriving condition. The following officers were invested: Bros. J. Macaulay, I.P.M.; C. F. Reid, S.W.; E. C. Gaskill, J.W.; Rev. Dr. Hyde, Chap.; C. Johnson, P.M., Treas. (re-elected); T. Hillman, S.D.; J. O. Ellams, J.D.; J. A. Gee, I.G.; Dr. H. B. Powell, J. W. Nelson, H. Williams, T. H. Bellis, G. Rankin, C. A. Clarke, and N. G. A. Brooke, Stewards; J. Macaulay, P.M., D.C.; and E. Watson, Tyler (re-elected). During the evening a handsome Past Master's jewel, accompanied by a beautiful case of cutlery and plate, was presented to the retiring W.M.

##### OLD ELVET.

**Marquis of Granby Lodge (No. 124).**—A meeting of the above lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall on Tuesday, the 4th inst., when Bro. H. Brown, H.M. Inspector of Schools, was elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bros. Matthew Fowler, M.P., was re-elected Treas. and W. Grabham, Tyler.

After the election, the festival of St. John the Evangelist was held, when about 40 brethren sat down to an excellent repast provided by Mr. Thompson, of the Dun Cow Inn, amongst those present being Col. Rowlandson and Mr. J. G. Wilson, Under Sheriff of the County.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

The installation of officers takes place the first Wednesday in January.

##### OSWESTRY.

**St. Oswald Lodge (No. 1124).**—On the 3rd inst., this lodge held its John's Festival, when Bro. Dr. W. Aylmer Lewis was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed by Bro. G. Owen, P.M., and the following officers were invested for the ensuing year: Bros. C. K. Benson, I.P.M.; Col. J. M. Maltby, S.W.; A. Aslett, J.W.; the Rev. R. T. Owen, Chap.; W. F. Rogers, Treas.; W. H. Spaul, Sec. (for the 28th year); Dr. C. T. Reynolds, S.D.; J. W. Edwards, J.D.; G. Owen, D.C.; Capt. G. H. H. Hayhurst France, I.G.; W. F. Rogers, Stwd.; and G. Bonner, Tyler. The audit was held previously to the lodge, which showed a good balance in the hands of the Treasurer. The Secretary announced that volunteers as Stewards to attend the three great Masonic Charities next year were requested—for the aged people in February, for the girls in May, and the boys in June.

After the labours of the lodge were concluded, the brethren sat down to a banquet, served in Bro. Drew's usually good style, and the usual patriotic and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

##### PADSTOW.

**St. Petroc Lodge (No. 1785).**—The annual festival of St. John was celebrated on Tuesday, the 4th inst. There was a good muster of members of the lodge, with Bro. W. A. Sandoe, S.W. 330, as visitor. A large number of apologies were received from members of neighbouring lodges, it being the night for holding parish meetings. The installation was ably performed by Bro. J. B. Williams, P.M., assisted by Bros. F. Bray, P.G.D.C., and W. H. Pope, P.P.A.G. Sec., and supported by Bros. W. H. Martyn, W. H. Roberts, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Stribley, R. S. Langford, P.P.G. Stwd.; P. Blake, and John Hawken. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. Williams, I.P.M.; G. B. Stribley, S.W.; Brown, J.W.; Hawken, Chap.; F. Bray, Treas.; W. H. Pope, Sec.; W. Derrick, S.D.; F. Sleeman, J.D.; F. Harvey, D.C.; W. Hutchings, I.G.; A. Roach, Org.; J. N. Clemow, M. C. Langford and R. F. Clemow, Stwds.; and J. D. Lobb, Tyler.

An excellent dinner was served at Bro. R. Lobb's Commercial Hotel.

##### PORTISHEAD.

**Eldon Lodge (No. 1755).**—A pleasing incident occurred at the last regular meeting of the above lodge, which was held at the Masonic Rooms of the Royal Hotel, on Saturday, the 8th inst. The brethren being desirous to recognise the arduous and untiring work of their P.M. and Sec., Bro. W. T. Shapland, occasion was taken to present him with a handsome Past Master's jewel. The presentation was made on behalf of the lodge by the W.M. Bro. W. H. Rice, P.P.G.D., who assured the recipient that the jewel was accompanied by the "Hearty good wishes" of the brethren, who were ever mindful of the thorough way in which he (Bro. Shapland) carried out every Masonic duty, and of the skill and ability shown, especially in the chair of K.S. and as Secretary. In pinning the jewel on the breast of their worthy brother, the W.M. trusted he may live long to wear it with pleasurable pride and honour. On the top bars of the jewel were the words "Eldon Lodge, No. 1755," in blue on gold, and on the reverse side this inscription: "Presented to Wor. Bro. W. T. Shapland, P.M., Secretary, by the Eldon Lodge, as a Mark of affection and esteem. December 8th, 1894." Bro. Shapland, feelingly and suitably, and in terms of surprise, thanked the W.M. for his kind words, and the lodge for their beautiful gift, and gave his assurance that if he had not deserved it in the past it would be his constant endeavour to do so in the future. The W.M. was well supported by his officers and brethren, and in the course of the afternoon an official visit was paid by the W.M. (Bro. Hayman) and the officers and brethren of the Coleridge Lodge, No. 1750, who were cordially received and entertained, as also some brethren from Bath and Weston-super-Mare.

##### SOUTHAMPTON.

**Albert Edward Lodge (No. 1780).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on Tuesday, the 4th inst., when there were present Bros. J. G. Jordan, W.M.; C. Alexander, S.W.; G. Watson, J.W.; G. Heathcote, Treas.; T. Holmes, Sec.; J. Burrow, S.D.; R. Prowse, J.D.; H. Hussey, P.M., D.C.; W. J. Groundsell, Org.; E. W. Drysdall, I.G.; T. King and R. W. Dennis, Stewards; W. Berry, P.M.; T. Walton, P.M.; C. Furner, P.M.; E. Warren, P.M.; S. Sinopsky, J. Stevens, and others. Visitors: Bros. B. Harfield, W.M. 130; A. Ritchie, W.M. 11461; E. Kingman, W.M. 351; J. E. Aldis, 339, P.G.S. of W.; E. Long, J.W. 359; T. E. Dacombe, P.M. 359; F. Kimber, 1461; R. W. Rider, 1461; A. McDonald, 1991; A. Lidiard, 1963; H. Rowthorne, 359; R. Jones, 40; and J. W. Lightfoot, 200.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, Bro. Sinopsky was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, and Mr. Thomas Griffin was initiated into Freemasonry. Bro. E. Warren, P.M., was then presented, on behalf of the brethren of the lodge, with the regalia of his provincial office as P.G.S.B. in a very neat speech by the W.M., who wished Bro. Warren long life, health, and happiness to wear it, and was pleased to see the respect in which he was held in the lodge. Bro. Warren, P.M., thanked the W.M., officers, and brethren for the kindness he had received at their hands, and said he would always do his best for the advancement of Freemasonry. The W.M. proposed that five guineas be sent to the family of the late Bro. Weaver, this making 15 guineas in all.



The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting hall, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. Bros. Harfield, Ritchie, McDonald, Aldis, and others replied for "The Visitors."

Bro. Hussey, P.M., D.C., who was heartily cheered, having replied for "The Officers of the Lodge," the Tyler's toast brought to a close a very pleasant evening.

#### SOUTHPORT.

**Unity Lodge** (No. 613).—In connection with the above lodge a gathering took place in the Masonic Rooms, Lord-street, on Monday, the 10th inst., when Bro. R. W. T. Hatch was formally installed Worshipful Master, the ceremony of installation being performed by Bro. Harford, assisted by Bros. T. F. Marden and J. F. Roberts, P.P.A.G.D.C.

The company afterwards sat down to an excellent banquet provided by Bro. George Rockliff, Tyler.

During the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, selections of music, vocal and instrumental, being given at intervals by musical brethren.

The following officers were present: Bros. G. Harford, I.P.M.; John Hatch, P.M., P.J.G.D.; T. T. Marsden, P.M.; T. Haywood, P.M.; M. Blundell, P.M.; M. H. Boyd, P.M.; E. Bradshaw, P.M.; J. O. Platt, S.W.; S. Bramwell, J.W.; W. R. Hartley, S.D.; J. J. Broome, J.D.; B. Burser, I.G.; A. A. W. Phillips, W. Derry, N. Shaw, and A. S. Robson, Stewards; and G. Rockliff, Tyler. A large number of visitors were present.

#### ST. GERMAN'S.

**Eliot Lodge** (No. 1164).—The annual installation and festival of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 6th inst., when the S.W., Bro. J. White, was installed by Bro. F. A. Rawling, P.P.A.G. Sec., assisted by Bro. G. Trethewey, and the following Board of Installed Masters: Bros. J. B. Kerswill, P.P.J.G.W.; J. Bassett, P.G. Std. Br.; U. Tracy, P.P.S.G.W. Devon; R. Parken, W. M. Roberts, C. W. Bickle, S. Ball, all of the lodge; B. Edyvean, P.P.S.G.W. 330; C. Truscott, P.P.J.G.W. 496; T. D. Deeble, P.P.G.S.; W. T. Nancarrow, 1071; A. Maddock, 230; J. Hambly, 699; and J. Griffin, 2025. The following officers were appointed: Bros. S. Ball, I.P.M.; W. Easton, S.W.; W. H. Rowe, J.W.; J. B. Kerswill, Treas.; F. A. Rawling, Sec.; W. H. Foote, S.D.; G. M. Mortimer, J.D.; J. Hosking, D.C.; D. W. Gibb, Org.; W. H. Brenton, I.G.; A. Lightfoot, and W. May, Stwds.; and J. Hawke, Tyler.

A banquet at the Eliot Arms followed, and a large gathering spent a most enjoyable evening.

#### STOCKPORT.

**Unanimity Lodge** (No. 287).—The brethren of this prosperous old lodge held their installation meeting on Wednesday, the 5th instant, at the White Lion Hotel. After the minutes of the last regular meeting had been read and confirmed, and statement of accounts presented and passed, Bro. J. L. Hudson, J.W., W.M. elect, P.P.G. Steward, was presented by Bro. John Leigh, P.M., D.C., &c., to Bro. James Cookson, the Installing Master, who, in a creditable manner, installed Bro. Hudson in the chair of K.S. for the ensuing year. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. the Rev. A. Symonds, P.P.G.C., I.P.M.; James A. Cookson, S.W.; A. J. Hewlett, J.W.; C. Dawson, P.M., Treas.; Charity Representative; James Cookson, P.M., P.P.G.T., Sec.; T. Jagger, S.D.; D. Walmsley, J.D.; John Leigh, P.M., P.P.G.P., D.C.; C. Campion, Org.; G. W. Healey, I.G.; and B. Flower, J. Torton, R. Thomas, and T. L. Lee, Stewards.

Among the visitors were Bros. R. Newhouse, P.G. Sec.; T. Fockitt, P.M. 295, P.P.G.D.; H. P. Jones, P.G. Std. Br.; T. Horlam, W.M. 104; E. Ratcliffe, W.M. 322; H. Newton, W.M. 323; James Hudson, P.M. 322; and many others.

Over 40 brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, served in Mrs. Robertson's usual first-class style. The tables were beautifully decorated with fruit and flowers, and the W.M. had provided each guest with a button-hole, and each contained a rose.

During the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

The W.M., in the name of the brethren, presented to Bro. the Rev. A. Symonds a valuable 18-carat gold Past Master's jewel, which was greatly admired.

Bro. Symonds thanked the W.M. and brethren for the very handsome jewel, and said he should always prize it, and hoped long to continue a member of the Unanimity Lodge—which had had an uninterrupted career of over 100 years.

There was an excellent musical programme, and all left, after expressing their pleasure and delight at being present at so successful a gathering.

#### SUNDERLAND.

**Phoenix Lodge** (No. 94).—The annual meeting of this lodge took place on Wednesday, the 5th inst., in the Old Masonic Hall, Queen-street, when Bro. W. Watson, S.W., was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony having been impressively conducted by Bro. J. D. Todd, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. The W.M. afterwards invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. W. G. Hetherington, I.P.M.; M. Cohen, S.W.; Rev. T. Randall, D.D., P.P.G.C., J.W.; T. O. Todd, Treas.; J. D. Todd, Sec.; J. R. Moore, S.D.; E. H. Tilley, J.D.; Wm. Vincent, P.M., P.P.G.O., D.C.; Dr. C. Vincent, Org.; J. M. Thompson, I.G.; J. Thompson, H. Church, Julius Jacobs, and H. T. Halfpenny, Stwds.; and P. J. Baglee, Tyler.

An adjournment was afterwards made to the Palatine Hotel, where the annual banquet was held, the W.M., Bro. W. Watson, being in the chair.

The toast of "The W.M." was proposed by Bro. W. Vincent, and Bro. Watson responded.

The Rector of Sunderland, Bro. Dr. Randall, proposed "The Masonic Charities," and Bro. J. D. Todd gave "The Visiting Brethren," to which the Jewish Pastor, Bro. J. Phillips, responded.

FREEMASONRY TEACHES the immortality of man's being and many other very valuable and precious truths. It lays especial stress upon Charity as the binding and cementing element in human society.

## Royal Arch.

### BIRKENHEAD.

**Fidelity Chapter** (No. 477).—The annual installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Chambers on Monday, the 10th inst., when there was a very good attendance of members and visitors. This chapter has the reputation of being one of the largest and best worked in the Province of Cheshire, and the assembly gathered together on this occasion amply testified to its popularity. The members present at the opening of the chapter were Comps. Joseph Clarke, I.P.Z., P. Prov. G.S., as M.E.Z.; Roger G. Hawkins, H., M.E.Z. elect; James S. Warren, J.; S. Jones, P.Z., P. Prov. G.H., S.E.; Richard Parry, S.N.; W. Hopkinson, Treas.; R. Robinson, P.S.; George P. Poole, 1st A.S.; James McLeavy, 2nd A.S.; John Morris, P.Z., P. Prov. G.S., D.C.; Geo. F. Bird, P.Z., P.P.A.G.D.C.; James Clarke, P.Z.; Enock Evans, P. Prin. H.; Rev. Robert Edwards, Joseph Scarratt, George Lloyd, Capt. James W. Shaw, Edward Parker, G. F. Hand, J. H. Smith, and others. Visitors: Comps. T. C. Thorburn, P.Z. 537, P. Prov. G.H.; Owen Jones, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N.; John Watt, M.E.Z. 605; A. J. Thompson, J. H. Jackson, P.P.G. Org.; Geo. Proudman, S.N. 241; and others.

Comp. John Morris, P.Z., P. Prov. G.S., who has acted as Installing Officer for several years, officiated in that capacity upon the present occasion, and discharged the important duties attached to the position with the greatest satisfaction, both to members and visitors. The newly-installed chiefs were: Comps. Roger George Hawkins, M.E.Z.; James Syer Warren, H.; Richard Parry, J.; Sam. Jones, P.Z., P.P.G.H., S.E. (18th time); R. Robinson, S.N.; W. Hopkinson, Treas.; Capt. Shaw, P.S.; James McLeavy, 1st A.S.; Joseph Scarratt, 2nd A.S.; and John Morris, P.Z., P.P.G.S., D.C.

The balance-sheet showed a very satisfactory return of the year's working, and after the ordinary routine work had been performed the companions adjourned to the banqueting room, where Comp. C. H. Berry had provided for the necessary requirements of the company.

The new Principals presided at the festive board, and submitted the usual toasts, which were duly honoured, and during the intervals of speechmaking a selected programme of music was gone through with great success by Comps. George Proudman, A. J. Thompson, R. Parry, R. Robinson, and Capt. Shaw, while Comp. J. Hamilton Jackson, P.P.G.O., presided at the pianoforte in a very capable manner.

## Mark Masonry.

### BIRMINGHAM.

**Charity Lodge** (No. 430).—The ordinary quarterly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, New-street, on Wednesday, the 5th inst., Bro. Sir Jas. Sawyer, Kt., Prov. J.G.D., in the chair. The visitors present were Bros. the Rev. W. J. Down, Prov. G. Chap. Worcestershire; J. W. Roberts, P.M. 330, P.P.G.M.O. Prov. G.D. of C. Worcestershire; Duncan J. Sheddan, Sec. 330, and P.P.G.R. of M. Worcestershire; J. Candell, P.M. 318, Prov. J.G.W. Staffs.; J. H. Dent, M.O., A. H. Hebbert, S.O., and H. J. Collins, I.G., all of Howe Lodge, T.I., J. P. Rowlands, P.M., P.P.G.M.O.; R. N. Mearns, 408; T. Ballington, S.D. 115; J. A. Turton, Stwd. 115; and other distinguished brethren.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of advancement was then performed. The Most Noble Bro. the Marquess of Hertford, P. Pro G.M. and Prov. G.M. of Warwickshire, was then announced, and admitted, and received with Grand Lodge salutations, which were fraternally and graciously acknowledged. The most noble brother was then conducted by the D.C. to the Immediate Past Master's chair, he being a honorary P.M. of the lodge. The noble brother fulfilled the duties of the office of I.P.M. in a graceful and exemplary manner to the close of the lodge.

Bro. Ed. Mallard, P.M., D.C., then proposed a resolution, of which he had given previous notice, removing the restriction upon the admission of members from any other Craft lodge than the Charity Craft Lodge, No. 1551. This resolution was seconded by Bro. T. Rowbotham, P.M., Prov. G.M.O., and carried unanimously. The ballot was then taken for Bros. Robt. Barton Morgan, P.M. 115, P.P.S.G.W., Prov. G.D.C., Walter H. Rollason, S.D. 115, as joining members, and proved unanimous. Bro. W. H. Rollason was re-admitted and complimented by the W.M. on his admission into the lodge, and the lodge was also complimented upon receiving such an expert Mark Master Mason. Bro. W. H. Rollason, at the request of the W.M., then took the position of J.O., and performed his part of the ceremony in a very perfect, creditable, and praiseworthy manner. The ballot was then taken for Bros. Lieut. Franklin W. Cross, W.M. 1792, and Charles Corbett Walker, 1551, and, proving unanimous in their favour, the two brethren were admitted and advanced to the Degree of Mark Master Mason, the ceremony being very ably and most impressively performed by the W.M. Bro. Thos. Rowbotham, P.M., officiated as S.D. and Bro. E. Mallard, P.M., officiated as D. of C. Valuable assistance was also rendered to the lodge by Bro. J. Candell, as J.W., and Bro. Duncan, J. Sheddan, as M.O. The W.M. then made the usual enquiries, when Bro. Edward Mallard, P.M., proposed as candidates for advancement, Bros. Reynolds, Guest, and Lee, all of the Charity Craft Lodge, No. 1551, which proposition was seconded by the W.M. and Bro. Thomas Rowbotham, P.M. Letters of apology and regret were then read by the Secretary, Bro. J. C. Gray, from Bros. Abraham Green, D.P.G.M. Worcestershire; Rev. W. Trevor Parkins, M.A., D.P.G.M. of the province; D. C. Lloyd Owen, P.G. Treas.; Wright Wilson, P.G. Sec., and several other brethren. "Hearty good wishes" were then given from the Provinces of Worcester and Stafford, and by the Prov. G. Master of the Province of Warwick, as well as from the Howe, 21; Bedford, 157; Athol, 174; and the Hereford Military, Mark Masters' lodges of the province, which were accepted and acknowledged by the W.M. The ceremony was performed in strict accordance with the ritual, rules, regulations, and practices of the Grand Mark Lodge of Instruction, the musical part of the ceremony being beautifully rendered by Bro. R. C. Wills, P.P.G. Org., the Organist of the lodge.

At the banquet which followed, the W.M. presiding, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts of "The Queen and Mark Masonry," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Mark Master," and "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Officers, Present and Past, of the Grand Mark Lodge of England," &c.

The W.M. proposed "The Health of the Most Noble and R.W. Bro. the Marquess of Hertford, P. Pro Grand Master, and Prov. Grand Master of the Province, his Deputy, the V.W. Bro. the Rev. W. Trevor Parkins, P.G. Chap., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past."

The noble brother in responding complimented the W.M. upon the efficiency, strength, and character of his lodge, and congratulated the lodge upon having so able and zealous an exponent of Mark Master Masonry in the chair.

Bro. Thos. Rowbotham, P.M., as the Treasurer of the lodge, then announced that the W.M. had commanded him to debit the cost of the wine for the banquet to him personally.

The noble brother then proposed "The Health of the W.M." in kind and complimentary terms, which was feelingly and Masonically responded to by the W.M., who thanked the noble brother for his special attendance at the lodge, and expressed a hope that he would visit the lodge oftener in future. He also took occasion to thank the noble brother for having graciously condescended to allow the incorporation of his arms in the banner of the lodge, and admitted that although the noble brother was not often present in person, he was often there in spirit in the shape of frequent presents of version for the lodge table.

The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Newly-advanced Candidates," who both responded.

"The Health of the Visitors" was given by Bro. Edward Mallard, P.M.

This was responded to by the Prov. Grand Chaplain of Worcestershire, on behalf of his province; Bro. J. Candell, on behalf of the Province of Staffordshire; and by Bro. J. H. Dent, on behalf of the Province of Warwickshire.

The proceedings were interspersed with songs and recitations by Bros. R. O. Wills, P.P.G.O., Org., and Duncan J. Sheddan, P.P.G.R. of M. Worcestershire.

The proceedings, which were very successful throughout, were closed in the usual manner with the Tyler's toast, the noble brother leaving to spend the night with the W.M. at Haseley Hall, Warwick.

### UNITED GRAND LODGE.

In our report of the proceedings of the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge in our last issue, we were compelled, for want of space, to omit the speeches by Bro. Farnfield and others, arising out of the resolution as to the alteration of laws of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. We now print them for the information of our readers.

Bro. J. A. FARNFIELD, Treasurer of the Benevolent Institution, rose to move the adoption of the resolution, and complained that the Grand Secretary should have read the communication before the motion was made. Grand Secretary had not told them that the Benevolent Institution had never had the privilege of making lodges and chapters, and other Masonic bodies, Patrons or Vice-Patrons of the Institution, as the other two Institutions had. Those Institutions had had the upper hand in that privilege, and had taken good care to exercise it. The reason the Grand Secretary had in reading that communication when he did was to prejudice the Benevolent Institution. (Cries of "No, no," and "Yes, yes.") This matter had been carefully considered by a Committee and general meeting of Subscribers to the Benevolent Institution, and it was now put for confirmation. It had been laid down by Grand Lodge on two different occasions that Grand Lodge alone had the right to sanction, or refuse its sanction, to these resolutions on account of Grand Lodge giving a sum of money for the benefit of the Institution. Grand Lodge had no wish to prejudice the other Institutions, or put their veto on anything the Subscribers might do. This was done in 1861, when Bro. John Symonds explained that the management of the Institution was to be left to the Subscribers. On March 3rd, 1858, it was decided that Grand Lodge had nothing to do with the management of the Institution, which was vested in the general body of Subscribers. If the present resolution was shelved, as the Grand Secretary wished, it would throw them over at the next Festival of the Benevolent Institution, for which there were 500 promises for this privilege. That would be cut off by the very artful resolution of the Girls' and Boys' Institutions, which were only carried last night, he thought. Was it, as men and Masons, fair play to hold a meeting to pass such a resolution to be read at this meeting of Grand Lodge? (Cries of "Shame" and "No.") The general meeting of the Subscribers to the Benevolent Institution knew best what was for the good of the Institution. He begged to move the confirmation.

Bro. FREDERICK MEAD, P.G.S.B., seconded the motion, to the main principle of which he could not believe there would really be any objection. Opposition, he thought, would be withdrawn on proper explanation. They were not asking Grand Lodge to take a leap in the dark; they were following the example of the other two Institutions. As long ago as 1871, the Girls' School, which was followed by the Boys', altered their rules to allow lodges and other Masonic bodies to become Vice-Patrons on payment of 200 guineas in sums of not less than five guineas at a time. In 1884, the rules were again altered, to enable Masonic bodies to become Patrons on payment of 400 guineas, in payments of five guineas at a time. At the present time there were Masonic lodges, &c., 15 Patrons and 15 Vice-Patrons of the Girls', and 23 Patrons and 85 Vice-Patrons of the Boys'. Silently the Benevolent Institution had allowed Masonic bodies to become Vice-Patrons, and

they had on their books 247 Vice-Patrons. Therefore they altered their rules and asked Grand Lodge to sanction it, and also a rule to allow Patrons. Coming to details—he was speaking only for himself, because the opposition had come like a bomb-shell, for the meeting only took place last night.

Bro. EVERETT wished to correct this statement; the resolution was passed by the Boys' School last Friday (November 30th).

Bro. F. MEAD said he was told it was last night. It was only yesterday, at all events, the opposition was known, and he had not had time to consult Bro. Farnfield. He thought there were mistakes in the proposition, but a much graver error had been made by the opposition. He believed the mistakes could be put right by the three Institutions, who had their offices all under one roof, and that might have been stated to the Grand Secretary. Instead of this, a circular was sent out calling upon supporters of the other Institutions to attend and oppose.

Bro. G. EVERETT: No, to delay it.

Bro. F. MEAD: Very well, to delay it. Very hard words had been used with regard to this letter, but very strong threats had been used by those who had been the best supporters of the Benevolent, some of whom were among the best supporters of the Boys' and Girls', which threats, if carried out, would be much to the disadvantage of those two Institutions. Was this right? Hitherto they had lived in brotherly love. When wrong was inflicted on an individual he smarted under it, and it was natural, it was only manly and British that he should retaliate. He hoped that all such feeling would disappear before they parted that night. He thought there was a mistake with regard to the votes to be allowed, that it should be 110 instead of 90. He thought it a mistake to say six votes for five guineas, it should have been two or three. If Grand Lodge permitted and Bro. Farnfield would agree, it might be allowed and he hoped it would satisfy all opposition. The rules might be put more in accordance with those of the Girls' and the Boys'. The Benevolent gave a vote of five shillings the Girls' and Boys' for a guinea, but the latter had two elections a year to the Benevolent Institutions one election. The Girls' and Boys' Institutions could alter their rules without coming to Grand Lodge, but the Benevolent could not.

Bro. W. MORLEY pointed out that hitherto there had been a tacit agreement between the three Institutions that lodges and Masonic bodies should have a smaller equivalent in votes for their money than individuals. Had this resolution come before Grand Lodge only for the purpose of authorising the Institution to create the position of Patron and Vice-Patron there would not have been a single objection, but he thought there was a decided innovation that for 100 guineas 30 votes were to be given the same as to an individual.

Bro. J. A. FARNFIELD said this amount was to be paid to each particular fund, which came to the same thing as the Boys' and the Girls'.

Bro. W. MORLEY said anyhow the resolution was imperfect. The new proposition would give 110 votes in perpetuity; for 400 guineas 350 votes instead of as at present 150; and for each subsequent 200 guineas 140 votes instead of 60. He proposed that the resolution should not be upheld but be reconsidered.

Bro. JOHN GLASS, 453, supported. The resolution was full of great inaccuracies, which had been admitted. If it became one of the laws of the Institution, it seemed as if it would rather defeat its object, which was to attract more funds to the good objects which it tried to promote. If 20 brethren subscribed to guineas each they had 80 votes for life among them. If a Masonic body subscribed the same amount of money they would receive a very much larger number of votes. If 40 brethren desired to become Life Governors and subscribed 10 guineas each, they would have 160 votes among them for life. Under the proposed rule they could combine and give it through a lodge or chapter, and get 350 votes. He was sure there was some way out of the difficulty, and that some other method might be devised.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, as a Subscriber to all the Institutions, was sure it was the feeling of all the Subscribers that the degrees of Patron and Vice-Patron should be conferred by the Benevolent Institution, but he thought, also, it was the opinion of nearly all that this discussion should be deferred for a meeting of the three Institutions to settle the question among themselves.

Bro. RICHARD EVE, for the Boys' School, agreed.

Bro. J. A. FARNFIELD said the alteration could not be made now. Grand Lodge must either approve or disapprove. The resolution had been come to by general meeting of Subscribers, and if Grand Lodge did not approve, the Institution must do something else.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON said Grand Lodge had a perfect right to adjourn the discussion.

Bro. J. A. FARNFIELD observed that the Institution must have another general meeting. He hoped Grand Lodge would carry this resolution.

Bros. PHILBRICK and A. C. SPAULL thought it best to adjourn the question.

Bro. TERRY strongly opposed this view. No opposition was raised until Saturday last. Bro. McLeod had attended the meetings, and his opinion was asked and acted upon. He maintained that the other Institutions were entirely different from the Benevolent.

Bro. McLEOD, while not agreeing with all Bro. Terry's statements said it was quite true he was present at the meeting of the Benevolent, but he believed none of them knew it was the intention to do more than confer the rank of Patron and Vice-Patron, with which

he cordially agreed, and not one word was said by the mover or seconder to imply that any extra voting power would be given beyond what was given in the other two Institutions. It was after Grand Lodge agenda paper came out that brethren saw the effect of the resolution, and it was Thursday and not Saturday that it was pointed out the alarming effect it would have on the other Institutions.

The Earl of JERSEY would like to see the Benevolent Institution put on something of the same footing as the others, but not to have the privilege of making Patrons and Vice-Patrons with the same figures as appeared in the resolution which was sought to be sanctioned.

Bro. J. A. FARNFIELD said he still failed to see how anything could be done to stultify the decision of the special meeting.

The adjournment was then carried.

## Cryptic Masonry.

Grand Master's Council (No. 1). — A meeting of this council was held at the Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 30th ult. Among those present were Comps. G. Powell, T.I.M.; E. Storr, P.T.I.M.; A. McDowall, P.C. of Wks.; George Graveley, P.T.I.M., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.T.I.M., Recorder; W. A. Scurrah, George Gregory, H. P. Hay, I. Smith, Basil Stewart, W. H. Toye, H. J. Lardner, P.T.I.M., and many others.

The minutes of the previous council having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. and Comp. W. Mason Stiles, P.M., P.Z., P.G. Std. Br. (Mark), G. Treas. (R.A.), &c., and, it being unanimous, he was duly admitted a member of the Four Degrees by Comp. H. J. Lardner, ably assisted by Comp. G. Graveley as P.C. of Wks. Communications regretting inability to attend were received from Comps. Lieut.-Col. G. Lambert, P.D.G.M.; Baron de Ferrieres, P.D.G.M.; the Rev. Dr. Lemon, P.G. Chap.; R. L. Loveland, J.P., P.T.I.M.; H. H. Shirley, M.A., D.M.; Major W. B. Williamson, J.P.; I. J. Pakes, Major Penrose Dunbar, J. J. Thomas Nelson Brown, M.A., and many others. A vote of thanks was passed to Comp. Lardner for his services.

The council was closed in the Degree of Select Master, and the companions dined at the Holborn Restaurant.

Some excellent speeches were made by the Thrice Illustrious Master and Comps. E. Storr, H. J. Lardner, and W. M. Stiles.

## Our Portrait Gallery of Worshipful Masters.



BRO. F. BRENDEL,

whose installation as W.M. of the Egyptian Lodge, No. 27, was recorded in our issue of 19th May last, was born in 1856, and came from a very old German family; his late father was a partner of a well known Berlin banking firm of the same name. Our brother came to England in November, 1879, and five years later he went into business on his own account, which is now the firm of F. Brendel, Limited, of which he is the managing director. He was initiated in the Egyptian Lodge on 3rd October, 1889, and at once took a great and sincere interest in the Craft, and in less than six months made himself thoroughly acquainted with the ritual. These efforts were appreciated, as, at the first installation meeting after his initiation, he was appointed Assistant Steward, and has since filled the offices of S.D., J.W., and S.W. The Egyptian Lodge is well-known in the Metropolis for the best of working, and Bro. Brendel has gained a thorough mastery of the ritual, and will certainly add to the great reputation of his lodge, which is to be congratulated in having so excellent a Master.

A report of the Egyptian Lodge will be found in another column.

MR. JOHN BARKER, J.P., has kindly consented to preside over the 25th annual festival dinner of the Warehousemen, Clerks', and Drapers' Schools (Purley, Surrey), which will be held in London early in the year 1895.

## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY RAILWAY ARRANGEMENTS.

### THE MIDLAND RAILWAY COMPANY.

The Midland Railway Company, to prevent inconvenience and overcrowding, have arranged for the booking offices at St. Pancras and Moorgate Street Stations to be open for the issue of tickets all day on Friday, Saturday, and Monday, December 21st, 22nd, and 24th, and tickets to all principal stations on the Midland Railway can be obtained beforehand at any of their offices, a list of which can be had on application. The tickets obtained at these offices will be available from St. Pancras Station, and will be issued at the same fares as charged at that station, and dated to suit the convenience of passengers. Cheap excursion trains will be run from London (St. Pancras) to Carlisle, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Greenock, Dundee, Aberdeen, &c., and from principal provincial stations to Carlisle, Edinburgh, Glasgow, &c., on Fridays, December 21st, for five or eight days, and December 28th for five or seven days, by which return tickets will be issued at a third class single fare for the double journey. The Single Fare Tickets issued on December 21st will be available for returning on any day up to and including December 29th, and Single Fare Tickets taken on December 28th will be available for returning any day up to and including January 4th, 1895. Cheap Excursion Tickets will be issued from London (St. Pancras) and principal provincial stations on Thursday, December 20th, to Dublin, Cork, Killarney, Limerick, &c., via Liverpool, available for 16 days, on Friday, December 21st, to Dublin, &c., via Morecambe, available for returning on December 27th, 29th, and January 1st, 3rd, or 5th, 1895; on Friday, December 21st, to Belfast, Londonderry, Portrush, &c., via Barrow, available for 16 days, and on Saturday, December 22nd, to Londonderry, via Morecambe, available for returning December 31st, or January 3rd or 7th. Cheap Excursion Trains will also be run from London (St. Pancras) on Saturday night, December 22nd, to Leicester, Birmingham, Nottingham, Derby, Newark, Lincoln, Burton, Manchester, Liverpool, Blackburn, Bolton, Sheffield, Leeds, Bradford, York, Hull, Scarborough, Newcastle, the Lake District, &c., returning December 26th or 28th. On Christmas Eve the pressure of traffic will be relieved by the running of duplicate trains from St. Pancras as circumstances may require.

### THE LONDON AND NORTH WESTERN COMPANY.

The London and North Western Company announce that the ticket offices at Euston, Broad Street, Kensington, and Willesden Junction will be open throughout the day, from Monday, December 17th, to Monday, December 24th, inclusive, so that passengers wishing to obtain tickets for any destination on the London and North Western Railway can do so at any time of the day prior to the starting of the train. Tickets, dated to suit the convenience of passengers, can be obtained at any time (Sundays and Bank Holidays excepted) at the following Town Receiving Offices of the Company: Cross Keys, 1, Wood-street, Cheapside, E.C.; 15, Queen-street, Cheapside, E.C.; 22, Aldersgate-street, E.C.; 8 and 9, Clerkenwell Green, E.C.; Swan-with-Two-Necks, 65, Gresham-street, E.C.; 30, West Smithfield, E.C.; Bolt-in-Tun, 64, Fleet-street, E.C.; Palmer's, 79, Knight-rider-street, E.C.; Spread Eagle, 3, Whittington Avenue, Leadenhall Market, E.C.; 13, Eastcheap, E.C.; 116, Holborn, E.C.; George and Blue Boar, 285, High Holborn, W.C.; Atlas Office, 167, Tottenham Court-road, W.C.; Golden Cross, Charing Cross, W.C.; 70, St. Martin's-lane, W.C.; 43, New Oxford-street, W.C.; 3, James-street, Covent Garden, W.C.; Universal Office, Spread Eagle, Piccadilly Circus, W.; 34, Parliament-street, Westminster, S.W.; Hotel Windsor, Victoria-street, S.W.; Griffin's Green Man and Still, 241, Oxford street, W.; 496, Oxford-street, W.; 231, Edgware-road, W.; Lion, 108, New Bond-street, W.; 33, Hereford-road, Bayswater, W.; 34, Albert Gate, Knightsbridge, S.W.; The Eclipse, 1696, Fulham-road, S.W.; 23, High-street, Kensington, W.; 65, Aldgate, E.; Royal Albert and Victoria Docks, Canning Town Goods Station, 41, Barking-road, E.; 233 and 234, Blackfriars-road, S.E.; 117, High-street, Borough, S.E.; Surrey Railway Office, 138, Newington Causeway, S.E.; 194, Westminster Bridge-road, S.E.; "Angel," Islington, 5, Pentonville-road, N.; L. B. and S. C. Office, 8, Grand Hotel Buildings, Charing Cross. Tickets can also be obtained at Gaze and Sons' Tourist Offices, 142, Strand, W.C.; 4, Northumberland-avenue; and 18, Westbourne-grove, W.; and at the Army and Navy Co-operative Society's Stores, 105, Victoria-street, Westminster, S.W. The ordinary service of express and mails trains will be supplemented by additional express trains as named below: On Saturday, December 22nd, a special train will leave Willesden Junction at 2.55 p.m. for Bletchley, Wolverton, Rugby, principal stations on the Trent Valley Line, and Stafford, in advance of the 2.45 p.m. ordinary train from London (Euston). The 4.30 p.m., Euston to Birmingham, will be divided—the first portion, which will run express to Coventry and Birmingham, will leave Euston at 4.25 p.m.; the second portion of the train will leave Euston at 4.30 p.m. as usual, and convey passengers for Northampton, Market Harboro', Wellingboro', Rugby, Coventry, Birmingham, Walsall, Dudley, and Wolverhampton. On Monday, December 24th, the night Irish mail due to leave Euston 8.20 p.m., will not leave until 9.5 p.m. The mail steamer for Kingstown will wait the arrival of the train at Holyhead. The 12.0 night train from London (Euston), due at Warrington at 5.15 a.m. on Tuesday, December 25th, will be extended from Warrington to Kendal and Carlisle as on ordinary week days. On Christmas Day, a Special Train will leave Euston at 6.15 a.m. for Northampton, Rugby, Birmingham, Stafford, Crewe, Manchester, Liverpool, Chester, Ireland, Lancaster, Preston, Carlisle, Edinburgh, Glasgow, &c. The ordinary Sunday service of trains will be run. On Bank Holiday, Wednesday, December 26th, the Express Trains usually leaving London (Euston) at 12.0 noon and 4.0 p.m. will not be run; passengers will be conveyed by the 12.10 p.m. and 4.10 p.m. trains respectively. The 4.30 p.m., London (Euston) to Birmingham and Wolverhampton, will also be discontinued, and passengers will be conveyed by the 5.0 p.m. train, except those for Market Harboro', Melton Mowbray, Nottingham, Wellingboro', &c., who will travel by the 3.15 p.m. train from Euston. The 8.10 p.m., Euston to Northampton, will not be run. Numerous residential trains will not run, particulars of which can be ascertained on reference to the Company's local notices. The Up and Down Dining

Saloon between London, Liverpool, and Manchester will not be run on Bank Holiday, but the Corridor Dining Car Trains between London and Edinburgh and Glasgow will be run as usual. The Company also announce cheap excursions to Coventry, Leamington, Birmingham, South Staffordshire stations, Wolverhampton, Nuneaton, Liverpool, Warrington, Lancaster, the English Lake District, Manchester, Oldham, Stoke, Chester, North and South Wales, and the Cambrian Line, Shrewsbury, Carlisle, Scotland, Ireland, &c. For full particulars see special notices.

#### GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY.

The Great Northern Railway Company announce that on the night of Fridays, December 21st and 28th, cheap excursions will leave London (Victoria, L. C. & D., Moorgate, King's Cross, &c.), for Newcastle, Berwick, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Stirling, Perth, Dundee, Montrose, Aberdeen, and other stations in Scotland. Passengers by the excursion on the 21st return on Wednesday 26th or Saturday, 29th December, and those by the excursion on 28th December return on Wednesday, 2nd, or on Friday, 4th January. Tickets at a single fare for the double journey will also be issued by these excursions to places named on above dates, available for return on any day within eight days, including days of issue and return. On Saturday, December 22nd, cheap excursions will also leave London (Victoria, L. C. & D., Moorgate, King's Cross, &c.), for Cambridge, Lynn, Norwich, Cromer, Yarmouth, Leicester, Boston, Grimsby, Nottingham, Derby, Burton, Hull, Sheffield, Manchester, Liverpool, York, Darlington, Durham, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Leeds, Bradford, Halifax, Keighley, and other principal stations in the Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire, Lancashire, and Yorkshire districts, returning on the 26th and 28th December. December 22nd and 24th, additional trains will be run to meet requirements of traffic. The 10.40 p.m. express from King's Cross, which does not usually run beyond Berwick on Saturday nights, will, on December 22nd and 24th, be run through to Edinburgh, and be due in Edinburgh at 10.15 a.m. on December 23rd and 25th. Monday, December 24th, the 5.0 p.m. express from King's Cross will be continued to Melton Constable, calling at all stations east of Peterboro'. A special express at ordinary fares will leave London (King's Cross) at 12.0 midnight on Monday, 24th December, for Welwyn, Stevenage, Hitchin, Biggleswade, Sandy, St. Neots, Huntingdon, Peterboro', Spalding, Boston, Grimsby, Grantham, Lincoln, Nottingham, Newark, Retford, Doncaster, Wakefield, Leeds, Bradford, Halifax, Selby, York, &c. Christmas Day, the trains will run as on Sundays, except that the 5.15 a.m. express from King's Cross will be run, at ordinary fares, to Peterboro', Bourne, Stamford, Grantham, Lincoln, Nottingham, Doncaster, Wakefield, Leeds, Bradford, and Halifax, stopping at the intermediate stations at which it ordinarily calls, and will be continued to York, Newcastle, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Perth, Aberdeen, &c. A Special Express conveying parcels only will leave London (King's Cross) at 9.55 p.m. on December 19th, 20th, and 21st for Lynn, Norwich, Yarmouth, Nottingham, Melton Mowbray, Leicester, Derby, Burton, Lincoln, Sheffield, Manchester, Liverpool, Wakefield, Leeds, Bradford, Keighley, Halifax, York, Hull, Newcastle, and all places in the north of England and Scotland. To prevent inconvenience from crowding at the Company's principal terminal station, King's Cross, tickets, dated in advance, will be issued at King's Cross (G.N.R.), Victoria (L.C. and D.), Ludgate-hill, Moorgate, Aldersgate, Farringdon, and Finsbury Park Stations, and at the following ticket offices: 90, Tottenham Court-road; 285, Oxford-street; "Star" Office, 138, Victoria-street, Piccadilly, S.W.; 139 and 141, Brompton-road, S.W.; Albert Gate Office, 1, William-street, Lowndes-square, W.; 169, Edgware-road; "Royal Oak" Office, 6, Porchester-road, Westbourne-grove; Cambridge-circus, Shaftesbury-avenue; 328, Strand; 29, Bow-street, Covent Garden; "Bee Hive," Whitecross-street; 43 and 44, Crutched Friars; 50, Bishopsgate-street Without; G.N. Office, Farringdon-street; 230, Essex-road, Islington; 264, High Holborn; 10, Fish-street Hill; 75, High-street, Borough; 230, High-street, Borough; 44, Bread-street, Cannon-street; 1, Whittington-avenue, Leadenhall-street; 3, King Edward-street, Newgate-street; 22, Wood-street; 217, Old-street; 190A, Westminster Bridge-road; 7, Beresford-square, South Woolwich; Royal Victoria and Albert Docks (G.N. Co.'s Offices); at the office of Messrs. Swan and Leach, 3, Charing Cross, and 32, Piccadilly Circus; at the Army and Navy Stores, 105, Victoria-street, S.W.; at William Whiteley's, 151, Queen's-road, Bayswater, W.; Robertson and Co., 191, Fulham-road, S.W.; of Hernu, Peron and Co., 98 and 100, Queen Victoria-street; Civil Service Supply Association, 136, Queen Victoria-street, E.C.; Civil Service Co-operative Society, 28, Haymarket, S.W.; and of A. Jakins and Co., 99, Leadenhall-street (Leadenhall House), E.C.; 30, Silver-street, Notting Hill Gate, W.; and "Red Cap," 6, Camden-road, N.W.

#### Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

**LA TOLERANCE LODGE (No. 538).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W., when there were present Bros. A. Terry, W.M.; H. C. Parker, S.W.; E. Kraus, J.W.; J. Paul, P.M., Preceptor; J. Thom, P.M., Asst. Preceptor; W. E. Wilby, P.M., Sec.; G. Ridout, S.D.; A. Narten, J.D.; J. Thom, P.M., D.C.; J. Pringle, I.G.; Jackson, P.M.; Rich, Bande, and Cizzio.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Cizzio then answered the questions leading from the First to the Second Degrees. The lodge having been opened in the Second Degree, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Cizzio being the candidate. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. G. Ridout, W.M. 1287, who proceeded to rehearse in an impressive manner the ceremony of installation, concluding with the three addresses. The W.M. resumed the chair, and rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. At the second rising, Bro. Parker was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. A hearty vote of thanks was recorded to Bro. G. Ridout for the excellent manner in which he had worked the ceremony of installation. After the third rising, all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

**CHAUCER LODGE (No. 1540).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 11th inst., at the Old White Hart Hotel, Borough, S.E. Present: Bros. M. Chapman, W.M.; Featherstone, S.W.; Polak, J.W.; Roots, P.M., Preceptor; Bird, Sec.; J. O'Dea, S.D.; Woodbury, J.D.; Rullpitt, I.G.; Osmond, P.M.; Benedict, Levy, and Morley.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The lodge was resumed in the Second Degree. Bro. O'Dea, having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was resumed in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. O'Dea being the candidate. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. Bro. Benedict, having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Benedict being the candidate. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. The lodge was then closed.

**CITADEL LODGE (No. 1897).**—A meeting was held on Friday evening, the 7th inst., at the Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst-road, Stoke Newington, when there were present Bros. Fred. Kebbell, W.M.; Cram, P.M., S.W.; Feistel, J.W.; Gaskin, P.M., acting Preceptor; Harry Willsmer, Sec.; Platt, S.D.; Watts, J.D.; C. H. Ditchman, I.G.; Whittaker, Palmer, Lefevre, Cole, Cummings, Davison, P.M.; Geo. Clark, P.M.; and others.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, the first and third ceremonies were rehearsed, Bros. Lefevre and Whittaker acting as candidates. Bro. Cram, P.M., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Gaskin proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded the W.M. of the evening for his excellent working of the two Degrees for the first time in this lodge of instruction. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

**PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 753).**—A convocation was held on Thursday, the 6th inst., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Hill, W., when there were present Comps. W. J. Stratton, M.E.Z.; C. Kempton, P.Z., H.; W. D. Slyman, P.Z., J.; W. Parsons, S.E.; H. Trask, S.N.; E. J. Reed, P.Z., P.S.; W. P. Clark, 1st A.S.; L. B. Conradi, 2nd A.S.; J. J. Thomas, P.Z.; H. Slyman, P.Z.; R. Milliken, P.Z.; J. R. Hill, and R. H. Johnston.

The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation read and confirmed and the ceremony of exaltation rehearsed, Comp. R. H. Johnston personating the candidate. It being the 20th anniversary of this popular chapter of improvement, Comp. W. J. Stratton, Principal of the mother chapter, occupied the chair, and the working was perfect. In the course of the evening Comp. W. D. Slyman gave an interesting *resumé* of the chapter work since its formation in 1874, mentioning that he was the only companion now living who attended its first meeting. Particular reference was made to the great loss the chapter experienced in the unexpected death of Comp. Baker who acted as Preceptor for 15 years (highly respected and deeply lamented by all who knew him.) The chapter had had its sunshine and shadow, but now everything appeared bright, and with such a goodly number of P.Z.'s and other companions it would continue to be prosperous. Comps. Kempton, P.Z., and Thomas, P.Z., spoke of the excellent working taught at this chapter of improvement. Comp. Coleman, another excellent worker, was elected M.E.Z. for the ensuing week, and the chapter was closed.

**STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).**—The usual weekly meeting of the above was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, on Friday, the 7th inst., when there were present: Comps. T. Grumman, M.E.Z.; C. H. Stone, H.; Lewis, J.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; Stone, S.E.; Axford, S.N.; Cornford, P.S.; Dunn, Cass, Bendetti, Cureton, J. H. Price, Hinton, Lightfoot, Pullen, Telling, and Elgar.

The chapter having been opened, and the minutes of the previous convocation read and confirmed, the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Cass personating the candidate. Comp. C. H. Stone, H., was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting, and the chapter was closed.

#### Scotland.

##### CONSECRATION OF THE BALFOUR MELVILLE LODGE, No. 809.

A large assemblage of members of the Craft witnessed the consecration on Saturday, the 1st inst., of the Balfour Melville Lodge, No. 809, at Methil, by the Provincial Grand Master of Fife and Kinross, Bro. J. H. Balfour Melville, of Strathkinness. The Provincial Grand Master was supported by Bros. Graham Macpherson, Dunfermline, P.S.G.M.; Dr. R. Balfour Graham, Leven, P.S.G.W.; W. N. McArthur, Burntisland, P.J.G.W.; A. Hodge, Cowdenbeath, P.J.G.D.; Rev. G. S. Anderson, Kilrenny, P.G. Chap.; and the Provincial Grand Secretary and Treasurer, as well as by deputations from lodges in Leven, Buckhaven, Wemyss, Markinch, Cowdenbeath, Dunfermline, &c.

The ceremony was performed in an impressive manner, the musical service being rendered in a way most creditable to the local lodge. In the course of the proceedings the R.W.P.G.M. installed the R.W.M., Bro. Thomas McKee, and the other lodge officers-bearers.

A banquet followed—Bro. McKee presiding—when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given.]

#### Death.

**HARVEY.**—On the 29th ultimo, at Nottingham, Bro. Edward Harvey, F.C.A., P.M. 1314, late of Grecian Chambers, Devereux-Court, Temple; aged 52 years.

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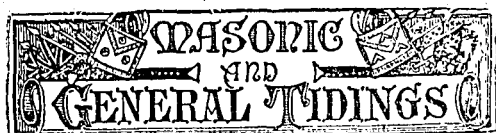
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WE REGRET to find that there was an important omission in the list of names of those present at both the meetings of Grand Lodge and Grand Mark Lodge in our report last week, viz., that of Rear-Admiral Markham, District Grand Master of Malta, who was present on both occasions. We regret this the more, as the opportunities offered to the rulers of distant provinces to be present at these communications are rare, and should therefore be chronicled.

THE SALE of the library of the late Bro. Edmund Yates, which will arouse considerable interest in literary and dramatic circles, is to take place at Messrs. Sotheby's towards the end of January next.

AT A MEETING of the Brunswick Lodge, No. 150, held at the Ebrington Hall, Stonehouse, on the 5th inst., Bros. W. Smeeth was elected W.M.; H. Mortimore, P.P.G. Std. Br., Treas.; Jas. Bartlett, Tyler; and N. Radmore, P.P.G. Std. Br., Representative on the Committee of Petitions and Charity Steward.

MASONIC PRESENTATION AT DERBY.—Bro. George Fletcher, who has resigned the head-mastership of the Science Section of the Derby Technical College, to fill a Government appointment in Devonshire, has been presented with a silver coffee-pot and a gold pen by the brethren of the Hartington Lodge, of which he is a member. The presentation was made by Bro. Berridge.

AT A MEETING of the Fidelity Lodge, No. 230, held at the Masonic Hall, Devonport, on the 6th inst., Bros. W. Routledge was unanimously elected W.M.; and Bro. E. A. Littleton, P.P.G. J.D., Treas.; and Henderson, Tyler. Bro. the Rev. Dr. Lemon, P.P.G. J.W., P.G. Chap., presented to the lodge a very handsome picture of the installation of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught as P.G. Master of Sussex, on June 22nd, 1886, and was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks.

THE UNITED NORTHERN COUNTIES LODGE has by reason of its York traditions, and the King Edwin legend, always given scope for the artistic element in its designs for the lodge summonses, &c. We have had some of the historic architecture of the ancient city before, and now Bro. R. Stephen Ayling, quite a young member of the lodge, has given us an etching as a frontispiece for the last summons and toast list, which not only depicts the Old Minster and the obverse and reverse of the lodge seal (Prince Edwin of York, circa 926), but is surrounded by a border of Masons' marks from York Minster, Carlisle Abbey, Chester Cathedral, Peterhead Priory, and other sources. Bro. Ayling also provided a humorous design for the menu, which was much appreciated by the brethren.

A VALUABLE COLLECTION of ancient coins was dispersed by Messrs. Sotheby on Thursday. The sale realised £1300, and the following were the more important items: A tetradrachm of Ariarathes IX. of Cappadocia, £51; a tetradrachm of Magnesia, £20; a tetradrachm of Pythagoras of Ionia, £18; a drachm of Brutii, £18; a very rare silver coin of Brutii, with busts of the Dioskuri to right, 19 guineas; a litre of Syrakuse, £27 10s.; a medallion of Syrakuse, £21; another, £34 10s.; a tetradrachm of Zenus, £13 10s.; a tetradrachm of Olynthus, £14; a gold distater of Philip II. of Macedon, £16; an early electrum distater of Lampakos, £14; a stater of Methymna, £15; a didrachm of the same province, 13 guineas; a gold octadrachm of Ptolemaios I. and II., £21; and a similar coin of Ptolemaios III., 17 guineas.

FIELD LANE REFUGES AND RAGGED SCHOOLS.—An appeal is made by the Secretary, Mr. Peregrine Platt, through our columns, for the much needed help in the work amongst the extreme poor and the destitute. In addition to holding upwards of 30 mission meetings a week, the institution maintains continually some 250 boys and girls, and 60 men and women; distributes broken food daily to some 90 families; gives a breakfast every Saturday to upwards of 550 of the homeless poor, and a hot dinner four days a week, during the winter, to some 100 children (last year 7603 such dinners were given.) They are anxious also to provide a dinner on Christmas Day for 700 to 800 of the homeless poor, and to send a good Christmas parcel and 1 cwt. of coal to over 600 very poor deserving families, all known to our officials or voluntary workers. The distress is very real and very great. By the end of the year £1500 will be required to meet their liabilities. We feel sure that this recital of their work and need will bear fruit amongst our readers.

AFRICA IN LONDON.—The directors of the Crystal Palace have just concluded arrangements for the outdoor section of the South African Exhibition of 1895. Fortunately the new Sports Arena (nearly 18 acres) is rapidly approaching completion, otherwise it would have been impossible to organise an entertainment on such a gigantic scale. In addition to a troupe of over 60 African natives—men, women, and children—about 140 wild animals will be imported from Africa to the Crystal Palace. Elephants, dromedaries, lions, leopards, cheetahs, jackals, hyenas, zebras, gazelles, antelopes, monkeys, tortoises, lizards, and snakes, besides African horses, oxen, donkeys, sheep, and goats, will take part in one of the most attractive, interesting, and exciting shows ever presented to the British public. A number of kraals will be built, and the mode of life of the natives, as well as the manner in which they procure and transport wild animals, will be practically demonstrated. The natives will be seen in their homes, in exciting hunting expeditions, and in their games and fantastic dances. They will also exhibit their dexterity with the assegai and bow and arrow. There will likewise be horse races and dromedary races. In an adjacent portion of the grounds there will be a large ostrich farm.

FOURTEEN COMPETITION is often declared to be the cause of much of the suffering in this country, and we are told that the number of foreigners in England make it very difficult for the Englishman to get a living. However this may be, it is certainly true that the presence of foreign matter in the blood endangers the health of the whole system. To purify the blood and to correct disorders of the liver and stomach, the only certain, safe and agreeable medicine is Holloway's Pills. If you suffer from gout, rheumatism, or lumbago, scalds, burns, or similar evils, you must use with the least possible delay Holloway's Ointment. For over half-a-century these famous remedies have been the faithful friend of man.

THE QUEEN presented Madame Adelina Patti, before the distinguished artist left Windsor Castle, on Wednesday, with a beautiful brooch formed of the Royal Crown and initials in precious stones, and also with a portrait of her Majesty bearing the Royal autograph.

THE 733rd PERFORMANCE and the second anniversary of "Charley's Aunt" will take place on Friday, 21st inst. Messrs. Raphael Tuck have been entrusted with the "Souvenir" that every member of the audience on that night will receive.

AT THE MEETING of the Varborough Lodge, at Gainsborough, on the 3rd inst., Bro. John Francis Johnson (of Caistor, who had been acting as Senior Warden, was elected Worshipful Master, Bro. Alfred Kirk was re-elected Treasurers, and Bro. George Scott, Tyler.

AT CAMBRIDGE, Bro. James Catling, S.W., has been elected W.M. of the Lodge of the Three Grand Principles, No. 441; and Bro. John L. Rutter, S.W., succeeds to the chair in the Scientific Lodge, No. 88. Their installations will respectively take place on January 7th and 14th.

IT IS PROPOSED to found a Masonic lodge upon the lines of the Bar, the Apollo, and the Sir Isaac Newton Lodges, for brethren who have received the whole or a part of their education at St. Bartholomew's Hospital. Brethren who are interested in the project are invited to attend a preliminary meeting to be held at 20, Bloomsbury-square, on Monday, the 17th inst., at 4.30 p.m.

MASONIC FUNERAL AT BATH.—The funeral of Bro. J. Foote, an old organist of Bath, and for 38 years a member of the Royal Cumberland Lodge, who died suddenly at Lansdown-terrace, took place on the 4th inst. at Locksbrook Cemetery. Many Masonic brethren attended, and also several brother musicians. The service was choral, the choir from the Mineral Water Hospital being in attendance.

AT A LOCAL MASONIC GATHERING held a few days ago, the rector of the parish was in the vice-chair as Junior Warden, and was supported on one side by his churchwardens, and on the other by a Mason who rejoiced in the name of Church, whilst the *vis-a-vis* of the latter was named Halfpenny. Amid some amusement, the rector, in the course of some remarks, said it was rather singular that the rector should be there, along with the wardens, the church, and the offertory.

THE SEAMAN'S HOSPITAL SOCIETY.—No doubt this national marine charity is known to our readers. Ever since the year 1822 the society has been giving relief to sick, injured, and shipwrecked sailors of all nations, but like many other institutions, they are finding the utmost difficulty in raising funds to carry on the work of the society. During the last three years the expenditure has exceeded the income, and unless new supporters are forthcoming, it is feared that the work must be seriously curtailed. Sailors suffer great hardships in bringing us not only the luxuries, but even the necessities of life, and it is only fitting that such a useful and necessary institution as the Dreadnought should be liberally supported.

BRO. SIR B. W. RICHARDSON, President of the British Medical Temperance Association and the Committee, on Friday, the 7th inst., entertained a large number of medical students at a conversazione held at the Temperance Hospital, Hampstead-road. The visitors were welcomed by the President, who delivered an address, in the course of which he warned them to be careful in accepting new discoveries which had not been tested by frequent and careful experiment. Rapid advances were fickle, and although the man who announced a new remedy without the necessary investigation may not be a charlatan in spirit, he was often a charlatan through enthusiasm. Remedies which appeared to be successful in one hand, but failed in others, were not true remedies. The institution they were invited to inspect he believed marked a new era with regard to the use of stimulants. The experience of the twenty years which had elapsed since its foundation proved that they were unnecessary either in health or disease, and he rejoiced to know that their principles were now being gradually introduced into nearly every hospital.

BETHNAL GREEN FREE LIBRARY.—An urgent appeal is being made by the Committee of this Institution (which was founded in 1876 and is supported by voluntary contributions) for £200 to meet pressing liabilities, and to close the financial year at the end of this month free from debt. Bethnal Green is proverbial for its poverty and overcrowding, but its dense population in itself affords one of the strongest pleas for the provision of such a retreat as this free library, where young and old may enjoy innocent and profitable enjoyment of an evening after their work is done. As showing how thoroughly East-enders appreciate its advantages, it may be stated that the number of persons attending the library, classes, &c., during the past 11 months approaches 50,000. It is hoped that the sum required may be speedily obtained, so as to enable the Committee to go on with their work unhindered throughout the winter. Contributions may be sent to F. A. Bevan, Esq., Treasurer, at the Bank, 54, Lombard-street, E.C.; Messrs. Barclay, Ransom, and Co., Bankers, Lombard-street; or to the Secretary and Librarian, Bethnal Green Free Library, E.

THE *Galloway Gazette*, of the 8th inst., has the following note on the late Bro. Harriott, whose death we announced in a previous issue: "News has been received in this country of the death of Mr. George Robert Harriott, a well-known Freemason, which took place some time ago at Larnaca, in the island of Cyprus. Mr. Harriott was for some years Past Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Wigtown and Kirkcudbright, and during his term of office he did much to keep up the interest in the Craft in the south-west. Indeed, he may be said to have kept it alive, as for some years after his departure in 1881 the 'mystic art' was almost neglected in the province. Before leaving this district he wrote a short history of the province, which was put in permanent form along with some of his stirring addresses to the brethren. Since he went to Cyprus in 1885, Mr. Harriott has done a great deal in the cause of Masonry. At that time there was no combined organisation in the island, but under his guidance lodges have been formed at various places. Mr. Harriott was initiated in the Castle Lodge of Harmony, No. 26, London, more than 30 years ago, but took all the higher Degrees (he had reached 32) as well as Grand Office in Scotland. The Masons in Cyprus intend to erect a monument to his memory."

THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL has appointed Mr. H. Crawley, assistant-superintendent at the Central Telegraph Office, London, postmaster at Macclesfield, in the room of Mr. Hepburn, who resigned a few months ago on a pension.

THE FREEMASONS OF PENZANCE have fixed Friday, the 18th of January, for their annual ball in St. John's Hall, in aid of the Cornish Masonic Charities. This is always a popular engagement, and will doubtless draw, as in previous years, a large number of Masonic brethren and their friends.

BRO. JOS. TODD, of York, has received from Gen. John C. Smith, P.G.M., Illinois, a certificate of election on the 24th October last, as an honorary member of the Masonic Veteran Association of the State of Illinois. We congratulate Bro. Todd on becoming a member of this venerable and distinguished body.

BRO. F. W. DRIVER, M.A., P.M., P.Z., &c., author of "The Noble Soul," "The Submerged City," "Toujours Perdrix" (poems), "A Novel Vengeance," and "The Four Henries" (prose), recites his original productions at musical entertainments, smoking concerts, &c. For terms, address 62, Lancaster-road, Notting Hill, W.

ROYAL ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—The competition for the Rutson Memorial Prize (soprano vocalists) took place on Thursday. The examiners were Madame Isabel Fasset, Mr. Frank Barrington Foote, and Madame Annie Marriott (in the chair). The prize was awarded to Gertrude Hughes, and the examiners highly commended Alice Crawley.

SUNDAY LECTURE SOCIETY.—The second series of lectures given by this Society began on Sunday afternoon, the 9th inst., in St. George's Hall, Langram Place, when E. Neville Rolfe, Esq., lectured on "The Buried Cities of Campania." Lectures will be subsequently given by Wyke Bayliss, Esq., President, Royal Society British Artists; Professor Marshall Ward, F.R.S., D.Sc.; Professor Vivian B. Lewes; Oswald Brown, Esq.; Arthur Clayden, Esq., M.A.; Jas. Craven Esq.

A LARGE SUM of money has been voted by the City Corporation to supplement a much larger amount given by a benevolent gentleman to provide winter work for the West Ham unemployed. This gift was conditional on the price per hour being limited to fourpence in order that more poor people might be benefited. In now appears that a deputation professing to represent the unemployed have waited on the West Ham authorities and declined to work on such terms. The latter sum of money has, therefore, been sent back to the donor, and it seems probable that the Corporation cheque will be in like manner returned.

PRESENTATION.—Mr. W. J. Burlinson, who recently retired from the position of superintendent of the Great Western Railway, was on Thursday afternoon presented with a cheque, a horse, and a cabinet, and also a diamond brooch for Mrs. Burlinson. The presentation was made by Mr. Lambert, the general Manager of the line, in the Board Room at Paddington Station, on behalf of the subscribers, a large number of whom attended. A dinner in honour of the occasion was held at the Holborn Restaurant, the same evening, at which about 50 officials of the company, and friends of Mr. Burlinson, were present.

A HANDSOME BRASS has been placed in the crypt of St. Paul's Cathedral to the memory of Colonel James Augustus Grant, the African Explorer. The tablet contains a portrait medallion in alto-relief, surrounded by Scotch fir-tops, the badge of the Grants, while on the lower portion there is a perspective view of the Victoria Nyanza, commemorative of the discovery of the source of the Nile. The inscription is as follows: "In memory of James Augustus Grant, C.B., C.S.I., F.R.S., Lieut.-Colonel H.M. Indian Army. Born 1827. Died 1892, Mooltan, Goojerat, Cawnpore, Lucknow, Abyssinia. In company with Speke, discovered the source of the Nile, 1860-1863."

ON THURSDAY Princess Henry of Battenberg inspected the Windsor Fire Brigade, and witnessed the trial of its new steam-engine, which has been named "The Princess Beatrice" in honour of her Royal Highness. The Princess, who was attended by Sir Fleetwood Edwards and Lady Biddulph, drove at half-past three o'clock to Thames-side, which, as well as Windsor Bridge, was thronged with spectators. Her Royal Highness was received by Mr. T. G. Dyson (Chief Officer of the Brigade), Mr. H. Webber (Mayor of Windsor), Mr. F. T. Barry, M.P., Mr. Layton (ex-Mayor), Mr. Alderman Dyson, and others. Princess Beatrice, amid considerable applause, christened her namesake by turning on the steam of the engine.

MRS. ROSKELL, a professor of the pianoforte who not long since attracted much attention by reading a clever and suggestive paper on the musical training of children, gave the first of a short series of quartet concerts, in the small Queen's Hall, on Wednesday evening. The programme contained well-known works only, such as the Rasumowsky Quartet in F major, Handel's violin Sonata in A, and Dvorák's pianoforte Quintet in the last-mentioned key (Op. 81). Mrs. Roskell, of course, took part in the Quintet, and played as her solo Chopin's Scherzo (Op. 31); her associates being Messrs. Elderhorst and Eayres (violins), Mr. Hobday (viola), and Mr. Adolf Schmid (cello), with Miss Marie Brema and Mr. Walter Ford as vocalists. The concert was altogether of a high class, and gave good promise as to its successors. It should be mentioned that Miss Maud White's song, "A Protest," well sung by Miss Brema, obtained much favour, and had to be repeated.

THE SKILL OF HER MAJESTY'S HARPIST, Salle Erard, both as composer and performer, was on Wednesday afternoon, the 12th inst., well attested at his recital, the programme of which contained a large number of original pieces and arrangements from Mr. Thomas's pen. Welsh melodies as may be supposed, were not wanting, and again Pencerdd Gwalia delighted his sympathetic hearers with "Watching the Wheat," "David of the White Rock," and other national airs which have won for themselves immortality. Of the original works, mention was specially deserved by a "Reverie" and "Spinning Wheel"—two very fanciful and ingenious examples of harp music. Mr. John Thomas never neglects his famous master, Parish Alvars, some of whose compositions, notably the celebrated "Mandoline," were much appreciated. The reciters executive powers are too well known for description, and too much admired for eulogy. He was ably assisted by Mrs. Mary Davies, whose singing of "The Ash Grove" and other songs could hardly have been improved upon.

**MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)**

For the week ending Saturday, December 29, 1894.

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

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22.****RAFT LODGE.**

1541, Alexandra Palace, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.  
Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King-st., Hammersmith, at 7.30.  
Duke of Connaught, The Lord Stanley, Paragon-road, Hackney, at 8.  
Ebury, Grapes Tavern, 123, High-street, Borough, S.E., at 8.  
Eccleston, Windsor Castle Restaurant, Victoria Station, S.W.  
Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, at 8.  
King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.  
Manchester, Old King's Head, Euston-road, at 8.  
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.  
Star, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, S.E., at 7.  
Urban, Freemasons' Hall.  
Vitruvian, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, St. Katherine's park, Hatcham, S.E., at 7.30.  
Mount Sinai Chapter, Red Lion Hotel, 14, King-st., Regent-st. W., at 8.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 24.****RAFT LODGE.**

706, Florence Nightingale, Royal Mortar Hotel, Woolwich.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

Carnarvon, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 6.30.  
Coborn, Eagle Hotel, Snarebrook, at 8.  
Cripplegate, Goldsmiths' Arms, Gutter-lane, at 6.30.  
Eleanor, Rose and Crown, High Cross, Tottenham, at 8.  
Friars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E., at 8.  
Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's-rd., Paddington, at 8.  
Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.  
Marquess of Ripon, Lord Stanley, Paragon-road, Mare-st., at 8.  
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.  
Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.  
Perseverance, Old Parr's Head, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 7.  
Rose of Denmark, L. & S.W.R. Institute, Wandsworth-rd., 7.30.  
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30.  
Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, at 8.  
St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance) St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.  
St. Michael's, Norland Arms, Addison-rd. North, Uxbridge-rd., 8.  
Sincerity, Blackwall Railway Hotel, Fenchurch-street, at 7.  
Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 6.  
Tyssen-Amherst, Amherst Club, Amherst-road, Hackney, 2nd and 4th Mon., at 8.  
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 7.30.  
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Church-rd., Upper Norwood, 8.  
Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E., at 8.  
Walthamstow, The Chequers, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.  
Wellington, White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, at 8.  
Zetland, York and Albany, Park-street, Regent's Park, at 8.  
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6.  
Hope Chapter, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 8.  
Lewis Chapter, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25.**

(No Meetings).

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., at 8.  
Capper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6.  
Clarence and Avondale, Masonic Hall, Leytonstone, E., at 8.  
Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, at 7.  
Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-street, Borough, at 8.  
Clarence, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30.  
Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.  
Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.  
Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 7.  
Earl of Lathom, Station Tavern, Camberwell New-road, S.E., at 8.  
Egyptian, Salutation, Newgate-street, at 7.  
Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.  
Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe, at 8.  
Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8.  
Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 7.  
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, 2nd and 4th Tues., at 7.30.  
Hendon, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, N.W., at 8.  
Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.  
Joppa, Boundary Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C., at 7.30.  
Kensington, Scarsdale Arms, Edwards-square, Kensington, at 8.  
Mount Edgumbe, Havelock Arms, Naylor-road, Asylum-road, Peckham, at 8.  
Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8.  
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8.  
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8.  
Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues., at 6.30.  
Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, W., at 8.  
Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.  
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.  
Robert Burns, Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W.  
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Waltham Green, S.W., at 7.30.  
St. George's, New Cross Public Hall, at 8.  
St. Kew, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare, at 8.  
St. Leonard's, Bedford Hotel, Victoria Park-road, South Hackney, at 8.  
Wandsworth, St. Mark's School-room, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.  
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.  
Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.  
Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8.  
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, at 6.30.  
Kintore Mark Lodge, Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell Green, S.E., at 8.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26.****RAFT LODGES.**508, Temperance-in-the-East, Assembly Rooms, Poplar.  
1271, Montefiore, Cafe Royal.**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.  
Belgrave, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30.  
Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, at 8.  
Confidence, Swan's Nest, Great Swan-alley, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 7.  
Crays Valley, National School-room, St. Mary Cray, at 8.  
Dalhousie, Lord Stanley, Paragon-road, Mare-street, Hackney. 8.  
Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, at 8.  
Duke of Albany, Masons' Arms, 169, Battersea-park-road, at 8.  
Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 8.  
Fidelity, Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury, N., at 8.  
Gallery, Press Club, Wine Office-court, Fleet-street, at 7.  
Gulph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone-road, E., at 8.  
Hammersmith, Board Room, Bath and Wash-house Co., Black-road, Hammersmith, at 7.  
Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford, at 8.  
La Tolerance, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.  
Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8.  
London Scottish Rites, Albert Hotel, Victoria-street, S.W., 8.30.  
Merchant Navy, Town Hall, Limehouse, at 7.30.  
Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Mitcham, at 8.

Mount Lebanon, Half-Moon Hotel, Borough, at 8.30.  
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.  
Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.  
Plucknett, Bald-faced Stag, East Finchley, at 7.45.  
Prosperity, Old Parr's Head, Knight-trider-street, Doctors Commons, at 7.  
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.  
Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rushey Green, Catford, at 8.  
Royal Jubilee, the Crown, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8.  
Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8.  
St. Leonard, Prince of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-rd., Victoria Pk., 8.  
Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 8.  
Strong Man, Blue Anchor, 164, Fenchurch-street, E.C., at 6.30.  
Temperance-in-the-East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30.  
United Mariners, Duke of Albany, Kitto-road, Nunhead, at 7.30.  
United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Euston-road, at 8.  
Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 7.30.  
Warrant Officers, 35, St. Martin's-street, W.C., at 7.  
Westbourne, The Prince Alfred, 112, Queen's-road, Bayswater, 8.  
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8.  
Andrew Chapter, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.  
Domestic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8.  
Camden Mark Lodge, Earl Russell, Pancras-road, King's Cross, 8.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27.**

General Committee Girls' School, at Freemasons' Hall, at 5.

**MARK LODGE.**

118, Northumberland, Masons' Hall Tavern.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

Burdett-Countess, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.  
Burgoyne, Coach and Horses, 348, Clapham-road, S.W., at 7.30.  
Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.  
Creation, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.  
Crescent, King's Head Hotel, Twickenham, at 8.30.  
Derby Allocated, Midland Grand Hotel, at 8.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, Commercial-road, Limehouse, E., at 7.30.  
Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham.  
Harrow, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.  
High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.  
Highgate, Falkland Arms, Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.  
Honor Oak, Crystal Palace Tavern, at 8.  
Hornsey, White Hart Masonic Rooms, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.  
Ivy, Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.  
Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, at 8.  
Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, at 8.  
Langton, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 5.30.  
Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 7.  
Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.  
Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, at 7.  
Priory, Berrymead Priory, Acton, at 8.15.  
Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.  
Royal Savoy, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.30.  
St. John's, Court House, Harlesden, N.W., at 7.30.  
St. John's, Queen Victoria Tavern, Exmouth-st., Stepney, at 8.  
St. Luke's, Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, at 8.  
Sir Hugh Myddelton, Star and Garter, Upper-st., Islington, at 8.  
Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st., Kennington, at 8.  
Southwark Park, White Hart Hotel, New Cross Gate, at 8.  
Stockwell, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30.  
The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, E.C., at 6.30.  
Tredegar, The Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7.30.  
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street; Woolwich.  
Victoria Park, George Hotel, Stratford, E., at 7.30.  
Chaucer Chapter, George Hotel, High-street, Borough, S.E., at 8.  
Clapton Chapter, Three Sisters Hotel, Hackney Downs, at 8.  
Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8.  
North London Chapter, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8.  
Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, W., at 8.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28.**

Council Boys' School at Freemasons' Hall, at 4.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

Albion, Swan's Nest, Great Swan-alley, E.C., at 7.  
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.  
Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, at 8.  
Citadel, Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst-road, Stoke Newington, at 8.  
Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., at 7.  
Crusaders, Northampton Arms, Goswell-road, at 8.30.  
Earl of Carnarvon, Elgin Hotel, Ladbroke-grave, Notting-hill, 8.  
Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.  
Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.  
Euphrates, Green Man, Mansell-street, Whitechapel, E., at 8.  
Gavel Club, Freemasons' Tavern, at 8.  
Harrow, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.  
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 8.  
Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.  
Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, High-street, Wood Green, at 7.30.  
Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8.  
Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7.  
Queen's Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly, W., at 8.  
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8.  
Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, 81, Holloway-road, at 8.  
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.  
St. Ambrose, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.  
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8.  
Savage Club, Savage Club, Adelphi-terrace, at 6.  
Selwyn, Montpelier Tavern, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8.  
Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, at 6.  
Stanhope, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upper Richmond-road, Putney, at 8.30.  
Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.  
The Abbey, The Town Hall, Westminster, 7.30 till 9.30.  
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.  
Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., at 8.  
Eastern Star Chapter, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 2nd and 4th Friday, at 7.  
Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishop's-rd., Paddington, W., at 8.  
Lily of Richmond Chapter, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.  
Mount Simon Chapter, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 2nd and 4th Friday, at 7.30.  
Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8.  
Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29.****RAFT LODGE.**

1541, Alexandra Palace, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.

**MASONIC MEETINGS (PROVINCIAL)**

For the week ending Saturday, December 29, 1894.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 24.**

**RAFT LODGES.** Liverpool ... 1325 R.A. CHAPTERS.  
Birmingham ... 43 Bridgend ... 1752 Batley ... 264  
Gillingham ... 48 York ... 1091 Kingston ... 889  
Mansfield ... 353 Bristol ... 2257 Eccles ... 1345  
Manchester ... 999 Manchester ... 2393 MARK LODGES.  
Bury St. Edm. ... 1008 Leicester ... 2429 Devonport ... 64  
Middlesbrough ... 1008 Liverpool ... 161

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**  
Southampton ... 130 Brighton ... 315 Mossley ... 1218  
Old Brompton ... 184 Liverpool ... 724 Old Brompton ... 1424  
Norwich ... 213 Workington ... 962 Canterbury ... 1449  
Liverpool ... 292 Saltash ... 1071 Landport ... 1767  
Bradford ... 302 Ramsgate ... 1209 Hull ... 2134

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25.**

(No Meetings).

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**

Newcastle ... 24 Halifax ... 448 Bradford ... 974  
Birmingham ... 74 Hyde's Cross ... 521 Tredegar ... 1098  
Whitehaven ... 119 Aylesbury ... 591 Redcar ... 1244  
Liverpool ... 241 Cleckheaton ... 603 Waterloo ... 1380  
Batley ... 264 Wootton-under-Edgemoor ... 855 Huddersfield ... 1783  
Maryport ... 371 Edge ... 855  
Broadstairs ... 419 Stockton ... 940

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26.**

**RAFT LODGES.** Southampton ... 785 Oldbury ... 2385  
Winchester ... 76 East Dereham ... 996 Broadstairs ... 2448  
Cheltenham ... 82 Lichfield ... 1039 Hoddesdon ... 2518  
Garston ... 220 Manchester ... 1083 R.A. CHAPTER.  
Hull ... 250 Jarrow ... 1119 Barrow-in-Furness ... 1225  
Portsmouth ... 257 Manchester ... 1219 MARK LODGES.  
Leeds ... 304 Liverpool ... 1756 Ashtown-under-  
Bingley ... 439 New Brompton ... 1067 Lyne ... 141  
Brecon ... 651 Cleator Moor ... 1089 Swansea ... 179  
Liverpool ... 724 Swinton ... 2216  
Cadroxton ... 2357

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**

Chatham ... 20 Haverfordwest ... 464 Liverpool ... 1264  
Ryde ... 175 Ventnor ... 551 Herne Bay ... 2099  
Rochdale ... 298 Canterbury ... 972 Beckenham ... 2266  
Bingley ... 439 Derby ... 1085

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27.**

**RAFT LODGES.** Ashton-under-Lyne ... 1322 Sheffield ... 2263  
Colchester ... 51 Eccles ... 1345 Wigan ... 2269  
Darlington ... 111 Eccles ... 1345 Wigan ... 2269  
Kendal ... 129 Bury ... 1392 Liverpool ... 2335  
Devonport ... 302 Stockton ... 1118 Shildon ... 2415  
Blackburn ... 346 Romford ... 1437 South Shields ... 2418  
Bolton ... 348 Clayton-le-Moors ... 1519 Hounslow ... 2523  
Jersey ... 590 Newcastle ... 1626 Hull ... 57  
Morpeth ... 636 Coventry ... 1630 Preston ... 113  
Deal ... 784 Gosport ... 1705 Southampton ... 394  
Belper ... 787 Shoebyrness ... 1817 Carnarvon ... 606  
Norwich ... 807 Shanklin ... 1884 Leeds ... 1042  
Rotherham ... 904 Hazel Grove ... 1957 MARK LODGES.  
Salford ... 935 Nottingham ... 2017 Blackpool ... 296  
Leek ... 966 Godalming ... 2101 Egremont ... 421  
Chorley ... 1032 Ellesmere ... 2131 Horncastle ... 445  
Tywardreath ... 1151 Dover ... 2195

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**

Canterbury ... 314 Uxbridge ... 382 Sandown, I.W. ... 1869  
Plymouth ... 70 Maidstone ... 503 Shanklin ... 1884  
Merthyr Tydvil ... 110 Rochester ... 1050 Wallingford ... 1887  
Liverpool ... 203 Sudbury ... 1224 Carshalton ... 1891  
Batley ... 264 Romford ... 1437 Whitstable ... 1915  
Leeds ... 289 Hatfield ... 1580 Bradford ... 2321

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28.**

**RAFT LODGES.** Nottingham ... 1435 MARK LODGES.  
New Swindon ... 1295 Northampton ... 2451 Scarborough ... 95  
Lewes ... 1393 R.A. CHAPTER. Huddersfield ... 137  
Leicester ... 1391 Hull ... 1605 Whitehaven ... 213  
Newark ... 205

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**

Richmond ... 123 Leeds ... 306 Gosforth ... 1664  
Bristol ... 187 Bristol ... 326 Bristol - Province  
Keighley ... 265 Saltash ... 1071

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29.**

(No Meetings).

**LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.**

Birkenhead ... 478

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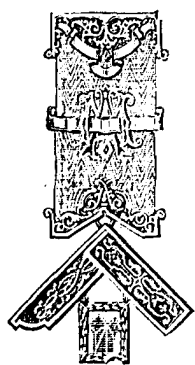
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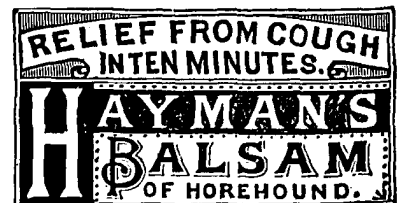
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