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FREEMASONRY IN THE EAST.

We reproduced some time since an account of the state of Freemasonry in the East, originally published by Bro. Treu (the Worshipful Master of the Germania Lodge) in the *Freimaurer Zeitung*. At a later date certain statements of Bro. Treu's were contradicted in our columns by a correspondent of our own, but the tone in which our article was couched did not certainly warrant the designation of "inconsiderate animosity" (*rücksichtslose Gereiztheit*) of which Bro. Treu complains. We no doubt exposed and impugned his errors and shortcomings, but we did not do so in an unfriendly or unfraternal spirit; and albeit we cannot always endorse Bro. Treu's opinions on things Masonic, or refrain from refuting such of his statements as may prove inaccurate upon strict enquiry, he need not "persist in silence, that he may not disturb the concurrence of all forces," and may rest assured that we shall always welcome his accounts of Freemasonry in a country which is so fully entitled to, and at the same time so sadly in want of, the boons that may be derived from earnest Masonic labour.—From the last account published by Bro. Treu in the *Freimaurer Zeitung*, we extract the following particulars:—

Masonic labour in the East has been unfavourably affected by cholera; several lodges also abstain persistently from all communication with their sister lodges, and repeated endeavours convinced us that no sign of life would be given by some of them. Our account must therefore needs be incomplete.

In Bucharest, the Lodge "Les Sages d'Héliopolis" (Bro. Caruce, Professor of Languages, Worshipful Master,) is stated to work under the auspices of the Grand Orient de France, but we have had no tidings from this lodge of late. The Etoile du Danube Lodge, also of Bucharest, has ceased to exist. In Athens the Pan Epistimian Lodge is stated to work under the Gran Oriente d'Italia. An inquiry we made of Bro. Professor Siegel, Sculptor at Athens, as to the practicability of establishing a German Masonic club there, has remained without effect. In Corfu the Phoenix Lodge (Bro. Dr. Ajorlasati, Worshipful Master) is working under the Grand Orient de France, while the Etoile de l'Orient Lodge, of Zante, which used to work under the Grand Lodge of England, is dormant, and we could not ascertain

anything about it. The same may be said of the Figli di Leonida, of Syro (under the Gran Oriente d'Italia), who have been inactive ever since the departure of Bro. Hell, Junior Warden. In Salonichi the Macedonian Lodge (Bro. Dasbey, of the firm of Abbott, Worshipful Master,) is working with commendable alacrity, under the ægis of the Grand Orient of Italy. We used to be kept *au courant* of the progress of this lodge by Bro. Leitmeier, but have not had any tidings from it for some time past. The "Stella Ionica" Lodge, of Smyrna (Bro. Cricca, *M.D.*, Worshipful Master), under the same Grand Lodge, is in a very flourishing state, owing to the endeavours of its judicious leader. In Beyrut the Palestina Lodge (Bro. Abeatis, of the firm of Duchêne, Worshipful Master) has resumed its activity under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The prospects of this lodge are highly favourable, as it forms a forum on which some of the chieftains of the national and religious sects of the Lebanon go hand in hand with their European associates for the advancement of civilisation and humanity. Bros. Duchêne, Amsler, and Koller belong to the most active members of this lodge. The Monte Sinai Lodge, of Suez (Bro. Giacchino, Surgeon, Worshipful Master), is working under the Gran Oriente d'Italia. One of its most eminent associates is Bro. Schembri, Innkeeper.

Under the same Grand Lodge works the Luce Orientale Lodge of Cairo (Bro. A. Marpurgo, of the firm of Tilki Bros., Worshipful Master), whose chief supports are the two Bros. Figaro, Barristers. The latter have also founded a Working Men's Club, called "Società di soccorso mutuale," and contributed efficiently to stop the ravages of the cholera some months since. Bros. Dr. Reil, a German physician, Friedmann, of the Hotel du Nil, Zech, of the Hotel Shephard, and Julius Gros, Merchant, form the nucleus of a German Masonic Club. Bro. Neil is likely to work in this direction, and he certainly would be the right man in the right place. The Alliance des peuples Lodge (Bro. Rossi, *M.D.*, Worshipful Master), lately working under the Grand Orient of Italy, has ceased to exist. As the cause of its expiration it is stated that the French and Italian elements could not "pull" together in the proper direction.

In Alexandria the Pompeia Lodge, working under the same Masonic authority, is conducted by Bro. Domenico Diamanti, Attorney-at-law. This lodge has founded several institutions of

public utility, but without any kind of show. The Lodge Les Pyramides (Bro. François Cusot, of the Anglo-Egyptian Bank, Worshipful Master) is working on a solid foundation under the Grand Orient de France. This lodge initiated the Emir Abd-el-Kader, on behalf of the Paris Lodge Henri IV., and several Arabs of Egypt have declared their readiness to become links of the same chain. The following lodges have been inaugurated, but are still in a state of embryo:—*Ezidé*, under the Grand Orient of Italy; *Régénérateurs de l'Égypte* (Bro. Brémond, Merchant, Worshipful Master), under the *Suprême Conseil de France*; and *Régénération de la Grèce* (Bro. Beauregard, Worshipful Master), under the Grand Orient de France. The Lodges *Caprera* (Bro. Lenghi, of the firm of Tedeschi, Worshipful Master), and *Caio Graccho* (Bro. A. Piazza, Merchant, Worshipful Master), are at loggerheads with the *Pompeia* Lodge, as they wish to join the *Consiglio Supremo* of Naples or Palermo, and not work under the Grand Orient of Italy. We are not aware that this difference has as yet been settled. At all events it is much to be regretted that such dissensions are allowed to take place; they only tend to compromise the character of the Craft in the eyes of the general public. Many an excellent man keeps aloof, and worthy brethren have retired in discontentment, because Freemasonry will not become incarnated (*Fleisch werden*) amongst us. In Bros. Werner (Merchant), T. Graf (of the Constantinople "Germania" Lodge), Gerber, Kannreuther, and some others, the nucleus of a German Masonic Club may be found. Bros. Werner and Graf particularly are excellent labourers in the cause of Freemasonry.

As regards our East of Constantinople, there are at present nine lodges working under five Grand Lodges. The *Union d'Orient* Lodge (Bro. Louis Aimable, attorney-at-law, W.M.), is working under the Grand Orient de France, and develops a most commendable activity in the cultivation of Freemasonry.

The *Italia* Lodge (Bro. Veneziani, of the firm of Camondo, W.M.), under the *Gran Oriente d'Italia*, is in excellent condition. It has established a special section for Masonic transactions in Turkish, and also initiated Munif Effendi, the head of the municipality, who has been living several years in Berlin.

The *Arete* Lodge (Bro. Schivas, M.D., W.M., a very energetic leader), is working in Greek

language; it is progressing continually, and musters a great many excellent adherents on both sides of the Bosphorus. Bros. Skuludi, Nikolaïdi, and Theoridi chiefly contribute to give a more spiritual character to its labours. Bro. Veneziani has been decorated with the *Medjidiee* Order of the fourth class, for the exertions of his lodge and the *Società Operaia* during the time of the cholera; he also received a letter of thanks from the Ottoman Government, and a medal from the members of his lodge. Most of the Italian lodges of the Levant adhere to the Scottish Rite; the *Italia* is invested with the character of a Provincial Grand Lodge and with a chapter. This lodge has also erected a free school for the children of the poorer classes, for all creeds and nationalities. From thirty to forty children are stated to frequent this school; they are gratuitously supplied with books, clothing, and food during the time of instruction. The latter takes place in Italian.*

We have not yet mentioned any of the English lodges working in the Orient, not from any intentional disregard, but with a view to speak of them collectively, as we have not been able to gather positive information on each of them individually. Our statements are only derived from hearsay (*relata refero*), and we give them as such, as wishing to avoid unpleasant recrimination, the English brethren in the East being rather sensitive on such points. (*Sic. Ed. F.M.*)

In Corfu the *Pythagoras* Lodge is working under the Grand Lodge of England, and is furnished with a Royal Arch Chapter and an Encampment under the Second Conclave of the Order of Knights Templar. In Suez an English lodge is proposed, and in Cairo such a one is stated to have been established. In Alexandria there is the excellent *St. John's* Lodge (No. 1221†), Bro. Verdi, W.M., under the Grand Lodge of England, and Bro. Timmy, an eminent lawyer, is reported to have obtained a warrant for a new lodge. On our last journey we could not, in spite of numerous endeavours, meet with any English brother from whom we might gather further particulars, and we must therefore reserve this for our next journey. In Smyrna, the old *Homer* Lodge is working in English, and the *Dekrar* Lodge is stated to have commenced its labours in Arme-

* It will be seen, from our Masonic Mems. of this week, that the number of boys is eighty; this, we are informed, is the case, by our local correspondent.—Ed. F. M.

† 919 on the new enumeration.—Ed. F. M.

nian. We understand that there are in Smyrna an English Lodge working in French, and an Anglo-German lodge, Victoire, Bro. J. Mayer II. W.M., also a Grecian lodge; and in Ephesus the Eleusian Lodge, Bro. Ferguson, W.M., is working also under the Grand Lodge of England.

In Constantinople the Oriental Lodge, with a Royal Arch Chapter, has become the mother lodge for several others. Bro. Mountain, a Past Master of the Oriental, is a great favourite with the members of the "Germania," owing to his courteous and fraternal demeanour. Bros. Laurie, Azuavour, Lilly, Puhlmann, and Ewans, of the Oriental, are founders of new lodges. Bro. Azuavour is likely to create and conduct an Armenian Lodge. The Bulwer Lodge musters a small but select number of adherents, amongst whom Bro. Brown, Past Master (U.S. Secretary of Legation), is much respected on account of his great learning and modesty. The "Deutscher Bund" Lodge (Bro. Green, Worshipful Master) belongs to the same stock, as it was also started by the "Oriental." Our non-participation in this lodge has been greatly misinterpreted. To convince the English brethren that we were not prompted by any personal ambition in erecting the "Germania" Lodge, we wished to bring about an amalgamation of both lodges, and retire from the Mastership, but there were insurmountable impediments that prevented such fusion. Still, no kind of animosity impairs the good understanding between the two lodges.

A lodge of Mark masters is stated to be working in Constantinople; and in Therapia, a suburb situate on the Bosphorus, an English Lodge is working under the auspices of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Ireland. Further particulars we have not been able to ascertain. All the English lodges of the Levant, save those which are under the jurisdiction of the Scottish and Irish Grand Lodges, work under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of England and its Prov. G. Lodge of Constantinople. We are informed that Bro. Sir Henry L. Bulwer, the British Ambassador, acts as Prov. G.M., and Bro. Hyde Clarke, of Smyrna, as D. Prov. G.M. for this Province; no doubt the FREEMASONS' MAGAZINE will correct this statement if inaccurate.*

* We cannot do better than refer Bro. Treu to the report of the last District Grand Lodge of Turkey, given in our issue of the 6th inst. Our worthy brother seems to be somewhat overscrupulous this time, and anxious to "keep a back door open," which is quite unnecessary so long as his statements are made "in Treu" und Glau-

The number of adherents of the Constantinople Lodges we are not prepared to state, as the custom of belonging to several lodges at the same time, prevailing in all lodges of this town, save the Germania, renders the drawing up of statistics actually impossible.

Bro. Treu having alluded to two branches of the association of Odd Fellows working in Constantinople, gives an *exposé* of the character and organisation of this society, and winds up his account with the following words:—

"I have given you a superficial idea of the state of Masonry in the East. As a rule, Masonic life has been developed, and many a gladdening and elevating day been afforded to us; but many times our heart has been bleeding when quarrels on trifles, or on formalities hemmed in the active co-operation, or personal ambition took the precedence before the interests of the whole. I wish from the bottom of my heart that in the forthcoming year the chain of love may inclose all the fissures in our building, and that, strengthened by concord, we may conquer the East to civilisation, progress, and humanity. I would suggest more particularly a careful selection of those to be initiated; on this score many well founded complaints have reached my ears, and many a well meaning brother keeps aloof, for fear of having to associate with improper persons. Precaution is highly necessary, for it appears that in the East the idea obtains that Freemasonry is but a handle and lever for the attainment of objects of personal interest, and those are not wanting who never visit a lodge after having been promoted to Masters, and who only, in their journeys for business to Germany, England, France, and Italy, appear as so-called cut-throat brethren (*halsabschneidende Brüder*), with a view to use our Institution as a mere footstool for their gain in trade and commerce, whilst others are induced by mere curiosity to join our Brotherhood. I have heard it stated with much *naïveté* that many junior brethren are prompted, in their application for initiation, merely by the desire of attending Masonic Balls, and are particularly anxious to appear in their Masonic costume in the public cavalcades usual in this country. This

ben." We also, for the enlightenment of our worthy Bro., refer him to the "Notes from Constantinople" in our present issue, from which we are sure he will gain much valuable information, and will be pleased to learn of the *entente cordiale* existing amongst the brethren of the various lodges there.—ED. F. M.

observation has been made to me confidentially by many brethren, but of late an improvement has taken place, and many associates concur in shielding our Craft from abuse. At one occasion it gave me much pain to meet with a brother who opined that the best and most acceptable thing in Masonry was a well supplied banquet. Let us all cooperate, and not permit such persons to cross the threshold of our edifice.*

The following "Invitation to show cosmopolitan sentiments," and which, if we mistake not, is also from the pen of Bro. Treu, appears also in the columns of our German contemporary, and is fully endorsed by the latter:—

Masonic philanthropy, and fraternal spirit show themselves chiefly in the alleviation of human distress. By succouring the poor, Freemason Lodges throughout the world have acquired great merit; a prominent place in this important branch of benevolence is also occupied by the foundation and support of schools.

Following up this path, we consider it the duty of lodges to provide schools not for the poor alone, but also for the wealthier classes, in countries in which humane culture and education are like a *terra incognita*. Besides the south-east of Europe, there are Asia Minor, Syria, Egypt, and the whole northern coast of Africa in want of help in the noblest meaning of this phrase. Nature has plentifully bestowed her blessings on these countries, but the unwrought population do not know how to cultivate and reap the wealth held out to them. In olden times these regions were inhabited by a highly civilised and flourishing people: we must assist these countries in causing the present even to excel their past.

Next of all we must direct our attention to Turkey in Europe, and above all to Constantinople, this being the town from which the said countries may be efficiently worked upon.

There are already two schools in existence in Constantinople, but both of them of a strictly religious (confessionell) character. The Italia Lodge has established a free school for children of poor parents, which is frequented by thirty or forty children belonging to all creeds.

It now becomes incumbent upon the whole of the German Lodges to found, under the superintendence of the lodges of Constantinople, a higher school (*höhere Bürgerschule*) i.e., a school in which foreign languages may be taught, such school to serve as a nucleus and nursery for the propagation of humane culture in the Levant.

Should every German lodge contribute only ten thalers (£1 10s.) per annum to begin with, and voluntary contributions from individual brothers be received, an annual income of 3,000 thalers (£450) might be expected. Supposing such an income to be secured approximately, the realisation of the project might be proceeded with, the more so as the proposed school might certainly expect an energetic support, and above all the annual fees from the pupils at Constantinople itself. Such result might be more efficiently secured, were the lodges of other countries to join in our work.

Above all, we entreat the German lodges and Masonic clubs to impress themselves with the paramount importance of this truly Masonic undertaking, and request the

* While referring to this most important subject we would also draw the attention of Bro. Treu, and of our readers generally, to the exhortation given upon this subject by Bro. Spurr, P.M. of the Old Globe Lodge, Scarborough, and which will be found in another page.—ED. F. M.

editor of the *Freimaurer Zeitung* to receive such contributions as may be bestowed upon this work.

We are well aware that this subject can be started at first only as an idea, as a desideratum, and as such we wish to have it considered. Our invitation embodies the Masonic cry, "Hands to the work." Should our proposal for the show of cosmopolitan sentiments meet with favour and support from German lodges and brethren, further provisions may be made for the collection and appropriation of funds.

May the Great Architect of the Universe bless these words and the works that are to follow them.

With all due deference to Bro. Treu's judgment, and while concurring *de grand coeur* in the idea which he starts, we beg to differ from him as to the mode of realising and carrying into execution such idea. To provide schools for the poor in countries in which Masons are the chief, if not the sole champions and representatives of European civilisation, may pertain to the province of Freemasonry, though its association with other non-Masonic civilising elements, for such purposes, should always take place, with a view to impart a catholic, humane character to such undertakings. But it can never be the duty of Freemasonry to found institutions that are calculated only to benefit those classes which are fully in a position to take care of their own interests. No doubt members of the Craft may join and support such enterprises, but not in their capacity as Masons, but as shareholders of joint-stock companies; it is utterly derogatory to the essence and fundamental idea of our Order to substitute itself for, or compete with "Limited Liability;" besides, the European colonies of Stamboul and Pera form an opulent community, whose wealth is continually increasing; and it is an insult to the non-Masonic colonists to deny that a good school could be a self-supporting institution on the shores of the Bosphorus. The European colonies in the Levant are surely rich enough to pay not only for a "higher school," but to give themselves the luxury even of a university that might successfully compete with Marburg, Rostock, or Erlangen. We think Bro. Treu's excellent intentions and zeal have carried him too far; let the "*Germania am goldenen Horn*" confine itself to its essential Masonic duties, and it will never be at a loss to find an ample field for its activity in its legitimate sphere, without poaching on the preserves of other institutions.

HOPE is the ruddy morning ray of joy, recollection is its golden tinge; but the latter is wont to sink amid the dews and dusky shades of twilight; and the bright blue day which the former promises, breaks indeed, but in another world, and with another sun.

THE POPE AND FREEMASONRY.

The following letter was recently addressed by a much respected brother, a Chaplain in H.M. Navy to the editor of the *Cork Constitution* :—

Sir,—As I am afraid that I shall not have an opportunity of attending the Grand Masonic Concert on Thursday evening, I purpose contributing two or three letters on Freemasonry with the hope—I trust not an unfounded one—of aiding the object which the brethren have in view. Your non-Masonic readers have no idea what the society is, and many of your Masonic friends have little idea as to what it was. Perhaps I may be able to enlighten both classes—at least I will do my best to do so. But your fair readers must not prick up their ears, and expect that I am going to divulge any of their husbands' secrets, for I must begin by telling them that there are no secrets, except the signs and pass-words, which are absolutely necessary for the protection of the society.

The Pope recently condemned Freemasonry, on the grounds of its being a secret society calculated to encourage revolutions, and insurrections, and plottings of all sorts against the established governments of nations. But all who know anything of Masonry know also that of all other things in the world, it cannot be charged with any such nefarious designs; for it is not a political but a religious society, strange as this assertion may be to many of your readers. It has nothing in common with such societies as the Illuminati and the Carbonari of the continent. It cannot plot to subvert a government, for no brother is permitted to canvass for members or persuade even a friend to join the society. Depend upon it, Mr. Editor, that the ranks of the Fenians are not recruited from the Freemasons, and that nothing like treason is hatched in any of our harmless lodges. What, then, is Freemasonry? It is, unquestionably, the oldest society in the world, and I have no doubt that it was founded before the death of Adam; but if I am asked to prove such an assertion, I hope I shall not be called upon to quote from such early records as those. I must shelter myself behind the excuse that they perished in the great Deluge! I am serious, however, and not joking.

Before letters were invented, the only means of teaching divine truths and handing down divine traditions was by means of symbols and signs. In that way before the Deluge the people of the old world had the whole history of the creation, the fall of our first parents, &c, handed down by tra-

dition in the primitive lodges—the serpent being a common symbol employed for the purpose then, as it had been since. After the Deluge the Ark became one of the commonest symbols, and the history of that event was thereby taught to the initiated. A lodge must have been in full working order on the plains of Shinar during the life time of Noah; for when the dispersion took place lodges of a similar nature were established in every part of the world, though probably not for many years after the settlement of the emigrants in their new countries. Thus it happened that the old mysteries—spurious Masonic lodges—misinterpreted many of the symbols which had been correctly explained in the mother lodge. They all, however, used the same symbols, and it has generally been admitted by scholars that they must have one common origin. That common origin was Freemasonry, as any one who has gone through the ceremony of initiation, and compared his experience with what is known of the history of initiation into the old mysteries in various countries, would easily and naturally conjecture.

According to the traditions of Freemasonry, Enoch was a very eminent Mason, and preserved the true name of God, which it is said the Jews subsequently lost. This name was only known to the initiated. The descendants of Abraham wrote it Jao; in the mysteries it was Om, but most commonly expressed in a trilateral form Aum (“Wilkins' Notes on Bhagvat Veta,” p. 142). They were forbidden to pronounce the name. Both in the genuine and spurious lodges the doctrine of a Trinity in Unity was taught. An equilateral triangle and the mystical symbol Y were used to represent a triune God, the three distinct lines of which the latter is composed forming one, and the one being three. It is not so easy to explain the Tetractys of Pythagoras and the Tetragrammation of the Jews in connection with the ineffable name of God; at least your readers would not understand me if I were to attempt the explanation.

The mysteries, or spurious Masonic rites, were introduced into India by Brahma, into Egypt by Thoth, the son of Mizraim, into China, and Japan by Bhuddha, into Persia by Zeradusht (*i.e.*, Zoroaster), into Greece by Melampus (according to “Herodotus, ii. 4), or Cadmus (according to “Epiphanius,” *adv. Hcer. i.*); into Bœotia by Prometheus, into Samothrace, by Dardanus, into Crete by Minos, into Athens by Erectheus, into

Thrace by Orpheus, into Italy by the Pelasgi ("Marsh," Hor. Pelasg. p. 9), into Gaul and Britain by Gomer, into Scandinavia by Odin, into Mexico by Vitzliputzli ("Purch" viii. 10), and into Peru by Manco Capac. Wherever established—in countries however far apart, even though they kept up no intercourse with each other—they were everywhere the same in substance, as I hope to show in another letter, and must therefore have had one common parentage. At first they were all more or less pure, according as they preserved the right interpretation of all the symbols; but in course of time they fell away, and degenerated most frightfully, perverting the truth and allying themselves with the prevailing polytheism of their times. Here and there they were occasionally restored almost to their pristine purity. Various philosophers travelled all over the world, and, in order to gain knowledge, made it their business to obtain admission into the mysteries of different countries by undergoing the necessary rite of initiation. Pythagoras and Plato brought them to great perfection, as may easily be imagined when it is known that they were initiated into a Jewish lodge. Nazartus the Assyrian, who was one of the Masters of Pythagoras, has been identified with Ezekiel the Prophet ("Stanley, Life of Pythag.", p. 7). Thenceforth in the mysteries of Eleusis and other lodges the unity of the Deity and the immortality of the soul were taught to the initiated.

I may give my opinion, by way of parenthesis, that if our missionaries would desire to make an impression upon *Bhuddists and Brahmins*, they would do well to study the history of initiation into the old mysteries, so as thereby to be enabled to give them the true key to their elaborate systems of theology. I know of no other method so likely to succeed.

Whilst the mysteries were gradually degenerating in most of the countries of the inhabited world, the Essenes among the Jews kept the true light of Masonry with the strictest care from being either dimmed or extinguished. Josephus, in several parts of his writings, has given an account of what he supposed were their tenets and customs. He was not a Mason himself, and he has of course made some ludicrous mistakes: still his account of those ancient Freemasons is very interesting. And now, ladies, there is a chance for you to find out something about them, if you can only manage to interpret Josephus aright. He says:—"The

doctrine of the Essenes is this, that all things are best ascribed to God. They teach the immortality of souls and esteem that the rewards of righteousness are to be earnestly striven for. . . . their course of life is better than that of other men. . . . They will not suffer anything to hinder them from having all things in common. They minister to one another," &c. "Antig." xviii. l. 5. Again, "They carry nothing with them when they travel into remote parts. There is in every city one appointed to take care of strangers, and provide garments and other necessaries for them. Everyone of them gives what he hath to him that wanteth it. If anyone hath a mind to come over to their secret, he is not immediately admitted, but he is prescribed the same method of living which they use for a year, and they gave him. . . the white garment. He is required to show fidelity to all men, and especially to those in authority. He is not to discover any of their doctrines to others—no, not though anyone should compel him to do so at the hazard of his life; he swears to communicate their doctrines to no one any otherwise than as he received them himself."—Wars, ii. viii.

The whole account of the Essenes is extremely interesting, and well worth reading by those who are initiated, and take an interest in the society.

Should you deem this worthy of insertion, I shall be most happy to continue the subject by comparing the doctrines of the old mysteries with one another, and finally showing, from the acknowledged tenets of modern Masons, that they are necessarily loyal subjects and respectable members of society.—I have the honour to be, yours faithfully.

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NEW MASONIC ROOMS, SMYRNA.

The consecration of the new Masonic rooms at Smyrna was performed on St. John's day, the 27th December, by the acting D.G.M., Bro. Hyde Clarke, in the absence of the D.G.M., Bro. Sir Henry Bulwer. Bro. Clarke was assisted by Bros. Edwin Jolly, P.D.J.G.W., as D.S.G.W.; Stab, P.D.J.G.W., as D.J.G.W.; Bro. Carren, as D.G. Reg.; Shepherd, A.D.G. Sec.; Charlton, D.G.S.W.; Janson, D.G. Org.; and a large body of officials of the district of Turkey. The ceremonial was conducted with great effect and solemnity, the instrumental and vocal music adding much to the impressiveness. On account of the pro-

ceedings of the Italian and German brethren, the English lodges being impeded in the enjoyment of their other premises, were compelled to take a new house, and which has put them to an expense of £200. The new Masonic rooms, as converted, comprise a lodge room 42ft. by 19½ft., a chapter room, 20ft. by 16ft., and another 12ft. by 10ft. The east of the lodge room constitutes a raised platform, on which is placed likewise the organ. Irregularities in the room are concealed by columns and the arrangement of the furniture. It is at present the handsomest and most convenient lodge room in the district, and will seat, in case of need, eighty members, while it is so arranged that the ceremonies can be worked with seven or eight. For chapter purposes the rooms are equally efficient. Below there is a small dining room that will seat nearly thirty, a vestibule, which will dine forty, a small library, sitting room, and room for the tyler and his wife, and a kitchen.

After the consecration the installation of the W.M.'s of the Flower and the Armenian Lodges took place.

It had been agreed to have a joint banquet of all the lodges in the old Masonic rooms, but after other extraordinary proceedings we regret to learn members of the Italian lodges took upon themselves to stay the joint banquet, and occupied the banquet room belonging to the English lodges in the old Masonic rooms without their consent. Under these circumstances a banquet of the English lodges was held with no less effect under the presidency of Bro. Hyde Clarke, in the refreshment room at the Point railway terminus, which was converted into a handsome hall with banners and evergreens. The exertions of Bro. Charlton, the new W.M. of the Homer Lodge, D.G.S.W. Turkey, and P. Prov. G.S.W. Cornwall, greatly contributed to the success of the day.

THE LATE BRO. G. V. BROOKE.

In the summary of the week's news in our last impression it was our painful duty to record the loss of the *London*, with between 200 and 300 souls. Amongst the number we have to mention that of Bro. Gustavus Vaughan Brooke, so well known in the theatrical profession, especially in Australia, whither he was on his way to enter upon a most lucrative engagement, and, in all probability, a most successful one, when he was so suddenly called to his account. In the description of the scene by our contemporary, the *Times*, it is mentioned that "Mr. G. V. Brooke exerted himself wonderfully. Attired in a red Crimean shirt and trousers, with no hat on, and barefooted, he went backwards and forwards to the pumps, until working at them was found to be use-

less; he worked wonderfully, and, in fact, more bravely than any man in the ship."

It will be interesting to many of our readers to know that a number of the professional brethren and private friends of the late Mr. G. V. Brooke have formed themselves into a committee for the purpose:— Firstly, of purchasing a lifeboat, to be called the "G. V. Brooke;" secondly (provided sufficient funds are raised), for building a house in connection with the Royal Dramatic College, in memory of their lamented friend. The matter was first discussed at the hospitable board of a well known London Mason, when nearly £100 was then and there promised to the fund. Of the company present on the occasion it happened that all were Freemasons, and the following brethren were elected a committee to appeal to the theatrical and general public in aid of the above objects, viz., Bros. J. W. Anson, P. Bedford, J. Billington, N. W. Hodges, Clarence Holt, Spencer Smetzer, and J. L. Toole. Bro. Anson, of 20, Tavistockstreet, W.C., so well skilled in all public movements, has undertaken the duties of Hon. Sec., and already the proposal has met with cordial and sympathetic approval. It is due to Bro. Billington to state that the proposal of a lifeboat emanated from him.

MASONIC NOTES FROM CONSTANTINOPLE.

(By our own Correspondent.)

The installation of the W.M. of the parent English lodge in Turkey, the Oriental, 687, was as usual held on St. John's Day, Dec. 27th. The installing P.M.'s on the occasion were Bros. C. Green, Silly, G. Laurie, W. W. Evans, and Pulman. The newly installed W.M., Bro. A. Thompson, D.S.G.W. of Turkey, has already served in the same office in the Bulwer Lodge, 891, when his remarkable zeal and efficiency gained for him a handsome P.M.'s jewel as a mark of the esteem in which he was held. Unfortunately the English lodges in the Ottoman Capital have adopted the habit of indiscriminately presenting P.M.'s jewels, so that they are generally looked upon in a very different light from what they are elsewhere, but in the present case it was well merited. After being placed in the chair of K.S., W. M. Thompson proceeded to invest the following brethren as his officers, Bros. W. Williams, S.W.; S. Hekimian, J.W.; R. T. Allan, Treas.; R. A. Carleton, Secretary, H. Arnold, S.D.; T. Lamb, J.D.; M. Horenptein, Steward; W. George, I.G.; and T. Copinotti as Tyler. After some formal business the lodge adjourned at four p.m., and the greater number of the brethren proceeded to embark on board a special steamer, literally placed at their disposal by Bro. Kinnoek, by whom they were conveyed up the Bosphorus to the beautiful village of Buyukdew, where the Irish Lodge Leinster, (No. 166) holds its meetings. The installation of a new Master for that lodge was proceeded with shortly after the arrival of the sitting brethren from town, the installing P.M.'s being W. Bros. G. Laurie, who ably presided; C. Green, W. Master,

Deutscher Bund Lodge (No. 819), W. W. Evans, H. Belman, J. Snurfitt, W. Richardson, and R. A. Carleton. W. Bro. E. Schjott, an active zealous and painstaking member of the lodge was then duly installed, and after investing his officers adjourned the lodge. The whole of the brethren present re-embarked on board the *Brothers* steamer, which was brilliantly illuminated from stem to stern, and steamed across the bay to the well-known Hotel d'Angleterre, where the host, Bro. Petala, had provided a banquet of sixty covers. It is no exaggeration to state that it was a truly regal entertainment, the service used being that supplied by Bro. Petala at the state banquets of the Sultan, to whom he is purveyor. The approaches to the hotel, which is immediately over the water, the entrance-hall, staircases, and corridors, were decorated with the choicest plants, while the dining-room exhibited a most artistic floral display, heightened by the superb effect of the brilliant lights, costly plate, and the varied costumes of the brethren at table, the *tout ensemble* was one that will not be easily effaced from the memory of those who were present. The dinner itself was served in the best style *à la Russe*; the courses were in every respect faultless, and the wines—a rare thing to be able to say in Turkey—were *sans reproché*. Some veteran brethren present, who have assisted at Masonic banquets in various countries, were unanimous in expressing the opinion that the celebration of St. John's Festival at Therapia was the most magnificent affair of the kind they ever assisted at. It will probably sound strange to Western European ears to hear of the Craft doing such great things in this part of the world—it is a sign of the progress that has been made during the past few years. W. Bro. Schjott, of the Leinster Lodge, presided, and Bro. Williams, S.W. of the Oriental Lodge, occupied the vice-chair. After dinner, the chairman proposed, as the first toast, "H. I. M. the Sultan." In doing so he alluded to the well-known fact that the Craft always paid respect to constituted authority in the country in which they then resided, and they had reason to speak gratefully of the Sultan, for their proceedings had always been allowed, without any hindrances whatever. The toast was drunk with all the honours.

The Chairman, in calling upon the company to fill a bumper, said he need not remind them that there was a name dear to those who were under the jurisdiction of the country to which the brethren of the two lodges assembled together that evening belonged—he need not say he meant the Queen; he had therefore to propose "The Queen and Craft included." Drunk with three times three.

The Chairman said, in proposing the next toast, he felt little difficulty, as it required no preface on his part. He would simply give them "The Most Worshipful Grand Masters of the Grand Lodges of England and Ireland," which was drunk with full Masonic honours.

The next toast proposed by the chairman, in brief terms, was, "The Grand Masters of all the European Grand Lodges, and the Deputy Grand Masters and Grand Officers of the Grand Lodges."

Bro. Evans, in an appropriate speech, proposed "The Healths of the Newly Installed Worshipful Masters of the Oriental and Leinster Lodges." After

due honour had been done it, Bro. Schjott, W.M., in returning thanks, expressed his regret at the unavoidable absence of Bro. Thompson; he assured them that he highly appreciated the compliment they had conferred upon him, and during the period he would have the honour to preside over them he would endeavour to do his duty to the best of his ability, and he hoped they would always entertain the same favourable opinion of him.

The Chairman, in proposing the health of the visitors, was sorry that unavoidable circumstances prevented the attendance of the W.M.'s of other English, Italian, French, and German lodges who had been invited; he was glad, however, to be able to say that they were much indebted to their visiting brethren who had assisted at his installation; he felt personally so to W. Bro. Laurie, who had presided on the occasion, and he felt happy in welcoming him amongst them as a worthy Mason. He would not detain them further than to beg them to drink in a bumper "The Visitors." The toast was drunk with full Masonic honours.

W. Bro. Laurie, in returning thanks said, he felt very peculiarly gratified at all he had witnessed that evening both in lodge and at that truly magnificent entertainment; it was an occasion they would all remember, and remember with good feeling, strengthening, as it did, those bonds of brotherhood which must be fostered the more they met together and the better they knew each other. They had every reason to congratulate themselves on the progress they had made and were making, and he could only say, in full sincerity, that he wished them the greatest prosperity they could desire. He cordially thanked them not only on behalf of the visitors, but for the genial and truly flattering manner in which they had received his own name. After some further fraternal remarks, the brother resumed his seat amidst much applause. Bro. Green also returned thanks.

Bro. Laurie, on behalf of the chairman, after some suitable preface, which were loudly applauded, proposed "The Healths of the Immediate Past Masters, Bros. Evans, of the Oriental, and Smorfitt, of the Leinster Lodge, which were drunk with all the honours. Bros. Evans and Smorfitt, in appropriate terms expressed their acknowledgments.

Bro. Smorfitt, in proposing "The Health of the newly-invested Officers of the Oriental and Leinster Lodges," said he was confident, from what he knew of them, that they would be found efficient in every respect. He knew personally, from his experience in the chairs of two lodges, how much depended upon the support a W.M. received from his officers. Working together with a common object and a hearty desire to insure the advancement of the Craft, there was little fear of any officers failing to give satisfaction. It was peculiarly necessary in this country, where Masonry might be said, as yet, to be in its infancy. The toast having received the usual honours, Bro. Williams replied and said, that he could on his own, as well as his brother officers' behalf, assure them of the desire they had to do their part in a thorough manner.

Bro. R. A. Carleton briefly proposed "The Masonic Charities," feeling, as he said, that the immense amount of good they did was too well known to require any exposition at his hands. He felt a great

degree of gratification from having seen them that evening, from the singular circumstance that he was the only Irishman present, notwithstanding the circumstance that one of the lodges now assembled was under the Irish jurisdiction; he trusted that the happy fraternal feeling now witnessed would be perpetual amongst them.

Bro. Evans asked permission to propose a health which would be received with acclamation. He had no occasion to say a word as to the manner in which they had been treated that evening by their host, Bro. Petala—(loud applause)—he would content himself by asking the brethren present to join him in drinking Bro. Petala's health. The toast was drank with considerable cheering.

Bro. Petala who was present briefly thanked the brethren for the manner in which they had received his name. He would always feel it a privilege to do anything in his power to gratify the Craft.

The Chairman said before he closed the list of toasts he had one which he knew they would receive favourably. Living as he did in a country where so many different races, tongues, and nationalities existed, it must be always a pleasing consideration to hear how he can best abate the prejudices which exist around us, and weld into one that contrariety of sentiment and feeling which unhappily too much prevails here as elsewhere, as under circumstances. Our Order is the happiest agency for this, and although we cannot expect to see it permeate all society, he may at least reasonably look forward—or he was happy to say it was beginning to do—to have its marked influence on their minds and actions. The question was too extensive a one to go into then and at that hour of the evening, he had therefore only to call them to join in drinking "Prosperity to all Masonic Lodges in Turkey," which was drunk with all Masonic honours. The loving cup having been passed round, the Chairman announced that the time had arrived for the last toast "To all Poor and Distressed Masons." After singing "God Save the Queen," the company broke up. Some of the brethren proceeded by the steamer to Bayukdew, but the greater number stopped at the hotel till the following morning, when they returned to town.

Much credit is due to Bro. J. Smorftt for his exertions to make the celebration of the festival a success, to Bro. Kinnoek for his liberality, not the first or second time, but of frequent occurrence in gratuitously placing his steamer at the disposition of the Craft. Of Bro. Patala's catering we have already endeavoured to convey some conception. The musical arrangements carried out by Bros. T. Lamb, J. Ford, B. Dyke, Evans and Williams, contributed much to the enjoyment of the evening. Masonic banquets and *fetes* have been introduced but a few years into Turkey, but so far they have invariably been most successful, presenting a variety of novelties not to be met with elsewhere, creating at the same time the best impression.

WERE we to take as much pains to be what we ought to be, as we do to disguise what we really are, we might appear like ourselves, without being at the trouble of any disguise at all.

FIVE great enemies to peace inhabit with us, viz.—avarice, ambition, envy, anger, and pride. If those enemies were to be banished, we should infallibly enjoy perfect peace.

MASONIC NOTES AND QUERIES.

LODGE MEETINGS.

The by-laws of a lodge providing that its regular meetings shall be held on the "second and fourth Mondays in the month," no provision being made to apply to Christmas Day—would it not be a dereliction of duty to fail to summons the lodge for that day?—A STICKLER TO THE BY-LAWS.

FREEMASONRY AS A WORLD-WIDE ASSOCIATION.

In answer to the letter written from the British Museum Library, very few words, indeed, are needful. Freemasonry regarded—to use my correspondent's expression—"as a World-wide Association," requires the recognition of the Moral Law, the Immortality of the Soul, and the Supreme Being, Grand Architect of the Universe.—CHARLES PURTON COOPER.

PRIESTS MASONS.

It certainly is true that R.W. Bro. C. P. Cooper has stated that R. C. Priests are Masons. I have known such in several countries of Europe, among others a Bishop in Portugal, I believe, now alive. There was likewise a Bishop in the north of France at the period of my initiation—I think the Bishop of Arras.—HYDE CLARKE, Smyrna, Jan. 5th, 1866.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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THE LOSS OF THE "LONDON."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE FREEMASONS' MAGAZINE AND MASONIC MIRROR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It may be interesting to the members of the Craft to know that amongst the few survivors of that ill-fated ship was one member of our Masonic Order. Bro. Jones, the second engineer, is a worthy and esteemed member of the Cornubian Lodge (No. 450), held at Hayle, in Cornwall; and last night I had the pleasure of grasping his hand with that cordiality which only Masons can know. In plain, simple, and unaffected language he detailed briefly to me the horrors of that fearful night after they quitted the ship, and entrusted themselves to the mercy of a raging sea in a small open boat, provided only with a few vegetables, a bag of biscuits, and no water; but at the same time, in the recital of his heart-rending narrative, I was deeply impressed with the truly Masonic feeling with which he regarded what he had passed through, and his deep gratitude to the Great Architect of the Universe for the mercies vouchsafed to him in his miraculous preservation. He speaks in the highest terms of the kindness and truly Christian manner in which they were received by the captain of the Italian ship *Marianople*, who proved a true Samaritan, and really left them nothing to desire. Indeed, to show his true philanthropy, although his ship was bound for Cork, he made for Falmouth on purpose to land his poor shipwrecked passengers. It is to be hoped that this noble conduct will not pass unrecognised, and that the warm-hearted sailor of "sunny Italy" will receive all the honours he so justly deserves.

I am, Sir, yours truly and fraternally,

P.M. No. 177.

Walworth-road, Jan. 25, 1866.

THE MASONIC MIRROR.

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MASONIC MEMS.

MASONIC SCHOOLS AT CONSTANTINOPLE.—The Italian lodge, Italia, some time since founded a school for poor boys. In this excellent institution nearly 80 boys are clothed, educated, and fed. It is proposed to extend this to girls, and open a similar establishment for them. A ball in aid of the funds of the school was to have been held in the French Theatre at Pera on the 16th inst., and we trust to hear it has been a success.

A MASONIC HALL IN PERA.—It is rumoured that a project will be brought forward by one of the lodges in the Ottoman capital for erecting a Masonic hall in that city, as the present accommodation for any of the lodges is totally inadequate.

The Lodge of Harmony (No. 309), Fareham, Hants, purpose giving an invitation ball in aid of the Masonic Charities, on the 8th February, at the Assembly Rooms, Red Lion Hotel, Fareham, under the patronage of Bros. E. M. Wells, P.M. (Mayor of Portsmouth); Colonel Meehan, P.M. (W.M. Phoenix Lodge, No. 257); W. C. Redward (W.M. Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 342), &c.

METROPOLITAN.

CASTLE LODGE OF HARMONY (No. 26).—This old and influential lodge held its usual monthly meeting at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, on Monday, the 22nd inst., Bro. W. Smith, C.E., W.M. The ceremony of installing the W.M. elect was the first business. Bro. J. Coxon Richardson, G.S., was duly installed in the chair of the lodge, and proceeded to appoint his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Bros. Joseph Sharpe, L.L.D., S.W.; S. A. Kisch, J.W.; George Fred. Lamert, S.D.; M. C. Buszard, J.D., &c. Bro. E. J. Fraser, P.M., kindly continued to act as Secretary, and Bro. John Nelson, the "father of the lodge," having been unanimously elected Treasurer at the last meeting, there only remained the election of Grand Steward to complete the list of officers for the year. An election having taken place for the important office of Grand Steward, Bro. Joseph Sharpe, L.L.D., was unanimously elected. The W.M. and the several officers then returned thanks for their respective appointments. The newly-installed W.M. being desirous of commencing the duties of his office by performing the only ceremonies set down in the summons, proceeded to examine the candidates for the third degree, viz., Bros. Hoyle and Thielfall, who were then raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The other business of the lodge having been disposed of, the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to banquet, the members of the lodge present being, Bro. J. C. Richardson, in the chair, supported by the I.P.M., Bro. W. Smith, C.E.; Bros. J. Nelson, P.M. and Treas.; E. J. Fraser, P.M. and Sec.; John Halsey Law, P.M.; E. Spencer, P.M.; J. Sharpe, L.L.D., S.W.; S. A. Kisch, J.W.; G. F. Lamert, S.D.; M. C. Buszard, J.D.; J. Simpson, P. T. Brerey, C. Brillion, W. H. Mogford, J. Hoyle, and J. Thielfall. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. Gould, P.M. Northern Lodge of China, Shanghai, P. Prov. S.G.W., for Andalusia at Gibraltar; and Bro. Graves, P.M. Bank of England Lodge (No. 263). The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given after the removal of the cloth, and the meeting adjourned at an early hour.

MOUNT LEBANON LODGE (No. 73).—On the 16th inst. the installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at the Green Man, Tooley-street. After Messrs. Rose, Groom, and Liscoe had been initiated, a F.C. Lodge was formed, and Bro. J. C. Gooddy, S.W., was presented by Bro. Walters to the W.M. to receive from him the benefit of installation. This beautiful ceremony was then performed, and the new W.M. appointed his officers as follows:—G. Morris, S.W.; T. J. Sabine, J.W.; E. Harris, P.M., Treas.; J. Donkin, P.M., Sec.; F. H. Ebs-

worth, S.D.; Rose, J.D.; M. A. Loewenstark, I.G.; A. P. Steadman, Dir. of Cers.; G. Free, W.S.; W. Aldhouse, Tyler. Dr. Dixon, P.M., at the request of the subscribers, in an appropriate address, presented Bro. H. Moore, I.P.M., with a beautiful six guinea P.M. jewel, voluntarily subscribed for by the members of the lodge. The jewel bore the inscription that it was a voluntary gift, as a mark of respect and gratitude from the members to the W.M. for his able presidency over the lodge. A vote of thanks to him was also ordered to be recorded on the lodge minutes. Bro. W. Billington was unanimously elected as a joining member. The brethren to the number of fifty, after business, sat down to a sumptuous banquet. During the evening the following brethren were present:—Bros. J. C. Gooddy, W.M.; H. Moore, I.P.M.; Hughes, P.M.; Dr. Dixon, P.M.; W. E. Jackson, P.M.; F. Walters, P.M.; G. Morris, S.W.; T. J. Sabine, J.W.; E. Harris, P.M., Treas.; J. Donkin, P.M., Sec.; F. H. Ebsworth, S.D.; Rose, J.D.; M. A. Loewenstark, I.G.; A. P. Steadman, Dir. of Cers.; G. Free, T. Moore, Chipperfield, Ord, Turnly, Cooper, Stevens, Mills, Drapper, Delany, Retzback, Vachel, E. Moore, Gale, Harman, Davis, Jacobs, Dusseck, Watkins, Brinn, Grace, and visitors, G. Bolton, P.M., Treas.; Lightfoot, J. Patte, Whiffen, R. Welsford, P.M., Gale, and very many others. There was a first-class bill of fare, and the brethren having done ample justice to Bro. C. A. Cathie's five courses and dessert, spent a very pleasant evening with their new W.M.

LODGE OF ISRAEL (No. 205).—This highly flourishing lodge held its installation meeting on Tuesday, the 23rd inst., at Radley's Hotel, Bridge-street, Blackfriars. Bros. Lazarus, W.M.; Coote, J.W.; Boss, J.W., with a very full attendance of P.M.'s and members of the lodge, and several visiting brethren. The lodge was opened at half-past three, when the ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. H. M. Harris and Mr. Swincoski, which being in favour of their admission, they were duly initiated into the Ancient Order of Freemasonry by Bro. Harris, P.M., brother to one of the candidates. The W.M. then resumed the chair and installed Bro. Charles Coote into the ancient chair of K.S., the ceremony being worked with the same skill and perfection which has characterised Bro. Lazarus during his year of office, and for which he received the congratulations of all the brethren for his able working. The brethren being called from labour to refreshment, sat down to a banquet, which was served in Bro. Hart's usual excellent style. After the customary toasts were given and responded to with all honours, the W.M., in a very neat and appropriate speech, presented the I.P.M. with a gold jewel of beautiful design and workmanship, and a silver tea-service. Bro. Lazarus returned thanks in suitable terms. The pleasure of the evening was enhanced by the admirable singing of Miss Rebecca Isaacs, Miss Coote, and several of the brethren. The lodge being closed, the brethren separated, after spending a very happy evening.

BELGRAVE LODGE (No. 749).—The contributing members of this well organised lodge held their first regular monthly meeting of the new year at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, the 10th inst., for the dispatch of masonic business. The W.M. Bro. Ough, having taken his position in the chair of K.S. precisely at 5 o'clock, was surrounded by his officers, Bros. R. F. Potter, S.W.; J. Shade, J.W.; J. G. Froud, P.M. and Treas.; Henry Garrod, P.M. and Sec.; W. Rose, S.D.; W. Bourne, J.D.; W. Pierce, I.G.; and T. R. Daly, Tyler. The following P.M.'s also assisted on this occasion, viz.: W. Runting, Henry Evenden, R. H. Temple, and the I.P.M. Thomas Nash. The visitors present were Bros. J. C. Poole, Egyptian Lodge (No. 27); J. H. Staples, Lodge of Industry (No. 186); and T. Shepperd, Egyptian Lodge (No. 27). The following W.M.'s were also present: George Pym, Thomas Strip, A. W. Catmur, H. Durbin (Steward), W. Wickham, J. Laehnsdorf, Peter Parsons, R. Miller, H. Watkinson, W. Hester, C. E. Keymer, W. Fenwick, F. E. Nicholes, W. Battey, J. Painter, A. Lefeber, &c. The lodge having been duly opened in the first degree, the minutes of the last regular meeting, and the lodge of emergency, held on the 13th ult., were read by the secretary, and duly confirmed. Ballots were then taken for three gentlemen, candidates for admission into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry, and declared to be unanimously in their favour. Mr. George Edwin Welsman was unavoidably absent. The lodge was then resumed to the third degree, and the W.M. having put the usual questions to Bros. Hobbs, Homewood, and Smout, who had given proofs of their proficiency as F.C.'s, they were most impressively raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The lodge being lowered to the first degree, the W.M.

proceeded to initiate Dr. Thomas Edwin Edwards, *L.R.C.P.* London, and *M.R.C.S.*, and Mr. John Bell, separately into the secrets of the Order, which was done in a masterly style. The Secretary then read the by-laws of the lodge, and the W.M., having consented to preside at the forthcoming festival of the Girls' and Boys' Schools, made a most urgent appeal to the members on behalf of those charities. After impressing upon the brethren the necessity for supporting these benevolent institutions, he intimated that he should be most happy to receive any amount of money on behalf of the Boys' School, which was indeed more in need of funds than the Girls' School. The Secretary having no further business to transact, the lodge was closed in ample form. The brethren then adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, which was admirably served up by Messrs' Clemow. When grace had been said and the cloth removed, the W.M. proposed "The Queen and the Craft, which was duly honoured. The next toasts that followed were those of "The Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, M.W.G.M. of Freemasons," "The Right Hon. the Earl de Grey and Ripon, and the rest of the Grand Officers," each toast being received with enthusiasm. The W.M. having congratulated the brother initiates upon their entry into Freemasonry, called upon the brethren to drink their healths with due Masonic honours. Bro. Dr. Edwards then rose and said it gave him great pleasure to return his sincere thanks for the honour which had been conferred upon him that evening, and which would always leave a lasting impression upon his memory, and heartily thank the brethren for their kindness. Bro. John Bell stated that he would endeavour to become a worthy Mason. The W.M. said the next toast he was about to propose was always a very pleasant one to the members of the Belgrave Lodge, being that of "The Brother Visitors," and called upon the brethren to drink their healths in a bumper. Bro. J. H. Staples responded on behalf of the visitors. The W.M. then gave "The Past Masters," and the Secretary, Bro. Garrod, having sung the Entered Apprentice's song most admirably, he then responded on the part of himself and his brother P.M.'s. "The Officers of the Lodge" was the next toast, and Bro. Potter acknowledged the toast on the part of himself and his brother officers. The last toast that was given was that of "The Tylers," which was duly honoured. During the evening some excellent songs were given by the following brethren:—H. Evenden, W. Rose, Geo. Pymn, Thos. Stripp, J. Slade, W. Batley, J. Hobbs, J. Bell, and J. H. Staples, and a recitation by Bro. Runting. The brethren separated, after a most interesting and delightful evening, in peace and harmony, at the seasonable hour of eleven o'clock.

NEW CONCORD LODGE (No. 813).

The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Friday evening, January 19th, at the Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton. Bro. R. J. Boyce, W.M., presided. Bros. Main, S.W.; Nightingale, J.W.; Emmens, P.M.; Theker, J. W. Laughlin, P.M. and Chap.; and a large body of the members were present, besides some few visitors, amongst whom were Bros. Dixon, W.M. of the Old Concord Lodge; Thompson, P.M., Domestic; and E. G. Thompson, Domestic.

In consequence of the death of Bro. Estwick, the esteemed P.M. and Treasurer of the lodge, the lodge room was appropriately fitted up, and all the brethren wore the emblems of mourning, for never was there a man held in higher estimation, and deservedly so, than their lamented Bro. Estwick, who carried out in act as well as in word, those great principles which so eminently distinguish our noble Order, not only towards the Craft, but on all occasions where they were required.

The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes read, it was afterwards advanced to the second and third degrees, when Bros. Norman and Merrett were raised to the sublime degree of M.M.

At the conclusion of this ceremony,

Bro. the Rev. J. W. LAUGHLIN, the chaplain of the lodge rose and said:—

Worshipful Master and Brethren—There was never an occasion in the history of the New Concord Lodge in which the third degree was worked under such awful circumstances. We have been called upon to think and ponder over as Master Masons those emblems of death which are before us by the untimely death of one whom we most deeply deplore. We are called upon to reflect upon the termination of our mortal existence, not in theory, but in fact, as shown to us in the last few hours by the untimely death of one of the rulers of the

Craft who has been taken from amongst us, and one whom we all deeply deplore. I can assure you that when I received my summons, which contained a notification of the death of Bro. Estwick, a feeling came over me which it is quite out of my power to give utterance to. In the first place it seems to me so terrible to see a man fifty-two years of age, and only as it were in the prime of life, cut off in a moment, leaving the lodge in a state of widowhood in thus being deprived of the fostering care of one who had laboured and done so much for it as Bro. Estwick. He was with us from the very beginning, and in all the early struggles of the lodge he held manfully by it. He was a genuine and true brother, and he never joined the lodge for the sake of those honours and distinctions conferred upon worthy members so much as it was his desire to become a good man and Mason, who served the Great Architect of the Universe, and while worshipping the Most High, he did not forget the wants of his fellow man. Bro. Estwick as a man in his private character was one of strict integrity and uprightness, the breath of slander never tainted it for a moment, and he extended the hand of benevolence to every brother who required his aid. We know how he supported our character as steward of the festivals for our noble institutions, and he was always ready out of Masonry to assist the cry of distress. He was a supporter of many philanthropic institutions established for the purpose of doing good to the poor in the most inclement season of the year. He was a true brother, both in words and in works, and by his sedulous attention to the duties of the lodge, he was a pattern to us all. He entertained the greatest devotion to Freemasonry, for when through illness he was precluded from attending his lodge, he meditated having something of the kind at his own house, so that the great principles of our Order could be there honoured, and we shall do well to follow his brilliant example. All of us now present about the same age as our Bro. Estwick, and those who are older, should remember the solemn call which has been given to our departed brother. It speaks to us trumpet-tongued—it calls earnestly upon us to do good to one another, to work while it is yet day, for in the presence of our symbols we know not how soon the grave may receive us into its cold bosom. Let us then during our lives devote ourselves, our souls and bodies, to the service of the Most High. Let us toil in the works which are the great principles of Freemasonry, so that when we die we may leave behind us the savour of a good name, and we may be spoken of as having done not only credit to the Craft, but to our common humanity. I do not wish to speak dogmatically of our religion, but I know of no man in the lodge who was more guided by our ruling principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth, those great pillars, that great, noble, and visible sign that all was right between him and his God, than Bro. Estwick. We all know how he demonstrated these noble principles in carrying out what I had almost said our Divine Order. We have the surest proof that he now is, as he deserved while he presided in the lodge as W.M., a partaker of the glories and immortality of the Grand Lodge above, where the Great Architect of the Universe lives and reigns for ever. His end was peace, and let us all pray that we, "like him, may die the death of the righteous, and that our last end may be like his."

The rev. brother was listened to throughout this address with the deepest attention, and at its close there was but one feeling as to the great loss they had sustained.

Bro. EMMENS, P.M., rose and said he should propose that a letter of condolence be addressed to the widow of Bro. Estwick, as a mark of respect entertained by the lodge towards their deceased brother, and he felt sure that every brother would agree with him that that was a proper proceeding on the part of the New Concord Lodge.

Bro. MAIN, S.W., seconded the motion.

Bro. HAMMOND, Hon. Sec., said since the summons had been issued he had received information of the death of another brother, Bro. Hardwick.

The lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Mr. Henry John Adams, and Mr. Louis, A. De Gory Duke, were severally initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry.

It was brought under the notice of the lodge that Bro. Osmond would represent the lodge at the coming festival for the benefit of the Royal Benevolent Institution, &c., and a very liberal subscription was raised to be placed in his hands on that occasion.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment.

In consequence of the event above recorded, the whole of the toasts that were given, and they were but few in number, were drunk in silence.

Bro. EMMENS, P.M. and Grand Purst., in responding to the toast of "The Health of Earl de Grey and Ripon and the rest of the Grand Officers," took occasion to advert to the loss the lodge had sustained in the death of their esteemed Bro. Estwick. He said he was almost unable to say anything in addition to what they had heard in the lodge from Bro. Laughlin; but thus much he could inform them, that on the previous day he was present at Bro. Estwick's funeral, and it was conducted in a very solemn manner, and in a way which every brother would wish to see who was interested in the New Concord Lodge. There was one observation which had been made by Bro. Laughlin which, perhaps, was not quite understood. They had heard that Bro. Estwick always felt the greatest interest in the New Concord Lodge, and he frequently inquired after the health of its members when confined to his house, and he told him (Bro. Emmens) that he should like to have a little Freemasonry at his house at White Webb, and he suggested that some of the members should go there and visit him, so that he might again see something of Freemasonry, as he had not done so for the last twelve months. On the Friday night preceding his death, he (Bro. Emmens) had written him a long letter stating that in the next week they would fix the day when the whole of the officers of the New Concord Lodge would be present, and Bro. Estwick then wrote to him and asked him particularly if Bro. Main was likely to succeed to the W.M. in the chair. He was most desirous of knowing how Bro. Main had progressed, and therefore he wished to have a little Masonry at his own house, so that he might judge how he was fit to go into the chair. He felt the greatest anxiety in the interest of the New Concord Lodge, and the brethren had sustained a very great loss. In conclusion, he asked the brethren to join with him in drinking in solemn silence to the memory of their esteemed and departed Bro. Estwick.

The toast was drunk in solemn silence.

The customary toasts and all musical performances were dispensed with, and at an early hour the brethren separated.

ROSE OF DENMARK LODGE (No. 975).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the White Hart Tavern, Barnes, Surrey, on the 12th inst. At the request of Bro. Cockburn, W.M., the lodge was opened by Bro. R. W. Little, I.P.M. and Sec., assisted by Bros. Oliver, S.W., Page, J.W., Potter, Treas., Squire, S.D., W. Buswell, J.D., Barnes, I.G., Samels, W.S., C. Willcox, Graham, Goodale, Kelley, Beamish, and other brethren. The minutes were then read and confirmed, after which the lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bros. J. Willcox, Clarke, Hawkins, Smith, and G. Buswell, passed a successful examination for the third degree, in which the lodge was then opened and the above brethren were raised to the crowning position in Craft Masonry. The lodge was resumed to the E.A. degree, and the W.M. assumed the chair, and after the usual preliminaries passed, Bros. Guy, Woodruff, and Hewitt, to the second degree, in a very careful and correct manner. Bro. Little, I.P.M., was then presented with a very handsome massive siver jewel and collar as an additional mark of esteem from the brethren. The usual P.M.'s jewel having been presented at the previous meeting, and expressed his acknowledgment to the W.M. and brethren in appropriate language. A notice of motion and a proposition were then handed to the Secretary and read to the lodge, and the W.M. announced that Bro. Oliver, S.W., had kindly presented the lodge with a highly finished tripod. Bro. Buswell, J.D. with a perfect ashlar, and Bro. Goodale with a floorcloth for the third degree, and concluded by proposing votes of thanks to those brethren which were carried by acclamation. The lodge was then closed and a most agreeable evening was spent under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Cockburn; due honours were paid to our national and Masonic rulers, and the health of the W.M. was proposed in glowing terms by Bro. Little, I.P.M., who expatiated on the great interest Bro. Cockburn had even taken in the lodge, and the efficient manner in which he performed his duties, for although the W.M. fancied he did not meet the expectations of the brethren—he Bro. Little—could assure him that every member felt that the W.M. was one of the most zealous and attentive rulers of the Craft. This toast having been heartily received and honoured with a "Rose of Denmark" fire, Bro. Cockburn, W.M. expressed his thanks both to the I.P.M., and to the brethren generally, for the compliment paid, and trusted always to have their cordial assistance in promoting the welfare of the

lodge. Bro. Buss, P.M., late Secretary, was then presented with an address beautifully illuminated and engrossed on vellum recording the thanks of the lodge for his past valuable services, and also a resolution electing him an honorary member. For this proof of regard, Bro. Buss eloquently expressed his thanks and hoped he might long be spared to associate with the brethren. The health of Bro. Gurney a joining member having been drunk, he responded in suitable terms stating that he was greatly indebted to the lodge for electing him, and to Bro. Little—an old friend—who proposed him. Bro. Oliver, S.W., in reply to the toast of the "Officers" was heartily glad to find the lodge prospering, and he could safely say that every officer would do his best to maintain that prosperity, in fact, "Excelsior" was their motto. Bro. Little, I.P.M., made a forcible and feeling appeal to the brethren on behalf of the Royal Benevolent Institution for aged Freemasons and their widows, the festival for which will be held on the 31st inst., and we are happy to add that it resulted in every brother in the room contributing his mite. Thus—sanctified by charity, the boast of our Order—ended one of the brilliant meetings of the Rose of Denmark Lodge.

PROVINCIAL.

CORNWALL.

TRURO.—*Phoenix Lodge of Honor and Prudence* (No. 331).—The members of this lodge met on Monday, the 15th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, High Cross, Truro, to instal the Master for the year ensuing, to appoint officers, and to transact other business pertaining to the annual St. John's celebration. The Master elect, Bro. Edward Dixon Anderton, having been presented by Bro. William Tweedy, P.M., Prov. G.S., was duly installed by the I.P.M., Bro. the Rev. F. H. A. Wright, M.A., P.G. Chap., in a Board of Installed Masters duly constituted; after which the W.M. appointed as follows:—Bros. Frederick Martin Williams, M.P., S.W.; Edward Moore, J.W.; the Rev. Henry Bullock, M.A., Chap.; James O. Mayne, P.M., and Prov. A.G.S., Treas.; William James Hughan, Sec.; N. H. Lloyd, S.D.; John F. Penrose, J.D.; W. Tweedy, P.M., Dir. of Cers.; Samuel Harvey, P.M. Purst. I.G.; J. A. Lanyon and A. Watling, Stewards; Bro. W. Rookes, Tyler. Two propositions of membership were made, after which the brethren adjourned to the Red Lion Hotel to partake of a most sumptuous banquet, a number of influential members of the Provincial Grand Lodge assembling in honour of the occasion. Bro. S. D. Anderton presided, supported by Bros. the Rev. F. H. A. Wright, I.P.M., &c.; Thos. Solomon, P.M., P. Prov. S.G.D.; Edwd. T. Carlyon, P.M., Prov. Grand Sec.; J. O. Mayne, P.M., A.G.S.; Rev. H. B. Bullocke, M.A.; W. H. Christie, P.M.; F. M. Williams, M.P., J.W. (in the vice-chair); Stephen Holloway, W.M. 131; John Inness, P.M. and W.M.; Couch, J.W. 699; F. H. Mugford, 967; F. W. Dabb, P.M. 589; E. Michell, S.W. 1076, &c. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to with much cordiality, and in the course of the evening several complimentary remarks were made on the appointment of so efficient a W.M. as Bro. E. D. Anderton, while great satisfaction was expressed at the continued prosperity of the Phoenix Lodge.

CHACEWATER.—*Boscawen Lodge*, (No. 699).—The brethren of this flourishing lodge assembled on Thursday, the 11th inst., for the purpose of installing the W.M. for the ensuing year, and celebrating the Festival of St. John. The unanimous vote of the lodge was in favour of Bro. William Buckingham, because of the attention he had paid to this lodge ever since his initiation, and for the ability he has displayed in filling the various offices of the lodge. Bro. Inness, P.M., P. Prov. G.O., officiated as Installing Master, and ably performed that imposing duty. The W.M. then appointed the following as his officers: Bros. Hall, I.P.M.; Hugoo, S.W.; W. M. Couch, J.W.; John Inness, P.M., Treas.; John Parell, P.M., Sec.; Michell, S.D.; S. Michell, J.D.; Pearce, I.G.; Roberts, Org.; John Neal, Dir. of Cers.; Parkin and Walls, Stewards; and Lean, Tyler. After which the banquet was provided, to which the brethren adjourned and spent a very pleasant evening.

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND.

KENDAL.—*Union Lodge* (No. 129).—An emergency meeting of this ancient and flourishing lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on Wednesday evening, January 17th. The chair was

occupied by the W.M., Bro. Edward Busher, Prov. G. Sec., who was supported on the occasion by Bros. Johnston, P.M., P. Prov. G.D.; John Bowes, P.M.; Prov. G.D.C.; Whitwell, S.W., Prov. G. Reg.; T. Wilson, J.W., Prov. G. Treas.; Mann, Sec.; Gawith, J.D.; Butterwith, Org.; Hibbert, M.C.; J. Wilson, I.G.; and Bros. Capt. Braithwaite, J.W. 1074; W. Wilson, S.W. 1074; Tattersall, Grayson, T. Busher, Robinson, Barratt, Greenall, Rev. R. James, Chap.; Jones, J. C. Atkinson, E. Medcalf, Dodd, Gibson, Cleary, Tyler. Visitor:—Bro. Richard Atkinson, Underley Lodge (No. 1074), Kirkby Lonsdale. The lodge was opened in due form with prayer, according to ancient custom. Bros. H. D. Robinson, James Barratt, and G. B. Greenall being candidates for advancement, and having given proof of proficiency, were intrusted and retired. The lodge was opened in the second degree, and the three brethren duly admitted and passed to the degree of F.C.'s by the W.M. The chair was now assumed by Bro. John Bowes, P.M., &c. Bros. R. James, W. Tattersall, and J. Grayson, being candidates for promotion, and having proved their claim, were entrusted and retired. The lodge was opened in the third degree, when the three brethren were admitted in due form and raised to the sublime degree of M.M.'s. The lodge was then duly and solemnly closed, and adjourned until Thursday, January 25th, at two o'clock, for the confirmation of the minutes, the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. John Whitwell, S.W., and the celebration of the Festival of St. John the Evangelist. We hope to give a report of the proceedings in our next issue.

CARLISLE.—*Union Lodge* (No. 310).—Wednesday the 10th ult. may be considered a red letter day for Freemasonry in this city. Not long ago it was at a very low ebb, its members obscure and humble, the lodge struggling and gasping for existence, scarcely able to meet its dues. But having had some new blood infused into its body, it has again become resuscitated, and now holds a prominent position in the province, its members are now numerous and influential, and it has assumed an importance that was little anticipated a short time ago. The system of meeting in a publichouse having been decided as objectionable, not only to personal members, but to the carrying out of the principles upon which the Order is founded. About six years ago the lodge removed into private rooms, which were considered ample for years to come. But of late there has been such an accession of members, that the accommodation has proved inadequate to the requirements. A large building therefore in the centre of the city at the corner of Castle-street has been taken upon lease, and extensive alterations made. The lower portion being let as shops, the second floor as offices, which can at any time be put to the further accommodation of the lodge, and the top floor to the present purposes of the lodge. On account of the newness of the plastering the lodge is of necessity yet only very plain. It is intended that the ceiling be painted to imitate the firmament with the rising and setting sun, and in the centre the moon and emblematical stars. Around the walls are the tracing boards of the various degrees intersected with framed portraits of Masonic celebrities, and medallions containing various Craft devices, the windows are fitted with venetian blinds. In the east is a raised platform or dais with an arched recess in which is placed the Masters' chair, around are maroon covered seats for the brethren, and chairs for the S.W. and J.W. The floor is covered with a moss woven pattern of crimson and black. The symbolical floor-cloth in the centre has been beautifully and correctly painted by Bro. James Atkinson, from a design furnished by Bro. F. W. Hayward, P.M., and upon which are placed the immovable jewels, the pedestals are white and gold, and the rest of the wood work painted oak, a spacious landing separates the lodge from the refreshment room, which has been fitted up with taste, from the ceiling which is plain hangs a neat chandelier, the walls are covered with crimson paper with maroon diamond figured pattern, relieved with a fillet of gold moulding. In the centre is placed a 16-day clock of novel design, being a freewill offering from Bro. Jas. A. Wheatley, jeweller. The chimney-piece is from the chisel of Bro. Pickering, sculptor, and is carved with Craft, Arch, and Mark emblems. The floor is covered with a carpet of Masonic tessellated pattern; upon the landing is placed the Tyler's desk. A little higher is the lavatory and ante-room fitted in a similar manner to the refreshment room. The brethren assembled upon the day previously mentioned, according to summons, at nine a.m., to consecrate the new lodge. As intimation had been received from the D. Prov. G.M., Dr. Greaves, that merely removing from one building to another did not necessitate that ceremony,

it was dispensed with, and the lodge was adjourned, and a meeting of the Union Chapter (No. 310) was then held, and which will be found in another page under the head of "Royal Arch." At three o'clock the brethren of No. 310 re-assembled, Bro. Murray, W.M., in the chair, surrounded by his officers, brethren, and visitors, amongst whom were Bros. Dr. Greaves, D. Prov. G.M. for Cumberland and Westmorland; C. J. Banister, P.G.S.B. of the Grand Lodge of England; Edward Busher, P.M., 129, Kendal, and Prov. G. Sec.; Routledge, P.M.; Gibson, 327; Boulton, 111, 339, S.W. 1073; W. Dodd, 129 and 1074; Lucock, P.M.; Thompson, 371; J. Dodd, P.M. 600, 1018, &c. The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, it was announced Bro. Gibson, was a candidate for admission into Masoury, and having been balloted for and previously approved, was initiated into the degree of E.A. by Bro. Haywan, P.M. The working tools being explained by Bro. J. Dodd, P.M., 600, the next business was the installation of W.M. The election at the previous meeting having fallen upon Bro. the Rev. W. Cockett, M.A., J.W. and P. Prov. G. Chap., he was now presented to the D. Prov. G.M. for installation, and having assented to the usual charges upon taking office, a board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Cockett was duly elevated into the chair of K.S., to preside over the lodge until his successor be appointed. He was then saluted in the east, west, and south by the brethren according to their several degrees, and afterwards appointed his officers as under:—G. G. Hayward, S.W.; John Slack, J.W.; W. Carrick, S.D.; Dr. T. D. Wheatley, J.D.; A. Woodhouse, I.G.; G. Murchie, Org.; F. W. Hayward, P.M., Treas.; T. Dean, Sec.; G. Clark, Ass. Sec. In the evening a banquet was held at the house of Bro. McGowan, presided over by the newly-elected W.M., supported by C. J. Banister, Murray, Halifax, &c., the S.W., surrounded by F. W. Hayward, P.M.; Lieut. Donald Routledge, Kerr, Gibson, &c. Grace having been pronounced, it was soon apparent that the labours of the day had whetted the appetite for refreshment, for the good things provided rapidly disappeared, and soon rendered necessary the removal of the cloth. The first toast of the evening, the Queen, daughter of a Mason, is always responded to with ten-fold feeling since her great bereavement. The Prince and Princess of Wales. The Prince, who has shown such exemplary conduct as a young man, makes us trust that he is about to follow in the steps of his great and wise parent, Albert the Good. Army, Navy, and Volunteers, was briefly responded to by Bros. Lieut. Donald, Earl of Zetland, G.M., Earl de Grey and Ripon, D.G.M., and rest of Grand Officers, coupled with the name of Bro. Banister, who bore testimony to the unwearied exertions of the Grand Master, who had presided over our Masonic affairs for twenty-two years, since the death of the Duke of Sussex, and should he ever retire in favour of another prince of royal blood, he would do so with bays of honour encircling his head and gracing his brow. In the Grand Lodge above, the toast of the Prov. Grand Officers, coupled with the name of Bro. Blacklock, P.M., was then given, and responded to by Bro. Blacklock, P.M. The toasts of the newly elected W.M., Bro. Murray, the immediate P.M., the Past Masters, the Officers of the Lodge, and the Visiting Brethren followed, and were suitably responded to. Bro. Routledge in replying for the Visiting Brethren, eulogized the Order, quoting the following from a Trans-atlantic Bro.—"Masonry is the most perfect and sublime institution ever formed for promoting the happiness of individuals, or increasing the general good of the community. Its fundamental principles are those great bulwarks of society,—universal benevolence and brotherly love,—it holds out in its precepts those captivating pictures of virtue which stimulate the brotherhood to deeds of greatness, and offers to its professors dignity and respect; it expands the ideas, enlarges the benevolent feelings of the heart, and renders man the friend of all his species; it teaches us the great and awful truth in which futurity is founded, and points to the happy means by which we may obtain the reward of virtue." The toast of the Masonic Charities, coupled with the name of Bro. Dean, steward for the Boys' School, followed. Bro. Dean, in reply, urgently pleaded their cause. The last toast of the evening was entrusted to Bro. Kerr, who closed the proceedings in a happy, humorous, but appropriate manner.

DURHAM.

GATESHEAD.—*Lodge of Industry* (No. 48).—The regular monthly meeting of this old and flourishing lodge was held in the lodge-room, Grey Horse Inn, on Monday, January 22nd.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. B. Hugill, assisted by Bros. Wm. Bridon, I.P.M.; Jas. H. Thompson, S.W.; and Geo. A. Allan, J.W. Amongst the brethren present were Bros. Anthony Clapham, P.M.; — Monroe, P.M.; Dr. Banning, P.M.; Jos. Heaward, P.M.; Jens Jensen, P.M.; W. L. Mackenzie, &c.; and as visitors, Bros. Henry Hoshan, P.M. 24, and Prov. S.G.W. Northumberland; — Myan, 22; S. J. Quickfall, J.W. 406; Dr. Hadfield, 991. The lodge was honoured by a visit from the St. Peter's Lodge (No. 481). Amongst the number we noticed Bros. J. H. Hair, W.M.; Major B. J. Thompson, P.M. and Prov. G.S. Northumberland; G. Ludwig, P.M.; Geo. Thomson, P.M.; Capt. and Adjutant Taylor, and about seventeen other brethren. After their entrance they were received with Masonic honours. Mr. William Burroughs, surveyor to the Board of Trade, Newcastle, having been duly proposed and elected by ballot, was then admitted, and initiated into our mysteries by the W.M., the ceremony being very impressively performed. The names of those eligible to fill the chair were next read over, the election taking place at the next regular meeting. Bro. Josh. Heaward, P.M., was nominated as Treasurer, and Bro. Joshua Curry as Tyler for the ensuing year. Upon the lodge being closed, the brethren sat down to supper. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, the toast of the evening being "The Health of the W.M., Wardens, and Brethren of St. Peter's Lodge," which was suitably acknowledged by Bro. J. H. Hair, W.M. Bro. B. J. Thompson, P.M. 481, proposed "The Health of the W.M., Officers, and Brethren of the Lodge of Industry," to which Bro. Hugill, the W.M., responded. The evening was enlivened by the songs of Bros. B. J. Thompson, Stokoe, Quickfall, and Whitworth. After the Tyler's toast the brethren separated, with many expressions of the mutual good-will existing between the members of these two lodges, and the visit was promised to be returned by the brethren of Lodge 48 at an early date.

SUNDERLAND.—*St. John's Lodge* (No. 80).—The annual festival of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., at Bro. George Shiel's, Queen's Hotel, Fawcett-street, Sunderland. A most sumptuous banquet was prepared; the viands rare, and of choice selection, served up in a style for which Bro. Shiel has become deservedly famous. Upwards of sixty brethren sat down. The W.M., Bro. George Blacker Morgan, occupied the chair. The dais presented an imposing appearance, from the many P.M.'s and other distinguished visitors who supported the W.M., among whom was the mayor of the borough, Bro. E. T. Gourley, who, however, it was to be regretted, owing to pressing business, had to leave at an early stage of the evening's proceedings. Justice having been done to the repast prepared, the "Feast of Reason" followed. Commencing, as usual, with the loyal and Masonic toasts, rendered in such a manner as to inspire the brethren with feelings of loyalty to the Queen and fealty to the Grand Officers of the Craft, the W.M., in an eloquent and graceful speech, proposed the health of "His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of the French, the grand Protector of Freemasonry in his Empire," which was received in a most enthusiastic manner, and was responded to in a suitable and appropriate speech, in which were reciprocated the kind sentiments of the W.M., by Bro. Neboyet, vice-consul for France at the port of Sunderland. The merits of Masonry and its benevolent institutions were propounded in a truly Masonic spirit. The harmony which enlivened the evening's proceedings was most ably maintained, and to which Bro. Robert Ferry, the celebrated vocalist, was an able contributor. It will be almost superfluous to add that a most satisfactory and pleasant evening was spent.

HAMPSHIRE.

PORTSMOUTH.—*Portsmouth Lodge* (No. 487).—The annual meeting of the members of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 11th instant, at the lodge-room, St. Mary's-street, Portsmouth, when there was a very numerous attendance of the Craft, including twenty-one P.M.'s and W.M.'s. Bro. A. P. Fabian was duly installed into the chair as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony of installation being performed by Bro. Edwin Galt, P.M. The W.M. then appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. Owen Low, S.W.; W. H. Castle, J.W.; John Cornelius Wheeler, S.D.; Lancaster, J.D.; C. B. Elliott, I.G.; E. M. Wells, P.M., was re-appointed Treasurer, and Bro. H. Hollingsworth, P.M., Secretary. About forty of the brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent banquet, at which the W.M. presided. Among the visitors present in compliment to the lodge and its W.M., were Bro. J. R. Stebbing, P.M., S.G.D. of

England (who is so well known and respected by the Craft for his agreeable manner, Masonic spirit, and honourable character); Bro. Colonel Meehan, P.M., Prov. S.G.W.; M. E. Frost, P.M., Prov. G. Treas. Hants; Wood, P.M., P. Prov. J.G.W. Sussex, and numerous other provincial officers, besides several P.M.'s and W.M.'s of the Phoenix, Portsmouth; Fareham, Royal Sussex, Portsea; Havant, Gosport, Petersfield, United Brothers, Southsea; and Yarborough, Brighton, lodges. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and in the course of the evening Bro. Stebbing made a very eloquent speech in proposing "The Masonic Charities," which was suitably responded to by Bro. M. E. Frost.

Phoenix Lodge (No. 257).—The members of this lodge met at the lodge-room, High-street, Portsmouth, on St. John's Day, when the ceremony of installing Bro. Colonel Meehan, P.M., P.S.G.W. Hants, as W.M. for the ensuing year, was duly performed. The W.M. then appointed his officers for the year as follows:—Bros. F. L. M. Dyer, S.W.; A. M. Garrington, J.W.; R. W. Bradley, Treas.; T. Cousins, Sec.; J. W. Banks, Chap.; C. N. Pean, S.D.; C. B. Elliott, J.D.; G. Tickner, I.G. The brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent banquet, at which the W.M. presided.

GOSPORT.—*Gosport Lodge* (No. 903).—The installation of the W.M. (Bro. J. Wallingford) took place at the lodge-room, Star Hotel, on Tuesday, the 9th inst. The newly-elected W.M. afterwards appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. J. Wilson, S.W.; G. W. Spratt, J.W.; E. Groves, Treas.; E. S. Main, Sec.; W. H. Sperring, S.D.; A. Levi, J.D.; J. Brodie, Dir. of Cers.; J. Gibbs, I.G. After the lodge had been closed, about twenty-five of the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, the W.M. presiding, and giving the usual toasts, which were duly acknowledged.

FAREHAM.—*Lodge of Harmony* (No. 309).—At the monthly meeting of this lodge, held at the Lodge Room, Red Lion Hotel, Fareham, on Thursday, the 4th inst., the business on the notice paper having been transacted, the installation of the W.M. for the ensuing year took place. Bro. J. W. Dallimore was duly installed, the ceremony being performed in the most able and impressive manner by Bro. A. J. Vanderlyn, P.M. 199, Dover, an intimate friend of Bro. Dallimore. The newly elected W.M. then appointed his officers, and they were duly invested by Bro. A. J. Vanderlyn, P.M., as follows:—Bros. D. Harris, S.W.; J. Douglas, J.W.; W. Pink, Treas.; F. Stubington, Sec.; C. S. Woolons, S.D.; Mason, J.D.; E. G. Holbrook, D.C.; Cole, I.G. A cordial vote of thanks was then awarded to Bro. Vanderlyn, P.M., for the very excellent manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation, and a member for joining having been proposed, also a candidate for initiation, the lodge was duly closed. The brethren afterwards partook of an excellent banquet, provided by the Misses White. The W.M. presided, and was supported by the P.M.'s and W.M.'s:—Bros. H. M. Emmanuel, 342; E. Emery, 342; W. A. Wolfe, 342; G. Wilkins, 342; J. Vanderlyn, 199; J. Taylor, 309; W. Edmonds, 309; J. Baker, 487; J. Purnell, 804; besides two W.M.'s elect, A. P. Fabian, 487 (Portsmouth), and J. Wallingford, 903 (Gosport). After the banquet the W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts in appropriate terms, and the remainder of the evening was spent in a most agreeable manner.

PETERSFIELD.—*Lodge of Friendship* (No. 928).—At the meeting of the members of this lodge, held at the Lodge Room, Dolphin Hotel, on Wednesday evening, the 3rd inst., the W.M. for the ensuing year (Bro. G. Finley), was duly installed. A banquet took place subsequently, served in style by Mr. Crafts, at which the W.M. presided, being supported by several P.M.'s and W.M.'s, among whom were Bros. H. Hollingsworth, 487; M.E. Frost, 1069; H. M. Emmanuel, 342; and E. Emery, 342 (also P.M. of the Lodge of Friendship).

PORTSEA.—*Royal Sussex Lodge* (No. 342).—The members of this lodge met at the lodge-room, Masonic Hall, St. George's-square, Portsea, on Wednesday, the 17th inst., to instal the W.M. for the ensuing year, to appoint officers, &c. After the transaction of the business on the notice paper, the W.M. elect, Bro. W. C. Redward, was duly installed by Bro. J. Ogburn, P.M., P. Prov. J.G.W.; after which the newly-elected W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. J. Friedeberg, S.W.; J. R. Wilson, J.W.; J. R. Barnes, P.M., Treas.; W. A. Wolfe, P.M., Sec.; R. Barber, S.D.; A. Cawte, J.D.; E. Emery, P.M., Dir. of Cers.; J. Craven, I.G.; J. Hardy and Guy, Stewards; and Bro. Copas, Tyler. Three propositions for initiation into the mysteries and privileges of the Order were then made; and the lodge having been closed in due form, about sixty of the

brethren afterwards partook of an excellent banquet, a large number of the most influential masons in the town being among the company. Bro. W. C. Redward, the newly-elected W.M. of the Royal Sussex presided, supported by twenty-three P.M.'s and W.M.'s, including Bros. Colonel Melian, P.M. and W.M., Phoenix Lodge, Portsmouth (No. 257), Prov. S.G.W. Hants; M. E. Frost, P.M. and W.M. United Brothers Lodge, Southsea (No. 1069), Prov. G. Treas. Hants; E. M. Wells, P.M., P. Prov. S.G.D. Hants, Mayor of Portsmouth; H. M. Emanuel, P.M., P. Prov. S.G.W. Hants; H. Sothcott, P.M.; Slade, P.M.; J. R. Barnes, P.M.; W. A. Wolfe, P.M.; E. Emery, P.M.; G. Wilkins, P.M. (all of No. 342); A. P. Fabian, W.M. Portsmouth Lodge (No. 487); J. W. Dallimore, W.M. Lodge of Harmony, Fareham (No. 309); J. Wallingford, W.M. Gosport Lodge (No. 903); and others. The customary loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M., and duly honoured by the company, and a most agreeable evening was spent. The Royal Sussex Lodge is, we understand, the strongest, in point of numbers, in the province of Hampshire, and is in a very flourishing state.

LANCASHIRE (WEST).

LANCASTER.—ROWLEY LODGE (No. 1051).—PRESENTATION TO BRO. HANSBROW.

On the 29th of December the brethren of this lodge met to celebrate the festival of St. John, and to instal the second W.M. of the lodge in the chair of K.S. The attendance was very satisfactory, embracing as it did almost every member of the lodge resident in Lancaster, and several visitors, who came to do honour not only to the W.M. about to vacate the chair, but to Bro. the Rev. Bramwell Smith, P. Prov. G.C. of Warwick, who was specially invited by the W.M. elect to perform the ceremonies of installation. Among the visitors were Captain Lewis H. Isaacs, of Lodge No. 795, whose visit to Lancaster had only one object—the being present at the conferring of the testimonial upon Bro. Hansbrow, and Bros. Simpson, Hatch, and King, P.M.'s of the Lodge of Fortitude in Lancaster.

The lodge was opened at four o'clock, and at the proper time the chair was taken by Bro. the Rev. Bramwell Smith, who installed Bro. Henry Ball as the second W.M. of the Rowley Lodge, performing his duty in the most able and pleasing manner, and, after due proclamation and salute, suggesting to the W.M. that now was the time to perform his first public duty in presence of the assembled brethren of his lodge.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, after expressing to Bro. Hansbrow, P.M., the thanks of the brethren of the lodge, stated that they had unanimously resolved to present him with a symbol of their regard and esteem. That symbol, a P.M.'s jewel, the P.M. then affixed to Bro. Hansbrow's breast, assuring him that he did so by the authority and with the sincere good wishes of the lodge.

Bro. HANSBROW for some time endeavoured to find words to express the surprise and gratification he experienced on the occasion of so unexpected and, as he thought, undeserved a recognition of services that he had from his heart most freely given without desire for any other reward than the pleasure those services gave to himself and the brethren as they were performed.

The P.M. jewel, which was thus presented to Bro. Hansbrow, is entirely of the best gold, enriched with brilliants, and bears the following inscription:—"Presented to the W. Bro. Hansbrow, P.M., P.G. Standard Bearer, First W.M. of the Rowley Lodge (No. 1051), by the brethren of the lodge, as a token of their esteem, and in appreciation of his valuable services. St. John's Day, 1865."

After the excitement of this incident had subsided, the W.M. proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year, eliciting warm approval from the brethren upon the propriety of the selection:—Bro. Dr. J. Daniel Moore as S.W.; Bro. Richard Atkinson, of Town End, as J.W.; Bro. W. Hall, as S.D.; Bro. Wilson Barker, as J.D.; Bro. Joseph Sly, as I.G.; Bro. Hansbrow, as Secretary.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren proceeded to the famous hostelry of Bro. Sly, the King's Arms, where a Banquet awaited them, the *carte* whereof was refreshment enough for any but masons who had just gone through so much labour. By their devotion to the good things the brethren evidenced their approval, and it was not forgotten in due time to thank Mrs. Sly for the watchful care with which she had seen with her own eyes that the brethren of the Rowley Lodge were made welcome and happy from the moment they passed under the mistletoe bough in the hall, until the cook's last

efforts had been exhausted at the table. The list of toasts was not lengthy, but was loyal, patriotic, and Masonic, embracing especially, the Queen and the Craft, the M.W. the Grand Master of England, the D.G.M. and the Officers of Grand Lodges, The R.W. the G.M. of the Provinces, his Deputy, and the Officers of Prov. G.L.; the W.M. and Officers of the Lodges of Fortitude; and the Visitors; but the toast of the evening was, of course, the health of the newly-installed W.M. of the Rowley Lodge, proposed by Bro. the Rev. Bramwell Smith, in a speech of considerable length, which was received with much applause. The W.M. then proposed Bro. P.M. Hansbrow and the Past Officers of the Rowley Lodge, affording to Bro. Hansbrow the opportunity to complete the thanks that he would have rendered to the brethren at an earlier period of the day, had they not so surprised him by the communication of their last Masonic secret. Bro. Captain Isaacs returned thanks for the visitors, with great elegance and poetic feeling; and he was subsequently the deviser of a Masonic subscription made at the table, as the condition of the W.M.'s permission to introduce the soothing weed; the disposal of the subscription by auction to the highest bidder (of course the W.M.), was productive of great amusement, and it was satisfactory to know that Bro. Evans, the aged Grand Tyler of the Province, for whom the subscription was designed by the W.M., will be no loser by the sale.

LEICESTERSHIRE.

LEICESTER.—*John of Gaunt* (No. 523).—The January meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at the Freemason's Hall, on Thursday, the 18th inst., when, in addition to the W.M. (the Rev. John Spittal, Prov. S.G.W.), there were present—Bros. W. Kelly, P.M. and D. Prov. G.M.; Major Brewin, P.M.; Captain Bankart, P.M.; T. Sheppard, P.M.; H. P. Green, S.W.; J. E. Hodges, Sec.; Turner, S.D.; Moor, J.D.; Manning, I.G.; Atkins, Rithrey, Barfoot, Boulton, Buzzard, Crofts, Harris, Hunt, Hack, Orrock, Rome, J. Spencer, and E. A. Spencer. Visitors—J. F. Klein, P.M. 21, and P.G.S.: D. Stebba, 73; C. Johnson, 481, P. Prov. S.G.W. Jersey; Herbert Collins, 107; A. M. Duff, P.M. 165; and C. Morris, W. Weare, and W. Tibbets, P.M.'s; Clarke, S.W.; Ride, S.D.; Blunt, Gamble, Gosling, and A. O. Davis, of *St. John's Lodge*, 279. The lodge having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, a ballot was taken for Messrs. Matthew Hack and Charles Alfred Spencer, who were duly elected. The J.W. being absent in Paris, his duties were discharged by Bro. Bankart, P.M., and the W.M. being compelled to retire for the performance of evening service at his church, the chair was taken by the D. Prov. G.M. The lodge having been opened in the second degree, Bro. Hunt was called to the pedestal, and examined as a F.C., and the lodge having been opened in the third degree, he was duly raised thereto. The lodge having been lowered to the first degree, Messrs. Matthew Hack and Charles Alfred Spencer were initiated into the Order by the D. Prov. G.M., assisted by Bro. Brewin, P.M., Bro. E. Johnson presiding at the organ in this as in the former ceremony. A gentleman having been proposed as a candidate, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, Bro. Duff responding to the toast of "The Visitors," and Bro. Hack to that of "The newly-installed Brethren." The pleasures of the evening were greatly enhanced by the recitations and songs of Bro. Herbert Collins, Green, Orrock, Harris, Gamble, Hunt, and Weare.

MIDDLESEX.

UXBRIDGE.—*Royal Union Lodge* (No. 382).—The brethren of this prosperous lodge met at Bro. Line's, the Chequer's Inn, Uxbridge, on the 15th inst. At five o'clock there was a good muster of the brethren. The W.M., Bro. C. Herring, then duly opened the lodge, assisted by Bros. W. Claisen, S.W.; Glaisher, J.W.; Wurtzfeld, I.S.D., &c. The minutes of the past lodge meeting having been read by Bro. W. Coombes, the Secretary, they were unanimously confirmed. The next business was the raising of Bros. Brough and Groome to the sublime degree of M.M. In this ceremony the W.M. (by desire) had the valuable aid of Bro. C. Horsley, who became a joining member. The lodge being opened in the second degree, Bro. Jaquin was passed. The next business was the balloting for Messrs. Richard Lonsdale and Engelbert Fehrenbach, and they being unanimously elected, their initiation into the mysteries of Freemasonry followed. The brethren then proceeded to the election of a W.M. for the next twelve months, also of a Treasurer and Tyler.

Bro. W. Claisen was the chosen W.M. elect, Bro. Fenn the Treasurer, and Bro. Drew the Tyler. Bros. Cadmer, Fenn, and Butler were appointed Auditors. A P.M.'s jewel and collar were voted to Bro. Coombes for his valuable services as Secretary. Labour being over, the brethren proceeded to banquet, Bro. Host Line catering with his usual ability. About thirty sat down, Bro. Herring, W.M., presiding.

YORKSHIRE (WEST).

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

A Provincial Grand Lodge was holden in the New Masonic Hall, Great George's-street, on Wednesday, the 3rd inst. Present—

Bro. Bentley Shaw.....	D. Prov. Grand Master.
„ T. W. Tew.....	Prov. Senior Grand Warden.
„ Thomas Perkinson.....	Prov. Junior Grand Warden.
„ Rev. J. Senior, <i>L.L.D.</i> ...	
„ James Peace	
„ John Lee	
„ Rev. A. F. A. Woodford...	P. Prov. Grand Wardens.
„ William Rothwell	
„ Thomas England	
„ Rev. C. E. Camidge, <i>M.A.</i> ...	Prov. Grand Chaplains.
„ Rev. Abon Smith, <i>M.A.</i> ...	
„ Rev. J. Fearon, <i>B.A.</i> ...	P. Prov. Grand Chaplain.
„ Major Henry Webster ...	P. Prov. Grand Registrar.
„ John Freeman	Prov. Grand Registrar.
„ T. S. Bradley	
„ William Perkin	
„ John Batley	P. Prov. Grand Registrars.
„ Charles Oldroyd.....	
„ Thomas Senior	
„ R. R. Nelson.....	Prov. Grand Secretary.
„ R. Addyman	
„ Joseph Buckton.....	
„ Henry Smith.....	
„ D. Boscovitz	P. Prov. Grand Deacons.
„ A. Engelmann	
„ John Ward.....	
„ Samuel Clarke	
„ Samuel Freeman	
„ Isidor Ahrens.....	Prov. Junior Grand Deacon.
„ William Foster	Prov. Grand Sword Bearer.
„ John Wordsworth.....	Prov. G. Supt. of Works.
„ John Wilson	„ Dir. of Ceremonies.
„ Manoah Rhodes.....	„ Assist. Dir. of Cers.
„ J. O. Gill.....	as „ Pursuivant.
„ John Gill	P. Prov. G. Dir. of Ceremonies.
„ Jeremiah Rhodes	Prov. G. Organist.
„ J. M. Woodhead	„ Standard Bearer.
„ John Harpin	
„ William Cass	„ Stewards.
„ J. D. Oates	
„ Frank Aked	
„ W. Joshua Lee	„ Tylers.

Visitors:—Bros. Edward Busher, W.M. 129, Kendal, Prov. G. Sec. for Westmoreland and Cumberland; Langley, 101; John Brooke, 929; Neville, and Schriebe.

And W.M.'s, P.M.'s, Acting Wardens, and brethren from Lodges No. 61, 139, 149, 154, 208, 264, 275, 289, 290, 302, 304, 306, 380, 387, 448, 458, 495, 600, 652, 750, 827, 857, 910, 974, 1001, 1018, 1019, 1034, 1042.

The lodge having been opened in the three degrees by the W.M. and Officers of the Philanthropic Lodge (No. 304), the W. D. Prov. G.M. and Prov. G. Lodge entered, and the Prov. G. Lodge was opened in form and with solemn prayer, and a portion of Holy Scriptures was read.

The minutes of the Prov. G. Lodge, holden at Halifax on Wednesday, October 4th, 1865, were read and confirmed.

The new Masonic Hall built by the brethren of the Philanthropic Lodge (No. 304), was then consecrated according to ancient custom by the W. D. Prov. G.M., assisted by the Prov. G. Officers and the members of the Philanthropic Lodge (No. 304).

The oration was delivered by Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, *M.A.*, Past G. Chaplain of England, and P. Prov. G.W., and a P.M. of the lodge, and was listened to with profound attention, and elicited frequent marks of warm approbation, and at the conclusion it was unanimously resolved by acclamation on the proposition of the D.P.G.M., Bro. Bentley Shand, seconded by the Prov. G.W., Bro. T. W. Tew, "That the

thanks of this Provincial Grand Lodge are due and hereby given to Bro. Woodford for his able and eloquent address," and that he be requested to allow it to be printed for the instruction of the brethren.

Bro. Woodford, on rising to acknowledge the compliment, signified his willingness to accede to the wishes of the brethren and to prepare it for publication.

The following programme was strictly adhered to:—

1. The brethren being assembled in the Provincial Grand Lodge, at the time appointed, the P.G. Secretary rose and addressed the Presiding Officer.

2. The D. Prov. G.M. replied.

3. The Architect of the New Building addressed the Presiding Officer.

4. The D. Prov. G.M. replied.

5. The P.G. Chaplain offered up prayer. Musical Response—"So mote it be."

6. A Masonic Hymn.

Behold how pleasant and how good
For brethren such as we,
Of the "Accepted" Brotherhood,
To dwell in unity.

On Friendship's altar rising here
Our hands now pledged be;
To live in love, with hearts sincere,
In peace and unity.

7. The P.G. Chaplain read a portion of Holy Scripture, 2 Chronicles ii. 3, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18 Verses, Chapter iii. Verse 1.

8. The P.G. Chaplain offered up the prayer of dedication. Musical Response—"So mote it be."

9. The lodge being uncovered the D. Prov. G.M. attended by the P.G. Officers of the year, by three brethren bearing the elements, viz, the W.M. and Senior and Junior Wardens of No. 304, and by the Architect of the building, preceded and followed by the P.G. Stewards, proceeded three times round the lodge, amidst solemn music.

10. At the conclusion of the first circuit, the D. Prov. G.M. standing in the East, proclaimed the first dedication, and after which the P.G. Chaplain scattered the corn. Musical Response—"So mote it be." Grand Honours.

11. At the conclusion of the Second Circuit, the D. Prov. G.M. standing in the East, proclaimed the second dedication, after which the Chaplain sprinkled wine over the lodge. Musical Response—"So mote it be." Grand Honours.

12. At the conclusion of the third circuit, the D. Prov. G.M. standing in the East, proclaimed the third and last dedication, after which the Chaplain sprinkled the oil. Musical Response—"So mote it be." Grand Honours.

13. The Prov. G. Chaplain offered up the prayer of benediction. Musical Response—"So mote it be."

14. Address of the Presiding Officer.

15. Sanctus—"Holy, Holy!" Composed for the occasion by Bro. J. Rhodes, P.G.O.

16. The P.G. Chaplain offered up concluding prayer.

17. Oration.

18. Hymn—"Hail Masonry Divine."

I.

Hail Masonry Divine!
Glory of ages shine,
Long may'st thou reign!
Where'er thy lodges stand
May they have great command,
And always grace the land,
Thou art divine.

II.

Great Fabric still arise
And grace the azure skies,
Great are thy schemes!
Thy noble orders are
Matchless beyond compare:
No art with thee can share,
Thou art divine.

III.

Hiram the architect
Did the Craft direct
How they should build;

Solomon great Israel's king
Did all mighty blessings bring
And left us cause to sing,
Hail, royal art.

Chorus three times.

19. "Hallelujah Chorus,"—on the organ—During which time the lodge was re-covered.

A description of the building appeared in our issue of the 13th inst.

Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. WOODFORD, M.A., P. Prov. G.C., brought up the report of the Charity Committee, which was adopted and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Bro. William Gath, P. Prov. G.W., and Bro. R.R. Nelson, P.G. Sec., attended the Boys' and Girls' School election in October, and succeeded in carrying the election of John Ingham and Henry Wheeler, polling 13 votes for James Pearson. They were again unsuccessful with the girl Sarah Ann Woodcock, of Cleckheaton.

Bro. JOHN WORDSWORTH, P.M., 380, Prov. G. Supt. of Works, withdrew his motion in favour of Bro. John Batley, P.M., 304, P. Prov. G. Reg., who proposed that the whole matter of the duties and remuneration of the Prov. Sec. be referred to a committee consisting of the Past and Present Prov. G. Wardens, Treasurers, and Registrars, with instructions to present a report thereon at the next meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge.

The motion of Bro. JOHN WARD, P.M., 600, P. Prov. G.D., on the same subject was negatived.

Bro. J. O. GILL, P.M., 203, P. Prov. S. of W., desired to call the attention of the Provincial Grand Lodge to the difficulty in obtaining returns from lodges as prescribed by the by-laws, and proposed as a remedy that Provincial Grand Lodge should have a book prepared in similar form to Grand and Provincial "return forms" with which every lodge should be provided, and into which all annual returns should be copied, so that on the election of Lodge Secretary he would find a copy of what was necessary, simply adding the new members' names, and noting any other change. The idea was well received, and there is little doubt some such plan will be adopted.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in due form and with solemn prayer until further summoned.

The banquet was served at three o'clock in the room adjoining the hall. About sixty sat down, under the presidency of the D. Prov. G. Master.

The next Provincial Grand Lodge will be held in Huddersfield.

YORKSHIRE (NORTH AND EAST).

SCARBOROUGH.—*Old Globe Lodge* (No. 200).—The members of this lodge held their annual festival on Saint John's Day, the 27th ult. On the 17th instant the regular stated lodge was held, and a great number of Masons were employed, that being the time for installation of Bro. Godfrey Knight (ex-mayor), the W.M. elect. Present: Bros. W. B. Stewart, W.M.; William Bean, P.M.; W. Foster Rooke, P.M.; H. C. Martin, P.M.; James Frederick Spurr, P.M.; H. A. Williamson, S.W.; Hargreaves, J.W.; W. Peacock, S.D.; S. Gibson, J.D.; Sandars and Ash, Tylers, &c. The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed. The following candidates, who had been unanimously elected, were admitted to the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry, viz.: Messrs. Woodcock, Jackson, and Milson. Bro. Goodwin was raised to the third degree. The Board of Past Masters was duly formed, and the installation of the W.M. elect took place. Bro. G. Knight, W.M., appointed Bros. Captain George Symons, S.W.; George Crosby, J.W.; Dr. Armitage, S.D.; J. W. D. Middleton, J.D.; and invested them with the insignia of their respective offices. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren went from labour to refreshment. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given, and Bro. Spurr, in proposing the health of the newly installed Master, at the conclusion of his speech said, I must now in the strictest manner charge you to be careful and diligent to inquire into the character of such persons who shall intercede to be admitted of this honourable fraternity. I therefore forewarn you not to admit, or even to recommend to be initiated, Masons, such as wine-bibbers or drunkards, witty punsters on religion or politics, tale bearers or liars, litigious, quarrelsome, irreligious, or profane persons, lewd songsters, persons illiterate and of mean capacities, and especially beware of such who desire to gain admittance with a selfish view of gain to themselves. All which principles and practices tend to

the destruction of morality, are a burden to civil government, notoriously scandalous and entirely repugnant to the sacred order and constitutions of Free and Accepted Masons. And if any such have already crept in amongst us through the negligence or ignorance of the watchman upon the walls, hard is our lot indeed; for most dangerous are a man's enemies when they are of his own house. These, my dearest brethren, are thieves and robbers, and never entered into the sheepfold by the door, but climbed up some other way. These make their belly their god, and their little sordid interest their idol. These follow the brethren, as the multitude did our great Lord, for the loaves and fishes; and, like them, would cry "Hosanna" to-day, and to-morrow, "Crucify! crucify!" Let these be ever excluded the congregation of the faithful. Let their names be erased out of the book M, and buried in eternal oblivion. Such persons whom you honour with the most ancient and truly valuable badge and dignity of Free and Accepted Masons their character and behaviour ought to be such as shall not be liable to bring any reflection on the Craft.

[We sincerely wish that every newly-installed W.M. had the above admirable charge administered to him immediately after his installation, and that he and every officer and member of his lodge had it continuously impressed upon their minds. The too frequent neglect of the advice above given has led to consequences damaging to our Order.—Ed. F.M.]

IRELAND.

DONEGAL.

LODGE No. 88.—St. John's Day was celebrated by this lodge dining on the 29th ult. in Donegal-place Buildings. About forty brethren were present, Bro. H. S. Gamble, W.M., presiding, and Bro. Jas. Mantell, S.W., occupying the vice chair. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been given, the W.M. gave that of the poor and distressed brethren, and a very handsome collection was made on behalf of the Belfast Masonic Charity Fund. Several visiting brethren were present from other lodges in town, whose presence added considerably to the enjoyment of a very agreeable evening.

LIMERICK.

LODGE No. 13.—The members of this lodge celebrated the festival of St. John at Cleary's (late Cruise's) Royal Hotel, on the 28th ult. Bro. E. L. Hunt, W.M., occupied the chair, Bro. Captain Furnell the vice chair. Lodge 73 was represented by Bros. Adams, W.M., and M. McQuaide, S.W. In all 25 brethren were present. The viands were served up in a most *recherché* style, and the wines were of the choicest vintages. After spending a pleasant evening, the brethren separated—happy to meet, sorry to part, happy to meet again.

LODGE No. 73.—The members of this lodge met at their rooms, Cecil-street, at high noon on the 27th ult., to instal the officers for the next six months. The following brethren were duly installed:—Bros. Adams, W.M.; McQuaide, S.W.; Morgan, J.W.; Peacocke, Treas.; Bassett, Sec.; Ferguson, S.D.; Joyce, J.D.; Moore, I.G. A numerous attendance of the members and visiting brethren were present at, and partook of, the banquet which followed, which was all that could be desired, and at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

NENAGH.

ORMOND LODGE (No. 20).—The brethren of this lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John on the 27th ult., in the Grand Jury Room of the Court House, Nenagh, which was elegantly decorated to suit the occasion. Bro. Captain Saunders occupied the chair. There were also present—Bros. Henry Badcock, S.W.; Richd. Wolfe, J.W.; Hodges, Dr. Cashel, Fry, Stony, and Young, P.M.'s; John Bouchier, Fortune, Reade, &c., numbering in all 23. The banquet was served up in the very best possible style, being in every respect such as to do credit to the Ormond Lodge. Grace having been said by the worthy Chaplain, Bro. Fry, the members discussed the viands, to the entire satisfaction of the caterer. The cloth being removed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to with becoming dignity. The Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Westropp,

M.P. for Bridgewater, and the ex-Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Michael Furnall, 33, whose name was the signal for the entire members rising to compliment the aged and respected head. Several songs were sung and the proceedings were brought to a close by proposing "The Health of the Caterers," Bros. Captain Saunders and F. N. Young, who gave the greatest possible satisfaction to those present.

Poetry.

AFTER THE STORM.

The lingering storm clouds break away,
Their trailing skirts of gloomy grey,
Tinged with the rosy flush
Of the sunset's deepening blush,
For 'tis close of day.

Every tree, and shrub, and flower,
Is crowned with a queenly dower
Of gems and diamonds bright,
That shed their crystal light,
But for the hour.

The air is filled with the sweet perfume,
Of the roses and the locust's bloom,
As its cooling breath floats by,
Bearing with its softest sigh,
Some floweret's doom.

The robin whistles his evening lay,
And other birds on bough and spray
Join with their sweetest songs,
Which the echo repeats, prolongs—
Then dies away.

The light fades slowly from the west,
Each little bird has sought its nest,
And night with her sable pall,
Darkly, calmly covereth all,
Proclaiming rest.

Thus, after the sorrow will come the joy,
Yet not unmindful with alloy;
For the thought that it must end,
Will surely with the gladness blend,
And half destroy.

C. G.

MEETINGS OF THE SCIENTIFIC AND LEARNED SOCIETIES FOR THE WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 3rd, 1866.

Tuesday, January 30. INSTITUTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERS, at 8.

Wednesday, January 31. SOCIETY OF ARTS, at 8.—
"Dwellings for the People. How to multiply and how to improve them." By Thomas Beggs, Esq.

THE WEEK.

THE COURT.—Lord Augustus Loftus had an audience of her Majesty on the 20th inst., and kissed hands on being appointed her Majesty's Ambassador to the King of Prussia. Her Majesty, their Royal Highnesses Princess Helena, and Princess Louise, and their Serene Highnesses Princess Hohenlohe, and Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein attended Divine service at Osborne on Sunday morning. The Rev. G. Prothero officiated. Her Royal Highness Princess Beatrice attended the service at Whippingham Church.

GENERAL HOME NEWS.—There was a debate in the Court of Common Council on Thursday week in reference to

the Holborn viaduct. It seems that the committee entrusted with the carrying out of the work set about it vigorously, and advertised for tenders. The Parliamentary estimate for the construction of the work had been £53,000, but to the horror of the committee the lowest tender for the work was £239,000. In this dilemma they declined to accept any of the tenders, and called in Mr. Heywood, architect to the Commissioners of Sewers, to consult with Mr. Jones, the architect of the Corporation. These two gentlemen, however, could not agree, and finally Mr. Cubitt was called in. He seems to have inclined towards Mr. Heywood's views, Mr. Heywood affirming that if the viaduct be carried out on his plan it can be done for £110,000. The Common Council has passed a resolution which, we take it, means that Mr. Heywood is to be entrusted with the work.—The funeral of Sir Charles Eastlake, the late President of the Royal Academy, took place at Kensal Green Cemetery. The Royal Academicians assembled at the National Gallery and joined the melancholy procession.—In the Court of Exchequer, in an action, Bryan v. Richardson, the plea of infancy was set up as a defence. The plaintiff had supplied the defendant, who is an officer in the army, with cigars and other goods to the value of £44 14s. He now sought to get that amount. The father of the defendant was called, and proved that his son was under age when the debt was contracted. The judge left it to the jury to say whether the goods supplied were necessaries for the young man. The jury found for the plaintiff for £20. It is fair, therefore, to conclude that they think cigars are necessaries. But another consideration arises. Out of the £44 about £30 was for cigars at 6d. each. Are we to assume from the verdict for £20 that while the jury think cigars necessaries for "infants," they only include cigars at a lower price than sixpence—say penny Pickwicks?—A story having a tinge of romance in it was told to the sitting magistrate at the Thames Police-court on the 18th inst. A surgeon stated that a few days ago a gentleman and lady came hurriedly into his shop, and, informing him that the lady was about to be confined, asked for prompt assistance. She was put into bed, and immediately afterwards gave birth to a female child. For more than a week she was visited by the gentleman, and supplied abundantly with necessaries. When strong enough to go out she left the surgeon's house on the pretence that she was going to Bow, shopping. He has seen nothing of her since, but the baby has been left on his hands. He wanted to know what he was to do with it. The magistrate told him to take it to the workhouse.—The case of Edmunds v. Lord Brougham came before the Court of Chancery on Monday morning in rather a copious form. Mr. Edmunds seeks to recover from Lord Brougham a debt of £5,000, which played a prominent part in recent disclosures. The money, it will be remembered, was advanced for the benefit of the late Mr. James Brougham so far back as 1811, and Lord Cranworth had expressed his opinion that the amount should be paid by Lord Brougham. His lordship expressed his willingness to pay the sum if Mr. Edmunds would admit that he was not liable in law or equity to do so. This offer was declined; and a bill was filed in the Court of Chancery. Lord Brougham paid the money into court, but in his answer he made certain reflections on Mr. Edmunds, which Mr. Malins, on behalf of that gentleman, applied to the court to have struck out. Some discussion took place between counsel, and it was ultimately decided that the question should stand over till the first cause day after term, in order that Lord Brougham, who is at Cannes, should determine whether he would retain the passage to which the objection was taken.—It is stated that a peerage in her own right has been offered to Lady Palmerston, with remainder to

the Right Hon. W. Cowper. Her ladyship has, however, declined the honour.—The Poor-law Board has issued circulars to the Metropolitan Poor-law Guardians, recommending that several police officers should be employed as assistant relieving officers. This experiment has been tried in Poplar, and with great success. The effect appears to be that the bad characters who now form so large a proportion of the nightly "casuals" cease to use the workhouses as sleeping places. The police know them, and refuse to give them tickets of admission.—A curious case occupied the attention of the judge of the Divorce Court on Saturday last. A Mr. Hyde sued for a divorce from his wife. It seemed that they had been Mormons, and were married by Brigham Young at Salt Lake City. Mr. Hyde was afterwards sent as a missionary to the Sandwich Islands, where he renounced Mormonism and came to England. On the news of his apostasy reaching Utah, Brigham Young formally declared a divorce between the petitioner and Mrs. Hyde, and she was married to a Mr. Woodmansee, who is made co-respondent in the suit, and they have several children. Experts were called who said the marriage would be acknowledged as legal in the United States. The judge took time to consider the case.—The arguments in the case of Charlotte Winsor were resumed in the Court of Queen's Bench on Tuesday morning, before a full bench. Mr. Folkard, who appeared for the prisoner, cited numerous cases to show that, as previous to her conviction, she had been put on her trial, and the jury, as he contended, wrongfully discharged, the second trial was illegal. The points of law raised were very subtle and complex, and the precedents bearing on the subject exceedingly obscure. The arguments of the learned counsel were, therefore, often interrupted by the judges, who endeavoured to feel their way step by step. Several days will probably elapse before judgment is pronounced.—Prince Otho, the third son of the King of Italy, died at Genoa on Monday.—The usual official report on the state of the French empire has been published. So far as the telegraph enlightens us as to its contents it presents no striking features. On all foreign subjects it is characterised by the same moderation as the Emperor's speech. One sentiment is expressed with Napoleonic point, and will excite a smile. "We went to Mexico to obtain redress, not to proselytise for the cause of monarchy."—A densely crowded meeting was held in the Town Hall, Leeds, on Monday evening, to consider the subject of Reform. The Mayor presided. Lord Houghton and Mr. Baines, M.P., were among the speakers. The proceedings were enthusiastic. The speakers all expressed confidence in Earl Russell and the Government, and congratulated the country on the prospect of a good sound measure of Reform.—At the Mansion House, on Monday, Mr. John Pernewan, surgeon, of Redruth, was brought up on a charge of having forged certain transfers of shares in the Hallenbeagle Mining Company. On a second warrant the prisoner was charged with forging an endorsement to a bank cheque for the payment of £118 10s. Evidence having been given as to the manner in which the forgery had been committed, the prisoner was remanded, and bail refused.—A meeting was held at Romsey on Tuesday, over which Lord Eversley presided. Its object was to take steps for erecting a memorial of Lord Palmerston. It seems Lady Palmerston would wish the memorial to be a figure of the late lord placed in a mortuary chapel in Romsey Abbey. Several of those who propose to subscribe to the monument wish that it should be a statue in the open air. In all probability, however, the wish of Lady Palmerston will be carried into effect.—The Evangelical Alliance has for some time past urged upon Her Majesty's government the necessity for something being done

to lessen the persecution of the Nestorians in Persia. A letter has just been received from the Foreign Office, which states that the efforts of the Government to carry out the wishes of the Alliance have been successful. The Shah of Persia has promised protection to the Nestorians, and there is a fair prospect of their being freed from the persecution which they have suffered at the hands of the Mahometans.—A deputation of gentlemen waited upon the Lord Mayor, at the Mansion House, to ask his lordship to give his countenance to a subscription on behalf of the families of those who were lost in the *London*. His lordship at once consented, and suggested that the gentlemen present should form themselves into a committee to put before the public definitely the proposal they had to make.—Application was made in the Court of Exchequer on the 23rd inst. for a rule for a new trial of the case in which Mr. Emery, the actor, was the plaintiff and the publisher of an evening paper the defendant. Mr. Emery, it will be remembered, complained of the criticism of a writer in the paper who said that he did not know his part in a piece at the Lyceum. The judges held that the charges turned on a matter of fact and not of opinion, and that therefore the verdict of the jury must stand.—A policeman was set upon by a mob of ruffians in Drury-lane on last Saturday night, and so injured that he died on the 23rd inst.—The Foreign Secretary has thought a letter which he had received from a Mr. Kirwan J. Fernie, who dates from Norway of sufficient importance to be published. It relates to the cattle plague, which Mr. Fernie thinks arises from decomposition of the blood. The remedy he suggests is the administration of doses of flower of sulphur.—An influential meeting was held at the Mansion House, Wednesday, to take steps to preserve for the public use the open spaces about the metropolis. The Lord Mayor presided, and several Members of Parliament were present. Resolutions were passed and speeches delivered, declaring it to be essential that the commons and open spaces should be preserved. It was also resolved to support the society which had been formed for carrying out the objects for which the meeting was held.

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.—A telegram states that the Papal Government has accepted the proposition of France in reference to the Pontifical debt.—The French Chambers were opened on Monday by the Emperor. In his speech he congratulates the members on the progress of pacific counsels. As to Germany, he intends to maintain strict neutrality. Italy has done well in making Florence her capital, and has given to France good grounds for reckoning on the scrupulous execution of the treaty of September and on "the indispensable maintenance of the power of the Holy Father." The recent visits of the rulers of Spain and Portugal to France have bound these countries closer to France. The assassination of Mr. Lincoln and the death of the King of the Belgians are noticed with regret, and the next paragraph of the speech deals with Mexico. The Government there, "founded by the will of the people," is being consolidated, and has already been productive of so much good that the trade between France and Mexico has increased from twenty-one to seventy-seven millions. Arrangements are being made for the withdrawal of the French troops as soon as that can be done with safety to the French interests which they were sent there to protect. The angry feeling produced in the United States by the presence of the French troops in Mexico will, says the Emperor, "become pacified by the frankness of our declarations." The American people will understand that the expedition is not opposed to their interests. The state of Algeria and France is depicted in roseate colours. A bill for the encouragement of co-operative societies is promised. The finances are flourishing, but to en

sure that result greater economy has had to be practised in the public service, and especially in the war department. This latter has been effected by reducing the regimental *cadres*. Commerce and agriculture are flourishing, and an inquiry into the state and wants of agriculture is promised. Next comes a paragraph denouncing the "unquiet spirits," who in the name of liberty hinder its progress. The constitution of France is weighed against that of England, and the latter kicks the beam. "Every Government," says the Emperor, with something like spiteful humility, "has its defects; but in casting a glance upon the past I am gratified to see at the end of fourteen years France respected abroad, tranquil at home, without political prisoners in its gaols, and without exiles beyond its frontiers." Lastly comes a grandiloquent exhortation to cease the discussion of theories, and to consider how the condition of the people may be ameliorated by education and the principles of religion.—The budget of the Italian Minister of Finance is by no means so satisfactory as it is to be hoped that Mr. Gladstone's in April next will be. Signor Scialoja finds that there was in the public treasury on the 1st inst. a balance of 70 millions of lire. The Treasury bills in circulation, the balance of the last loan, and the proceeds of the sale of the State railways will enable the public expenses for this year to be met, including the payment of interest due January 1, 1867. The ordinary expenditure for the year is 928 millions of lire. Reductions to the extent of 55 millions are to be made, of which 30 millions will be effected in the army and navy. Still there would be a deficit of 211 millions. By the imposition of fresh taxes this deficit is to be reduced to 80 millions. Loans are deprecated, and reforms in the mode of keeping the public accounts are promised. The Chamber is asked to prolong the provisional budget for two more months.—The usual official report on the state of the French empire has been published. So far as the telegraph enlightens us as to its contents it presents no striking features. On all foreign subjects it is characterised by the same moderation as the Emperor's speech. One sentiment is expressed with Napoleonic point, and will excite a smile. "We went to Mexico to obtain redress, not to proselytise for the cause of monarchy." Our readers will read the description of the opening of the French Chambers with great interest.—Prince Otho, the third son of the King of Italy, died at Genoa on Monday.

AMERICA.—We have intelligence from New York to the 6th inst. It presents features of considerable importance. In the first place, the diplomatic correspondence between France and the United States relative to the affairs of Mexico had been submitted to Congress. It begins with a despatch of Mr. Seward to Mr. Bigelow remonstrating with the French Government on the ground that the Imperialists had put native Mexican prisoners of war to death in cold blood. Mr. Seward called upon France to lend no countenance to acts so repugnant to civilisation and humanity. The verbal answer which M. Drouyn de Lhuys returned to Mr. Bigelow's representations was most remarkable. "We are not the Government of Mexico. You do us too much honour to treat us as such. We had to go to Mexico with an army to secure certain important interests, but we are not responsible for the Emperor Maximilian or his Government. He is accountable to you, as to any other Government, if he violated its rights; and you have the same remedies there that we had." O'Mahony, who, we suppose, must now be called the Fenian Pretender, has sent a bombastic message to the Fenian Congress, declaring that if his hands had not been tied by the senate he would ere this have hurled thunderbolts at England both on land and sea.—The *Australasian* has arrived at Liverpool, bringing news from New York

to Jan. 10. She did not call at Queenstown, owing to the heavy gale. The news is chiefly made up of abstracts of the correspondence which has taken place between the United States and France on the subject of Mexico. This correspondence is of a most serious character. It comes down to Dec. 16. A proposition by France to withdraw its troops from Mexico, if the Washington Government would recognise Maximilian, was declared by Mr. Seward, on the part of the President to be impracticable. The French Government is assured that it is placing the friendly relations between the two countries in jeopardy by continuing to keep French troops in Mexico. To one letter of this character, read by Mr. Bigelow to M. Drouyn de L'Huys, the latter replied that he derived neither pleasure nor satisfaction from its contents. The House of Representatives at Washington had requested the President to take steps in reference to the adoption by Maximilian of a son of Iturbide. A bill providing for the issue of Forty-year Gold Bonds has been reported to Congress. Its purpose is the funding of the floating debt. The interest is to be at the rate of 5 per cent. if made payable in Europe, and 6 per cent if in America. The bill also provides that interest-bearing notes shall cease to be a legal tender at maturity. The Fenian Congress has taken strong measures with those who dispute its authority. They are excommunicated—cut off from association with the Brotherhood. Gold on January 10 at New York was quoted at 139. The most interesting feature of the news brought by the *City of London* from New York is that relating to France and Mexico. Further diplomatic correspondence has been published. It states that a letter from Captain Maury to Benjamin Wood had been intercepted, in which it was stated that the French Government favoured the Gwynn enterprise—to colonise lands on the borders of California. Mr. Seward enclosed the letter to Mr. Bigelow, and instructed him to inform the French Government that if the statements in the letter were true the Emperor Napoleon had departed from his policy of neutrality to give aid to the South. On the 14th of December Mr. Seward wrote urging Mr. Bigelow to get the positive declaration of the Emperor as to whether he intended to withdraw his troops. Upon these questions no further information is given.

INDIA, CHINA, &c.—By way of New York we have advices from Valparaiso to the 9th. The blockade continued. Two ships of the Spanish fleet had gone in search of the *Esmeralda*. The Chilians seem to have done another smart thing. On the 2nd inst. they took the crew of the store-ship *Salvador Vidat* while the Spanish frigate was at sea searching vessels. Spanish diplomatic relations with Peru had wholly ceased.

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