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HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY IN CORNWALL.

By ✠ Bro. WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN, 18^s, &c,
(Continued from page 489.)

The second volume of the Transactions is missing, and not even the most energetic and thorough search instituted by the members have been successful in finding the lost important and most valuable work. It will be recollected that we left off in the first volume when mentioning the fact of an interesting minute being recorded on concluding the last page, as it refers to a much later date we will allude to it in its proper place, and content ourselves now with commencing the third volume of the Transactions of the Love and Honour Lodge hoping that the means employed for the discovery of the "missing link" will soon result in bringing to the light what now prevents the circle of Masonic history at Falmouth from being complete.

The volume which now lies before us is a large one, and made in exact imitation of the first one, great care being displayed by the Secretaries in transcribing the minutes; and frequently they are well designed and beautifully coloured in various shades of ink. The opening sentence "Love and Honour, April 26th, 1780, informs us of the most unfortunate blank in the history of some nine years. The officers present were Bros. William Calder, R.W.M.; Arthur Nankin, S.W.; Thos. Williams, J.W.; John Bellhouse, Sec.; Hosea Roberts: Thomas McLellan, Philip Elliot, and Anthony Moncolas. All fresh names, with one exception, and revealing the transforming influences and changes of a few years. This night Mr. John Honeychurch was proposed by Bro. Nancolas and seconded by Bro. Elliot. Bro. Nancolas deposited ten shillings and sixpence in conformity to the by-law for that purpose; in a show of hands it was in favour of the candidate being balloted for at the next lodge night. The R.W.M. proposed that every person having a demand on this lodge should deliver their accounts to the secretary before the next lodge night. This was agreed to *nem. con.* The lodge was subsequently closed after an excellent lecture. This is the first time any such notice occurs, and we suppose about this date the various lectures on the principles and practices of the Craft must

have been communicated to the several lodges in the West of England, and thus became the possession of our Falmouth friends. It is refreshing to find, after the large arrears that had been accumulating for so long a period that at length the members obtained the victory, and their financial statement on May 10th, 1780, gave the gratifying intelligence of the lodge having a balance on the credit side of £3 17s. 9d. The number of the lodge is now mentioned as 116, but hitherto no notice has been taken of its numerical position. On June 14th a letter was read from the Grand Secretary recommending that Bro. James Gann be discouraged in his application for charity, as the Grand Lodge had liberally relieved him. The sum of £1 17s. was also acknowledged to have been received on account of the Hall Fund. On referring to Preston's illustrations we are informed of the reasons for such subscription. It appears that the debts due on account of the Hall of the Society were considerable, and in consequence it was resolved that the Grand Lodge should open a subscription to raise the money by loan, without interest at the discretion of the subscribers." The money was speedily raised and applied for the purpose intended, and honorary medals were presented to several subscribers who had especially distinguished themselves. A candidate for the offices of Treasurer and Secretary were severally found, proposed and elected, as it was the custom of the lodge to make both of those offices elective. We also read that "Our worthy brother and R.W.M. was again proposed for the chair, an honour which he modestly declined; but by the earnest solicitations of the lodge he accepted that office for the half-year ensuing. Next Saturday night being the festival of St. John, the same is ordered by the R.W.M. to be observed accordingly." No minute is recorded of the proceedings at the festival.

July 12th, 1780. Mr. Patrick Murray, Commander of the *Retaliation Privateer*, was this night proposed as a candidate for the mysteries of Masonry by the Worshipful Senior Warden, he was seconded by the Secretary; on a ballot the same was without a negative and he accordingly was admitted. A very rapid promotion occurred on July 26th, when the R.W.M. was in the chair, and a goodly number of the members present. The Secretary proposed and the W.D.W., seconded that Mr. Mark be initiated, and on an approved

ballot he was admitted to the "first degree and passed Fellow Craft, he was afterwards proposed by the Secretary to be raised to the degree of Master, this was seconded by the R.W.M., and past unanimously, as a seafaring brother, he was raised to that degree." It was the present lengthy preliminaries thus dispensed with at that meeting, and for the saving of time, the proposition, initiation, passing, and raising were all entered upon and completed within a few hours.

The lodge held July 28th, was "convened by order of the R.W.M., to propose Mr. Stephen Sowel, Master of the Hanover packet, the ballot being favourable he was initiated and passed, and the lodge was closed after a lecture in the first degree." At the next meeting it is stated that the "Minutes of the last regular lodge night, and that of emergency were read and confirmed."

The following strange minute occurs September 13th, 1780. "The reason of the last lodge being postponed was on account of the great number of people which were then in the House, who landed from a numerous fleet." Bro. Stephen Sque "on his application setting forth the distresses he had undergone by the war breaking out between Spain and England (being at that time resident at Calais) was relieved by the lodge with one guinea." The question on being "thrice demanded," and nothing for the good of Masonry proposed the lodge was closed in due form. "On account of the house being full of company, and by the particular desire of Mr. Job, the lodge has been discontinued to this night (from November 8th to December 13th, 1780). Bro. George Quash proposed, the R.W.M. seconded, and "on a show of hands" it was carried unanimously, that the "Custom House and Sergeant Major John Heart, of the South Devon Militia, be admitted for the mysteries of Masonry. It was, at the same time "Resolved unanimously that the S.W. past, should sit on the Master's right hand until he passes the chair."

The officers appointed for the term ensuing were Bros. Thomas McLellan, R.W.M., Thomas Williams, S.W.; George Quash, J.W.; Bellhouse, Treas.; Elliot, Sec.; and Lewty, Tyler. "The minutes of the last lodge, Dec. 27th, were read and confirmed. On a motion, made by Bro. Calder, it was agreed to relieve Bro. Nutt with £2 2s., £1 of which was to be given him then, and the remainder when the Treasurer thought proper." A letter from the Grand Secretary was

read (January 10th, 1781), "this night, acquainting us that a committee of Charity was to be held the 2nd of February, and requiring us to send our subscriptions; in consequence of which it was unanimously agreed to send £2 2s. to the fund of charity, and the registering fees of all the new made members since the 29th February, 1780, for the Hall Fund." It was "thought proper by them to alter the number of this lodge from 116 to 94, for reasons assigned in their letter dated November 4th, and they also recommended a calendar to every lodge which was supported by the Grand Lodge." This calendar was first published in 1777, and the several laws in reference to registration and initiation fees were passed at the same meeting of the Grand Lodge, requiring "that every admitted member of a regular lodge since the 29th October, 1768, should be registered, under the penalty of such Mason made, or member admitted, being deprived of the privileges of the society." No Mason was allowed to be initiated under the Constitution of England for a less sum than two guineas. It was customary to present a charitable donation in most lodges at initiation which generally amounted to five guineas, and frequently double that sum. A motion being made, April 11th, 1781, the R.W.M. on behalf of the lodge, agreed to relieve Bro. Benjamin Salmon (not a member of the lodge) with one guinea. Two black balls appearing on a ballot being taken for a candidate he was rejected. The attendance of members and visitors has increased exceedingly of late, and certainly the amount of business transacted would be considered sufficient for a large lodge of the present day. Two seamen were proposed, carried, initiated, and passed on April 25th, and lectures on the first and second degrees were delivered. The next minute makes mention of a new lodge.

(To be continued.)

A SKETCH OF THE PHILOSOPHY, TRADITIONS, AND RECORDS OF THE MASONIC ORDER OF THE RED ✠ OR KNIGHTS OF CONSTANTINE, AT PRESENT UNDER THE COMMAND OF LORD KENLIS, M. ILL. G. SOV.

By Bro. ROBERT WENTWORTH LITTLE, P.M., &c.

(Continued from page 502.)

His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent (the

father of our present Gracious Queen) was a zealous supporter of what is now called High-grade Masonry; under his auspices the Grand Conclave of Knights Templar, both in England and Scotland were re-established, and he omitted no opportunity of testifying his appreciation of the Christian Orders. Sir Knt. Waller Rodwell Wright was elected Grand Master of the Templars on the 12th April, 1807, and Sir Knts. John Christian Burckhardt, Richard Jebb, and William Henry White (all of whom were Red ✠ Knights), are found on the list of his Grand Officers. This is mentioned to show that the two Orders although kept strictly separate, worked amicably and harmoniously together. About this period the minutes of the meetings held appear to have been duly recorded and a few verbatim extracts may interest those who desire to see an Order once so nobly and royally supported reinstated in a similarly proud position. It is, however, desirable to premise that the titles of the principal officers were changed when the present Grand Council was re-organised so as to avoid clashing with those used in other Orders of Freemasonry.

It is also as well to state that the Cross of the Order can no longer be conferred upon a brother by an individual member, but that all Knights must now be installed in a regular Conclave.

On the 4th May, 1808, a meeting was held at Freemasons' Tavern, when "The Constitution and Laws were read and confirmed and the following Knights elected members of the High Council, viz., Sir Waller Rodwell Wright, Sir Thomas Peyton Slapp, Sir George Adams Browne, Sir Richard Jebb, Sir John Christian Burckhardt, Sir Frederic Perkins, and Sir Charles Dalton to fill that situation for the next seven years. The High Council then proceeded to elect Grand Officers from amongst themselves, when the following were chosen:—Sir W. R. Wright, G.M.; Sir R. Jebb, G. Chan.; Sir J. C. Burckhardt, G. Marshall, &c., who severally took upon themselves their offices in constitutional form for the next ensuing three years. The Grand Master then nominated Sir Charles Perkins and Sir Okey Belfour, G. Heralds.

"Sir Knt. Joseph Gwilt having been created a Knight Noviciate of this Order by Sir Knt. Frederic Perkins, 2nd May, 1808, was elected and installed a Sovereign or Knt of the Grand Cross in full chapter.

"It was proposed by Sir Knt. F. Perkins that

any Knight who makes a noviciate should give him a certificate under his hand and seal, and report the same to the Grand Chapter through the Grand Registrar or his Deputy."

It may here be remarked that various terms, such as "Grand Council, Grand Chapter, High Council are indifferently used to designate the ruling body.

The minutes of the next meeting are brief but interesting, inasmuch as they record the fact of the installation of Bro. W. H. White, then Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, and lately deceased. Bro. White's father became a member in 1788.

"13th March, 1809, Freemasons' Tavern.

"The minutes of the 4th May, 1808, were read and confirmed. Sir J. C. Burckhardt proposed that Sir Knt. William Henry White, on whom he had conferred the honour of creating him a Noviciate Knight should be raised to the Grand Cross. Sir Knt. William Henry White was elected and installed a Knight of the Grand Cross."

Another meeting was held on the 4th May, and "general business transacted" and the Knights met again on the 22nd November, 1809, when eight members were promoted to the Grand Cross, viz., "Sir William Gretton, D.D.; Rev. Robert Hole, John Powell, William Lindley, John Dyke, Henry Woodthorpe, Thomas William Holder Woodthorpe, and Joseph Hippolyta da Costa. These, however, were not present to be installed.

"It was agreed to meet on Monday, the 18th December, at the Freemasons' Tavern, at 7 p.m., in a Committee of the 1st class. Also, that Knights creating a Noviciate should give notice to the High Council, and that no Noviciate could receive the greater cross until he has been a Noviciate six months, unless by special dispensation in either case from the High Council. It was resolved that a petition signed by all Knights now of the Grand Cross should be presented to the Grand Lodge of England for one (of) the vacant numbers in Craft Masonry, also to the Grand Master of the Knight Templars for a warrant of constitution to hold an encampment."

From the foregoing it would appear at the first glance that all the members of the 1st class were Templars—that this, however, was not the case is evidenced by the fact that Sir Knt. W. H. White received the Grand Cross on the 13th March, 1809, and was not exalted into Royal Arch

Masonry until the 14th March, 1811, the Royal Arch being then as now a pre-requisite for the Order of Knights Templar. The next assembly was held on the 30th April, and there was a large attendance of Knights. The Rev. G. A. Browne conferred the Noviciate Cross on Sir Henry Wylie, Sir F. Perkins, Sir Alfred Perkins, and Sir W. H. White, and Sir John Foulstone. "Sir J. C. Buckhardt reported that the Supreme Grand and Royal Arch Chapter, in conformity with a petition presented on behalf of the Knights by Sir Knts. J. C. Burckhardt, Frederic Perkins, and Charles Perkins had granted them a warrant and constitution for a Royal Arch Chapter under the title of the Chapter of Palestine."

As usual the 1st class appointed a day to meet in Committee. The next Conclave, called a Grand Chapter, was holden at Cambridge in June, 1810, the precise date is left blank, when the Revs. Wm. Gretton, D.D., and Robert Hole were installed Knights of the Grand Cross. Sir Joseph White, a Knight of the Sepulchre, was also admitted into the Order. At the next meeting, 15th December, 1810, Sir W. R. Wright is styled G. Commander. W. H. White is G. Chancellor; W. Lindley, G. Chamberlain; and the eminent Bro. Da Costa (afterwards Prov. G.M. for Rutlandshire) appears as G. Herald. "It was resolved that in future no seniority be reserved either for Grand or Noviciate Crosses." The new members were Richard Spencer, who was doubtless a Royal Arch Mason, as the triple base is placed after his name; Rev. Samuel Hemming, D.D., the renowned member of the Lodge of Promulgation after the union of the two Grand Lodges in 1813; and Sir Knts. Okes, Burleigh, and Beales, from Cambridge. Comp. Green, Janitor of St. James's Royal Arch Chapter, was elected the Attendant of the Council *pro tem*. "It was resolved that the Commander of the Order be empowered to establish a Craft Mason's lodge under the Grand Lodge of England, either by purchase or in any other way his discretion might dictate.

(To be continued.)

MONS. VICTOR HUGO'S ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF POOR LITTLE CHILDREN.

"This is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another."

We gave in our issue of last week a paragraph referring to Mons. Victor Hugo's Bounty, as detailed in a letter appearing in the same number,

by our correspondent, H. H. At a time when our pages are teeming with the accounts of the celebration by our lodges of the Festival of St. John the Evangelist — "the Loving Evangelist" — we gladly find room for the insertion of the address delivered upon St. John's Day by the great poet to a large concourse of ladies and gentlemen, who had assembled to witness the interesting ceremony referred to in our last, and which Mons. Hugo very appropriately entitled, "The Festival of Poor Little Children." Our correspondent, H. H., regrets that Mons. Hugo is not a Mason. We are at the present moment unable to say definitely that the great poet is not a member of the Craft; it is at all events most gratifying to find on a day devoted by Masons to the celebration of the anniversary of one of the patron saints of the Order, who has been considered as the very embodiment of love and of brotherly fellowship, a practical illustration of that brotherly love evinced in the manner we have already described by this truly great and Christian man, who has found a home in one of our Channel Isles.

The address delivered by Mons. Hugo was as follows:—

"Ladies and Gentlemen,—You are aware of the object of this little meeting. It is what, for want of a better term, I call the festival of poor little children. I desire to speak of it in the humblest terms, and with this feeling I would borrow the simplicity of one of those little ones who now hear me. To do good to poor children, as far as I am able, is the object that I have in view. Believe me, there is no merit in the act, and what I say I sincerely mean. There is no merit in doing for the poor what we can, for what we can do it is a duty to do. Do you know anything more sad than the sufferings of children? When we suffer—we who are men—we suffer justly, we endure nothing but what we deserve, but children are innocent, and suffering innocence is it not the saddest thing in nature? Here Providence entrusts us with a portion of its own functions. God says to man—I confide to thee the child. And he does not confide to us our own children alone—for it is simply natural that we should have care for them—and the brute obeys this law of nature, better sometimes than man himself. God entrusts us with all the children that suffer. To be the father—the mother of poor children—this is our highest mission. To have towards

them the parental feeling—is to have a fraternal feeling towards humanity.”

M. Victor Hugo then referred to the results of the enquiries on the health of children, made eighteen years ago, by the Medical Academy of Paris. Those enquiries proved that the greater part of diseases which were fatal to poor children proceeded solely from insufficient nourishment, and that if they could have meat and wine, even once a month, that would suffice to preserve them from all those evils which spring from impoverishment of the blood—that is to say, not only scrofulous diseases, but also affections of the heart, the lungs, and the brain. Impoverishment of the blood, moreover, makes children susceptible of a variety of contagious diseases, such as croup, and *angine couenneuse*, from which good nourishment, once a month, would suffice to protect them. The conclusions of the Academy had made a deep impression on his—M. Victor Hugo’s mind. Engrossed, however, when in France by the business of public life, he had had no time for establishing dinners for poor children. But profiting by the leisure which the Emperor of the French had given him in Guernsey, he had carried the idea into execution. Considering that if a good dinner once a month could do so much good, a good dinner once a fortnight would do still more, he had fed forty-two children, twenty-one of whom came to him every week. Moreover, when the end of the year arrived he wished to give them the little pleasure which the children of the rich find in their own homes; he wished that they also should have their *Christmas*. This little yearly *fête* was composed of three parts—a luncheon, a distribution of clothing, and a distribution of toys, “for,” said M. Victor Hugo, “joy is an element of children’s health. Therefore it is that I dedicate to them annually a Christmas tree. This is the fifth celebration of the *fête*. And now why do I say all this? The only merit in a good action (if there be a good action) is to say nothing about it. I should, in fact, be silent if I thought only of myself. But my object is not merely to do good to forty children. My object above all is to set a useful example. This is my sole excuse.”

M. Victor Hugo proceeded to state that his example had been followed, with admirable results, in America, Sweden, and Switzerland; and even in Spain the good work was beginning. As to England—and especially as to London—he would speak with proof in hand. He then read extracts

of a letter from a gentleman in England, which appeared in the *Petit Journal*, a paper read by two millions of persons. The writer says:—“Struck by the heartrending spectacle of the poor districts of London, deeply moved at the sight of its pale and miserable children, terrified at the rapid progress of debility amongst town populations—a debility which is tending to replace our vigorous Anglo-Saxon race, by an enervated and dwindled race, some charitable persons at the head of whom is the Earl of Shaftesbury, have founded a dinner society for poor children. Charity is so sweet a thing—to give a little of one’s superfluity is an act which brings such rich enjoyment, that we cannot resist the desire of making known to France the inventor of this charity—this new experiment which our old England has just commenced.” M. Victor Hugo added, “In this institution alone there are 320 children. Consider the immense effect that may be produced on the children of the poor by the multiplication of this number. M. Victor Hugo then read the following letter written to the *Times* by the secretary of the institution established in London on the plan of that of Hauteville House:—

“Sir,—You were kind enough last year to insert in the *Times* a letter, in which I pointed out the very marked physical improvement that had taken place in the poor children of the New Tothill-street Ragged Schools, Westminster, from the system of regular fortnightly dinners to each child, and I then urged others who had similar opportunities to establish, if possible, the same plan in their own schools.

“Another year’s experience has most strongly confirmed all I then said, for the good derived from these dinners by the poor children has been quite as great as on former years. The school has been generally healthy, and not one death from cholera has taken place among the children.

“I am sorry, however, to add, that the dinner fund, which has never failed for three years, will be quite exhausted next week, and I therefore hope you will kindly allow me through your columns to appeal for assistance that I may be enabled to continue during the forthcoming winter the usual number of dinners—viz., four weekly to twenty-five children, 200 children in all being partakers. Each dinner to twenty-five now costs 10s. 6d., so that a weekly disbursement of £2 2s. is required for the ordinary dinners. At Christmas a great dinner to 160 children has also

hitherto been given, at a cost of about £10; and I hope this year also to be able to repeat this most interesting and gratifying entertainment.

"Any donations will be thankfully received and promptly acknowledged by, Sir,

"Your most obedient servant,

"WILLIAM FULLER,

"Treasurer of the Ragged Children's
"Dinner Fund.

"111, Piccadilly, W."

M. Victor Hugo in referring to this letter, expressed a hope that the deplorable term of "ragged" would soon disappear from the beautiful and noble English language, and also that there would no longer be a ragged class. He then dwelt on the fact that cholera had not attacked one of the children thus fed in London. Nothing, he thought, could speak more forcibly in favour of the institution, and he left the result to the consideration of those who now heard him, and concluded in the following terms:—"Here, ladies and gentlemen, here is my excuse for describing to you what takes place here. This is what justifies the publicity given to the dinner to the forty children. It is that from this humble origin there arises a considerable amelioration in the condition of suffering innocence. To relieve children—to train them into men—such is our duty. I will add but one word more. There are two ways of building churches. They may be built of stones—they may be built of flesh and bone. The poor whom you have succoured are a church that you have built from whence prayer and gratitude ascend to God."

THE NEMESIS: A TALE OF THE DAYS OF TRAJAN.

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CHAPTER XVI.

THE MURDER OF CENNA.

Murther must foul, as in the best it is;
But this must foul, strange and unnatural.

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Cut off even in the blossoms of my sin,
Unhouse'd, disappointed, unanel'd;
No reckoning made, but sent to my account
With all my imperfections on my head.—*Shakespeare.*

The news of the discovery of their haunt in the

Suburra carried dismay to the Bacchanalians, hearts. The stern morality of Trajan, the rigorous chastity of his household, and his own severe laws told them that a discovery would send everyone headlong from the Tarpeian rock, the place of execution of such criminals. Trajan, although greatly addicted to wine, his worst fault, still hated anything approaching licentious debauchery, and he constantly said that a nation could only remain great, so long as the domestic virtues were cultivated. The reigns of Nero and Domitian had done much to destroy the ties of home and virtue, and the presence of rude mercenaries offered a striking contrast to the staid decorum of Rome in the days of the Republic. Wise men foretold the downfall of her power, when the Romans instead of fighting their own battles depended upon paid legionaries for protection. It was thus that stringent laws came in force to curb the popular luxury, but too late to effect any good. The evil had sunk too deep, and the Romans had become thoroughly demoralised.

Balbus, Murena, Murtius and several of the most important Bacchanals, held a solemn conference over the trying circumstances in which they had been involved, and it was resolved that Cenna should be inveighed into their company, and when overcome with wine, despatched. Murena, who was the only one averse to such an extreme measure, thought that he might be bought over, but his suggestion met with no approval, Balbus throwing all his weight into the scale, and the fate of the unfortunate author was settled. The question of dissolving or for the present discontinuing the society's meetings met with a decided negative. The members thought that the spy once removed all danger would cease, and Balbus found the feeling almost too strong against him to contend with. But he was a man of great tenacity of purpose, the stake he was playing for was of too great magnitude to be rashly endangered, furthermore he was sated with such obscene pleasures, and although he did not sigh for purer, it was not in his nature to do so, his ambition pointed to a nobler mode of life. From his earliest hours ambition had wormed itself into his heart, and even in his debaucheries, he had never lost sight of a great hereafter of glory. His fortune had increased through careful management, the common herd were in his favour, for he was lavish of his money, and many of the noblest Romans, ignorant of his viler qualities, were on

terms of intimacy with him, for he had always sound advice to give in moments of trouble.

"There is little use in controversy now," he said in answer to their arguments, "one spy has been discovered, but who can tell how many more there may be. Cenna is a babbling fool, and not likely to keep a secret of such importance to himself. Our existence has been revealed to the Emperor, and doubtless the Suburra will be carefully watched in future. It was a grave mistake to have gone there at all."

"Why where else could we have gone to?"

"To some of our own houses, taking the entertainments in turn. No chance then of a discovery. It must furthermore be remembered, that on the disappearance of Cenna, every engine will be put in force to discover his fate, suspicion will at once point to us."

"Carefully executed we have little fears of it ever being known. Does any one know what has come over Cossus? he, too, has disappeared, some say foully, and Cassius is moving heaven and earth to discover him."

"I hear," said a young noble, "he had given important information against some conspirators, but the names have not transpired. It is suspected that they learned his discovery and so removed him."

"Very possibly," said Balbus, "and it only shows how careful we must be to avoid any chance of discovery. When Cenna is not to be found, the Suburra will be searched."

"Then our house will be discovered?"

"Doubtless, what then?"

"They will find sufficient to condemn us all."

"Yes, if I had been of a like mind with you, but everything is ready for their reception. Let them go just now, and they will discover nothing to betray us."

"How have you prevented it?"

"Last night after I learned the danger which threatened us I went to the Suburra; the slaves destroyed everything before my eyes: there is not a vestige remaining of the good worship of the stout-bellied Bacchus."

His hearers drew a long breath of relief.

"In fact," continued Balbus, "it is a wonder that we have not already been discovered, there has not been that proper concealment exercised which should have been done: we have met too often, and I have been recognised by Cenna. If

any of the women have been, it will be a most serious matter."

This put an entirely new face upon the affair, and those who had eagerly spoken for a continuance of the revels now held their peace. They saw that their place of meeting was no longer a safe one, and did not press their wishes further in that respect. Still they did not relish the idea of abandoning their vicious worship, and Murena said:

"Well, let the Suburra go, our own houses, as Balbus says, most truly will be the more secure. Let us fix upon the order of our meetings, so that Bacchus may have no reason to complain of his worshippers."

"There is plenty of time for that, Murena," Balbus replied, "when we have secured our safety. Who knows but every one of our names have been given up to Trajan? Remember this, every proof of our existence is gone, but that will not prevent the Emperor setting spies upon us, and if we are found constantly together in one or other's houses, a guard will some night surprise us in the midst of our devotions."

"What then, is our pleasant society to be broken up?"

"Far from it. Let the tempest blow past, and in more favourable days we can renew it. Even yet we may meet at intervals, if not in Rome, in the country. Do you not concur with me, Murtius?"

"In every word. We are in great danger. Do not let us add to that danger, by imprudently neglecting ordinary caution."

"Very well," said Murena, "so long as we may meet, I am with you. Now about this pestilent Cenna."

Cenna unfortunately for himself had become aware of the existence of the Bacchanals. One night, in traversing the Suburra, he had come across Balbus on his way to the society, and wondering what could bring him there at such an hour, he dogged his steps to the meeting house. He was surprised to see several men and women of the highest rank enter it, and resolved to discover the meaning of the mystery, he waited patiently their forthcoming. Far on in the morning he watched, but no gleam of light was seen, no noise was heard from that mysterious house, and when the dawn approached, those who were within crept stealthily away in ones and twos. Cenna's first thought pointed to a meeting of the

Christians, but the presence of Balbus among them showed him how absurdly wide of the mark he was. It was after this that he launched the shaft at Balbus in the bath, and he saw how deeply it had told. Cenna hated Balbus with a furious hatred, all the more deadly that it was concealed. Robbed by him of his patrimony, in debt to him, under guise of which he was compelled to part with his writings; all hope of escape had left him. But Cenna had a perfect knowledge of the nefarious life of Balbus, and this secret meeting in the Suburra gave him the faint hope that by discovering some breach of the law committed by Balbus, he might succeed in hurling him from his proud position, and escaping from his thrall. Night after night did he watch, but no one came, till the appointed time when once more the Bacchanals returned to celebrate their orgies. The sky was overcast with clouds, and a slight rain fell. Crossing over to the door, he hid himself in a recess behind a pillar, and waited anxiously for a new arrival. Murena came next. He knocked in a peculiar manner at the door, when a slide in a panel opened and a voice asked: "Who is there?" "A worshipper of Bacchus," was the reply. The door was cautiously opened, and Murena admitted. Cenna required very little additional information, but he waited for completer proof. When satisfied that all were in, he listened at the door for some sound of revelry, but care had been taken to deaden such. From the exterior the house looked uninhabited, and no noise could be heard without. Patiently he waited the departure of the revellers, but it was far on ere they came forth. The rain fell heavily, and the Bacchanals although reeling in their gait, staggered quickly away."

"A brave night it has been, Balbus," said Murena, "Bacchus should be proud of his worshippers."

"Be silent, Murena, mention not that name."

The women, although not so overcome with wine as the men, showed by their gestures that they had not spared the bowl. Cenna could not conceive how they succeeded in escaping the watch's notice, but seemingly they were never interfered with, if seen. Perhaps they knew the passwords for the night. He could furthermore perceive that in their dress they carefully imitated men's, a heavy cloak covering them up from view. He drew a long breath as he hurried away, escape from the clutches of Balbus now seemed easy,

and he had little doubt that for his valuable information, Trajan would restore to him the fortune which he had been robbed of. Next morning he had an interview with Cassius to whom he revealed the existence of the Bacchanals, but without giving any particulars. It was arranged between them that on the next night of assembly, he should hasten for a troop to arrest them. But for the mere accident of Caius mentioning the matter to Balbus, the Bacchanals would have been arrested the very next night.

To resolve and to perform were one and the same thing with Balbus. That afternoon he met Cenna in the Forum, and invited him to an entertainment at a villa without the walls, which the unfortunate author too willingly accepted, hoping thereby to gain a further insight into the doings of the society. Murena and three others were of the number of guests, but Murtius declined to make one. The viands were of the most sumptuous character, the wines unrivalled in Rome. Cenna, a long stranger to the good things of life, ate and drank abundantly, while the others, while pretending to indulge heavily, drank but little. Cenna began to talk fast, and laugh loudly, drank off bumper after bumper, till his senses reeled under his potations. Seeing him in this state, Balbus took a small chrysal phial from his dress and poured a portion of its contents into a goblet of wine.

"Come, Cenna," said he, pushing the goblet towards him, "let us pledge each other in a bumper."

"With all my heart. I do not love you Balbus, still I'll pledge you."

He raised the goblet to his lips, but his hand was so unsteady that he spilt it over his gown. Laying down his empty goblet upon the table, he looked at it sombrely, and his senses seemed to come back to him, and the fumes of the wine to dissipate. Balbus bit his lips, while the others watched him with uneasy countenances.

"It is strange," said Cenna, "very strange, what can be about to happen to me now?"

"What is strange?" asked Balbus.

"Yes, it is marvellously strange, twice before have I spilt my wine, and misfortune followed. What is about to happen now. By the gods, it is surpassing strange."

"What is strange, Cenna?" again asked Balbus, with anxious impatience. Cenna lifted his heavy bloodshot eyes to his and looked earnestly

at him, and then at the empty goblet, and his wine-stained gown.

"Thrice has it happened now, twice before. The first time, let me see, was when I became acquainted with Balbus, aye I remember the night. The furies were in the dice that night, for I threw nothing but the Canus, while Balbus at every throw flung out a Venus. Yes I remember it well. That night I spilt my wine."

A stormy shudder passed through the unfortunate frame, as he spoke; Balbus turned slightly pale, while the others appeared surprised in the last degree. Cenna's sombre tones, the mystery of the dice, and the evident vexation of Balbus, told them that some dark story was laid under the words. Cenna still looking at the goblet continued—

"The second time was long after that night. I had squandered much, the dice had gone against me, the dog was ever in the box. I was deeply in debt to Balbus—to Balbus," he continued, with a bitter sigh, seemingly unaware or forgetful of anyone present. "Yes, again it was night, the dice once more rolled from out the box, and I lost, lost heavily, and again to Balbus. I called for wine, for my vitals were on fire, my throat was parched, my tongue like a piece of leather. I raised the goblet to my lips, and a second time I spilt my wine. A moment after the tidings were brought me that my father had died, died suddenly, and I was not there to close his eyes."

At these words he fell forward upon the table sobbing convulsively. Murena and the others were aghast at his mysterious words, and gazed suspiciously at Balbus. Although lawless debauchees, they had still honour enough left to scorn a player with clogged dice. Balbus saw their suspicious written on their faces, and with a gesture of supreme contempt he crushed down his own emotions, saying,—

"The fool is very far gone, he babbles in his cups."

He filled another goblet with wine, and poured the rest of the liquid from the phial into it, which he placed before Cenna, removing at the same time the empty one.

"Come Cenna, are we to pledge that bumper?"

Cenna looked up, and seeing a full goblet before him, rubbed his forehead in perplexity. "Why, it is full. I thought but now it was empty, and that I had spilt it. A bumper with you!

Well, I am glad I did not spill it—the third time it would have brought me death."

His hearers shuddered at the words. It had brought him death. Cenna pushed the goblet away from him.

"No I have had enough wine, I shall drink no more. I shall go home. No more wine for me."

"Come, Cenna, this one goblet and then to bed."

"Good, one goblet more, and then to bed," cried Cenna, once more relapsing into intoxication. "See, now I will give you a pledge. 'Fortune to honest men, death to knaves'."

He drank off the goblet, and threw it on the table. For an instant he lay stupified with the fresh draught, but gradually a dim horror gathered in his eyes, his flushed cheek paled, and raising himself on his elbow he stared at Balbus. Lifting up his stained gown he muttered "The third time—death," and fell back a corpse. The Bacchanals gazed at him in affright, even the iron nerves of Balbus unbraced for an instant, but it was only for an instant.

"All is over," he whispered, "let us hurl him into the Tiber."

"Into the Tiber?" said Murena,

"Aye, would you have it told in Rome that he was found dead in our society. Pitch him into the Tiber. It will appear a suicide or an accident. Come."

They lifted the body from the couch and bore it to the garden, where the Tiber flowed yellow and deep, and swift. They flung it in, a splash and it went hurling down the tide to land at the very gates of Rome. Next morning the High Priest Cassius learned that Cenna was dead, drowned in the Tiber. He shook his head gravely. "Cossus and now Cenna."

(To be continued.)

MASONIC NOTES AND QUERIES.

THE GOD OF XENOPHANES AND THE GREAT ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE—ANAXAGORAS—SOCRATES.

In answer to the letter of a brother who sends me some remarks respecting the God of three Greek philosophers, Xenophanes, Anaxagoras, and Socrates, I say as follows—first, as to Xenophanes. Not many years ago I came accidentally upon his two famous lines:—

*Εἰς θεὸν ἐν τε θεοῖσι καὶ ἀνθρώποισι μέγιστος.
Οὐτὲ δέμας θνητῶσιν ὁμοῖος οὐτὲ νοῦμα.*

Being much struck with these lines, I looked into the Fragments of Xenophanes, and into the various

books giving an account of the system, and my conclusion was that the God of Xenophanes was not the Great Architect of the Universe. I have not the work of Monsieur Victor Cousin to which my brother refers; but the ensuing passage extracted from the "Biographie Universelle" (1828), is by the pen of that distinguished philosophical writer:—"Le système de Xenophane est un système indécié, où le théisme et le panthéisme co-existent, avec une prédominance assez marquée de l'élément Pythagoricien et théiste, qui peu-à-peu s'accroissant et se développant, finit par absorber l'élément panthéiste et humain, dans l'unité absolue et l'idéalisme exclusif de l'école d'Elée." Next, as to Anaxagoras, my brother will find my opinion stated in my communication "The God of Anaxagoras and the God of Freemasonry," pages 207 and 208 of the present volume. Lastly, as to Socrates, my brother will readily infer my sentiments from my communication "Great Architect of the Universe—Teachings of the Old Greek Philosophers," FREEMASONS' MAGAZINE, xiv, page 228, and my communication "The Religion of Socrates and the Religion of Freemasonry as a Universal Institution," page 86 of the present volume. CHARLES PURTON COOPER.

FIELD LODGES.

In perusing an American newspaper containing an account of lodge proceedings in the States, I find the term "Field lodges" used. Perhaps some American brother will favour me with a correct definition of the term and its signification.—CANTAB.

FORMATION OF THE GRAND LODGE IN 1717.

Bro. James Frederick Spurr will have received the thanks of many of your readers for the interesting quotations from his "Masonic Mems" (which will, I feel sure, also contribute much more when he finds the time), especially from those who are almost entirely ignorant of the question, although nominally free and accepted Masons. My remarks, however, had reference more particularly to those Masons who at that time took no part in the formation of the Grand Lodge of England, and I hope some such intelligent and enthusiastic Mason as Bro. Spurr will kindly throw some light on that matter, and be able to inform us what description of Masons were those who kept aloof from the body referred to, and who subsequently united with the "Antients" so called, as mentioned by Laurance Dermott in "Ahiman Rezon." I have carefully read every class of works on the Craft that I can procure or obtain a perusal of, and have neither from them, nor the "Constitutions" of 1723, 1738, 1756, 1767, 1784, and later editions been gratified to discover any authentic information on the subject. Should no evidence be forthcoming, and in the absence at present of any confirmation of the statements of Bro. Laurence Dermott, I shall feel compelled to consider the so-called "Antients" a modern hoax, and the "Moderns" the only legitimate body of Freemasons ever constituted in this country. I feel personally obliged to your able correspondent of Scarborough for the trouble he has taken.—✠ WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN, 18°.

BURNING A MASONIC APRON AT FALMOUTH.

In answer to "P. M." in your issue of the 22nd December last, who objects to the punishment

awarded to an unworthy brother by the Love and Honour Lodge, of Falmouth (page 401), I am inclined to think that he would not have acted very differently after all under similar circumstances, and were the whole details of the transaction suitable for publication, he would in all probability justify the members for so acting. It strikes me that I have alluded to the subject of the latter part of "P. M.'s" letter before, and, feeling certain of the correctness of my surmise, I recognise him to be an old and most deservedly esteemed member of the Craft and friend of mine, who has not failed to vigorously oppose the Provincial Grand Master of a certain neighbourhood for many outrageously un-Masonic actions, notwithstanding a most determined and bitter resistance on the part of the ruler of the province, who should have been a pattern of good works. He may be assured that his courageous defence of the spirit of the laws of Masonry has received the hearty concurrence of many intelligent Masons; and were such strong sympathisers able to give effect to their opinions by votes of support, they would gladly do so. Were but the Masonic public to be made aware of the noble and disinterested stand "P. M." has made, and the utter moral, social, and intellectual unfitness of the party to whom he refers to act as a ruler of the Craft, a general outburst of approval for the former, and well-merited disgust for the latter would ensue.—✠ WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN, 18°, &c.

BRO. CHARLES PURTON COOPER A MASONIC POET LAUREATE.

I have been a little surprised at reading in your transatlantic Masonic contemporary the *National Freemason*, under the head of "A Column from Bro. Charles Parton (?) Cooper," a paragraph in which it is stated that he (Bro. C. P. Cooper) succeeded the late Bro. Pringle in the laureateship. Surely there must be some mistake here. I have long been a reader of the "Freemasons' Magazine and Masonic Mirror," but never till now was I aware that Bro. Cooper had attained eminence as a Masonic poet, although he is deservedly worthy of credit as an indefatigable contributor to your Notes and Queries department. Those of your readers who have access to the *National Freemason*, will find the paragraph referred to on page 359 of the issue for the 8th ult.—JONATHAN.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I should first thank Bro. Binckes for his reply to my letter in your pages of the 15th December last. I am delighted to find that a step has been made in the right direction. Perhaps he will permit me to make a remark or two upon the portion of the report which he quotes. The report I have not seen.

To ensure success to my proposed scheme, which the report embodies and apparently anticipates, more than from twenty to thirty boys should be admitted upon payment, if fairly low terms are demanded, as indeed they should be. Let us suppose the terms for

the present £30. At a rough calculation, *without including the office expenses*, in these days of highly-priced provisions we may put the cost of each boy down at £20, thus making a gain upon the larger number of non-paying boys suggested above of £300. Now, thirty new boys require an additional master where the staff is already not too large, and his cost will be at least £100 out of the £300, for no greater mistake can be committed than that of underpaying a teacher, and to expect him to teach. An inefficient teacher is perfectly useless, a clog to the head master, and a wet blanket to the boys. It does not seem at all advisable to make a radical alteration for a possible gain of £200 per annum. If the building will permit it, as many should be admitted as the House Committee should see fit—sixty or one hundred. The more brought together under the one roof, and managed by the one staff of masters, the cheaper the management, *and the more satisfactory the results.*

I should say, then, do not commence the change with any limitation, much less that of twenty or thirty boys, but throw open the institution under certain regulations to all applicants being sons of Masons. The reasoning should run thus: the building will admit so many; on an average of seven years, so many apply successfully for admission as non-paying pupils, the difference can be admitted on payment.

Again, I do not think that the children so admitted should be clothed, certainly not upon so low fees as £30, which is the highest sum Bro. Binckes mentions. A uniform dress should be worn, and no distinction should exist between the two classes of boys; but the friends or parents should find themselves similarly placed as with other establishments. College caps and gowns, worn at many schools, are a uniform which the friends have to provide; blue cloth jackets and trowsers can be treated in the same way. Lastly, let some House Committees' foundation scholarships be created, available only for the poorest or the cleverest of these *paying* pupils.

I have put all this before you and your readers as briefly and as generally as I can.

I have still a few more remarks to make in sequence upon my last letter; but this being intended as an acknowledgment of Bro. Binckes' kind communication, I think it desirable to forward it in a separate form, and for this week to remain again

Yours fraternally, W. N. KIM.

MASONIC LIBRARIES.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In your issue of the 15th December, I noticed a very interesting mem. about a Masonic library at Amsterdam. Was it not a noble gift, and is it not a glorious collection? Can you tell me where *our* library is? for I suppose England's Grand Lodge possesses such a thing; and who is librarian?

I have heard occasionally that Englishmen are a little more progressive than Dutchmen; the latter are not so far behind the former, however. Occasionally, moreover, the Englishman copies his French neighbour, and has an IDEA.

How about the library, and can I borrow a book? is the inquiry of a descendant of DE WITTE.

THE MASONIC MIRROR.

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MASONIC MEMS.

AN OLD MASON.—Bro. Glover, a P.M. of the Eden Lodge, Limerick, No. 73 (I.C.), is now in his eighty-fifth year, and has been a member of the Order for over sixty-two years.

GRAND MASONIC BALL.—This ball is announced to take place at Willis's Rooms on the 28th inst. We understand that there is every probability of its being numerous and influentially attended. It is intended, we understand, to limit the number of tickets to 300, and two-thirds of these are already secured.

THE DEVON AND CORNWALL MASONIC CALENDAR FOR 1867.—Bro. Spry, of Devonport, announces that this useful local Masonic calendar, under the able editorship of Bro. W. J. Hughan, 18°, will be ready during the present month. Excellent as have been the previous issues of the "Devon and Cornwall Masonic Calendar," there are features in the forthcoming edition which especially recommend it to the support of the members of the Craft in the provinces of Devon and Cornwall. Amongst the contents we notice the following useful information:—Almanack and diary for 1857, showing the nights of meeting of the various lodges; list of the Craft Lodges, Mark Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Knight Templar Encampments, Chapters of the Rose Croix, &c., when established, and when and where held, and names of their officers for the year; masonic notes and gleanings; review of Freemasonry in Devon and Cornwall for the year 1866; our charities—the Royal Freemasons' School for Female Children (accompanied by a beautiful engraving of the institution, at St. John's-hill, Battersea); Masonic memoir of the R.W. Bro. W. Denis Moore, D. Prov. G.M., Devonshire (with a portrait of the R.W. Bro. in Masonic clothing, taken expressly for this work). Bro. Spry announces that the forthcoming edition will be printed on toned paper, instead of on white paper, as hitherto. It would, we are of opinion, be found very advantageous if every province had a local calendar. We shall be glad to receive and notice any accession to the list of the few local Masonic calendars now extant.

MASONIC LITERATURE IN CANADA.—We are pleased to notice the vigour displayed in our recently-started Canadian contemporary, the *Craftsman and British American Masonic Record*, published in Hamilton, Canada West. In No. 3, which is now before us, we would direct attention more especially to two very appropriate and ably written articles referring to the Festival of St. John the Evangelist.

THE GREAT HURRICANE AT TURKS ISLANDS.—Referring to the account which we gave a short time back of the terrific hurricane with which the Bahamas had been visited, and which had resulted in great loss of life and property, and privations entailed upon the unfortunate inhabitants of Grand Turk, Turk's Islands. The Turk's Islands' Forth Lodge, (No. 647) has resolved, "That in consequence of the serious and heavy losses of many brethren of this lodge, and of the distress existing in these islands (which will evidently increase as the winter season advances), occasioned by the severe hurricane with which the islands were visited on the 30th Sept. last, an appeal be made to Grand Lodge, imploring its kind aid, and fraternal sympathy in making known to the various lodges in Great Britain, under its Constitution, or to as many of them as it may seem fit, our sad condition, and soliciting the generous contributions of our brethren on behalf, not only

only of this lodge, but also of the inhabitants generally of the colony." We regret that want of space compels us to defer giving the appeal in our present issue, and as the subject cannot come before Grand Lodge until the next quarterly communication, we feel justified in embracing the earliest possible opportunity of making known to the Craft, through the medium of our pages, the extent of the unforeseen calamity, which has fallen upon our brethren in the west. We heartily endorse the sentiments expressed by an esteemed provincial correspondent holding a high position in the Craft, who is personally acquainted with the I.P.M. Bro. Ockenden, who heads the list of signatures to the appeal, and who has written us upon this sad visitation. In the words of our correspondent, "May every lodge and every individual member of the same, especially at this urgent call, maintain in its fullest splendour that virtue which may justly be denominated the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart."

METROPOLITAN.

ROYAL JUBILEE LODGE (No. 72).—At the meeting of this lodge, held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 7th inst., Bro. Henry Webb, W.M., surrendered the chair he had so worthily filled during the past year to his successor, Bro. Oxford. There were several raisings and passings, and no less than five initiations; the gentlemen admitted being Messrs. Berger, Button, Read, Setchell, and Squire. At the request of the W.M., the ceremony of installation was performed in his usual faultless style by Bro. Jos. Nunn, P.M. and Secretary. The newly installed W.M. appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. Hodson, S.W.; Wormald, J.W.; Jenkins, S.D.; Fairrs, J.D.; Penny, I.G.; Dodson, D.C.; and Bro. Rolfs, W.S. These brethren were invested by the Installing Master. Bro. Williams, P.M., who had been re-elected by the lodge as Treasurer and Bro. Nunn, P.M., who had again accepted the post of Secretary, were invested by Bro. H. Webb, I.P.M., who addressed some very appropriate observations to both brethren, and thanked them for their past services to the lodge. About 70 brethren sat down to banquet under the presidency of the newly installed W.M., who was supported by no less than nine P.M.'s of the lodge, viz., Bros. H. Webb, T. Nunn, Clunt, Brander, Parr, James, J. Nunn, Williams, and Roads, and by nearly twenty visitors, including Bros. Hodges, P. Prov. G. Sec., W.M. 720, P.M. 523, 730, &c.; Samuel Webb, W.M. of the Confidence Lodge, 193; Houghton, P.M. 167; Pope, P.M. 368; Garrod, P.M. 749, &c. After the usual toasts of "The Queen and The Craft," and "The Most Worshipful Grand Master," the W.M. proposed "The health of the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, and the Officers of Grand Lodge, past and present," and in the absence of any officer of Grand Lodge called upon Bro. Hodges to respond. That brother obeyed the Master's commands, though he reminded his brethren that Prov. G. officers are not entitled to rank out of their own province. He however fully appreciated the honour of being permitted to respond for such a distinguished body, and especially on behalf of so excellent a Mason as the Earl de Grey and Ripon, who by his talents and administrative abilities adorned the important post which he held. The health of the Initiates was next given, Bro. Berger replying in an admirable speech, conceived in the best taste and abounding in Masonic sentiment. The health of the visitors was next given and responded to by Bro. Garrod, who claimed to be the oldest acquaintance present of the W.M., and whom he predicted would render his year of office a successful one. A visiting brother from Scotland also briefly responded. Bro. Webb, I.P.M., then proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master" in eulogistic terms, mentioning the fact that though comparatively a young Mason, he had already rendered important services to his lodge. The W.M. acknowledged the toast and then proposed "The Health of the Past Masters of the Lodge." With especial reference to his immediate predecessor, he remarked that Bro. Webb had earned for himself the good will and esteem of every one with whom he came in contact, and especially of the brethren over whom he had presided, with such great advantage to the lodge. The brethren had so deeply felt the great value of his services that they had

unanimously voted him a handsome P.M.'s jewel, and he himself felt proud at being the medium of affixing to Bro. Webb's breast that token of their admiration and esteem. He wished him long life to wear it, and although he had other decorations which had been bestowed upon him for like services rendered to other lodges, he was sure that he would ever value the Jubilee Jewel, not for its intrinsic worth, but as a memento of the prosperous and successful year of office which had been the happy result of his rule, and that he would continue to exhibit the same interest in that lodge which he had hitherto done. The toast was received with acclamation. Bro. Webb replied in an excellent speech, reviewing the many great services rendered in times past by his colleagues the P. Masters, and expressing the gratification he experienced in knowing that he had been able, as he had always desired to do, to give every satisfaction to the brethren of the Royal Jubilee Lodge. The health of the officers was next given and responded to by the S.W., who promised that the W.M. should find himself well supported during his tenure of office. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a termination. We should not omit to mention that Bro. Bartleman, so well known in the musical world for his unrivalled musical abilities, sang a number of songs in his very best style, eliciting great applause from all present. Bro. Samuel Webb also greatly contributed to the harmony of the evening, his vocal powers being also of a high order, and several other brethren also sang some songs of a varied character.

MOUNT LEBANON LODGE (No. 73).—The last emergency meeting of the season, of this old prosperous lodge was held on Friday, the 28th ult., at the Green Man Tavern, Tooley-street, Southwark. Bro. J. C. Goody, W.M. presided, assisted by Bros. G. Morris, S.W. and W.M. elect; T. J. Sabine, J.W.; E. Harris, P.M., Treas.; J. Donkin, P.M., Sec.; F. H. Elsworth, S.D.; D. Rose, J.D.; M. A. Loewenstark, I.G.; G. Free, W.S.; H. Moore, I.P.M.; F. Walters, P.M.; T. Knott, J. Gale, Williams, E. Halfpenny, T. Farnes, and many others. Visitors: Bros. C. G. Dilly, J. H. Pembroke, and others. The business done was passing Bro. Browning, and initiating Mr. Freebody. The work was well rendered. One gentleman was proposed for initiation at the next regular meeting, and the lodge was duly closed according to ancient custom.

Yarborough Lodge (No. 554).—The regular monthly meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on the 3rd inst., at the Green Dragon, Stepney, E. The lodge was opened at five o'clock, by Bro. J. H. Wynne, P.M., assisted by the officers and brethren. The minutes of the former meeting were read and confirmed. This being the night of installation Bro. H. Mosely, W.M. elect was duly presented by the W.M. Bro. W. G. Clarke to receive the benefit of installation, and having given his assent to the ancient charges qualifying him to that high office, the ceremony was proceeded with by Bros. Wynne and Hamilton, P.M.'s of the lodge. The customary preliminaries having been observed and a board of regularly installed masters formed, consisting of Bros. Clarke, Hudson, Hamilton, Middleton, Carr, Wynne, Scotcher, Shaboe, Vesper, Scurr, Parker, Walters, Harris, and Saqui, Bro. Henry Mosely was duly installed into chair of K.S. The usual honours having been rendered, the board of installed masters was closed, and the brethren M.M.'s admitted and having saluted the W.M., the lodge was then closed in the third degree and the F.C.'s admitted, when the W.M. was saluted in that degree. The lodge was closed in that degree, and the E.A.'s admitted, and the W.M. again saluted. The working tools, warrant, &c., were then presented by the installing master, after the which the W.M. appointed and invested the following brethren as officers of the Yarborough Lodge for the current year, viz., Bro. J. G. Stevens, S.W.; Fred G. Brown, J.W.; W. Hamilton, P.M., Treas.; Josiah Green, Sec.; H. Preece, S.D.; Geo. Roberts, J.D.; T. J. Barnes, I.G.; H. Chadwick, Steward; Verry, Dir. of Cers.; and Speight, Tyler. The addresses were then given by Bro. Hamilton in a very impressive manner, which elicited the admiration of the brethren. A Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to Bro. Clarke. Bro. the Rev. J. Vaughan was made an honorary member of the lodge. Mr. Joseph Fawcett was proposed by Bro. Green for initiation. All Masonic business being ended, the brethren, about 140 in number, sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided by Bro. Walters in his usual style. The cloth having been drawn and grace returned, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and, as is customary amongst the Craft, were heartily responded to. Bro. Clarke, P.M., in proposing the W.M.'s health, observed

that he believed the brethren of the Yarborough Lodge had secured a W.M. who would do honour to their choice, and would reflect great credit to the lodge in particular and the Craft in general. The W.M., Bro. Mosely, then rose and said: Bro. Clark, allow me to thank you for the toast just proposed by you, and you, brethren, for your response, and the manner in which it was given. If I for one moment thought that response was one of mere custom, I should simply value it at its worth; but, brethren, I take it as an earnest of the future, as a spontaneous outburst of those truly Masonic feelings which are so tenderly nourished in the utmost recesses of your hearts. Brethren, by your kindness I now occupy, in connection with our lodge, the highest position which the Craft can give; in other words, I stand before you the Master of your choice, and believe me when I say I am proud, very proud, of the position which I occupy amongst you; but it is that pride which is but another name for satisfaction; it is not that pride which goes before destruction, nor that haughty spirit which precedes a fall. On the contrary, I feel that as my position amongst you improve so does my responsibility increase, and that increased responsibility, brings with it increased need of counsellors. Past Masters of the Yarborough Lodge, those amongst you who are tried and experienced Masons, it is to you that I must go for counsel in every time of need. Officers of the Yarborough Lodge, particularly my Wardens, it is on your assistance I depend for the well ruling and governing the lodge. Brethren of the Yarborough Lodge generally, it is on your co-operation I rely for carrying on the great Masonic work. The lodge is yours,—its future is in your keeping, and it is for you to say whether that future shall be one of weal or woe. On the evening of my election I said it is my intention to take for my motto during my year of office, this proverb, "That without counsel purposes are disappointed, but in the multitude of counsellors they are established." Brethren, I like a motto,—it is a something with which the mind may grapple,—it is a something which rivets itself upon the memory when other things are forgotten,—it is, as it were, a bright star boldly shining in the moral firmament, on which the wearied mind can safely find repose. Then, brethren, can I do better on this evening of my installation, and at our first meeting in a new year, than to ask you, as a lodge, to take for your motto, these words, "Look to the end," as Masons, the end which each of us has, or ought to have in view, is the good of Freemasonry in general, but of his own lodge in particular. Then, brethren, with such a noble object in the foreground, can we do better than look to the end. Should differences unfortunately arise amongst us, for no society is so perfectly constituted that differences may not arise, then let us look to the end. Let us see that our differences are speedily and amicably adjusted, remembering that unadjusted they will engender contention—contention become the parent of discord, and discord the progenitor of strife; and the wisest of men and the greatest of Masons has said, "The beginning of strife is as when one letteth out water;" therefore leave off contention before it is meddled with. Brethren, it is my earnest desire that in all our lodge workings we take for our standard—perfection. I hold it to be a laudable ambition—a noble effort to strive for perfection, although perchance we may never reach it. May I now ask each brother who has this evening been appointed to office to make himself thoroughly acquainted with the duties appertaining thereto, and which, by accepting office, he has undertaken to perform. That each will consider it a privilege as well as a duty to obey all summonses which he may receive from his Master Mason's lodge; that each will be in his proper place at the appointed time, and thus observe that precision and punctuality without which good order and good working can never be secured. Brethren, I will detain you no longer; I leave this matter with you in the full conviction that the true principles of Freemasonry are too firmly engrafted in your very features to render it possible for you to allow this, my first request, to pass by unheeded. In conclusion, let us one and all rally round the banner of our lodge, and make it the standard of perfection; let our progress as a lodge be onward, and still onward; and as we tread along the beaten track of Freemasonry, that same old path in which our ancient brethren trod, carefully examining, noting, and never departing from the landmarks of the Order, let us steadily and steadfastly "look to the East." Upon the conclusion of this speech the W.M. resumed his seat amidst the acclamation of the brethren, which we can only describe as a perfect ovation. The health of the visitors was then drank and responded to by Bros. Scotcher, P.M.; Saqui, P.M.; Curtis, and Thompson.

The health of the P.M.'s was drank, and responded to by Bros. Wynne, Clarke, Hamilton, and Hudson, followed by a song, "Daddy Neptune," by Bro. Scurr. The health of the officers was responded to by Bros. Stevens, Brown, Green, Roberts, and Barnes. The toast, "Prosperity of Yarborough Lodge" was responded to by Bro. Wynne. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings of the evening to a timely conclusion.

PROVINCIAL.

CORNWALL.

HAYLE.—*Cornubian Lodge* (No. 450).—The brethren of this lodge met at noon, on St. John's Day, to instal the W. Master for the ensuing year. The lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. Mudge, when the minutes of the former lodge were read and confirmed. On the retirement of entered apprentices the lodge was opened in the second degree, when the W.M. elect Bro. Coombe was presented by P.M. Bro. Robinson, and duly installed, according to ancient custom, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Mudge, the retiring W.M. The newly-installed Master then appointed and invested his officers as follow, viz., Bros. J. Mudge, I.P.M.; F. Pool, S.W.; N. J. West, J.W.; F. Harvey, Treas.; P. Smith, P.M., P. Prov. S.G.D., Sec.; J. Pool, S.D.; W. Mildren, J.D.; F. W. Pool, Org.; W. Hollow, I.G.; W. H. Thomas and M. Dunn, Stewards; and W. Baddy, Tyler. A circular from the Prov. G. Lodge was read, soliciting funds in aid of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity Fund, and it was proposed by Bro. Smith, and seconded by Bro. John Poole, that the sum of £5 be given as a donation to the said fund, which was unanimously carried. Bro. Frank Harvey, Prov. S.G.W., Treas., kindly consented to act as steward to the fund. The brethren then repaired to an excellent dinner, provided by Bro. Crotch. About forty brethren sat down, among whom were nine P.M.'s of this lodge. On the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, not forgetting all poor and distressed Masons throughout the universe. The lodge was then finally closed, after which good songs were sung, and a pleasant evening was passed, the brethren separating at an early hour. During the Mastership of Bro. Mudge—twelve months—there have been fifteen initiations, and seven propositions now stand over; the Craft, therefore, congratulate themselves on the progress of Freemasonry in the western part of the province of Cornwall.

ST. AUSTELL.—*Lodge Peace and Harmony* (No. 496).—The annual meeting of the brethren of this lodge was held at the lodge rooms, on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., when a goodly number of brethren, including the W.M.'s and Wardens of the neighbouring lodges, met to do honour to the W.M. elect, Bro. Berryman, who was most ably installed by Bro. Chirgwin, of Truro. After the ceremonies observed in the installation of the W.M., he immediately entered on the duties of his office by installing his officers, viz.:—Bros. Grigg, S.W.; Hicks, J.W.; Gny, Treas.; Kitt, Sec.; P. Giles, S.D.; Guy, J.D.; Loye, S.; C. Truscott, I.G.; and Borrow, Tyler. A P.M.'s jewel was unanimously voted to Bro. Hancock, P.M., for the able manner in which he has superintended the lodge, not only in 1865, when he himself held the office of W.M., but also throughout the year, when he has done duty most ably for the W.M., Bro. Sir C. E. G. Sawle, Bart. The brethren then adjourned to the dining room, where a sumptuous banquet awaited them, and the evening was spent in true Masonic felicity.

LOSTWITHIEL.—*St. Matthew's Lodge* (No. 496).—The brethren of this lodge held their annual meeting at their lodge rooms, at the Talbot Hotel, on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., when Bro. Nichols was duly installed the W.M. for the year ensuing, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Harvey, of Truro, after which Bro. Nichols appointed and invested Bros. Stephens, S.W., N. Kendall, J.W., Stephens, Sec.; Wright, S.D.; Absolan, J.D.; Bush, P.M., I.G.; and McLean, Tyler.

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND.

KENDAL.—*Union Lodge* (No. 129).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Kent-street, on the 28th ult. Bro. Major Whitwell, W.M. presiding, and supported by Bro. Edward Bushier, P.M. as S.W.; Bros. Atkinson, J.W.; C. J. Thomson, Treas.; W. Cartmel, Sec.; W. Doubleday, Deacon; J. O. Atkinson, I.G.; and the following brethren: Dr. Leeming, John Holme, W. Tattersall,

Titus Wilson, Thomas Busher, Dr. Noble, John Mann, Jones Taylor, R. Hodgson, John Medcalf, Samuel Gawith, J. W. Scott, Geo. Cartmell, &c., &c., and Bro. Porter, from Lodge of Concord, Preston. Bro. Thomas Simpson Horne (son of the late P.M. Horne) being a candidate for the mysteries of Freemasonry, the ballot having been previously taken, was initiated in a most impressive manner by the W.M. This being the time for the election of W.M. for the ensuing year. The choice of the brethren unanimously fell on Bro. Wm. Wilson, of High Park, and lately S.W. of the Underley Lodge (No. 1074). Bro. C. Gardner Thomson, County Coroner, was also unanimously elected Treas. Bro. Busher intimated that as he was serving the office of steward for the Royal Benevolent Institution he would be glad of as much support as possible for this most deserving charity. The lodge then closed in harmony, and with solemn prayer at nine o'clock.

CARLISLE.—Union Lodge (No. 310).—This lodge met at four o'clock, p.m., on Thursday, the 27th ult., being St. John's Day. The chair of K.S. was occupied by Bro. the Rev. W. Cockett, W.M., P. Prov. G. Chap., ably supported by Bros. G. G. Hayward, S.W., P. Prov. G.S.; J. Slack, J.W.; F. W. Hayward, P.M., P. Prov. S.G.W., as S.D.; G. Murchie, as J.D.; G. T. Clark, Sec.; A. Woodhouse, I.G.; W. Irwin, S. Steward; G. Somerville, J. Steward; J. A. Wheatley, and J. Barnes, Tylers. The lodge was opened in due form, the minutes of a former meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Captain Owen Jones, being a candidate to be passed to the second degree, was tested as to his proficiency, entrusted, and retired. The lodge being opened in the second degree, the candidate was duly passed by Bro. C. J. Bannister, P.M., P.G.S.B. of England, in his usual accomplished style of working. Bro. G. Goddard Hayward, S.W., P. Prov. G.S., the W.M. elect, was then escorted to the pedestal, and after he gave his assent to the usual questions being read, was obligated, and the lodge being opened in the third degree, a Board of Installed Masters was formed. The W.M. elect was inducted to the chair of K.S., and saluted according to ancient custom, in the several degrees. Bro. C. J. Bannister, the Installing Master, delivered a lecture on the working tools in each degree; after which the following officers were duly appointed and invested, viz.: Bros. J. Slack, S.W.; W. Carrick, J.W.; W. Johnston, S.D.; G. Somerville, J.D.; W. Court, Treas.; F. W. Hayward, Dir. of Cers.; G. Murchie, Sec.; J. Gibson, I.G.; A. Woodhouse, Steward; T. Sherrington, Tyler. The visitors were, Bros. H. Fleming, W.M. and R. Baker, Longtown Lodge, (No. 412); also Bros. T. Routledge, and A. Kerr, Wigton Lodge. The lodge was then closed, and all the brethren retired to the banquet provided at the Coffee House Hotel, by Bro. T. McGowan. The cloth being drawn, the W.M. elect presided; the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk and responded to. The brethren parted at an early hour, well pleased with their entertainment. The harmony prevalent amongst the brethren was further promoted by the vocal powers of Bros. Court, Gibson, Routledge, and Kerr. Bro. F. H. Hayward giving, by desire, and in a very effective manner, an appropriate recitation.

LONGTOWN.—Holy Temple Lodge (No. 412).—On Friday, the 28th ult., a regularly summoned meeting of this lodge was held at the Wheatsheaf Inn, the chair being occupied by Bro. F. W. Hayward, honorary member, P.M. 310, P. Prov. S.G.W.; Romulus Irving, I.P.M.; J. Carruther, P.M., as S.W.; Robert Forster, P.M., as J.W.; Fleming, W.M. elect, as S.D.; Robert Baker, as J.D.; J. Robinson, P.M., as I.G.; D. Murray, P.M., Sec.; Robt. Nixon, P.M., Tyler. There were also present Bros. W. Murray, Senior (who, it may be mentioned, has attained the ripe old age of eighty-five years), A. Woodhouse, and R. M. Hill. The lodge was opened in ancient form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the second, and afterwards in the third degree, when Bro. H. Fleming was, with the usual formality, inducted to the chair of K.S., and proclaimed Master of Lodge 412 for the ensuing year, and received the customary salutations in the several degrees. Bro. F. W. Hayward being the Installing Master, gave lectures on the working tools in each degree, after which the W.M. appointed his officers, who were duly invested as follows, viz.:—Bros. A. Woodhouse, Steward 310, as S.W.; R. M. Hill, J.W.; Thos. Robinson, S.D.; J. Pendrigh, J.D.; Robt. Forster, Treas. and Dir. of Cers.; D. Murray, Sec.; J. Carruther, I.G.; Robert Nixon, Tyler. After the usual questions had been asked, the W.M. proposed Messrs. Mulcaster and Normington, of Workington, as candidates to be initiated into Masonry. Bro. Thomas Blacklock,

P.M. 310, was elected a joining member, and the lodge was then closed by Bro. Fleming, W.M., and the brethren retired to a dinner supplied in excellent style by the host and hostess of the house. After the cloth was drawn the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. Bro. Irving, P.M., then gave a toast to the departed memory of the late Prov. G.M., which was drunk in solemn silence, the brethren chanting, "In the Grand Lodge above." Bro. F. W. Hayward returned thanks on behalf of the P. Prov. G. officers in a true and feeling speech. Bro. Irving returned thanks on behalf of the past and present officers of Lodge 412, and said that the past officers had done their duty, and he sincerely hoped that the present ones would try to emulate them, and so long as he continued a member either of this lodge or of the Order in general, he would endeavour to do his duty for the good of Masonry. The visiting brethren each returned thanks for the honour the W.M. had done in proposing, and the brethren in responding to that call, viz., Bros. Blacklock, F. W. Hayward, and A. Woodhouse, in short but feeling speeches. The bewitching hour of midnight fast approaching, and the visiting brethren having to go to Carlisle, the meeting was brought to a close, and the members of the border city drove home in a voiture provided for the purpose, all arriving safe at home in the small hours of the morn., highly delighted with their trip to Longtown town. Bros. Murray, Foster, and Pendrigh exerted their vocal powers with marked effect on this occasion.

KIRKBY LONSDALE.—Underley Lodge (No. 1,074).—This lodge held its first annual meeting on Friday, the 4th inst., at the public rooms, Bro. Lord Kenlis, W.M., occupying the chair of K.S., and supported by Bros. Busher, P.M.; Rev. Jas. Simpson, Chap.; Wilson, S.W.; and Major Whitwell, as J.W.; James, S.D.; Dodd, J.D.; Davis, Sec.; James, Treas.; W. R. Gregg, I.G.; and Saunders, North North, Eastham, Clapham, Bentham, Hatch, Robinson, Rev. Hy. Ware, Vicar of Kirkby Lonsdale, Rev. Chadwick, Thorphett, &c. The minutes having been read and confirmed, Bro. Busher, P.M., announced that Lord Kenlis having been duly re-elected, he now proclaimed him W.M. of 1,074 for the ensuing twelve months. After the usual salutations, the W.M. proceeded to invest his officers as follows:—Bros. Edw. Busher, P.M.; Rev. H. Ware, Chap.; Capt Braithwaite, S.W.; Rd. Atkinson, J.W.; Rd. James, Treas.; Hy. Davis, Sec.; W. James, S.D.; W. Romaine Gregg, J.D.; W. Dodd, I.G. The lodge was then closed in due form and with solemn prayer. After which the brethren to the number of nearly thirty, adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where a most enjoyable evening was spent, under the presidency of his lordship. Many of the brethren having a long and cold drive home, the meeting broke up about eight o'clock, sorry to part but happy to meet again.

DEVONSHIRE.

STONEHOUSE, PLYMOUTH.—Sincerity Lodge (No. 189).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday afternoon, the 2nd inst., at the lodge, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, for the purpose of initiating two new numbers. The brethren of the lodge afterwards assembled to partake of their annual banquet at the Duke of Cornwall Hotel, and there were present the following distinguished brethren:—Bros. W. H. Maddock, W.M., Prov. G. Steward; Lord Eliot, W.M., S.W.; T. S. Bayly, J.W.; I. C. Radford, P.M., P. Prov. J.G.D.; L. P. Metham, P.M., Prov. S.G.W.; R. R. Rodd, P.M., P. Prov. S.G.W. of Cornwall; R. H. Rae, P.M., P. Prov. G. Org.; Rev. E. Risk, Chap., P. Prov. G. Chap.; R. Dowse, P.M., Treas., P. Prov. S.G.D.; C. Trotter, Sec.; F. P. Balkwill, S.D.; Lieut. Shanks, J.D., P.G.S.B.; T. B. Forster, Dir. of Cers.; W. Roberts, J.D.; Dr. Forbes and J. Saw, Stewards; J. Sadler, Capt. H. Howeth (17th Reg.), H. H. P. Shanks, R. J. Laity, W. Laity, E. B. Rawling, R. B. Oram, R. Rodda, P. Prov. G. Reg.; I. Latimer, S. Roach, C. G. Gibson, P.M.; J. P. Mann, P.M.; Lieut. James, I. Scott, Capt. Ewart, *Z.N.*, Rev. B. Howe, R. Ridley, P. Prov. S.G.W.; Balcarras, W. W. Ramsey (town major), G.S.B. (Grand Lodge, Scotland); G. Allen, J. Dampney, J. G. Calder, T. Wade, J. Flexman, W. C. Moreton, M. Joplin, J. Willoughby, E. Bissett, S. Hutchings, J. P. Briggs, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.B.; Rev. R. Measham, Rev. Theophilus Bennett (183, Ireland). After dinner the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the Worshipful Master and by other brethren, and some excellent and appropriate speeches were made by the W.M. and Bros. Trotter, Metham, Lord Eliot, *M.P.*, I. C. Radford, Balcarras Ramsey, Dr. Dowse, F. P. Balkwill, Lieut. Shanks, Forster, Dr.

Forbes, J. Saw, I. Latimer, Rev. T. Bennett, &c. The evening was most pleasantly spent, and Lodge Sincerity was spoken of as one of the most prosperous as well as one of the best worked lodges in the province. A letter was read by Bro. Mefham from the Rev. John Huyshe, the Provincial Grand Master of Devon, expressing his regret that his magisterial and other duties would keep him at Exeter, and would thus prevent him from having the pleasure of joining their banquet.

TORQUAY.—*Lodge of St. John (No. 328).*—The members of this lodge assembled at the Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, the 27th ult., at four o'clock p.m., to instal the W.M. elect, Bro. the Rev. R. Bowder, it being the festival of the St. John the Evangelist. The lodge was opened at half-past four, Bro. G. Glanfield, W.M., presiding. Bros. Harland, P.M.; R. Bowden, S.W.; J. Greenfield, J.W.; W. Gills, S.D.; T. Gliver, J.D.; J. Rossiter, I.G.; W. Chennour, Tyler; R. H. Dyer, Hon. Sec.; Watts, Guyer, Wreyford, Melluish, P.M.; Shuttlewood, Boothman, E. Appleton, Prov. S.G.D.; add C. Pridham. The lodge was visited by the D. Prov. G.M. for the East Riding of York; Bro. Newman, P.M., Ellis, Tanner; and the Senior Warden, also the Junior Warden and Secretary of the Devon Lodge (No. 1138). After the minutes were read and confirmed, the lodge having been opened in the first degree, it was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Harland, P.M., occupied the chair as Installing Master. The lodge was then opened in the appropriate degree for the purpose of installing the W.M. elect, which ceremony was performed in the most solemn manner. The brethren being re-admitted, the usual forms were gone through. The W.M. proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year. Bro. G. Glanfield received the collars of I.P.M. and Treas.; R. H. Dyer, those of S.W. and Hon. Sec.; Greenfield, J.W.; G. Rossiter, S.D.; Oliver, J.D.; Gills, I.G.; Chennour, Tyler. The Installing Master and the W.M. having severally addressed the officers and brethren, the lodge closed. The banquet took place at Bro. Gills, Torbay Inn, at which about thirty sat down to a most excellent dinner, the game having been presented by Bro. Sir Laurence Palk, Bart., who expressed regret at his inability to attend, as did also Bro. Royds, the Prov. G.M. for Worcestershire. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and the company retired shortly after eleven o'clock, having spent a pleasant evening. This lodge is progressing favourably. During the past two years, under the able Mastership of Bro. Glanfield, sixteen initiations have taken place. May it go on and prosper.

SOUTHMOLTON.—*Loyal Lodge of Industry (No. 421).*—At the meeting of this lodge on Monday the 31st December, Bro. J. T. Widgery was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year, and he appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the year, viz.:—Bros. J. Hill, S.W.; E. Furse, J.W.; H. S. Hill, S.D.; W. R. Huxtable, J.D.; T. Chapple, I.G.; J. Quick, Sec.; G. Garrett, Org.; J. R. Kingdon, Treas.; R. Kingdon, Tyler. The usual Masonic banquet was held on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., at the Unicorn Hotel. The W.M. occupied the chair, supported by almost all the brethren of the lodge, and several brethren from the Barnstaple and other Lodges. The viands were excellent, and the wines of the choicest description. The noble Bro. Earl Fortescue, of Castlehill, kindly sent a splendid haunch of venison for the festive board.

HAMPSHIRE.

PORTSMOUTH.—*Phoenix Lodge (No. 257).*—The members of this lodge assembled at the lodge room, High-street, on St. John's Day (Thursday, the 27th ult.) for the purpose of installing Bro. F. L. M. Dyer as W.M. for the ensuing year. The lodge having been regularly opened, and the business on the notice paper transacted, the ceremony of installation was most impressively performed by Bro. Hyde Pullen, Prov. G.M. Isle of Wight. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. C. Napier Pearn, S.W.; Rev. J. W. Banks, J.W.; R. W. Bradley, Treas.; J. Heath, Sec.; C. B. Elliott, S.D.; Edgar Besant, J.D.; H. J. Mills, I.G. Bro. Colonel Meehan is the I.P.M. of the lodge. After the lodge had been closed, the brethren partook of an excellent banquet, the W.M. presiding.

LANCASHIRE (WEST).

Everton Lodge (No. 823).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, on Wednesday, the 19th ult. There were present Bros. W. J. Lunt, W.M.; J. Hamer, S.W.; T. Ashmore, J.W.; J. Jackson, Sec.; S. Haynes, S.D.;

J. D. Pierce, J.D.; J. Holland, I.G.; Boulton, Hudson, Blundell Bird, Hargreaves, Williams, Thompson, Molitor, Lowe, Lyall-Forrest, G. Lunt, J. Lunt, &c. Visitors: Bros. W. T. May, P.M. 673; C. Leedham, W.M. 220; Haywood, 594; Griffiths-241; Unsworth and Pepper, 667; Williams, 1,094; Robinson-295; Burrows, 673; Irvine, 680; Williams, 203; and Yates, 673. The lodge was opened by Bro. Lunt, W.M. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed, with the exception of a proposal referring to the organ subscription. The ballot was then taken for Mr. Councillor R. R. Minton and Mr. T. Dodson, who were both unanimously elected, and having been properly prepared, were admitted and duly initiated into ancient Freemasonry. The ceremony was very impressively performed by the W.M. Bro. T. Ashurst, J.W., explained the working tools, and Bro. Jarvis, S.W., delivered the ancient charge very effectively. The sum of one guinea was voted for the relief of the widow of the late Bro. Spurring (No. 203.) A letter was read from a brother, apologising for unbecoming conduct to the W.M., in the lodge. This explanation was considered to be satisfactory. Nothing further appearing, the lodge was closed with solemn prayer, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The repast was served by Bro. Ball in a manner which gave general satisfaction. The W.M. having proposed the usual loyal and formal toasts, Bro. Hamer, Prov. G. Treas.; J. Pepper, and W. T. May, as past Prov. G. Officers, each responded on behalf of the Provincial Grand Officers. Bro. Goepel, P.M., then proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Lunt," highly eulogising him for his zeal for Masonry, and the creditable manner in which he performed his duties as Worshipful Master. Bro. Lunt, in responding, attributed much of his success to the kind assistance he received from the Past Masters, Officers, and brethren in general, and in concluding, proposed "The Health of the Officers," to which Bro. Jarvis, S.W., ably responded. The W.M. in proposing "The Newly-Initiated Brethren," expressed his conviction that they would do honour to the Craft. Bro. Minton responded in a humorous speech, and expressed much gratification on being admitted a member of our ancient and honourable institution. Bro. Dodson also happily returned thanks. Bro. Haywood returned thanks for "The Visitors," and the last toast "To all poor and distressed Masons throughout the Globe," having been drunk, the brethren dispersed at eleven o'clock.

KIRKDALE.—*Prince of Wales Lodge (No. 1035).*—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on the 27th ult., for the purpose of installing Bro. Sutcliffe, W.M. elect, and celebrating the Festival of St. John. The lodge was called for half-past two, and was opened by Bro. Fizzard, W.M., assisted by Bro. Sutcliffe, S.W.; J. F. Newell, S.D., as J.W. The minutes of the last regular meeting with regard to the election of W.M. and Treasurer, were read and confirmed. Mr. John Reynolds, who had been ballotted for on a previous lodge night, being in attendance, was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The ceremony of installation was next proceeded with, and was performed by Bro. Hamer, Prov. G. Treas. West Lancashire, in his usual kind and able manner. After the usual salutes the W.M. invested his officers as follows, viz.: Bros. J. F. Newell, S.W.; Williams, J.W.; Boyers, Sec.; Draper, S.D.; Lloyd, J.D.; Jones, I.G.; Lovelady, S.S.; Carver, J.S.; Davis, Tyler. The usual toasts were given and responded to, and the brethren spent a very agreeable evening.

NORTHUMBERLAND.

NORTH SHIELDS.—*St. George's Lodge (No. 431).*—A meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., for the purpose of installing the W.M. and officers for the ensuing year. The lodge being opened in due form by the W.M. Bro. the Rev. J. Featherstone, P. Prov. G. Chap., the minutes of election of Bro. Joseph Gibson, S.W., as W.M. elect, were read and unanimously confirmed. Bro. John G. Tulloch, P. Prov. G.J.W., was then requested to take the chair as installing master, and, after agreeing to conform to the ancient charges, Bro. Joseph Gibson was regularly installed in the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom. The W.M. appointed and invested the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. T. Featherstone, P. Prov. G. Chap., as I.P.M.; H. W. Weatherstone, Prov. G. Purs., as S.W.; M. J. Robson, M.D., as J.W.; R. Garland, Prov. G. Chap., as Chaplain; J. G. Tulloch, P. Prov. J.G.W., as Sec. and Dir. of Cir.s.; J. D. Brown, as S.D.; G. Oyston, J.D.; A. M. Scott, as I.G.; J. W. Hewett, S.S.; T. Woodruff, as J.S.; and J. Evans, Tyler. Bro. J. Jackson was nominated for election as Treas., in place of

Bro. Robson, resigned; and after a vote of thanks to the installing master, the lodge was closed in due form. The annual festival took place at Bro. Manning's, Albion Hotel, on Thursday, the 3rd inst., when about sixty brethren sat down to a splendid banquet prepared in the usual Albion style. The W.M. was supported by the following brethren, Bros. W. Twizell, Prov. S.G.W.; R. Garland, Prov. G. Chap.; J. G. Tulloch, P. Prov. J.G.W.; J. Fenwick, P. Prov. G. Reg.; H. C. Hanser, P. Prov. J.G.D.; J. P. Simpson, P. Prov. J.G.D. (and W.M. Tyne Lodge No. 991); J. H. Thompson, P. Prov. G.S.B. Durham (and W.M. Industry Lodge No. 48); J. Symington, P. Prov. G. Dir. of Cirs.; J. Roddam, P.M.; G. Lawson, P.M.; J. Robertson, S.W. St. Hildas No. 210; M. F. Gray, J.W. 240; Rev. — Horsfall, Chap. No. 949, &c. The Wardens occupied their respective positions. After discussing the good things on the table, toast and song abounded, and the day was really spent in love and harmony.

NORTHAMPTON.

NORTHAMPTON.—*Pomfret Lodge* (No. 360).—The brethren of this lodge assembled in the lodge room at the George Hotel on St. John's Day, under the presidency of Bro. Richard Dunkley, the W.M., when, the minutes of the last lodge night having been read and confirmed, the W.M. vacated the chair, in favour of Bro. Thomas Riley, P.M., of the Stuart Lodge, Bedford, No. 540. Bro. Samuel Inns, Prov. G. Dir. of Cers., then presented Bro. William Kingston, the W.M. elect, for installation, the ceremony being performed with Bro. Riley's accustomed ability. Bro. Kingston then appointed the following officers:—Bros. J. T. Green, S.W.; Kellett, J.W.; Revill, S.D.; Stanton, J.D.; Sedgwick, Chap.; Flewitt, S.S.; Hinton, J.S.; Michael, I.G.; Kirby and Dean, O.G.'s. Bro. Butler Wilkins, P.M., was elected Treasurer. There were several visiting brethren present. An excellent banquet followed the lodge proceedings.

SOUTH WALES (EASTERN DIVISION.)

SWANSEA.—*Indefatigable Lodge* (No. 237).—The brethren of this important lodge celebrated the festival of St. John, on Thursday, the 27th ult., with great *eclat*. The attendance of members and visitors from neighbouring lodges was unusually large, and the presence of a number of Provincial Grand Officers, many of whom came from great distances, marked the interest felt in the evening's proceedings; the chief event being the investiture of Bro. C. Bath, P. Prov. S.G.W., as W.M. for the ensuing year, to which office his deservedly esteemed and much respected brother had been unanimously re-elected at the preceding meeting of the lodge. The R.W. the Prov. G.M. had intended to be present on the occasion, but was unavoidably prevented, but among those who crowded the lodge rooms might be observed Bros. E. J. Morris, D. Prov. G.M.; F. D. Michael, P. Prov. S.G.W.; J. G. Hall, P. Prov. S.G.W.; O. G. Williams, P. Prov. J.G.W.; P. H. Rowland, P. Prov. J.G.W.; W. Cox, Prov. G. Treas.; N. B. Allen, P. Prov. G. Treas.; T. Thomas, Prov. G. Reg.; R. Eaton, P. Prov. G. Reg.; J. Felton, Prov. G. Sec.; W. Whittington, P. Prov. G. Sec.; T. Powell, Prov. G. Dir. of Cers.; E. Fricker, Prov. G. Org.; L. Tullock, Prov. G.S.; D. Loudon, Prov. G.S.; J. Jones Hewson, Prov. G.S.; R. Thomas, W.M. elect 364; M. Tennant, W.M. elect 333; G. T. Stroud, P.M.; D. Williams, F. A. Hopwood, W. J. Nood, R. A. Essery, J. R. Francis, G. E. Bird, A. Hall, Spencer, Robinson, Harris, Edwards, Lewis, Brown, Canton, Hassall, McKiernon, Douglas, W. M. Rees, Deer, J. Jones, J. Jones, jun., Davies, Phillips, Bradford, Goldberg, Roberts, Hughes, and many others. The W.M. on resuming the chair, having made suitable and very graceful acknowledgments to the brethren for the honour and compliment paid him, proceeded to appoint his officers as follows:—Bros. J. G. Hall, I.P.M.; D. Williams, S.W.; F. A. Hopwood, J.W.; C. T. Heartley, Chap.; J. T. Nettell, Sec.; G. B. Brock, S.D.; W. J. Nood, J.D.; J. L. Towett, Dir. of Cers.; E. Fricker, Org.; J. Bradford, I.G.; W. E. Brown and W. T. Canton, Stewards. Bro. T. Powell, Prov. G. Dir. of Cers., was for the eighth time, unanimously elected Treasurer, evidencing the confidence and respect entertained by the brethren for so trusty a purse bearer. Bro. Robertson, a comparatively untried brother, was selected to fill the post of Tyler. Bros. O. G. Williams, and J. G. Hall, P.M.'s, were unanimously elected to represent the lodge at the Provincial Grand Lodge committee, both brethren thanking the lodge for the honour conferred. The brethren subsequently dined together at the Cameron Arms

Hotel, where the annual banquet was most admirably served by Host Dods, whose catering gave universal satisfaction. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received with much enthusiasm. The D. Prov. G.M. in acknowledging the hearty and complimentary manner in which the brethren had responded to the flattering mention of his name by the W.M., took occasion to observe that the Prov. G.M. and himself, most cordially approved the choice the brethren had made of a W.M. for the ensuing year. He spoke with highest terms of praise of the admirable manner in which the lodge had been worked during the past year, in which the W.M. had earned a position second to none in the province, and had succeeded, by his genial kindness and forbearance, in gaining the esteem and fraternal regard of every brother in the lodge. He hoped and believed that the present year would be a successful, profitable, and happy one, and concluded by proposing "The Health of the Worshipful Master," in terms of high eulogium. The toast was most heartily received and responded to, and the W.M. having acknowledged the compliment, proposed in succession, "The Provincial Grand Officers," "The Past Masters," "The Visitors," and "The Officers," eliciting some capital speeches, thoroughly in tone with the prevailing harmony, from Bros. F. D. Michael, P. Prov. S.G.W., the oldest Mason in the Principality; W. Cox, Prov. G. Treas.; J. Felton, Prov. G. Sec.; D. Williams, S.W., and others. The musical arrangements were under the skilful direction of Bro. E. Fricker, Prov. G. Org., assisted by Bro. S. Jones Hudson, Prov. G.S., and gave the fullest satisfaction. The proceedings throughout were of the heartiest and most harmonious character, and the brethren separated at an early hour well pleased with the evening's entertainment. We are informed that it is intended immediately to establish a Knights Templar Encampment in connection with the R.A. Chapter attached to the Indefatigable Lodge, and steps are being taken to make the necessary arrangements forthwith. The movement is very warmly taken up by the companions of the chapter, who confidently assure themselves of a great success. The Prov. G.M. will accept the position of E.C., and the D. Prov. G.M. will occupy the second chair. The other positions will be assigned to the Sir Knts. resident at Cardiff and other parts of the province, and it is hoped that much benefit will result from the associating together of brethren from the neighbouring lodges and chapters, who have given in their names as candidates in large numbers.

CARDIFF.—*Bute Lodge* (No. 960).—The installation of Worshipful Master for the ensuing year took place on Monday, 31st ult., when Bro. Thomas B. Bell, P.S.W., Prov. G. First, was duly installed, and appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. P. Bird, S.W.; S. H. Sladen, J.W.; W. H. Martin, P.M., Treas.; H. W. Moreton, P.M., Sec.; Rev. J. Jones, Chap.; Wm. Williams, S.D.; Jns. Hurman, J.D.; D. Davies, Dir. of Cers.; R. Evans, Assist. Dir. of Cers.; Thomas Shelper, I.G.; S. Weitchert and J. Colman, Stewards; W. Davies, Tyler. The whole of the impressive ceremony was most ably performed, and the addresses to the officers fervently delivered by the retiring P.M., Bro. Jno. Willans, and the Board of Past Masters was composed solely of members of the lodge. At the conclusion of the ceremony a vote of thanks was proposed by Bro. Martin, and seconded by Bro. Bird, to Bro. Willans for the very efficient performance of the duties of the chair during the past year, as well as for his services as installing master. Bro. Ware congratulated the brethren upon a very favourable balance sheet, and proposed a vote of thanks to the Treasurer, for the excellent manner in which he had managed the finances of the lodge; in acknowledging which Bro. Martin informed the brethren that, notwithstanding the heavy expenses of starting a lodge, and the considerable balance in hand, during the two years and a half of the existence of the Bute Lodge, no less a sum than £150 has been devoted to Masonic Charities. Bro. Ware gave notice of his intention to move at the next meeting that a likeness of each of the Past Masters who has filled the chair of the lodge, be taken and added to the furniture of the lodge, a proposition which it was evident would meet with the hearty concurrence of the brethren. Labour being concluded the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Windsor Hotel where an excellent banquet had been provided by Bro. S. Marks embracing all the delicacies of the season, indeed, we have before remarked that this worthy brother knows how to serve up a Masonic banquet as well as any caterer at whose table we have sat. Bro. Marks having the happy knack of providing good viands, good wines, at moderate charges, and good attendance under his personal

inspection, a combination which goes far to satisfy the most fastidious. The cloth having been removed and a good dessert placed in the table, the following Masonic and other toasts were given and responded to. "The Queen and the Craft," by the W.M. "The Prince and Princess of Wales, and Royal Family," in proposing which the W.M. stated that he was informed that the former illustrious individual has been recently proposed, ballotted for, and accepted as a Freemason, an announcement which was received with the greatest enthusiasm (and which we trust may be correct). Bro. Thorpe, P.M., proposed "The Grand Master, Bro. Earl Zetland," and the Worshipful Master, "The Deputy Grand Master and Grand Lodge." In proposing "The Health of the Provincial Grand Master," the W.M. expressed his regret that he had received no answer to his invitation to that worthy brother to be present on that evening. "The Deputy Provincial Grand Masters and Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge," was proposed by the W.M., and ably responded to by Bro. Willans, P.M., Prov. G. Deacon. "The Past Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Tynte," by the W.M., responded to by Bro. Thorpe, P.M. "The Health of the Worshipful Master," proposed in eulogistic terms by Bro. Willans, elicited a very feeling response from Bro. Bell. Song, Bro. B. Jenkins,—"The Cork Leg," with characteristic effect. The W.M. proposed "The Immediate Past Master, Bro. Willans," who duly responded. "The Officers," responded to by Bro. Bird, S.W., and Bro. Sladen, S.W. "The Visitors," coupled with the names of Bros. E. J. Thomas and P. Thomas, and the Tyler's toast by the Senior Warden, concluded the list, and the brethren separated at an early hour in the new year, after a most agreeable and truly harmonious meeting.

YORKSHIRE (NORTH AND EAST).

HULL.—*The Humber Lodge.*—On the 27th ult. being the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist, this lodge met for the purpose of installing the officers for the year ensuing. There was a large attendance of brethren of the lodge, and many visitors, including the Worshipful Masters of the Minerva and Kingston Lodges, the Beverley Lodge, some provincial officers from Lincolnshire, &c. The lodge was opened by Bro. M. Kemp, the W.M., and received with the proper Masonic salute the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. J. P. Bell, M.D., who subsequently performed the ceremony of installing Bro. W. D. Keyworth, the W.M. elect. At the close of the ceremony thanks were given by acclamation to the D. Prov. G. Master for his kindness in attending and performing the ceremony. The newly-installed W.M. then proceeded to instal his officers. After lodge duties, sixty of the brethren dined together at Glover's Hotel, where a first-class banquet was set before them, and served in Bro. Glover's usual excellent manner. The following is a complete list of the officers of the Humber Lodge for the ensuing year:—Bros. W. D. Keyworth, W.M.; M. Kemp, P.M.; J. Walker, S.W.; E. Raw, J.W.; D. Middlemist, Chap.; J. Fountain, P. Prov. G.S.B., Treas.; J. P. Backwell, Sec.; B. S. Oates, Lecture Master; W. E. Duncan, S.D.; G. H. O. Hamerton, J.D.; R. Thomas, Dir. of Cers.; J. Linwood, Librarian and Secretary to the Lodge of Instruction; J. W. Stephenson, Org.; Tesseyman, W. H. Bee, G. Spikins, G. Boulby, L. L. Gosschalk, W. H. Sollitt, M. Haberland, G. Peacock, Stewards; G. Haigh, Inner Guard; G. Gawthorn, Assistant Inner Guard; W. Johnson, Prov. G. T., Tyler; J. Norton, Assistant Tyler. Sixty sat down to the banquet.

ROYAL ARCH.

CUMBERLAND.

CARLISLE.—*Chapter of Union (No. 310).*—A regularly summoned convocation of this chapter was held, at the Freemasons' Hall, on the 27th ult., being St. John's Day. The chapter was duly opened at 1.30 p.m., by Comps. C. J. Bannister, P.Z., Prov. G. Dir. of Cirs. Grand Chapter of England, as Z.; F. W. Hayward, as H.; Thomas Routledge, P.Z., as I.; Thos. Blacklock, H., as Scribe N.; A. Woodhouse, Scribe E.; G. G. Hayward, Prin. Soj.; W. Irwin, Assist. Soj.; also, Comps. Henry Fleming and the Rev. W. Cockett. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. Henry F. Faithfull, P.M. 1,074, Cocker-mouth, which proved unanimous in his favour. He being in attendance, was duly prepared, admitted, and exalted to the high and holy degree of R.A. by

Comp. C. J. Bannister, in that beautiful and impressive manner which distinguishes him. The historical lecture was given by Comp. Thomas Routledge, the lecture on the emblems and working tools by Comp. F. W. Hayward, Z., after which the chapter was closed with prayer, according to ancient custom, the companions retiring to make room for the Craft meeting, which was held the same day.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

DEVONSHIRE.

PLYMOUTH.—*Royal Veteran Encampment.*—A meeting of this encampment was held at the Hayshe Temple, on Monday, the 31st ult. In the unavoidable absence of the E. Commander of the Encampment, Sir Knt. Ash, it was presided over in a most efficient way by Sir Knt. Rodda, P.E. Commander, who most ably installed a companion into the Order, and created him a Knight of the Temple and Sepulchre. At the conclusion of this ceremony Sir Knt. Isaac Watts, 1st Capt., was presented by Sir Knt. Rodda to Sir Knt. R. Rodd, P.E. Commander, for the benefit of installation, by whom the ceremony was most ably performed. Sir Knt. Isaac Watts having been duly proclaimed, he thereupon proceeded to appoint his officers for the coming year, viz:—Sir Knts. R. Lowe, 1st Prelate; V. Bird, P. Prov. B.B., 1st Capt.; J. Shanks, Prov. G.S.; T. Heath Expert; J. Hawton, Capt. of Lines; J. Austen, Herald, Smith, Equerry. Congratulations having been exchanged as to the recent removal into the Temple, a companion was proposed for the next encampment, and the Sir Knts. finished their Masonic labour for the year in peace and harmony.

SCOTLAND.

RENFREWSHIRE.

RENFREW.—*Prince of Wales Lodge (No. 426).*—This lodge met in their hall on the 27th ult. Bro. Noble, Deputy Master, occupied the chair, and installed Bros: Sim as W.M.; Grindlay, as Deputy Master; Kilpatrick as S.M. The other office-bearers were installed by the W.M. as follows:—Bros. J. M'L Henderson, P.M.; J. Weir, S.W.; W. Vernal, J.W.; Carl Mummie, Sec.; W. Douglass, Treas.; Rev. R. Stephen, Chap.; J. Cameron, S.D.; A. Buchanan, J.D.; W. Foggo, S. Steward; J. Crauford, J. Steward; J. Wells, I.G.; T. Steward, S.S. Bearer; J. Todd, I.S. Bearer; W. J. P. Kidd, Bible Bearer; J. Jack, Dir. of Cers.; J. Hay, Jeweller; G. Fraser, Tyler. After the ceremony of installation a social meeting was held, at which the W.M. presided, and Bro. Weir, S.W., acted as croupier. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts the Senior Warden presented the W.M. with a handsome watch and appendages. Bro. Sim suitably acknowledged this mark of respect from the brethren.

IRELAND.

LIMERICK.—*Eden Lodge (No. 73).*—The members of this lodge met at their rooms on Thursday, the 27th ult., at high noon, to instal officers for the next six months. The following brethren were duly installed:—Bros. M'Quaide, P.M., W.M.; Adams, P.M., S.W.; Stuart, J.W.; Peacocke, P.M.; Bassett, P.M.; Gibson, S.D.; Drinkwater, J.D.; MacNie, I.G. There was a numerous attendance of visiting brethren. At 6.30 the brethren adjourned to an excellently-provided banquet, which reflected much credit upon the caterer, Bro. Stuart, who carried out all the arrangements. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been given and cordially responded to, the W.M. rose and said: Brethren, the next toast on my list is one which is never forgotten in Lodge 73, and whose name is ever mentioned with the greatest respect and Masonic friendship—I mean our old, tried, trusty, and faithful Bro. Furnell, P. Prov. G.M. The toast was received most enthusiastically, all the members joining in "Should auld acquaintance be forgot." Bro. Bassett returned thanks on behalf of Bro. Furnell, and assured the brethren that he would not fail to inform that illustrious Bro. of the enthusiastic manner in which the toast of his health was so well proposed by the W.M., and responded to by all present.

The W.M. requested the brethren to fill a bumper, as he intended to propose the health of a valued old Mason who was present, and was no other than Bro. William Glover, P.M. The toast was received with every mark of respect and esteem. Bro. Glover, in rising to respond, said; Worshipful Master and brethren, I thank you sincerely for this manifestation of friendship towards myself. I am now in my eighty-fifth year, and, no doubt, not far from the grave. I feel that I can depend on our Grand Master above, and that all my dependence is on the Deity. Whilst on this earth I know I cannot have too many friends, and I feel that I am here amidst my best friends. I feel happy among you, my brethren. I have been a member of your noble Order for over sixty-two years, and I must say that during that long period I have never regretted being a member of that honourable brotherhood. Look where you will all over the globe, from India to the Poles, and round about every region and clime, and you will find the existence of Freemasonry from time immemorial. Wherever man is to be found there our Order prevails—all are brought into that fold, which is safety and brotherly love. No matter what creed or politics, you have peace, love, and harmony; and safety is the watchword and beauty of Masonry. Bro. Glover concluded a most interesting discourse, which was listened to throughout with the greatest possible interest. Other toasts followed, and the brethren dispersed highly gratified with the proceedings of the day, which were enlivened by the singing and recitations volunteered by several of the brethren.

TRALEE.—*Lodge No. 379.*—The members of this lodge celebrated the festival of St. John, at Benmers Hotel, on the 28th ult. Upwards of forty-five sat down to dinner at six o'clock. The bill of fare was excellent, and did credit to the establishment. Under the late W.M. Bro. D. de Courcy McGillicuddy, jun., the lodge made rapid progress. His zeal, his energy, and his close attention to the duties of his office have greatly contributed to advance the interests of the lodge. Visiting brethren have from time to time, we are informed, pronounced 379 amongst one of the best conducted lodges in Ireland. Its members have increased largely during the past year. The evening past off most agreeably. After the usual toasts, some excellent singing and music followed. The chair was ably filled by Bro. William J. Egar, who has been elected W.M. for the ensuing half year. The brethren were highly pleased with the evenings proceedings.

ISLE OF MAN.

DOUGLAS.—*Athole Lodge (No. 1004).*—The members of this lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John, on Thursday, the 27th ult., at the lodge rooms, Douglas Hotel. There was an excellent muster of the members of the Craft, special interest being taken in the proceedings from the fact that the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. H. Priest Mayle, was to take place during the evening. Amongst those present were the following four Past Masters, Bros. H. Mayle, T. Bawden, E. R. Allpress, and J. R. Bowman. The last two were visitors, as were also Bros. Dr. Montford, Entwistle, 371; Walton, of London; and H. Murray Scott, of King Solomon's Lodge. The new W.M. was duly installed by the Past Masters, the Installing Master being Bro. H. Mayle. Bro. Dr. J. N. Cregeen, was then raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason; and subsequently the officers for the ensuing year were appointed as follow: Bros. T. S. Shaw, S.W.; L. P. Kewley, J.W.; H. Mayle, P.M., Treas.; John A. Brown, Sec.; T. Handley, S.D.; and Samuel Webb, J.D. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the banquetting room, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

RAMSEY.—*St. Manghold Lodge (No. 1,075).*—The anniversary meeting of this young and flourishing lodge, was celebrated on Wednesday, the 2nd inst. The lodge having been opened by Bro. H. Rothwell who had been unanimously re-elected W.M. for the ensuing year, the only business before it, was the appointment of officers, who were duly invested by Bro. J. Crennell, P.M. 104, with an ability rarely witnessed in any lodge, as follow, viz.:—Bros. Dumbell, S.W.; Webb, J.W.; Hunter, Treas.; Higgins, Sec.; Rev. W. Kermode, Chap.; Walker, S.D.; Henderson, J.D.; Skeoch, I.G.; Vondy, Tyler. Bro. Crennell delivered the usual addresses in a very able manner. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren proceeded to the Royal Hotel where a sumptuous banquet was prepared and served up in the

most perfect manner, calling forth the encomiums of the brethren and reflecting the greatest credit on Miss Mybrea's skill as a purveyor. About thirty sat down, the W.M. presiding. After the repast, the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft, the Prince and Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal family," were drunk with becoming loyalty, after which the W.M. gave "The Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, the Earl of Zetland, the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Earl de Grey and Biron, and Officers of the Grand Lodge," in doing so he observed that the Earl of Zetland, was known to be a good Mason. and for many years presided over our Masonic affairs with unwearied exertions, the W.M. regretted that Bro. Bannister, P.G.S.B. who was with them the last lodge, could not attend this evening, to return thanks on behalf of the Grand Lodge, The W.M. then gave "The Past Officers of the St. Manghold Lodge," who briefly replied, Bro. R. Teare then proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," in highly complimentary terms, which was received with Masonic honours, accompanied by the warmest demonstrations of respect and attachment. The W.M. briefly returned thanks, and hoped his next year of office would prove as successful as the last had been. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Newly Elected Officers," who severally responded. The Rev. Chaplain in replying to this health being drunk, delivered a very eloquent oration, on Masonry, its history, progress and teachings. The toast of "The Visitors," was responded to by Bro. Crennell, P.M., who pointed out to the officers and brethren their respective duties for the success of the lodge, and also congratulated the lodge on its increase in the number of respectable members admitted during the past year. The Tylers toast was then proposed, and the brethren separated after having spent a very agreeable evening.

Obituary.

DEATH OF BRO. WILLIAM BEAN, ALDERMAN, SCARBORO.'

We regret to have to announce the death, on the morning of the 22nd ult., of a very old and highly respected member and P.M. of the Old Globe Lodge, Scarborough' (No. 200). The deceased, Bro. Alderman Bean, was in the eightieth year of his age. His loss will not only be regretted amongst the Craft, but by a numerous circle of non-Masonic friends to whom he had endeared himself as one of the oldest inhabitants of Scarborough, and who had during his whole lifetime manifested a warm and constant interest in the welfare of the town. Bro. Bean was initiated in the Old Globe Lodge, Scarborough, on November 16th, 1814, and was exalted to the Royal Arch degree on the 7th June, 1816, of which he was a P.Z., and was unremitting in his attendances at the lodge and chapter meetings, Provincial Grand Lodge, &c.

Bro. Bean, as a public man, held the position of a member of the Scarborough' Town Council, of which body he was the oldest member, and had, we understand, been elected by the burgesses a greater number of times than any other gentleman. In the year 1856, he was first raised to the aldermanic bench. He was generally regular in his attendance at the meetings of the Council, and was mostly able to give useful advice on the subjects brought up for discussion. Although Bro. Bean did not push himself forward as a public man, his influence in municipal, and especially in political matters, was considerable, and he was for many years the acknowledged leader of the Liberal party in this town, until advancing age obliged him to take a less active interest in party strife. There was, however, one way in which Bro. Bean distinguished himself, and one pursuit in the study of which he was known, we may say, in every scientific circle, at home or abroad. We allude to his passionate love and successful study of natural history. Bro. Bean's affection for the pursuit of natural history may almost be said to have been inherent. Very early in life he distinguished himself as a botanist and entomologist; but it is in geology and British conchology that he has won a reputation, not only European but even American. There is scarcely a museum in the kingdom or on the continent but where his familiar handwriting attached to his specimens may be seen, and his discoveries in conchology, though not always acknowledged so handsomely as they ought to have been, were numerous and important. The magazines of natural history are the depository of many of his valuable contributions, and his collections have been the wonder and admiration of visitors to

Scarborough for many years; Bro. Bean, with praiseworthy affability, being always accessible, not merely to the student, but to the general admirer of the works of nature. His knowledge of the literature of his country was extensive. Every British poet he had read and remembered, and a series of British ferns, each with an appropriate poetical motto, is not the least interesting of his collection.

The deceased brother was interred with full Masonic honours, on the 28th ult., in the cemetery, Scarboro'. The brethren assembled at the Freemasons' Hall, Globe-street, Scarboro', at half-past one o'clock, when the Master Mason's Lodge was opened, and the funeral duties performed, after which the brethren formed a procession, and marched to Vernon-place, where it met the body and proceeded from thence to the cemetery, at three o'clock. The brethren being dressed in mourning, with aprons and white gloves, the officers wearing their insignia and jewels. The procession was headed by the police, followed by the Mayor, Corporation, Magistrates, and gentry. The band of the 6th North York Volunteers playing the "Dead March in Saul." The brethren of the Royal Lodge, Filey, in the following order:—

Tyler with his drawn sword.
The Stewards with white rods.
The brethren out of office, two and two.
The Secretary with a scroll.
The Treasurer with his badge of office.
The Senior and Junior Wardens hand in hand.
The Past Master.
The Old Globe Lodge in the following order, with flowers or herbs in their hands:—
The Tyler.
Two Deacons.
Drums muffled and trumpets covered.
The members of the lodge.
The Secretary and Treasurer.
The Senior and Junior Wardens.
The Past Master.
The Holy Writings on a cushion covered with black cloth, carried by the oldest member of the lodge.
The Master.
The clergyman.
THE BODY.
with regalia placed thereon, and two swords crossed
Chief mourners.
Assistant mourners.
Two Stewards with rods.
Tyler.

The funeral service was performed by the Rev. R. T. L. Blunt, M.A., vicar, assisted by Bro. the Rev. Disney L. Alexander, M.A., Chaplain of the Old Globe Lodge.

Many hundred persons attended the funeral. The pall-bearers were R. Champley, Esq. (mayor), John Leckenby, Esq., J.P., Bros. J. J. P. Moody (town clerk), Godfrey Knight, W.M.; Major J. W. Woodall, P. Prov. J.G.W.; James Fredk. Spurr, P.M.; W. B. Steward, P.M.; and Solomon W. Theakston, P.S.W. A few brethren from Hull, York, Malton, and other neighbouring lodges attended, and nearly all the resident Masons in Scarboro'.

The W.M., after the funeral service, put a sprig of acacia into the grave, and some of the brethren threw in their flowers, &c., and the Secretary his scroll. The weather was fine, but the wind rather high.

After the funeral the brethren returned in procession to close the lodge.

MEETINGS OF THE SCIENTIFIC AND LEARNED SOCIETIES FOR THE WEEK ENDING JAN. 19TH, 1867.

Monday, Jan. 14th.—ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY, at 8.30.

Wednesday, Jan. 16th.—METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY, at 7.

THE WEEK.

THE COURT.—The Queen walked and drove on the afternoon of the 2nd inst., accompanied by Princess Louise; and her Majesty drove out on the morning of the 3rd inst. with Princess Christian. The Queen drove out in a sledge, accompanied by Princess Christian, and again in the afternoon with Princess Louise. Her Majesty walked and drove on the morning of the 4th inst. with Princess Christian. The other members of the royal family went out also. The Queen drove out in a sledge in the afternoon, accompanied by Prince Leopold and Princess Beatrice; and on the morning of the 5th inst. her Majesty drove in a sledge with Princess Christian. The Queen drove out in a sledge in the afternoon, attended by the Dowager Duchess of Athol. Prince and Princess Christian walked in the grounds and the other members of the royal family went out also. The Queen and their Royal Highnesses Prince and Princess Christian, Princess Louise, Prince Leopold, and Princess Beatrice, attended divine service at Osborne on the morning of the 6th inst. The Queen walked in the grounds on the morning of the 7th inst., accompanied by Princess Louise. The Queen drove out on the afternoon of the 8th inst., accompanied by Princess Louise; and her Majesty walked on the morning of the 9th inst., with her royal highness.

GENERAL HOME NEWS.—The return of the Registrar-General as to the health of London states that the deaths in the week ending January 5 were 178 below the average, but that "registration and funerals had been more or less retarded by the severe frost and the great snow-storm." The Registrar-General must be somewhat of a wag, as, after saying that "the deaths of 17 infants accidentally suffocated in bed were registered during the week," he gravely adds, "After festive nights parents cannot take too much care of their children!" There were no deaths from cholera. The mortality in the great cities of the kingdom during the year 1866 is stated to have been for each 1,000 living: Birmingham and Hull, 24; Bristol, 25; London, 26; Edinburgh, 27; Sheffield and Dublin, 28; Salford, 29; Glasgow, 30; Manchester and Newcastle-on-Tyne, 32; and Liverpool, 42. A very proper course has been adopted by Alderman Besley in the case of a person convicted of sending meat to market unfit for human food. Robert Puddy, a butcher, carrying on business at East Brent, near Weston-super-Mare, was summoned before the alderman for having sent four quarters of beef, a head, and a tongue to Newgate Market for sale as human food, notwithstanding that it was quite unfit for that purpose. The charge was proved, and Alderman Besley, being quite alive to the well-established fact that fines have no effect on individuals capable of indulging in such a dangerous fraud, wisely decided upon sentencing the defendant to two months' imprisonment in the House of Correction.—Two foreigners, named Adolphe Kroger, alias Groger, and George Tapplass, were charged at the Thames Police-court on the 4th inst., with having in their possession 107 five-rouble notes, which had been forged, with intent to defraud the Russian Government. The forged notes were said to be very cleverly executed. From information the police received they went to a house in Whitechapel, introduced themselves to the prisoners who lodged there, and, after a search, succeeded in finding one genuine five-rouble Russian note in a small bag in possession of Kroger, and 107 forged Russian notes for five roubles each, exact imitations of the genuine note, but on different paper, secreted between a bed and a mattress. It appears that this latest discovery is an offshoot of the gigantic fraud on the Russian Government, about which the public have already heard something. It will

be remembered that about a year ago some persons were prosecuted at the Central Criminal Court for having in their possession a large quantity of similar notes, and according to the belief of a gentleman connected with the Russian Consul late, all the notes were printed from the same plate. It appears that the forged notes have been circulated to a large extent in Russia. The case was only partially gone into. At the request of the counsel for prosecution, the prisoners were remanded.—A curious fraud was exposed at the Clerkenwell Police-court on the 5th inst. Two men, named John Adams and Philip Bovell, were charged with conspiring to procure the release of Bovell from prison. On the 15th December, Adams was sentenced at the Thames Police-court to fourteen days' imprisonment for some workhouse offence. 'On the same day and at the same court Bovell was sentenced to two months' imprisonment for a violent assault. On their way to Coldbath-fields Prison the two worthies agreed to exchange names, and, as they hoped, sentences. Adams had sore legs, and wanted rest and the medical attendance of the gaol, and therefore agreed to become Bovell for two months on condition that Bovell paid him a shilling. The exchange was made; Adams became Bovell, and Bovell Adams in the prison. All went well until the 23rd December, when a letter came for Bovell. Of course, it was taken to Adams, and he was questioned about it. Then the whole plot became known. The prisoners were committed for trial.—At the Marlborough-street Police-court, on the 7th inst., Mr. Bentinck, M.P., residing in Charles-street, Berkeley-square, and Mr. P. Doyle, of Half Moon-street, Piccadilly, applied to Mr. Tyrwhitt for summonses against the Vestry of St. Georges's, Hanover-square, "for the non-removal of snow from certain streets in that parish." The applicants expatiated on what they declared to be the neglect of the Vestry quoted the Acts of Parliament on which they grounded their complaints, and assured the magistrate that their sole object in asking for the summonses was to raise the question, and thus have it decided who was really responsible for the disgraceful state in which the streets of the metropolis had been allowed to remain during the last few days. Mr. Tyrwhitt had some doubt as to whether the issue of the summonses against the vestry would have any effect, and intimated that he would look into the Acts and give his answer on a future day.—A coroner's jury has passed a strong censure on Dr. Massingham, one of the Bethnal-green parish officers. Ann Terrey, a married woman, expecting her confinement, had got an order for the Lying-in Hospital, City-road. On the 2nd inst. she was seized at home with labour pains, and a cab was called to take her to the hospital; but the cabman refused to go unless more money was paid than could be raised. The altercation was scarcely over when a child was born. The sister of the woman got an order for the attendance of Dr. Massingham, and asked him to visit the deceased. He refused until his usual time for visiting came, and altogether, if the statements of the witnesses may be believed, he seems to have behaved in a heartless manner. The woman died on the 3rd inst. at noon. These facts were brought out at an inquest, and the jury declared Dr. Massingham to be unfit for the office he holds.—The Lord Mayor has committed for trial the men who are charged with conspiring to defraud the underwriters by scuttling the ship *Severn*.—We have accounts of the ravages of the recent great storm. One of the most painful stories is that of how the *John Gray*, a Glasgow West Indiaman, came to be wrecked. Her captain refused all assistance, and the result was he got the ship ashore in Mount's Bay. The rocket apparatus was brought into use, and a line thrown right over the ship. The captain, however, refused to allow his men to avail

themselves of this means of getting ashore. Later, when the lifeboat gallantly got off to the ship, the captain refused to leave her, and even threatened his crew if they got into the boat. Fifteen of them, however, got on board the boat, which took them safely ashore. The captain, first mate, second mate, and a French sailor who was ill, remained on board. The ship went to pieces soon afterwards, and they were drowned.—A numerous and influential deputation from the Evicted Tenant's Aid Association waited, on the 9th inst., upon the Earl of Derby, for the purpose of bringing under the notice of the Government the evils and miseries entailed upon the poor of the metropolis by overcrowding in their dwellings. The deputation urged that Parliament should be asked to pass measures compelling railway companies to provide dwellings for the poor evicted by their works; and, further, that Mr. Torren's bill of last session, for the rebuilding of dilapidated houses, and for otherwise providing houses for the poor, should be passed. The Earl of Derby declared his sympathy with the objects of the association, and asked the assistance of the members of Parliament present in providing a remedy for the existing state of things.—Mr. Tyrwhitt, on the 9th inst., gave Messrs. Bentincke, M.P., and Doyle the benefit of his opinion in reference to the liability of the vestries to answer for not clearing away the snow from the street. The magistrate seems to have been annoyed because Mr. Bentinck brought law-books into court from which to quote on the subject. He begged to assure Mr. Bentinck that magistrates were barristers with books of their own, and not the mere Dogberries they had been described in a letter to a contemporary of ours. Coming to the question raised, he laid it down that the ratepayers had no remedy against the vestries if the contractors employed by the vestries neglected to remove snow or refuse from the streets. Mr. Bentinck said he was glad to hear it, because it would compel the Legislature to deal with the matter.—Mr. James Freeling-Wilkinson, late manager of the Joint Stock Discount Company, was put upon his trial, on the 9th inst., at the Central Criminal Court, on a charge of appropriating to his own use two cheques for large amounts, the property of the company. The case occupied the whole day, and had not concluded when the court rose. In the second court, a cooper, named Frederick Bicknell, was charged with arson, and being convicted, was sentenced to penal servitude for ten years. The Common-Serjeant had before him the men charged with conspiring to defraud by the mock auction dodge. After the case for the prosecution was closed, it was contended for the defence that the offence charged did not constitute a conspiracy to defraud in the meaning of the law. The objection was held to be fatal, and the prisoners were liberated.—Charles Yarwood, a tailor was summoned before Alderman William Lawrence charged with having committed wilful and corrupt perjury in an affidavit. The defendant, in the course of some business transactions which he had with Messrs. Westall and Proctor, woollen-drapers, of Gresham-place, had occasion to accept of two bills of exchange, one for £49 0s. 6d., and the other for £110. When they became due he could only meet payment in part, which satisfied the Messrs. Westall and Proctor. Soon afterwards the defendant became bankrupt, and the prosecutors at once set about obtaining judgment on the two bills they held of him. The latter met this step by swearing an affidavit to the effect that he never accepted the said two bills of exchange, or either of them, nor authorised any person on his behalf to do so. Alderman Lawrence decided upon committing the accused for trial.

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J. G. T.—The reports will be regularly inserted if sent to us. They should reach us not later than Wednesday if intended to appear in the Magazine of the same week, as we go to press every Thursday evening.

J. B.—Thanks for your report, which, with several others, has reached us too late for insertion in our present issue.

WARDEN.—The subject of a proposed Masonic Directory was fully ventilated in this MAGAZINE some time since.