

LONDON, SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 1867.

HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY IN CORNWALL.

By ✠ Bro. WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN, 18°, &c,
(Continued from page 42.)

The lodge was opened in due form, August 10th, 1785, Bro. John Tresidder as R.W.M. "The minutes of the last lodge having been confirmed, the R.W.M. proposed that an extra lodge should be called on the 13th inst., in order to nominate a suitable brother to fill the office of P.G.M. for Cornwall, vacant by the decease of the late Bro. Stephen Bell, P.G.M., and that the Lodge of Regularity and Reputation, held in the same town, and the members of the other lodges in the county be desired to attend for that purpose. The proposition was seconded by the W.T. and carried. Accordingly, on the day fixed, a large number of the members of Love and Honour assembled in their lodge room, with Bro. Thomas Williams as acting R.W.M., in the chair.

VISITING BRETHREN.

Lodge of Regularity and Reputation, Falmouth.

Joseph Banfield, R.W.M.
James Tippet, W.S.W.
R. Snell, junr., W.J.W.
Jacob Wolfe, W.T.
John Richards, W.S.
Thomas Bell.
Charles Clutterbuck.

Lodge of Peace, Joy, and Brotherly Love, Penryn.

Samuel Spargo.
Captain Roberts.

The usual questions having been asked, the Worshipful Treasurer proposed Bro. Sir John St. Aubyn, Bart., as one fully qualified to act as Prov. G.M. of the province (provided he will agree to accept the same) now vacant by the demise of the late R.W. Bro. Stephen Bell, and Bro. Williams, R.W.M., seconded the proposition. Bro. Joseph Banfield nominated, and the R.W.M. also seconded "that in case Sir John St. Aubyn, Bart. (whilst acknowledging the desirability of such an appointment being vested in that distinguished baronet) should refuse to accept that offices that Sir Francis Bassett, Bart., be requested to act in his stead. These propositions met with a ready response, and Bro. Thomas Bell proposed that circular letters should be written to the several lodges in the province, informing them of the result of the day's deliberations, and requesting them to inform the R.W.M. if their

opinion coincided with those expressed and adopted by the meeting. It appears also from this record and also succeeding ones, that the lodges held in this town of Falmouth were on visiting terms (although the recent one was in some respects a rival claimant for predominancy in the province, but notwithstanding the ancient Lodge of Love and Honour held its own, and year by year progressed).

A meeting of the lodge was held on September 28th, when the following brethren attended, viz., Thomas Bell, R.W.M., and Joseph Banfield, P.M., of Lodge Regularity and Reputation; Joseph Adams, P.M., and Marcleony Dabelz, of St. John; Thos. Wilkinson, R.W.M., Fortitude, Manchester; and William Willcock, Godolphin, Isles of Scilly.

Another candidate was again initiated, passed, and raised the same evening, on November 10th, because he was a seafaring man. We notice that Bro. Francis St. Aubyn was initiated at the close of the year. At the same meeting, the 18th Bye-law, by direction of the R.W.M. was read by the Secretary, when agreeably thereto several brethren were fined half-a-crown each for staying in the house beyond the time limited after the lodge was duly closed. A distressed brother, on the recommendation of Brother Odgers was relieved with half-a-guinea, out of the funds of the lodge. Another distressed brother was benevolently assisted by the lodge with half a guinea likewise; and moreover, the lodge ordered that five shillings a week should be paid him until directions were given to the contrary. Also on May 1st, 1786, the Treasurer was requested to pay the sum of two guineas to Brother Roberts, because he was through misfortune in very embarrassed circumstances. The amount was ordered to be paid him in the most *private and delicate* manner.

The festival of St. John the Baptist was celebrated on June 28th, 1786. There was an average attendance of the members. Brother Thomas Williams was unanimously elected Master, and appointed Brother John Pearse S.W., and Bro. W. Mankin J.W. Bro. John Bellhouse, and Bro. Billard were unanimously elected to the offices of Treasurer and Secretary, respectively. Brother Clutterbuck proposed to abolish the 17th Bye-law, and in lieu thereof to substitute the following:— "That the members of this lodge shall meet annually to celebrate the festival of St. John the Baptist, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, on the day to be appointed by the Grand Lodge. That

The proportionate part of the expenses of the members present to be defrayed out of the funds of the lodge, and that every brother not being a member, shall pay or account with the Treasurer for seven shillings and sixpence as a visiting fee. Bro. Nicholls proposed "That the celebration of the annual festival be inserted in the *Shuborne* or some other public paper.

Mr. George Williams at a subsequent meeting was proposed and elected as a candidate for initiation, and in consequence of the service he might be to the lodge, his being under age was dispensed with. We expect that reason would not avail in the present day. P. Eller, our late Tyler, being very ill, was relieved with one guinea, being much in want, and having a large family." A lodge of emergency was convened on the 7th September, 1786, for the purpose of installing Sir John St. Aubyn, Bart., as Provincial Grand Master of the County of Cornwall. As might have been expected, the members mustered in force, and were gratified besides in witnessing several visiting brethren from the Druid's Lodge, Redruth; St. Michael, Marazion; Phoenix Lodge of Honour and Prudence, Truro; Lodge of Peace, Joy, and Brotherly Love, Penryn (seventeen members), Lodge of St. John, Joseph Banfield and Sir John St. Aubyn, Bart., and Sir Francis Bassett, Bart., Christopher Hawkins, Esq., and Colonel Lemon. The minutes of the last lodge being read and approved, Bro. George proposed that the R.W.M. of the Lodge of Love and Honour invest Sir John St. Aubyn, and instal him into the office of Provincial Grand Master of the province of Cornwall. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously by show of hands. The R.W. Bro. St. Aubyn, having been invested in due form, was thrice proclaimed as Provincial Grand Master, and an excellent charge was subsequently given to him by the R.W.M. The above business having been concluded Mr. Henry St. Aubyn was initiated in the first degree, passed to the Fellow Craft, and raised to the degree of Master." Another meeting of the lodges was duly convened for the 11th October, 1786, and after the usual preliminaries of opening, reading the minutes, &c. Bro. Clutterbuck proposed and Bro. Rogers seconded "That the first by-law be repeated as far as respects the days of meeting, and that instead of meeting on the second and last Wednesday, the members shall meet on the second and last Thursday in each month." It also was proposed

"That the Secretary write the Grand Secretary of the alteration, that it may be noticed in the "Masonic Almanack." We hope that several secretaries who have neglected this desirable rule, will notice this request, and make the *Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book* for 1868 (1867 being published) as perfect as the present Grand Secretary desires it shall be, by sending him a notice of any alteration in the nights and places of meeting of their respective lodges, as we have reason to fear there are several omissions in that respect of late. The first *Freemasons' Calendar*, published by the authority of the Grand Lodge was in 1777. *Scott's Pocket Companion*, however, was issued several years preceding that year, and contained much valuable information. The officers were elected and appointed 14th December, 1786, as follows:—Bros. John Pearse, R.W.M.; Robert Snell, S.W.; Christopher Nicholls, J.W.; John Bellhouse, Treasurer; Peter Billard, Secretary. At a subsequent meeting the following letter was read by the R.W.M.:—"Freemasons' Hall, 23rd December, 1786. I duly received our Brother Billard's letters of the 4th and 27th ultimo, and last week I received a tin case containing the vote of thanks of your lodge to the Grand Master and Acting Grand Master, which you may depend I will take the first opportunity of presenting to them. The alteration of your nights of meeting came too late to be inserted in the Calendar for 1787, but it shall be noticed in the next.

"I am, R.W. Master and Brethren,

"Your obedient servant and brother,

"(Signed) W. WHITE, G.S.

"No. 95, Lodge of Love and Honour,
Falmouth."

The following propositions were duly proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously:—1. That the lodge subscribe for the prints of the Right Honourable Lord Petre and His Grace the Duke of Manchester (Past Grand Masters of the Society of Free and Accepted Masons) as proposed in the last letter by the Grand Lodge in their quarterly communications. 2. That a canopy be erected over the Master's chair. 3. That the clock belonging to the lodge be sent to London to be repaired as soon as possible." There was a very large attendance of the members at the next meeting, when some very difficult questions were considered, and eventually decided by an appeal to the ballot. It would appear that one of the prin-

principal provincial officers was charged with two breaches of Masonic law by the lodge.

(To be continued.)

EARS OF WHEAT FROM A CORNUCOPIA.

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CURIOSITIES OF MASONIC DISCIPLINE.

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In the matter of discipline, the Craft are not now, as in the days of yore, supported by the civil power; neither do we of the present day deny to brethren under censure the right of appeal, as did our Masonic ancestors. Nonpayment of dues, and non-attendance at meetings of the Fraternity, were offences which were followed by the infliction of heavy penalties, in certain cases involving banishment from the town in which the defaulter wrought—a worse punishment than having one's apron committed to the flames amid indignities such as are described in the minute of date Nov. 29, 1764, introduced by Bro. Hughan into his notes on the Cornish lodges. Offences other than those we have named will form the subject of subsequent papers.

The oppressive exercise of the power to punish transgressors against the ordinances of the Craft seems to have attracted the attention of the civic authorities, for at a convention of the magistrates of Air, held in 1590, the Fraternity's privileges as to the recovery of fines were somewhat circumscribed:—

“ . . . It is statut and ordanit be provest, baillies, and counsale, that ther be na maner of poynding within this burch in ony tyme cuming upon ony act or statut sett doune amangis the Craftis thairof, without concurence and authority of the magistrats of the sd burch being for the tyme had and obtaned thairof, under the pane of 5 pund of unlaw.”

The check thus given to the rigorous administration of the Masonic penal code would seem in the next century to have been succeeded by great laxity of discipline, insomuch as to render necessary the services of learned neutrals in rescuing from oblivion a knowledge of the statutes by which the brethren of a former generation were wont to regulate their lodge affairs:—

“ Upon the 20 day of Januari, 1680 yeris, att the lodge of Kilwinning, there being ane numberable companie of the massounis of the sd lodge of Kilwinning, to witt, Allan Caldwell, deacone,

John Massoun, present wardane, and the rest of the members, findeing that ther is great loss for want of order amongst us, and it is found relevant and right among the sd breethren that ar heir convened, to witt, Allane Caldwell, deacon, John Allason, warden, James Law, Thomas Caldwell, and John Young, quartermaster, that it [is] ffit that pappers concerneing the sd lodge, to witt the old warden books, were consulted and information taken be lowers [lawyers], whereby the former abuses and disorders may be in times comeing put to execution and the falters corrected and punished accordinglie as in former tymes, and grants, etc.”

Here follow the conditions upon which we find a brother to have been, at Air in 1604, advanced to the rank of Master Mason:—

“ Qlk day the deakin and craft forsd. hes admittit and resavit John M'Knedar, massoun frieman, to the friedoum of the massoun craft within the burgh; and for this caus he sall pay to the craft ten merkis on this wise, to witt, of everie xxs that he getts for his wark qlk he executis aither in town or countrie he sall pay thereof xl. d., how soune that ever he ressaves it. And lykwyis of everie xxs. he getts for work fra landlordis furt he sall pay half ane merk thereof, and qll [until] the sd. ten merkis be payit. And in cais he failis he is at the first falt to be baniset the libertie of the sd craft, and never to cum within the town to work againe of tyme furth.”

Our next extract shows how silence under correction was to be enforced—and the curtains of the “sanctum” being accidentally parted, neutrals are treated to a peep at the brethren in the solemn attitude of oath-taking:—

“ October 16, 1605. . . . Qlk day the deakin and craft forsd. hes maid this act to stand in tyme cuming, that qlk of thame efter they be pointid for ony just falt or occasioun, accourding to the auld ordour, maks ony murmuring or impediment in the court, that murmurer sall pay ane dubill unlaw unforgevin to the dekin and to the craft. Qlk act the hail brethren hes halzen up their handis and swourne to put in executioun at all tymes as effeirs.”

Failing to reach defaulters by way of decrees and seizure of goods and gear, this other course was adopted to bring the refractory under subjection:—

“ Kilwinning, 1645. . . . Item, they hev ordanit that na man sall tak in wark Patrick Greir, Robert Cauldwell, and John Carruth, nor ges

tham ony service, till thay have satisfit the craft for thair forsd unlawis and disobedience, neither sall ony work to thame till they hev satisfiet as sds is, under the pane of ten merkis money of unlaw for ilk contravener."

"Kilwinning, Dec. 20, 1654. . . . It is statut and ordanit be deacoun and wardane, with consent of the whole brethren, that nane sall work with thaim that are refractourie to the ludg, under the penaltie of ten merkis."

Extracts having reference to compulsory attendance at Mason courts could be greatly multiplied; but the following may suffice:—

"Kilwvynning, Dec. 20, 1643. . . . Item, it is concordit and aggreit that all thair maisteris sall convey peremptorie at Kilwvynning the foird day yeirly, under the penaltie of fourtie schillingis money, and enter prenteisses twenty schillingis money toties quoties."

"Kilwinning, Dec. 20, 1654. . . . The qlk day the deacoun and wardane decernit and ordanit Robert Quhyte, massoun burgess in Air, etc., to pay to the box for ther fyve courtis bygane ilk ane of thaim xls. for ilk court absent, to witt ilk ane of thaim; also ilk ain of thaim xl lb. for ther declynis from the rewilles of the sd court, conform to one act therenant."

"Kilwinning, Dec. 20, 1667. . . . The qlk day Quintin McGreen having satled with the lodge for the expensses of ane decreet obtaned, and also for ane fyne for ane absence of ane year, and peying out of his sex poundis as a pairt of his entery, and discharges him of all proceedings, paying to Robert Knox the soume of five merkis halfe merk."

"Air, 1723. . . . The trade, considering that William Jamieson hath absented himself several times from the meetings of the trade, albeit duly warned, and hath this day absented himself, notwithstanding the trade's officer declares that he warned him to this day, the trade unlaws and amerciat him in xxxis Scots for his contumacy and ordain the tred officer to poind him for the fine forsaid."

"Kilwinning, Dec. 20th, 1727. . . . The sd day the above members drew out a list of debtors and gave ane comission to David Mure, prt. diction, to uplift and pershew for the same as he sees need; as also it is enacted that the absent in the town of Irvine shall be poinded, conform to the act of the book; and also hes fined Moses Crawford for not attending this day's meeting."

Judgment passed by the Mason courts upon defaulters embraced an order for payment of expenses:

1681. . . . The deacons and wardens decerns and ordanes John Hart and William Smyth to make payment to the sd antient ludge of the soum of fortie pounds Scot money each ane of them for ther breaches, conforme to our antient acts, as being enter prenteises, with threttie schillingis Scots of expenses of plea each ane of them, according to justice."

As we have seen, absentees from statutory meetings of the Fraternity were subjected to fines—and so strong was the hold which this system had upon the Craft that in agreeing to have extraordinary communications our ancient brethren could not free themselves from a yoke which, considering the frequency of legal proceedings for the recovery of "unlaws," must have been felt to be oppressive. Here we find the Craftsmen of Kilwinning voluntarily fixing fines as the alternative for neglecting to attend meetings which were unprovided for by any act of court—the record of such arrangement being beautified by an acknowledgment of man's continued dependence upon the Deity.

"Dec. 20, 1716. . . . The members above-written oblidgeth them to meet here at this place upon the 12 of July 1717, under the pain of one merk Scots money in cais of failure."

"Dec. 20, 1717. . . . The above day the members here met do order that we do meet again upon the 12th of July next, God willing, under the penaltie of one merk Scots money in cais of failure, to be paid upon demand."

THE NEMESIS: A TALE OF THE DAYS OF TRAJAN.

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CHAPTER XVIII.

THE STORY OF PYGMALION.

"Why should I set before you Pygmalion, a statuary? who considering the great inconveniences of marriage, had resolved to live single; but afterwards making a most elegant and artificial image of Venus, he felt so much in love with his own workmanship, that he begged of Venus to turn it into a woman."—*Zooke*

Caius felt the fever of love fire his blood, and

disturb his repose. He grew absent and gloomy, and Adrian in vain questioned him, but he would not tell the secret of his disquiet. One night his anguish kept him awake, and gradually through the mist of sighs arose the resolve to end his doubts and learn his fate from Phryne. Kneeling before a statue of Apollo, as the sun burst right gloriously through the gloom, he breathed a prayer to the god for assistance,

"Thou shinest brightly, O Sol! dost thou smile upon my suit, and herald my path to successful love? God of Poesy, hear thy votary's prayer, and beg of Venus to smile upon, to assist me in my soul. Great God, who to me hast given the power to touch the rugged hearts of men, yea, even the hearts of grey beards who will weep, and scorn to hide the tear that trickles down the wrinkles of their cheeks like rivers through their beds, one other boon grant me. Set thy celestial fire upon my lips, that I may tell my love, and win the heart of Phryne, and to thy shrine will I dedicate many a goodly offering."

As he was preparing to go to Phryne, Adrian entered. The cousins embraced warmly, and Adrian said—

"I am glad to have found you in. Licenius wishes us both to go with him to Tivoli, to spend some days there. Say will you go with me to-day?"

"To-day I cannot, I am otherwise engaged."

"The Emperor will give you a week's holiday."

"Certainly, but it is not with Trajan. I intend to visit a friend in Rome."

"What friend can it be of such consequence?"

"Murtius the philosopher."

"Who?" asked Adrian with a start.

"Murtius."

"Not the Athenian?"

"The same. Do you know him?"

"Yes, by report," said Adrian, gloomily. "But tell me how you became acquainted with him?"

"Balbus took me there one day."

"Balbus," cried Adrian, angrily, "what hast thou to do with Balbus. This is worse and worse. Know you, coz, who this Balbus is? Know you not that it is he who lends heirs' money at ruinous interest, who dabbles in men's blood by sheepskin bonds, who courts the rich, who truckles to the great, and sets his heel upon the poor man's neck! He, your guide, your introducer! the parasite, the

panderer, who buys the midnight toil of the poor authors, if he goes even that length, and gives to the world as his own works, those which have sunk into an early grave many a noble young mind."

"Nay, surely Adrian you do him an injustice."

"I do him no injustice for I know the man. *Marcus the Bibliopole* tells me that he is about to publish a work upon the *Cloaca Maxima*; now that was the pet subject of the unfortunate Cenna—would that I had been in Rome when his death occurred—how has Balbus obtained the necessary information? I believe that he has robbed the dead of his papers. And he introduced you to Marcus. What guerdon had he for his pains?"

"Guerdon, what guerdon would I give him?"

"A song, or some such like trifle to pass off for his own."

"Ah," answered Caius laughing, "thou art a prophet. Truly he had some foolish verses from me for a lady."

"Exactly so, and in that you were guilty of a breach of honour, I tell you so, Caius. You have no business to assist in passing off the creations of your muse, as his."

"It was but a trifle, Adrian."

"It was not a trifle. He is bringing out poems just now. Marcus showed me some of them, and I recognised not a few which Julius Mamma read to me. This man is a most audacious literary swindler. Murtius, doubtless receives you kindly does he not?"

"Yes, ever at my step his door flies hospitably open, and his tables groan like Jove's great altar in harvest time."

"He has daughters, has he not?"

"Yes," replied Caius, two, Phryne and Myra."

"They will, doubtless, emulate their father's courtesy to their father's guest." He paused for a moment, and then said seriously, "Caius, never forget that thou art a noble in Rome, noble by descent, by talent, valour, wealth, and personal rank. I charge thee look carefully to thy step in this Greek's den, for popular rumour speaks much evil of him. I heard his name in Athens mentioned with scorn."

"Adrian, Adrian," replied Caius warmly, "can popular clamour sway thy calm judgment? Dost thou judge a man by other's statements, and

without knowing thyself his merits or his faults? Hast thou yet to learn that envy of the talents of great men makes the hungry rabble snarl at noble heels? Come, go with me and judge him for thyself."

"I go!" answered Adrian, flushing crimson partly with indignation, partly with an emotion of a tender nature at the proposal. Recovering himself he said: "The Greek has daughters. Listen, my Caius, thou art a poet, and knowest the story of Pygmalion. Shall I read you my account of it?"

"I shall gladly listen to it."

Adrian opened a roll of papyrus and read the following, which we do but poorly render. It is Pygmalion who is supposed to speak.

THE STORY OF PYGMALION.

"Shine out, ye stars, that, amid your gleaming throng I may behold the Queen of Love, and bless her; bless her who unto mine arms has given this heavenly one." Then addressing his idol spouse, "Aye, love, to her let us pray, who, when my heart was maddened by the fire lit at the works of mine own hands, didst breathe upon thee and give life. Smile, smile upon me, my own, my wife, my dearest own; for well I know thou lovest me and me alone. Nor ever did thy gaze, before it met mine own, as the rays of heaven shot down their skies into thy sightless orbs, ever dream of other love. Ah! thou art pure; no lipped delight of many lovers then; nor sullied are the chambers of thy heart by passions breath, save the divine fire burning in my own. My life. My soul. The star which burst upon night and filled my sky with joy, and caught me up from out the slough of woe and made me blest. Would'st thou know how thou wast given to me? Then sit thee here upon my knee, and let the golden glory of thy hair float loose upon my breast, thy head cradled upon my heart, thine eyes on mine, thy thy hand within mine own.

"A dreamy orphan I, left to the care of an old sage, who taught me all his lore about the gods, and those great souls, who made a greater god-head upon this earth, even than that to which Zeus, in envy called them, and snatching them up to heaven sets them to grace his state and guard his throne. He told me of those fair but deadly maids, who sing by the seashore, and seamen tempt to their embrace, but while couching upon their breasts, they tear their victims to pieces. More he told me—how that on earth, in the great

cities, such women dwelt, spreading their webs abroad to engulf poor flies; and that the female sex was false and fickle as the deep blue wave, by which the Sirens sit and chant their spells. How that they were as false as they were fair—fair, but rotten as the fruits which grew upon the lifeless sea. How that they'd smile and kiss and yield until a wealthier came, and that a tinsell'd ray could win their love, a feather more or less cast up or down the scale: that their delight was man's unending woe, to cast him into fires of doubt, and try and tempt him as a child with a bird; but when their appetites were sated, and their vanity full gorged, they left him to the keenness of a wound that never heals, but every wind that races through the azure plains—yea, every note sung by the wild wood bird, the gurgling streamlet or the falling dew—cuts to the quick and quivers to despair.

"Moved by his warning, in my heart I felt a mighty loathing as of some unclean and evil thing, creep through my blood, whenever I passed a woman. But the march of time removed my Mentor from my untried life. He lived but long enough to see the shadow of my coming greatness, to know me courted by the world, and hear my name in glory sung, my name a torch like to the lights of heaven, my every word a law. The fairest forms of womankind displayed their hidden beauties to me. Nay, start not, dearest, nor let the shadow of a doubt disturb thy love's repose. Vain were each charm. Their spells fell from my heart as snow from red-hot steel. My heart throbbed only with the lessons of my youth.

"To shame their vileness I assayed to carve a figure, lovelier far than any woman of this day, of rarest beauty. In the secret night I toiled at thee, and grace and beauty sprang into life beneath my touch, until a perfect woman, clad in innocence, in purity, in loveliness and truth, stood a brilliant wonder in my hall.

"Then grew my wild love.

"I knew then the gap within my heart, the solitariness of life that found mine art no longer as a cherished friend, to guide and cheer me in mine onward way. I longed for something more, I knew not what. I longed to hear the statue I had made open its marble lips and speak. My heart turned round its work until I could not quit the image I had made, it was so wondrous fair, to which all womankind was as the night to day, fowl carrion to a dove. I could not leave the work of

mine own hands. I couched at night beside it, by the day I tried to make it perfecter—in vain, my utmost skill was spent, it was most perfect, so far as earthly touch could make perfection. But, ah! who can the ruddy glow give to the downy cheek, or part, twin rose buds, dewy lip from dewy lip? Who can within the rounded breasts which rise like pleasant flowery mountains compassing a vale of libied joys, the life impart, or animation give to the cold marble? A higher power than earth's alone could work this mighty change, the power of her, the Queen of Love.

"I threw me down one night in agony beside thy feet, and cried on Zeus for aid, and burst forth in a wild lament of woe. Then, madly starting up, I cried on Aphrodite, and as madly I clasped thee to my breast to warm thy frame, lo! in thy former dull and stony eyes, two liquid gems of light gazed up to mine, and sighs rang through thy heart, while the tide of life gushed warmly to thy former throbbless heart. And then—thou lovedst me—no second love—no bartered heart—but me thou lovedst—me alone: no cast-off soul, but one that saw me first, and loved me from the first. O! my fond love; O! my diviner part. Yes, cling to me, and tell me oer and oer again, until the stars do murmur back thy words, thou lovest and lovest me, but me—O joy—alone."

After reading this, Adrian paused for a little, and then said dreamily—

"This is true love, the love which could only move my heart to love again; for I could not bear to kiss those lips which have been pressed to another's, to have my image displace another's in the temple of a woman's heart."

"Is not such love to be had?"

"Doubtless, but we must seek it with Pygmalion."

"Absurd. Come with me to Murtius, and I will show you such a gem."

"To Murtius," answered Adrian, casting a sharp penetrating glance upon his cousin, "does he possess then such a gem? That is marvellous."

"Marvellous, how? In Greece, he is noble, in philosophy he is famous, in riches affluent."

"And in virtue, notorious."

"Adrian, Adrian, what has possessed thee with that air of mockery? What knowest thou evil of him?"

"Nothing, Coz, of myself, nothing. In Athens they shrugged their shoulders at the mention of his

name, in Rome he bears no very honourable character."

"I do not believe it, Adrian. All envy."

"Perhaps, my Caius, a mist is before your eyes, which prevents you seeing as clearly as others."

"You know Lucius Decius?"

"Perfectly."

"He is an honourable man, and one who would not sit at table with a rogue on familiar terms."

"I would as soon think of doing it myself."

"Then he is a constant visitor of the Greek, and the first day I was there, he was present at the feast."

"Indeed," said Adrian, "that is something important, still it does not clear up my doubts. Tell me, what family has this Murtius?"

"Two daughters, the eldest Phryne, the younger a silent timid thing called Myra."

"Phryne is beautiful, is she not?"

"Beautiful," cried Caius with his cheeks all aflame. "'Tis a poor word to describe her by."

"And Myra?"

"Oh, she is a pale faced girl, I do not know much of her. Runs away when I call."

"So," thought Adrian, "he loves Phryne, unhappy boy, if the tale be true. How am I to act, how to drag him forth of this coil, without losing myself as well. Myra has cast a spell over me for which I cannot account. Where all the others are notoriously bad, how can she be good, Caius," he said aloud, "what kind of person is this sister of the Greek, *Lais*?"

A shudder shook Caius' frame as he answered—

"Would you believe me, Adrian, when I tell you, that in spite of all her kindness, her soft words, her openheartedness, I dislike that woman. She inspires me with a terrible dread, a seeming cloud upon the distance portending a terrible storm, in which my happiness will be shipwrecked."

"Is she ugly?"

"Ugly, no, and that makes the feeling all the more unaccountable. Were she old, and hideous, blear eyed and hairy lipped like some of these Dacian hags, I could readily account for the feeling, but a young beautiful and engaging woman, renders the emotion perfectly astounding. She reminds me of a statue in the Forum, of *Circe* slaying her babes."

"*Circe* slaying her babes! rather, brewing that hellbroth which transforms men into brutes. Look to it, Caius, look to it. Go no more to that Greek's den, lest you too become transformed."

"Nay, nay, you jest Adrian."

"You know, Caius, too well that I am not one of a jesting mood. Although I have never seen that woman, your description of the effect her presence had upon you, frightens me. Our instincts never fail—they are like the leaves of the sensitive plant which close up at the approach of danger. Go not thither. Let us away to Tivoli, with Licinius. Sons of Rome, what hast thou to do with a son of fallen Greece?"

"Do them justice, Adrian, do them justice. Report has prejudiced you against them, go, and for yourself judge their worth. If there is danger, let us face it, but never fly it. Will you come with me?"

A struggle took place in Adrian's heart, the dislike to mix himself up with a man of such infamous character as he felt convinced Murtius must be, but then, apart from the desire of snatching his cousin from the dangers which beset him from Phryne's charms, he had a keen desire to know whether Myra was what his heart whispered she might be. The combat of feelings was unequally balanced.

"Though some secret monitor warns me to avoid this Greek as dangerous, yet, for your sake, Caius, will I go with thee."

"Save from bright eyes, and rosy lips, what danger can await you there?"

"The die is cast; let us go."

How often do misfortunes befall us; by our neglecting those secret spiritual warnings. We heed the tremors of the flesh, but never the tremors of the soul. Angels in the dress of earth, we forget our higher destiny, our nobler life. The spirit of our fathers works strong within us, but like the captive of the Bastille, we have forgotten the language of the home which is ours. Blinded, swayed by passion, we rush headlong to destruction.

(To be continued.)

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MASONIC NOTES AND QUERIES.

PANTHEISM AND FREEMASONRY.—EXPLANATION OF A FORMER COMMUNICATION.

I beg a brother to accept my thanks for his remarks upon my communication, "Pantheism and Freemasonry," *Freemasons' Magazine*, vol. x., p. 21. My answer there ought to have been positive, and not hypothetical. It ought to have been that a Pantheist, whether Mystical or Atheistical, is not receivable into true Freemasonry. But the subject is one respecting

which at that time (January, 1864) my knowledge was imperfect. The presence, too, of Mystical Pantheists in Continental Lodges was a fact extremely embarrassing in the formation of an opinion.—
CHARLES PURTON COOPER.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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

MASONIC SONG

Dear Sir and Brother,—In reply to "W. B.", in your issue of the 19th inst., I beg to inform him that I have the song, "The Level and the Square," both music and words. Its author is Bro. Dr. Rob. Morris, of Kentucky, U.S. It was lately sung at the installation meeting of the St. Aubyn Lodge, No. 954, Devonport, and a copy of the words will be published in *The Devon and Cornwall Masonic Calendar*, 1867.

Yours fraternally,

P. M., 954.

MASONIC SONG.

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

Dear Sir and Brother,—I have searched through several of my collections of Masonic songs, &c., to discover, if possible, a clue to the verse mentioned by "R. M." in last week's *Magazine*. The nearest is as follows:—

"We meet like true friends on the level,
And lovingly part on the square;
Alike we respect king and beggar,
Provided they're just and sincere.
We scorn an ungenerous action,
None can with Freemasons compare, &c.

Chorus—Then who would not be a Freemason,
So happy and social are we, &c.

It is from a song commencing, "King Solomon that wise projector." Should "R. M." think this is the one he requires, it shall be given him in full ere long, if he writes me.

Yours fraternally,

✱ WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN, 18^o, &c.
Truro, 19th Jan. 1867.

THE LIBRARY.

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

Dear Sir and Brother,—So it seems from your extract from Bro. How's works, that the nucleus of the library has been consigned to "Hades." I suppose my old progenitor knows, therefore, more about it than I am likely to know.

But why should this be? If Grand Lodge is not aware of the duty which lies at its door to preserve all that throws light upon Masonic doings and sayings of ancient days, is it possible that it is indifferent to the preservation of Masonic information, &c., of the present day?

I came into Masonry in search of wisdom; I cried for knowledge; and I have not received yet my dues.

If we have not a Grand Lodge library, we ought to have a joint stock subscription library, aided and fostered by Grand Lodge, whence contributors and subscribers could borrow, not "the trash," but "rare

and valuable books," where antiquity should be represented, and modern research garnered. We ought to have a reading room where such works could be consulted; and above all a librarian able by his *energy* and *learning* to further such a work.

Now, all this might be; and whilst the outer world is making such strides, the initiated could do their part in the aid of progress.

Are there none in Grand Lodge of the Duke of Sussex's way of thinking? Are there none to bring the matter persistently forward? Where is this place of darkness, and where are the catalogues of these books to which Bro. How refers? Must I become a shade, too, to get at them, or wait.

"Infin che il Veltro."

"Verra."

I am yours fraternally,
A DESCENDANT OF DE WITTE.

THE MASONIC CHARITIES.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In your issue of the 22nd ult., Bro. Binckes, the indefatigable Secretary of the Boys' School, suggests that, in the school established for charity alone, some twenty to thirty boys should be admitted on payment of from twenty-five to thirty pounds per annum, as the education, clothing, and boarding they would upon payment of this sum receive would prove of great benefit to their parents, and doubtless it would; but I fear there would be a tendency on the part of the payees to look down upon the other scholars, and a jealous rivalry and contention be the result. Only a short time back it was stated that to get a boy into the school free was worth two thousand pounds (*sic*). Perhaps two hundred pounds was meant, for this latter sum would be nearly equal to seven years' schooling at £30 per annum. Now, what I consider we should endeavour to avoid is the possibility of our Boys' School becoming the same as the Bluecoat School, which, though originally established for really poor children, it is now a very difficult matter indeed for any but the children of the rich to gain admission to it; and the same perverted state of matters is to be found in other large public schools and charities.

Again, Bro. Binckes remarks that if every lodge could be induced to subscribe twenty guineas per annum, what a large amount it would yield, and render other subscriptions unnecessary.

I am afraid Bro. Binckes has not been in the habit of visiting many small lodges, or he would be aware of the impracticability of the scheme which he proposes. Does Bro. Binckes mean that the total amount collected in the way he suggests should be divided between the three great Masonic Charities? There are certainly many lodges that could afford, and some that do subscribe a greater amount than that named, but I would remind Bro. Binckes of the opposition that was advanced some time ago at the formation of the Annuity Fund to Bro. Crucifix's motion to raise the dues of country lodges from two shillings to four shillings per annum. I am afraid Bro. Binckes had better let well alone, as the proposed scheme would in all probability be a failure.

Yours fraternally,
W. D., P.M.

THE MASONIC MIRROR.

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MASONIC MEMS.

ERRATUM.—In our issue for last week, in the report of the meeting of the Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1,101, line three from end of the report, for "bye-laws" read "by-laws."

THE GREAT HURRICANE AT TURK'S ISLANDS.—We feel assured the brethren will learn with satisfaction that we understand prompt action will be taken by the M.W., the Grand Master, in bringing this unfortunate calamity officially under the notice of the lodges under the English Constitution, with a view to carry out the wishes of the petitioners from the Turk's Islands Forth Lodge, No. 647. We briefly referred in our issue of the 16th inst., to the subject of the special appeal made by the petitioners to our Grand Lodge, and now that we learn the matter will be brought before the attention of the brethren of all lodges under the jurisdiction of our M.W.G.M., we congratulate our brethren in the west and their warm-hearted sympathisers at home upon this most effectual step to ensure an alleviation of our distressed brethren's privations being brought about. For us to dilate further upon this subject would be but to interfere disadvantageously with the plans being taken by the M.W.G.M. to make known officially to the brethren in England the full extent of the distress of our brethren in the west, and also to indicate the channel through which subscriptions shall be paid. We will also add that we trust the lodges when they receive from the Grand Lodge the official communication upon the subject will make a hearty response to the call made upon their liberality. We should remember that the present is a most deserving occasion for the display of that truly Masonic virtue—Charity.

GRAND MASONIC BALL.—We are requested to convey an intimation to the stewards of this ball, to be held on Monday evening next, that their presence will be desirable not later than nine o'clock, when they will receive final instructions from the executive committee as to their duties. Up to the time of going to press nearly the entire number of tickets intended to be issued were disposed of, so that the full success of the ball is placed beyond all doubt.

Mrs. Lane Freer, widow of the late Archdeacon Lane Freer, and D. Prov. G. Master of Herefordshire, has recently published a magnificently bound and illuminated volume containing the portrait of the deceased brother, the church at Bishopstone of which he was rector, and his memorial window in Hereford Cathedral, together with a memoir, extracts of his speeches many of them Masonic. Diary of journey to America, &c. "In Memoriam" of her late beloved husband. It is dedicated, "To the Masonic and other lay friends of the late Archdeacon, in the hope that his memory may be cherished by them here until the hereafter, when all shall meet again," and is a glorious example of the power of the Craft for good, and of the pure love and devotedness of a good wife for the memory of a good husband. Such a mark of respect to the Craft must be highly gratifying to every member, and especially to him who becomes the fortunate possessor of so interesting a volume, full of such excellent speeches; and, Mrs. Freer may congratulate herself in not only rendering a proof of her sincere love for him, who is only gone before, but also in giving the most convincing evidence to the world of the great strength of the Masonic bond that exists among good Masons, and also of the real value of that Craft which was so highly prized by her husband. We feel sure tha

this beautiful memorial volume will occupy a high position in the heart of Herefordshire Masons, the highest position being already fully occupied by the substance of the memoir.

METROPOLITAN.

ALBION LODGE (No. 9).—The installation meeting of this excellent lodge took place at the Freemasons' Hall, on the 1st inst. There was a strong muster of the members and visiting brethren. Bro. J. K. Stevens, W.M., presided, and having opened the lodge, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The usual questions were put to the W.M. elect, Bro. Willey, and the ceremony of his installation was afterwards proceeded with, the impressive ceremony being admirably rendered by the retiring W.M., Bro. J. K. Stevens, who received high encomiums from all present, not only for the general working of the lodge during his year of office, but for the urbanity he has displayed towards the brethren generally. The newly-elected W.M. having received the usual salutation, inaugurated his year of office by initiating two gentlemen into the Order, and so well was the work done that the members were astonished and delighted at having selected so promising a Master. The ceremony ended, the lodge was closed, the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, highly creditable to the manager of the tavern department, Bro. Gosden. The usual toasts followed, Bro. Willey, W.M., most eloquently responding to his health having been proposed, assuring the brethren of his willingness at all times to serve the cause of Freemasonry, and No. 9 more particularly; it was his first essay in so onerous an undertaking, but trusted he would go through the ordeal with credit to himself and satisfaction to the lodge. Bro. F. Binckes, Secretary of the Boys' School, returned thanks for the visitors, and also dilated upon the merits of the various charities of the Order. A delightful evening was passed, and the brethren separated at an early hour.

ENOCH LODGE (No. 11).—The installation of W.M. for the current year, of this ancient lodge was performed on the 16th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, by Bro. Peter Matthews, P.M., who for the last thirty years has held the office of Secretary, and performed the duties appertaining to that office with untiring zeal and energy. Prior to the ceremony of installation, the retiring W.M. Bro. John Dale, raised Bro. Palmer to the third degree. The lodge having been resumed in the second degree, Bro. Peter Matthews took the chair, and in a most impressive manner installed Bro. T. Ferguson as W.M., who, having been saluted in the different degrees, appointed and invested with their collars and jewels of office the following brethren as his officers:—Bros. Wallace, S.W.; Honey, J.W.; C. Watson, P.M., Treas.; Peter Matthews, P.M., Sec.; Hogg, S.D.; Ciabatta, J.D.; Whittaker, I.G.; Frederic Ledger, Steward; Venables, Org.; Palmer, Dir. of Cers.; and Crawley, Tyler. The W.M. then offered himself as steward for the forthcoming festival of the Boys' School, and Bro. Moutrie for the Girls'. The highly favourable report of the audit committee was read, and the Secretary announced that the widow of a deceased brother had received £20 from the Board of Benevolence. Mr. C. K. Hall (professor of music) was proposed by Bro. C. Watson, and seconded by Bro. F. Ledger, for initiation at the next meeting. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet. After the cloth had been removed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed, and in responding to the toast of "The Earl De Grey and Ripon, and the rest of the Grand officers," Bro. F. Binckes said that his lordship exerted himself as much as possible for the good of Masonry, and had by this means endeared himself to the whole Craft. Even when his lordship was one of Her Majesty's ministers he found time to attend to his Masonic duties, and was frequently seen either filling the place of the Grand Master, or at his side. In May next he would take the chair at the Girls' School festival, when it was hoped he would be well supported. He (Bro. Binckes), thanking the W.M. for the Grand Officers, would say that as one of the Grand Stewards, they would do their best to make the Grand Festival this year comfortable to all their friends, and would extend to them all the hospitality they could. The I.P.M., Bro. Dale, proposed "The Health of the W.M., which having been drunk, was acknowledged by the W.M., Bro. T. Ferguson, who said it was a source of great pleasure to him to return his

best thanks for the kindness of the brethren, not only as an ordinary member of the lodge, but as an officer. It was an additional pleasure for him to thank them for electing him their W.M., because it was done unanimously. As he could not express himself as he would wish, he hoped they would take the word for the deed, and accept his simple thanks as sincere. He then proposed "The Past Masters," ten of whom were present who had passed the Enoch chair, for which Bro. H. Potter, P.M., returned thanks. The W.M. then proposed "The Secretary and Treasurer," better men or better Masons than whom never existed. He had known both of them for several years, and from the way in which they had done their duty they were entitled to the best thanks of the lodge. The toast was drunk enthusiastically. Bro. P. Matthews, P.M., said that during his membership the lodge had had a chequered existence, but though he had seen it in prosperous and also in medium circumstances, he had never seen it in adversity. That he accounted for by the fact of its members always numbering many happy spirits, who would never let a good thing flag, men whose honour was unimpeachable, and whose path was that of rectitude. He believed that, in Bro. Ferguson, they had a W.M. who could use his best exertions, for the benefit of the lodge, among that very large circle of friends who loved and admired him. He would advise all brethren of the lodge to imitate Bro. Ferguson. Among his (Bro. Matthews') own friends there were many who said there could be nothing ungentlemanly in Freemasonry, or he would not belong to it, and he felt that Bro. Ferguson's friends would confess the same truth from their knowledge of him. He (Bro. Matthews) was proud to instal him as W.M., because he was sure he would conduct himself as a W.M. should. Bro. Watson Treas., also returned thanks; and the usual list of toasts having been gone through, the brethren separated at a late hour. There was a large number of visitors present. The evening was enlivened by some beautiful singing of Bros. Henri Drayton, Webb, Ciabatta, Charles Watson, Charles Hall, C. Sloman, E. B. Keeling, and Paget. The banquet, which was supplied by Bro. Gosden, of the Freemasons' Tavern Company, was unsurpassable, and he received the well-deserved encomiums of all present.

OLD CONCORD LODGE (No. 172).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 1st inst. at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. H. L. Dixon, the W.M., raised Bros. Hancock and Fleck, and then initiated Mr. W. H. Silk. The Secretary, Bro. J. Emmens, P.M., then took the chair, and duly installed Bro. Sallust as W.M. for the ensuing year. The brethren having all saluted the new W.M. in the different degrees, Bro. J. Emmens concluded the ceremony, and in the most impressive manner delivered the charges and exhortations, at the conclusion of each of which he was greeted with great applause. The W.M., after having appointed and invested the following brethren as officers:—Bros. King, S.W.; Masterman, J.W.; J. W. Laughlin, Chap.; Kennedy, P.M., Treas.; J. Emmens, P.M., Sec.; Walker, S.D.; Morrin, J.D.; Holland, I.G.; and Nicholson, P.M., Dir. of Cers., closed the lodge, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, to which above sixty sat down, presided over by the W.M. There was a numerous and distinguished attendance of visiting brethren. After the usual Masonic toasts, the W.M. warmly gave "The Health of the Chaplain," who, from domestic affliction, had been many months out of Masonry. The toast was drunk with great fervour, and the Rev. brother being highly esteemed, both in and out of lodge, and being well known to the public as foremost in all works of charity. Bro. the Rev. J. W. Laughlin said—I do agree, though not perhaps in the same sense as the W.M. meant it, that the less he said about me the better; for, recording myself a most unworthy member of this lodge, I feel that the praises bestowed on me are too great. You have on this occasion and many others exhibited so much kindness towards me that I cannot but feel grateful for it, and, in answer to my regret at my absence for some time past, I hope that in future I shall be as much among you in body (as in spirit I have been during my absence), as will be consistent with my public and private affairs. It is utterly unnecessary for me now to dwell upon the painful circumstances which prevented me for the last two years and a half being with you as much as I wished; but there was no occasion on which you met, that although my body was not here my spirit was. For your kind expressions towards me for the little that I have done I thank you cordially, and am glad that it has met with your approbation. The Rev. Bro. then delivered an admirable address to the initiate, in which he congratulated him on having joined the

Old Concord Lodge, and more especially on having been initiated on installation night, on which perhaps more of the spirit of Freemasonry was shown than on ordinary lodge nights. Those who were present at the ceremony of installation and listened to the lovely precepts which flowed so beautifully and sweetly from Bro. P.M. Emmens must have felt in their inmost soul that in Freemasonry there was a tie stronger than those which bound other societies together, and that if by Divine help men would practise them more, this would be a far superior world to what it was, and that as those precepts were spread further and wider, men would be more in the image of God than in too many cases they were of the evil one. The initiate would find there were various classes of men in Freemasonry, and if he had expected all Masons to be perfect men his expectations would not be realised. Taken altogether, they were plain creatures: but under Divine grace they hoped to be better. They taught morality and inculcated the principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth, kindness, and social membership. He would find that he had come among a body of men whose teachings were far advanced towards perfection. Freemasonry had spread over the world friendship, kindness, religion, and charity. It had diffused knowledge and taught the existence of a supreme God, the existence of a future state, and eternal retribution, according as Masons had carried out those principles they professed. It had nothing to do with creeds or forms of worship; but it taught that the best sense in which we could be happy was by making others happy. The initiate would see nothing to make him regret having joined them; and as the Old Concord Lodge in a few months would be one hundred years old, he ought to feel happy at being a member of it. In conclusion, the Rev. brother said: It has been hoped that this lodge will live for 200 years, but I trust that it may flourish more than that, and that it may go on to five times that number. With such brethren as we now have among us I believe that when we are gathered to our kindred clay there may be some to record the annals of this lodge, and may recollect that what we have done we have done for a future, in the hope that this earthly lodge will lead to the Grand Lodge above, where the Great Architect lives and reigns, and will live and will reign for ever and ever. The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. Stacey, Dr. Lilley, and T. Beard. Other customary toasts followed, and the brethren separated after spending a delightful evening, in the course of which the retiring W.M. was presented with an elegant P.M.'s jewel. The musical arrangements were by Bros. Marriott and Wollams. Two new songs, composed by Bro. Marriott, "Happy New Year" and "The Bachelor's Choice," were enthusiastically received, while Miss Wollams, a charming singer, by her beautiful voice and perfect execution, gave infinite satisfaction. Bro. H. T. Parker executed some difficult compositions on the piano in a masterly style. The dinner, supplied by the Freemasons' Tavern Company, under the direction of the manager, Bro. Gosden, was a beautiful specimen of the choice and elegant style in which the company provides lodge banquets. The wines and dessert were unexceptionable, and the attendance ample. A better banquet could not have been provided.

SINCERITY LODGE (No. 174).—The installation meeting of this old and flourishing lodge was held on Wednesday, the 16th inst., at the Cheshire Cheese Tavern, Crutched Friars (Bro. J. Wright's), at four o'clock precisely. Present, Bros. J. Newton, W.M.; R. Neal, S.W.; Steadman, J.W. pro tem.; C. Lacey, S.D.; J. Murch, J.D.; Hutchinson, I.G.; S. H. Rawley Treas.; R. Candler, Dir. of Cers.; J. Crawley, Sec., and a great number of P.M.'s, brethren, and visitors. Amongst the latter were Bros. Terry, P.M. 228; John Grant, P.M. 134; I. Saqui, P.M. 205; Colston, W.M. 228; Steadman, P.M. 754; Paget, J.W. 829; E. T. Read, 781; Jameson, 90; Brough, 382. The minutes of the last regular lodge were read and confirmed. Bro. Barlow, P.M., then presented Bro. Richard Neal, S.W., the W.M. elect for installation. A Board of P.M.'s was formed, and Bro. Neal was duly installed in the chair of K.S. The W.M. then appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Wrenn, S.W.; C. Lacey, J.W.; Murch, S.D.; J. W. Hutchinson, J.D.; A. Gee, I.G.; S. H. Rawley, Treas.; J. Crawley, Sec.; R. Candler, P.M., Dir. of Cers. The usual charges and addresses were delivered by Bro. Newton, the Installing Master, in a most able and impressive manner, which elicited from the brethren present the most lively satisfaction, which was further expressed by a special vote of thanks, and the presentation of a handsome jewel for his able and efficient services as W.M. of the Sincerity Lodge, during the past twelve months. Bro. Newton

returned thanks to the brethren; was grateful that his exertions had given them such satisfaction, and he hoped he might be long spared to be useful to the lodge in his new position as Past Master. A sum of £5 was voted to the lodge in the widow of a deceased member of the lodge from the Charity Fund. Bro. Lacey having undertaken the office of Steward at the anniversary festival for aged Freemasons and their Widows, the sum of £5 was voted to that institution. Nothing further being offered, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was served up in a most *récherché* manner, and consisted of almost every delicacy in season, and the wine most excellent in quality. The Host, Bro. John Wright, P.M., certainly deserves special mention for his exertions in catering so admirably for the brethren; all were delighted, and we presume he was satisfied. The cloth having been drawn, and the several loyal and Masonic toasts duly honoured, the W.M., in very glowing terms, expatiated upon the many excellent qualities of their Immediate P.M., Bro. Newton, and made special reference to the faultless style in which he worked the ceremony of installation that evening, and proposed his health, which was received with acclamation and duly honoured. Bro. Newton, in reply, thanked the brethren for the trust they had reposed in him twelve months since. He was glad that in giving an account of his stewardship, the brethren were so satisfied. He had much pleasure in giving as their next toast, their W.M., Bro. Neal, he was sure if the officers and brethren would render Bro. Neal during his year of office, the same assistance and truly Masonic kindness that they had given him, they would have every reason to be proud of their W.M. He had endeared himself to them by his genial disposition, and he heartily wished him health to carry out the duties devolving upon him in his now exalted position. The W.M. replied that he thanked Bro. Newton and the brethren for the compliment paid him; he certainly would endeavour conscientiously to fulfil the duties, and with the assistance of his officers, he hoped with satisfaction to them all. "The Health of the Visitors" was then given, which was responded to by Bro. Grant, P.M. 134. Bro. Barlow, P.M., then gave as the next toast, "Our Masonic Charities," coupled with the name of Bro. Terry, who was associated with the Institution for Aged Freemasons and their Widows. Bro. Terry in reply, felt highly honoured by the manner in which the brethren had received that toast, he was delighted to be among them that evening if only in apprising the younger members of the Sincerity Lodge, that the Sincerity Lodge and its members had contributed to the institution which he himself represented the sum of £500; he did not think there was another lodge in London which had contributed so largely. He held in great reverence the memory of his namesake, Bro. Terry, an indefatigable member of Sincerity Lodge, and to his exertions was it mainly owing that Sincerity Lodge was placed in that proud position with reference to their charities—he was sure the brethren would flock round Bro. Lacey their Steward, to give him that assistance to enable him to go up to the festival with a good list. "The Health of the Past Masters" was then given and duly responded to by Bro. Barlow, P.M. "The Health of the Officers," was then given and responded to by Bro. Lacey, he felt gratified with the observations that had fallen from Bro. Terry with reference to this lodge and the Charities, he felt sure the brethren would give him the same support, they had given his predecessors who had served the office of Steward. The Tylers toast brought this pleasant evening to a close; some excellent songs and recitations were given by several brethren, and Bro. Saqui ably conducted the musical arrangements.

Lodge of Joppa (No. 188).—This old lodge met at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Monday, the 7th inst. The W.M. Bro. L. H. Lyons passed Bro. Neumark and Falkenor, and raised Bro. J. Levy. The W.M. then initiated Messrs. Cooke, Lynes, and Genese into the order. Bro. S. V. Abrahams, a P.M. of this lodge, installed Bro. A. Eskell into the chair in a manner that has never yet been surpassed by the oldest member, and every brother regretted his retirement from the lodge. The W.M. then elected his officers, viz., Bros. Dippenham, S.W.; Relph, J.W.; D. Davis, S.D.; W. Smith, S.D.; Feldman, I.G. Stewards, Bros. Spiegel, Alliston, and Highland; Van Noorden, Organist; B. W. Aaron, Treas.; Albert, Hon. Sec.; Berkowitz, Chap.; Bro. B. M. Aaron, P.M., in an eloquent and feeling manner, presented Bro. L. H. Lyons, P.M., with a gold P.M.'s Jewel, set with brilliants and rubies, and a silver tankard, for his able working and courteous demeanour in presiding over the lodge during the past year. The

brethren retired to a splendid banquet, at which Bro. Eskell proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, including the Benevolent Fund attached to the lodge, which is a great feature, and worthy to be imitated by every lodge in the Craft, as they have now £800 to relieve any indigent brother belonging to the lodge. The brethren may congratulate themselves on the selection they have made of the W.M., who, by his admirable working (being a P.M. of the Montefiore Lodge), and his able manner of presiding, has shown the brethren the judicious selection they have made. Among the visitors were Bros. Barfield, Lodge of Tranquillity; Coote, Lodge of Israel; S. V. Abrahams, P.M. Lodge of Montefiore; Bianconi, Lodge of Good Report; Lambert, Strange, Meyer, Towers, Wembourn, Weil, and Ambonetti. After spending a delightful evening the brethren separated in peace and harmony.

LODGE OF CONFIDENCE (No. 193).—At the meeting of this lodge, held on the evening of the 14th inst., Bro. Samuel Webb, W.M., raised Bro. Roberts to the sublime degree of M.M. in a most solemn and impressive manner. Bros. W. H. Teale and W. Walford were then passed to the degree of F.C., and Mr. G. Applegarth was initiated into our ancient Order. The lodge business being concluded, the brethren adjourned to the banquet. In the course of his remarks the W.M. took the opportunity of expressing his gratification at seeing the whole of his very efficient staff of officers in attendance, and tendered his grateful acknowledgments to them for the way in which they had so materially assisted him in carrying out the business of the evening. Among the F.M.'s present were Bro. Rogers, sen. (Secretary); Bro. Rogers, jun.; Burch and Robbins, L.P.M. Among the visiting brethren were Bros. J. Dale and Allen. The customary loyal and Masonic toasts were efficiently given, and cordially responded to. Some very excellent singing enlivened the proceedings of the evening.

PANMURE LODGE (No. 720).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 21st inst., when the W.M. (Bro. Hodges) conferred the third degree upon Bro. Smith, and several matters of interest connected with the lodge were discussed. A considerable number of brethren sat down to banquet, the W.M. being supported on his left by P.M.'s Bros. Thomas, Stevens, Gardner and Warren, and on his right by several visitors. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts the W.M. proposed "The Health of the Visiting Brethren, viz", the Rev. Bro. Hales, Chap. of the Canterbury Lodge; Bro. Wormold, J.W. 72; and Bro. Segundo Gutierrez, from New Grenada. The Rev. Bro. Hales replied in an excellent speech, in which he paid a marked compliment to the lodge and its W.M. The health of the W.M. and of the P.M.'s was also given and responded to, and Bro. Oswin, S.W. responded for the officers. Nearly all the brethren intimated their intention (in response to an inquiry on the subject from the W.M., one of the stewards), to be present at the grand Masonic ball on the following Monday. Several capital songs were sung by a number of brethren, including Bros. Gwilt, Priest, Wolpert, &c.

DORIC LODGE (No. 933).—The first meeting of this flourishing young lodge since its removal to the Mason's Hall, Mason's-avenue, Basinghall-street, was held on the 9th inst. The lodge was opened punctually by the W.M. Bro. Gilchrist, supported by his efficient officers. There was on this occasion the most numerous attendance of brethren, members of the lodge, and visiting brethren ever present since the formation of the lodge. The special event of the evening, the presentation of a testimonial to Bro. Daniel Scurr, P.M., the esteemed treasurer of the lodge, having caused the brethren to come in many instances, a very considerable distance for the purpose of evidencing their respect and appreciation of Bro. Scurr for the unflinching and indefatigable manner in which he had discharged the duties of Treasurer under peculiarly trying and unfavourable circumstances. Bro. S. Thompson, M.D. being in attendance as a candidate to be passed to the second degree, and having proved his proficiency was duly passed as a F.C., and, Bros. Oakley and Paterson, candidates for raising, being also in attendance, they were, after having proved themselves proficient as F.C.'s, raised to the sublime degree of M.M. This being the night for the election of M.M., the choice of the brethren proved to be unanimous in favour of their energetic S.W. Bro. Robottom. Bro. Scurr was re-elected Treas., and Bro. Grant Tyler. Other business being disposed of, the brethren adjourned to a well appointed and *recherché* banquet, which gave every satisfaction to the brethren, and reflected great credit upon the host for his excellent catering. The cloth having been drawn and grace returned, the usual loyal

and Masonic toasts were given, and as customary amongst the Craft were heartily received and responded to. Bro. Scurr, P.M. and Treas., in very feeling and appropriate terms, proposed the health of their esteemed W.M. Bro. Gilchrist, wishing him the speedy restoration of his former constitutional strength and vigour, and he paid a deserved tribute to the W.M. expressive of the respect in which he was held by the lodge. The W.M. having resumed the gavel, acknowledged in suitable terms the compliment paid him by Bro. Scurr, it had been his study to do his duty whilst occupying the chair of K.S. in the lodge, and he was pleased to find the brethren considered he had done his duty in the responsible and exalted office which by their choice he had held for the past twelve months. Bro. Wrenn, P.M., Victoria Lodge 1,056, returned thanks on behalf of the visiting brethren, and, as their mouthpiece, he expressed the satisfaction it had afforded himself and them to witness the admirable manner in which all the officers of the lodge had discharged their duties that evening. It was a guarantee that, sure and rapid as had been the strides taken by the Doric Lodge since its formation, now that the meetings would be held in a place more accessible to the brethren, and with officers so well up in their several duties, he looked forward to the Doric Lodge No. 933 becoming ere long a really first-rate lodge in every respect. Bro. Barnes, Sen. J.W., responded to the toast of "The Masonic Charities" in very telling and appropriate terms. He pointed out the claims which our charities have upon the hearts and purses of the Craft, alluded to the very considerable amounts which had hitherto been paid from this lodge to the charities, and hoped that this year the brethren would endeavour to double the amount paid last year. Their W.M. elect, Bro. Robottom, was going up as steward at the next festival of the Girls' School. He trusted, therefore, the brethren would support their representative in such a manner as would redound a signal credit upon this lodge for its display pre-eminently of that great Masonic virtue, Charity. The toast of "The Past Masters of the Lodge," with which was identified the name of Brother Daniel Scurr, was received with acclamation. The W.M. in proposing the toast also made a very graceful allusion to Bro. Hawkins, P.M., the predecessor of Bro. Scurr, and the manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of the chair of K.S., regretting the circumstances that had unavoidably prevented Bro. Hawkins being with them this evening, and on preceding occasions. Bro. Scurr, I.P.M., briefly, and in a very expressive manner, returned thanks on behalf of himself and the other P.M.'s of this lodge. The toast of "The Officers of the Doric Lodge" followed, and in proposing it the W.M. thanked his officers most cordially for the hearty support he had received at their hands during his term of office, and complimented them for the able manner in which they had severally discharged their duties. It was a guarantee that when he vacated the chair there would be ready prepared to fill it in turn an accomplished list of candidates; and he congratulated the brethren that their choice for his immediate successor had fallen upon such an efficient Mason and so good a man as their esteemed W.M. elect, Bro. Robottom. The W.M. elect returned thanks for the toast; and, with reference to the allusion the W.M. had been pleased to make to him specially, he could assure the brethren that it had been his constant study to render himself as perfect as possible in the discharge of the several duties he would be called upon to undertake in the exalted position to which they had been pleased to call him, and in the occupation of which he trusted the brethren would feel satisfied with the choice they had made. He said, in conclusion, that no pains should be spared by him to prove himself a worthy occupant of that exalted chair which had been filled with so much credit by their retiring W.M., and the P.M.'s who had preceded him. The toast of the health of the W.M. elect was afterwards given separately, and suitably responded to by him. The W.M. then rose with considerable emotion, and briefly alluding to the many pleasing duties he had had to perform whilst he had occupied the chair during his term of office, said it had never fallen to his lot to discharge such a pleasing task as that which he had to fulfill this evening, viz., the presentation of a testimonial to their esteemed Bro. Scurr, P.M., in recognition of the arduous duties performed by him in his capacity of Treasurer to this lodge. The testimonial consisted of a handsome silver teapot, which had been privately subscribed for by a committee formed of members of the lodge. It bore an appropriate inscription, and also had engraved upon it the joint initials of Bro. Scurr and Mrs. Scurr. The Worshipful Master, addressing the lodge, proceeded as follows:

n a time of serious difficulty our Bro. Scurr was, by the unanimous wish of the lodge, installed as the W.M., and during his year of office we know he economised the funds placed at his disposal, and relieved the lodge in twelve months from the burthen it was at that time, and had been for the two previous years, when I was installed the Master, I had nothing to do respecting that difficulty but it afforded me great pleasure to place a gold medal on the left breast of Bro. Scurr, in recognition of his services and the arduous duties which devolved upon him. After some further details in connection with the history of the lodge, the W.M. proceeded as follows, addressing Bro. Scurr: The brethren of the Doric then have presented this silver teapot to you Bro. Scurr and to Mrs. Scurr, in appreciation of your courage during a difficult period, and they wish me to convey to you their wishes that you may be spared many years to enjoy a cup of tea from its hissing interior, and they trust it will be considered a pleasing *souvenir* to yourself and Mrs. Scurr, and that when your children read the inscription on its side they may say that their father was held in high esteem. Accept it then in the name of the brethren of the Doric Lodge, for I assure it carries with it the hearts and good wishes of the brethren. Bro. Scurr, rising to thank the brethren for this unanticipated and spontaneous mark of their esteem, said that his feelings were so much agitated by the substantial exhibition of the love of the brethren towards him that he felt assured they would, under these circumstances, excuse his saying more than that he accepted the handsome present with intense feelings of gratification, as he felt within his own breast he had done his duty, and this free-will offering with which the brethren had now presented him would ever be cherished by him as evidencing that his humble endeavours had been appreciated by them in the very appropriate manner now exhibited. The testimonial would ever be cherished by him, and should be handed down as an heir-loom to his family. He trusted if it pleased the Great Architect of the Universe to spare his son to become a Mason, and be called upon to fill an office in a lodge, that when he looked at that teapot and the inscription upon it, that it would serve as a stimulus to him ever to do his duty alike in the lodge and in the discharge of his ordinary daily occupations. Bro. Scurr concluded by again thanking the brethren for their love and esteem, and with considerable emotion resumed his seat, amidst the enthusiastic greetings of the brethren. Other toasts followed, and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings of this memorable evening in the annals of 933 to a timely conclusion. We must not omit to add that the harmony was admirably sustained by Bros. Jarman, Saqui, Thompson, M.D., Wrenn, Robottom, Stevens, Lee, and other volunteering brethren.

INSTRUCTION.

MERCHANT NAVY LODGE (No. 781).—This active lodge of instruction held its usual meeting at the Silver Tavern, Limehouse, on Wednesday, the 16th inst., present, Bros. Davis, W.M.; Holt, S.W.; Bradbury, J.W.; Hoare, S.D.; Michaelson, J.D.; Daniels, I.G.; Potts, Preceptor; Killock, Holm, Medland, Armstrong, and several other brethren. The lodge was opened in the first degree with solemn prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the lodge was then opened in the second degree, and afterwards in the third degree. The lodge was then closed in the third and second degrees respectively, when Bro. Potts, Preceptor, worked the third section of the first degree. The W.M. rose for the first and second time to ask if any brethren had anything to propose for the good of Freemasonry, &c. The dues having been collected, the W.M. then closed the lodge with solemn prayer.

PROVINCIAL.

DURHAM.

STOCKTON.—Lodge of *Philanthropy* (No. 940).—A meeting of this lodge was holden on Thursday the 17th inst., at the Black Lion Hotel, for the purpose of electing the Worshipful Master, Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing year. Bro. W. Nelson was elected Worshipful Master, Bros. J. Graham, Treas.; and Cuthbert, Tyler. Amongst the brethren present were Bros. J. Dodds, P. Prov. S.G.W.; T. Hansen, P.M., Palatine Lodge, Sunderland; W. J. Hodgson, P.M., St. Helen's Lodge, Hartlepool, P. Prov. S.G.D.; A. C. Knowles, P. Prov. S.G.D.; J. Graham, P. Prov. S.G.D.; &c. The W.M. then presented a

handsome and costly gold P.M.'s jewel to Bro. Knowles, bearing the following inscription:—"Presented by the brethren of the Lodge of *Philanthropy* (No. 940), Stockton-on-Tees, to Bro. A. C. Knowles, P.M., P. Prov. S.G.D., and first W.M. of this lodge, as a token of regard and esteem for his valuable services Jan. 17, 1867." Bro. Knowles, in reply, said he was quite unable to express his grateful thanks for the honour conferred on him. He hoped that the same kind feelings which prompted the gift might ever exist between himself and the brethren of the lodge. After a few words of deep feeling, the esteemed brother concluded by hoping that we might all so conduct ourselves in this life that we might meet in the Grand Lodge above.—The brethren afterwards retired to refreshment. Upon the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to with that fervour which characterises the members of the Craft. Bro. Dodds proposed the toast of the evening, "Bro. A. C. Knowles," eulogising his conduct and services. Bro. Knowles responded in feeling terms. Bros. W. J. Hodgson, J. C. Hart, Wilson, Walton, and others, contributed to the harmony of the evening by their singing; Bro. Jewson presiding with his customary ability.

LANCASHIRE (EAST).

LANCASTER.—Rowley Lodge (No. 1051).—On Friday, the 4th inst., being the day appointed for holding the festival of St. John, and for the installation of the W.M. for the present year, the brethren met in their lodge room at the Athenæum as follows: Bros. H. Ball, W.M.; Dr. Moore, S.W.; T. Mason, J.W. The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The Rev. Thos. Bryer Hinde (a Lewis), who had been previously proposed for initiation, was balloted for and elected. He was then duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by Bro. the Rev. W. Bramwell Smith, P. Prov. Gr. Chap. for Warwickshire, who officiated at the request of the W.M. The lodge was then opened in the second degree, and the W.M. requested Bro. Bramwell Smith to undertake the onerous duties of the installing officer. Bro. Dr. Moore, S.W., the W.M. elect was then presented by Bro. Ball, W.M. to receive the benefit of installation. In due course the lodge was opened in the third degree, and, afterwards, all below the rank of W.M. having retired, was resolved into a board of Installed Masters, when Bro. J. D. Moore was duly installed in the chair of K.S. by the presiding officer. The brethren were then admitted, and the W.M. was proclaimed and saluted in the various degrees, and the addresses were given by Bro. W. Bramwell Smith. The W.M. then called upon Bro. Henry Ball, the I.P.M., and in eulogistic terms thanked him for the able and courteous manner in which he had ruled the lodge during the past year, and concluded by presenting him with an elegant P.M. Jewel, as a token of regard and esteem from the brethren of the lodge. Bro. Ball expressed his thanks to the brethren for their kindness in presenting him with so valuable a mark of their favour, and to the W.M. for the terms in which he had given it. The W.M. then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers for the ensuing year. They are as follows: Bro. T. Mason, S.W.; Bros. W. Hall, J.W.; Dr. Mercer, S.D.; W. Barker, J.D. and Treas.; W. Hansbrow, Sec.; Onion, Chap.; Coupland, I.G.; and Taylor, Tyler. The business of the evening being ended, the brethren repaired to the famed hotel of Bro. Sly, where they did ample justice to the good things set before them which were well worthy of the occasion. The regular meeting of the lodge was held on Monday, 7th inst., when the W.M. commenced his Masonic labours by raising Bro. J. M. Moore to the degree of a Master Mason.

BLACKBURN.—Lodge of *United Brethren* (No. 346).—This lodge held the festival of St. John's, on the 17th inst., at the house of Mr. T. Councell, in Clayton-le-Dale, when a large number of the members of the lodge and of visiting brethren attended from Blackburn. This lodge is among one of the oldest in Lancashire, and is strictly a rural one, being situate in the lonely valley of Clayton, adjacent to the ancient town of Ribchester, and the river Ribble. The lodge met for business at three o'clock, when Bro. Pullen, P.M., after a ballot, proceeded to initiate Mr. Cleminson. Subsequently the lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Simeon Sourbutt having been duly presented by two P.M.'s, Bros. R. Radcliffe and T. Pullen, was regularly installed W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year by Bro. Franklin Thomas, P.M. 345, and P. Prov. G. Reg. of Oxfordshire, assisted by Bro. C. Tiplady, P.M. 345. The brethren not having passed the chair then withdrew, and the solemn obliga-

tion of a W.M. was duly administered. He afterwards was saluted in ancient form by the brethren in the several degrees, and greeted with the usual honours. The W.M. then proceeded to invest his officers, viz.:—Bros. J. B. Carr (Banker), S.W.; J. Procter, J.W.; J. Pullen, S.D.; John Smalley, J.D.; E. Sourbutt, Sec.; T. Whittaker, I.G.; James Smith, Tyler. Business being concluded, the brethren adjourned from labour to refreshment, and sat down to a homely and old-English country dinner, which, considering the journey of many of the brethren, and the pure, brisk, frosty atmosphere, it is needless to remark was highly acceptable. The remainder of the evening was spent in a cheerful and harmonious manner. The W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were responded to in an enthusiastic manner. Bro. Thomas gave the health of the W.M., which was briefly responded to. Bro. C. Tiplady proposed "Prosperity to the Lodge," in an eloquent address, in which he passed in review the many excellent Masons who had been members of the lodge, particularly naming the Rev. John Preston, B.D., late head master of the Grammar School, Whally, the late Rev. John Hushley, and others, and concluded by wishing the little rural lodge every prosperity. The W.M. responded. Bros. Baron, Birkett, Abbott, and Towers, members of the Blackburn Madrigal Union and Orpheus Club gave some beautiful glees and songs, which were highly applauded. Other songs and speeches followed, and the lodge closed at 10.15 p.m. in great harmony. All separated greatly pleased with this Masonic gathering of their rural lodge.

LANCASHIRE (WEST).

LIVERPOOL.—*Lodge of Sincerity* (No. 292).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, on Monday, the 14th inst. The lodge was opened in due form by the W.M. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. elect (Bro. E. Whitnall) having been presented to the Installing Master Bro. Robert Wylie to receive the benefit of installation, and a board of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. E. Whitnall was installed in the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom, for the ensuing year, the ceremony being most impressively performed by Bro. Robt. Wylie, P.M. On the re-admittance of the brethren to the lodge the W.M. invested the following as officers: Bros. Burton, S.W.; McGee, J.W.; S. Hess, P.M., Treas.; H. W. Eddis, Sec.; Jones, S.D.; Chudley, J.D.; R. Wylie, jun., and Bates, Stewards; John Fryer, P.M., D.C. The visitors on this occasion included Bros. C. J. Bannister, P.G.S.B.; Laidlaw, P.M., P.G.S.; Marsh, P.M., P.G.S.; McKeene, W.M. 216; J. Sutcliffe, W.M. 1,035, and other brethren. After the banquet, which was provided by Bro. Ball, house steward, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and cordially received and responded to. Bro. Bannister, P.G.S.B., responded on behalf of the M.W.G. Master, thanking them for the kindness at all times shown towards him. "The Health of the W.M." was given by Bro. R. Wylie, I.P.M., who said, having known the W.M. for a long time, he had always found everything to admire in him, as his reciprocity and general bearing was that of a gentleman, and he was sure he would do justice to the post that was so unanimously voted to him, and which he so richly deserved. The W.M. Bro. Whitnall rose, and in a speech of much feeling thanked the lodge for the kindness displayed towards him, and for the ready and hearty way in which he was received by the brethren. As they had so kindly selected him for their Master for the ensuing year, he would endeavour to merit the trust reposed in him by doing what was just, and at the same time his duty to every member of the lodge. Bro. Fryer, P.M., enlisted the attention of the brethren to what he called the toast of the evening, "The Health of Bro. R. Wylie, P.M., the Installing Master of the day," who had the esteem of every member of the lodge, and all could bear testimony to the zeal and good working displayed by him as the W.M. for two years. Bro. Wylie had, during his Mastership, devoted himself to the duties of his office in cultivating the moral and social virtues, not only in letter, but in spirit. The members of the lodge had been improved by his labours, and had profited by his example. Bro. Fryer then proceeded as follows: We feel constrained to offer Bro. Wylie some small token of our regard. It was his pleasing duty to convey to him the hearty good wishes of his brethren, upon whose behalf he had now the pleasure to present Bro. Wylie with a P.M.'s jewel, and also to his wife a case of dessert knives and forks. In continuation Bro. Fryer hoped, in common with his brethren, that Bro. Wylie may long be in the enjoyment of health to wear his

jewel, and that it may be an heir-loom to his family for many generations. The toast was responded to with Masonic honours. Bro. P.M. Wylie, in very feeling and appropriate terms, thanked the brethren for the kindness they had conferred upon him, and trusted they would make an allowance for his inability to adequately express himself in acknowledgment of the kindness of the brethren, as at the present time his mind and feelings were so much agitated. He sincerely thanked the brethren for their unbounded kindness to his wife, and he also had to thank Bro. Fryer, P.M. for the very kind remarks and assistance for which he was indebted to that esteemed brother, when he, Bro. Wylie, was only but young in Masonry. After again thanking the brethren for the beautiful memento of that evening, Bro. Wylie resumed his seat, evidently much affected. The toast of the visitors was given by the W.M. Bro. James McKeene, W.M. 216, returned thanks for the visitors, and said, on behalf of the visitors I must express how much I have been gratified with the proceedings of this day, and said he had visited lodges, but none he had visited came up to the good working of to-day, and very feelingly complimented the officers and brethren generally, and acknowledged the princely hospitality of the lodge. After which the lodge was closed.

MONMOUTHSHIRE.

NEWPORT.—*Isca Lodge* (No. 683).—The ceremony of installing Bro. James Maddocks as the W.M. of this lodge took place at the spacious Masonic Hall, Great Dock-street, on Wednesday, the 16th instant. Bro. John Middleton, P.M. 683 and 1,098, acted as installing officer, and there was a large gathering of the Craft. The following is a list of the appointments:—Bros. James Maddocks, W.M.; R. Bond, P.M.; Thos. Williams, S.W.; W. J. Bussell, J.W.; Rev. Samuel Fox, Chap.; Henry Mullock, Treas.; J. Middleton, Sec.; H. J. Groves, Org.; R. J. Chambers, S.D.; William Parfitt, J.D.; A. H. Tapson, I.G.; R. Stallard and G. Harries, Stewards; William McFee, Tyler. After the installation Bro. R. Laybourne, P.M. and Prov. G.W., in the name of the lodge, presented to Bro. Middleton a purse of sovereigns, as a slight token of regard and a mark of the high estimation in which the brethren hold his services to Freemasonry. It is not too much to say that the present prosperity of the Isca Lodge is principally owing to the exertions of Bro. Middleton and his constant devotion to its interests. The proceedings having been conducted and the lodge closed in due form, the brethren, at five o'clock, adjourned to the Westgate Hotel, where Host Bro. Hallen had prepared a banquet, which was served up in a style of excellence rarely equalled, and which gave unbounded satisfaction. The W.M. took the chair, supported in the vice-chair by the S.W. The company numbered between thirty and forty. Amongst those present we noticed Bros. R. Laybourne, J. Middleton, J. Laybourne, P.M.'s; Rev. Samuel Fox, Chap.; B. Thomas, W.M. 471; H. Hellyer, I.P.M. 471; R. B. Evans, P.M. 471, and Prov. G. Dir. of Cers.; John Griffiths, P.M. 471; R. J. Cathcart, P.M.; W. Pickford, P.M. 471, Prov. G. Treas.; H. J. Groves, A. H. Tapson, I.G.; T. Roberis, J.W. 611; H. Vinson; James Gwatkin, 610; W. Parfitt, G. P. Passadoro; R. H. Chambers, H. Mullock; W. J. Bussell, J.W.; J. S. Stone, 471; M. O. Scott; R. Stallard, Steward; W. Cattle, J. Partridge, Lewis Rogers, W. G. Jones, George Harries, William Jones, &c. After the repast a list of toasts was gone through and the W. Master and brethren delivered very excellent speeches, and sang some capital songs. The W. Master proposed "The Queen and Craft," "The Bishop and Clergy, and the ministers of all denominations," (acknowledged by the Rev. S. Fox), "The Most Worshipful Grand Master the Earl of Zetland, and the Grand Lodge of England." "The Army, Navy, and Volunteers" (acknowledged by Brother Captain-Commandant Cathcart whose name was associated with the volunteers). "The Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master of Monmouthshire, Brother John E. W. Rolls." "The Very Worshipful the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Monmouthshire, Brother Colonel Charles Lyne, and the Provincial Grand Officers" (acknowledged by Bro. Pickford, Prov. G. Treas.). Bro. R. Laybourne proposed "The health of the Worshipful Master of Lodge 683," in complimentary and fraternal terms, to which Bro. Maddocks suitably responded. By the President, "The Immediate Past Master, Brother Bond, and the other Past Masters" (acknowledged by Bro. J. Laybourne). In giving "The Health of the Installing Master," the W.M. alluded to the valuable services of Bro. Middleton, and the toast was enthusiastically received. The succeeding toasts were "Officers

of the Lodge" (acknowledged by Bro. T. Williams); "The Lodges in the Province" (acknowledged by Bros. R. B. Evans and B. Thomas); "The Masonic Charities," "To all Poor and Distressed Brothers;" "The Silurian Lodge," coupled with the names of Bros. Thomas, Pickford, Griffiths, Hellyer, &c. "Visiting Brethren" (acknowledged by Bro. T. Roberts); "The Iron and Coal Trade;" "The Press," &c. Many of the toasts were honoured with Masonic fire, and music held its sway in the general proceedings. The brethren separated at a seasonable hour, after enjoying a very pleasant evening.

NORFOLK.

NORWICH.—*Lodge Perseverance* (No. 213).—On Tuesday evening, the 15th inst., Bro. B. W. Harcourt, the newly-elected Master of this lodge, was duly installed in the presence of a large number of brethren, including the following:—Bros. A. M. F. Morgan, P.G.S.; J. Dawbarn, P.M.; F. Colsey, P.M. James Dunsford, P.M.; J. English, P.M.; W. Wicks, P.M.; W. Stevens, P.M.; G. Thirkettle, P.M.; J. Pitt, W.M. (Social Lodge), &c. The ceremony was very effectively performed by Bro. Dawbarn, Bro. Colsey officiating as Dir. of Cers. The W.M. having been regularly installed and proclaimed in the three degrees, appointed the following as his officers, and invested them with their respective badges:—Bros. J. Short, S.W.; G. Brittain, J.W.; H. Youngman, S.D.; J. Turner, J.D.; and B. Quinton, I.G. Bros. J. Gidney, Sec., and H. Youngman, Treas., were re-appointed to their respective offices. After having been closed down to the first degree, the lodge, according to annual custom, subscribed five guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and one guinea to the funds of the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital. At the conclusion of the lodge business the brethren, to the number of between forty and fifty, partook of a first-class banquet, which was admirably served up by Bro. Woods, and in the course of the evening Bro. Colsey, on behalf of the members of the lodge, presented a handsome P.M.'s jewel to Bro. J. Dunsford, as a token of their sincere regard and appreciation of the excellent manner in which he had conducted the business of the lodge during the past twelve months.

STAFFORDSHIRE.

LONGTON.—*Etruscan Lodge* (No. 546).—The St. John's festival of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 10th inst., in the Town Hall. The chief lodge business was the installation of Bro. John Webberley as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was gone through by Bro. Adderley, the retiring W.M., in an able manner, and at its conclusion, the W.M. elect, in the customary form, appointed the following as his officers: Bros. J. F. Wileman, S.W.; John Burrell, J.W.; John Allen, Sec.; F. S. Wright, S.D.; Garnham, J.D. *pro tem.*; G. A. Prince, I.G.; the Rev. A. Clarke, chap.; S. Hill, Dir. of Cers.; W. R. Blair, steward. The brethren then adjourned to a superb banquet, supplied in excellent style from the Union Hotel. The W.M. was supported by Bros. Dr. Gough, Prov. G.D.C.; Blair, Prov. J.G.D.; Hill, Prov. G.D.C.; Hales, Prov. G.A.D.C., and the following past provincial officers, Bros. the Rev. A. Clarke, Hall, C. Turner, Palmer, W. Webberley, and Farnham. Among the brethren present, besides the officers previously named, were Bros. Jabez Smith, Spicer, Lear, M'Neal, Sherwin, Adderley, Patterson. A. E. Cockayne (533), Moss (London), Hayes (Dublin), Medcalf (Uttoxeter), J. A. Meigh, D. Hampson, and F. Palmer. The supply of good things was profuse and excellent. After the loyal and the principal Masonic toasts, the W.M. gave "The Acting Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Macintyre, G. Reg. of England, and the D. Prov. G.M.," observing that the lodge had been gratified and instructed by the visit of Bro. Dr. Gough last summer, and were equally pleased to meet him on that festive occasion. The D. Prov. G.M., Bro. Gough, in responding, said that there was so much of happiness, social harmony, and enjoyment at such meetings as that, as to prompt one to avail himself, even at some inconvenience, of the invitation to be present, and when in the future he should take a retrospect of his career, he should undoubtedly look upon the various meetings with his brethren as bright periods thereof. He felt bound to express his sincere thanks for the general feeling which pervaded that lodge with respect to the provincial authorities, and the feeling the lodge had at all times exhibited towards him was exceedingly gratifying, though he could not resist the thought that that feeling was based on respect rather for what he ought to be rather than what he was. Whether or no such were the case, he did not claim any higher merit

than for a sincere desire to discharge the duties incumbent on him, and so promote and perpetuate harmony and efficiency in the province. In these endeavours he was stimulated by the bright example set by his friend, Bro. Ward, and by the reward which the brethren had accorded him in their continued confidence and support. These had never been withheld from him, and he was thereby prompted to discharge with zeal the duties of his office. As reference had been made to his previous meeting with them, he could not avoid congratulating them on the fact that they now met under more favourable auspices, confidence and order having been re-established throughout the province. He knew there were brethren who had been alarmed as to the probable effects on the externals of Masonry of an event which he need not more particularly designate. It had by some been apprehended that in this respect the effects would have been calamitous, but he knew, and they knew, that that event would not affect the province internally. Nothing could affect the Order in this respect seriously and permanently, so long as such a spirit should be displayed as had been displayed in the province generally, and in that lodge particularly. The spirit displayed by that lodge and in the province last summer showed that there was something more than a name in Masonry. Fortunately, his personal feelings on the occasion coincided with his official duty, therefore he had carefully enforced among the brethren of the province that it was their duty to show every mark of respect to their unfortunate chief up to the moment that his resignation was placed in the hands of the R.W.G.M., and it had gratified him since to find that this occurrence had been approved, not only by his brethren of the Provincial Grand Lodge, but also by the Grand Lodge. His motto in thus acting had been, "Unity before all things in Masonry." He was satisfied that the object of their Order could only be accomplished by means of strict discipline, and his feeling had ever been that it were better to close a lodge for contumacy than have their grand principles undermined by disobedience. He was glad to add that there had been no probability even of a necessity to resort to this extreme measure, for there had been a general compliance throughout the province with his desire, and for that compliance he should ever feel grateful. The R.W. brother concluded by proposing the health of the W.M. in eulogistic terms, and shortly afterwards left the lodge. The W.M. briefly responded, and proposed "The Provincial Grand Officers, past and present," and Bro. Hales, in responding, expressed a hope that the sentiments conveyed in the speech of Bro. Gough, would be firmly impressed on the memory and heart of each member. "The immediate P.M." having been given, the S.W. gave "The Visiting Brethren," prefacing the toast with a glowing eulogy on British hospitality, and especially British Masonic hospitality. Bros. Medcalf, Turner, and others responded. Bro. Turner proposed "The Officers, Past and Present, of the Etruscan Lodge." Bro. F. S. Wright responded. The Tyler's toast concluded the programme, and the lodge was closed in due form.

SUFFOLK.

STOWMARKET.—*Phoenix Lodge* (No. 516).—On Friday the 18th inst., the brethren of this lodge celebrated the festival of St. John the Evangelist, at their lodge room, Fox Hotel. The heavy fall of snow blocking all the road, prevented the usual attendance of country brethren. After the lodge had been opened in the first degree, the brethren adjourned to refreshment and partook of a very excellent banquet. Amongst those present were Bros. W. G. Ransom, W.M.; Frederick Long, S.W.; J. D. Larkin, J.W.; J. W. Sheridan, S.D.; A. Sherriff, J.D.; G. Tydeman, Dir. of Cers.; F. Betts jun., I.G.; S. Freeman, P.M., P.G. Treas.; S. H. Wright, P.M., Sec., and Prov. S.G.D.; C. W. Sutton, P.M.; F. B. M'riott, P.M., and P.G. Reg.; Golding, Gudgeon, Woods, Sheldrake, &c. The usual loyal patriotic and Craft toasts were given and drunk in truly Masonic manner, as also the healths of the newly appointed officers. Bro. Ransom filling the chair with great ability. The lodge was closed after the brethren had spent a most enjoyable evening.

YORKSHIRE (NORTH AND EAST).

SCARBOROUGH.—*Old Globe Lodge* (No. 200).—The first regular lodge in the present year was held on the 16th inst., by Bros. Godfrey Knight, W.M.; Major J. W. Woodall, P. Prov. J.G.W.; W. T. Rooke, P. Prov. J.G.W.; James Frederick

Spurr, P.M.; H. C. Martin, P.M., hon. sec.; Henry A. Williamson, as S.W.; William Peacock, as J.W.; Dr. Armitage, S.D.; Verity, J.D.; D. Fletcher, I.G.; J. Sanders and Ash, Tylers, and about twenty-five other brethren, amongst whom was Bro. Salmond, of the Apollo Lodge, Oxford. The lodge was opened in the evening at 6.30. The minutes were read and confirmed. Mr. William Jackson, M.D., was duly balloted for, elected, and initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The lodge was then opened in the higher degrees, when Bro. Henry Appleby Williamson, the W.M. elect, was installed in the chair of K.S., and proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year, viz.:—Bros. Harcourt Johnstone, S.W.; William Peacock, J.W.; Major J. W. Woodall, Treas.; Rev. D. L. Alexander, Chap.; H. C. Martin, P.M., Hon. Sec.; R. H. Peacock, S.D.; John Raper, J.D.; J. Harrison, Org.; D. Fletcher, I.G.; James Sanders, Tyler. After the lodge had been reduced, and the newly-installed Master saluted by the brethren in the three degrees, the lodge was closed in harmony and with prayer, and stood adjourned until the next evening, when a Master Masons' Lodge was held for the purpose of raising Bros. Stevenson and Roberts to the sublime degree of M.M.'s, which was done accordingly, after which the lodge was closed in harmony at nine o'clock p.m.

ROYAL ARCH.

DEVONSHIRE.

MORICE TOWN, DEVONPORT.—*St. Aubyn Chapter* (No. 954).—A regular quarterly convocation of this chapter was held on Monday, the 21st inst. Present: The Ex. Comps. Chapple, P. Prov. S.P. Soj. as Z.; Spry, Prov. G.D.O., H.; and Bird, J. The minutes of the former meeting were read and confirmed, and a ballot was taken for a candidate, which proved unanimous, the candidate was unavoidably absent, consequently the duties of working the ceremonies of the degree were not performed, and the Treasurer's report, in the absence of that officer, was not forthcoming. Propositions of four candidates for exaltation at the quarterly meeting in April were received, and the chapter was closed with the accustomed solemnities.

YORKSHIRE (NORTH AND EAST).

HULL.—*Minerva Chapter* (No. 250).—The monthly meeting of this chapter was held on Thursday evening, the 17th instant. Present—Comps. B. Jacobs, Z.; M. C. Peck, H.; Walter Reynolds, J.; J. N. Scherling, Scribe E.; R. Goddard, Scribe N.; John Brooke, Prin. Soj.; W. K. Brown, Ass. Soj.; George Hardy, Sword Bearer; W. Johnson and J. Norton, Janitors; S. Mosely, P.Z.; J. F. Holden, P.Z.; C. Copeland, W. Scott, C. F. Smithson, J. C. Armitage, C. Pool, F. Jackson, and W. D. Keyworth; Visitor Comp. J. Walker, Humber Chapter 57, Hull. The minutes of the last regular chapter having been read and confirmed, the ballot-box was prepared for Bro. Christopher Sykes, M.P., W.M. Sykes Lodge 1,040, Hull, and Bro. E. W. Longstaff, Kingston Lodge 1,010, Hull, both of whom were unanimously accepted. Bro. Longstaff being present, was then admitted and regularly exalted to this degree by the M.E.J., the M.E.H. giving the signs, and explanation of the apron, sash, and jewel. The M.E.J. then gave the lecture on the sacred pedestal and the historical lecture. The M.E.Z. then announced that he understood that the G.S. of W. of the Province, Comp. J. P. Bell, intended holding a Provincial Grand Chapter during the month of February. He therefore moved that he be invited to hold the meeting in this chapter, which was seconded by the Scribe E., and agreed to. Two brethren were then proposed for ballot at the next meeting, and the chapter was closed in ancient form.

MARK MASONRY.

CORNWALL.

HAYLE.—*Cornubian Lodge* (No. 87).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at Bro. Crotche's Hotel, on Wednesday, the 16th January, at six p.m. There was a capital muster of the brethren. Bro. William Harvey, W.M., in the chair, supported by Bros. W. J. Easterbrooke, S.W.; John Coombe, J.W.; John P. Smith, Sec., &c. The minutes were read and unanimously confirmed. Bro. Frank Harvey having been

elected to fill the chair for the second year. Part of the usual installation ceremony was dispensed with. The W.M. having assumed the chair, the officers were appointed by him as follows: Bros. William James Hughan, G.O., &c., I.P.M.; Dr. James Mudge, S.W.; J. H. Barrall, J.W.; William Crotch, M.O.; Francis H. Pool, S.O.; George J. Eustice, J.O.; Martin Dunn, Chap.; John Pearce Smith, Treas. and Sec.; John Coombe, Reg. of Marks; William W. Mildrew, S.D.; James Pool, J.D.; W. Hollow, I.G.; Nicholas J. West, Dir. of Cers.; F. W. Pool, Org.; William Puddy, Tyler. Bro. William James Hughan, P.M. 78, 94, and G.O., by desire of the W.M., gave an extempore address on the position of the Mark Degree in England, and its importance in the York Rite of Masonry. The facts of the recognition of the Mark Degree by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and the rapid progress of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters in England, were taken as significant of a growing regard for Mark Masonry, and significant of the power of truth, which outlives all unfair treatment, and in the end obtains the victory. Thanks for the address, and the usual questions being asked, concluded the business of the lodge, when the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was provided by Bro. William Crotch. The banquet was excellent and abundantly confirmed the good opinions we have formed of the hotel and its worthy proprietor. The W.M. and the members were much gratified at the success of the first year of its existence as a Mark Lodge, and really their pleasure was well founded, for some twenty had been advanced, and the W.M. and officers had spared no pains to make it worthy of the order. The spirit of unanimity evinced was most cheering, and augurs well for the future.

DURHAM.

WEST HARTLEPOOL.—*Eclectic Lodge* (No. 39).—We have this week to record the pleasing fact of the resuscitation of the Eclectic Lodge No. 39 E.C., the first and as yet the only one in the county of Durham. This lodge was established at Hartlepool in the early part of the year 1859, principally through the exertions of a deceased brother and correspondent of this MAGAZINE, Bro. T. B. Tate. Bro. John Barker, P.G. Warden, constituted the lodge, and a brother at that time well known in the north of England for the ability of his working, was installed the first Master. Starting under these favourable auspices, and with a moderate accession of members, it appeared to have within it all the elements of success. Unfortunately, in little more than a year it met a serious loss in the death of Bro. Tate, who was drowned while bathing, several of the principal officers left the town, and that interest not being taken in the degree by the neighbouring Craft Lodges that was anticipated, it kept up a feeble existence for three years, and at last fell entirely in abeyance. In January last an effort was quietly made to revive the lodge at Hartlepool, and the G. Sec., Bro. F. Binckes, was written to on the subject. These efforts, however, did not meet with that response which would warrant any great exertion being made, and it was not until November that the project was entertained of transferring the lodge to West Hartlepool, where there is a most numerous and strong Craft Lodge, that there appeared any probability of its successful resuscitation. The first meeting was held in the Freemasons' Hall, West Hartlepool, on Tuesday, the 15th inst., when the brethren were favoured with the presence of the Very Worshipful Bro. Frederick Binckes, G. Sec., who throughout has taken the kindest interest in the affair, and has rendered his powerful assistance. The lodge was opened in due form at two p.m., by the W.M. Bro. George Moore, M.D. A ballot was then taken for eleven candidates for advancement, and for three joining members: Bros. Rev. J. Milner, M.A., Rector of Elton; Rev. H. B. Tristram, M.A., Master of Greatham Hospital, P.M. Minden Lodge No. 49, (I.C.); and H. Grey Faber, Stockton. Ten of the candidates being present were introduced, and all advanced in due form by the V.W.G. Sec., after which he proceeded to install as W.M. for the ensuing year Bro. Dr. Moore, the second and last elected Master of the Lodge. The W.M. then invested the following as officers: Bros. Simpson Armstrong, S.W.; W. W. Brunton, J.W.; W. Stonier Leigh, M.O.; R. B. Harpley, S.O.; E. Hudson (the first J.W. of the lodge), J.O.; Rev. James Milner, M.A., Chap.; M. Rickinson, Treas.; George Kirk, Reg.; J. W. Cameron, Sec.; S. Gourley, M.D., S.D.; Emma Holmes, J.D.; George Carter, I.G.; John Miller, Steward; James Mowbray, Tyler. Eighteen Mark Masons sat down to the banquet afterwards at the Royal Hotel, and the fact that not one found any fault with the fare

but the host himself, Bro. Gallow, says sufficient for its excellency. The toasts of "The Queen," "Bro. W. W. Beach, M.P., G.M." and "The Rev. G. R. Portal, D.G.M.," with the other grand officers, especially including their guest, Bro. Binckes, the Installing Master, were proposed from the chair, and to the latter that distinguished brother replied in an eloquent, well-timed, and most instructive speech, giving a resumé of the history of Mark Masonry, and of the formation of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters under Lord Leigh, and explaining fully the position the degree held in the Masonic world. He then proposed "The Health of Bro. Moore, the W.M.," in complimentary terms, and the hearty manner in which the toast was received evidenced the feelings of the brethren towards him. "The Present Officers," was proposed by the W.M.; and "The Visitors," "Bro. Peacock, of the Star in the East Lodge, Scarborough," and "Bro. Alfred Larkum, of the Sphinx Lodge (No. 107, L.C.) Ceylon," to all of whom the lodge was considerably indebted for the assistance they had rendered during the day were severally proposed by the S. and J. Wardens. The W.M. then gave "Prosperity to the Eclectic Lodge," and coupled with it the name of Bro. Stonier Leigh, which he said he introduced in consideration of his having taken the first step towards its revival. The Tyler's toast concluded the Masonic business, after which the song and jest went round until the brethren separated, one and all highly gratified with the events of the day.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

K E N T.

WOOLWICH.—*Kemeys Tynte Encampment.*—A meeting of this encampment was held on Friday, the 18th instant, at the Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, near the Arsenal Station, when Colonel Henry Clerk, the V.E.P.G.C. for Kent, presided as E.C., supported by the following Sir Knts., viz., J. J. Forrester as 1st Capt.; J. W. Figg, P.E.C., as 2nd Capt.; G. Cockle as Expert; James Ferrester as Capt. of Guard; P. Land, Reg., and numerous members of the encampment. The encampment having been opened in solemn form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot having been taken for Comp. Robert Grey of Chapter No. 7, and he being in attendance was installed according to ancient custom. Sir Knt. Charles Allen was then proposed as a joining member of the encampment, which was then closed with solemn prayer. The members adjourned to their usual repast at the Freemasons' Tavern, near the Dockyard Station.

CHANNEL ISLANDS.

GUERNSEY.

DOYLE'S LODGE OF FELLOWSHIP (No. 84).—The principal meeting of the year was held on Wednesday, January 9, at the Masonic Rooms, being that for the installation of the W.M. The lodge was opened at quarter past five, by Bro. Guilbert, W.M., assisted by Bro. Gallienne, D.P.G.M. Bro. Sparrow, P.M. acting as S.W.; Bro. Martin, J.W.; Bro. Wilcocks, P.M. acting as S.D.; Bro. Gardner, J.D.; and Bro. Churchouse, I.P.M. The following P.M.'s were present: Bros. Dr. Collette and Hutchinson; also Bro. Smythson, W.M., 168; Bro. Thurston, W.M. elect, 243; and Bro. Dr. Hopkins, P.M. 43 and 958, &c., as visitors. The minutes having been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for the admission of Bro. Sneath as a joining member, which was declared in his favour. The lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Guilbert left the chair, which was taken by the D.P.G.M. Bro. Churchouse presented Bro. Guilbert as W.M. elect for the ensuing year, and after the usual preliminaries and obligations the lodge was opened in the third degree, the brethren left the room, and a board of Installed Masters was formed, in whose presence Bro. Guilbert was again placed in his chair at the head of the lodge. On the re-admission of the brethren, the usual processions, salutations, and proclamations took place. The following appointments of officers were made: Bro. Churchouse, I.P.M.; Bros. Martin, S.W.; Gardner, J.W.; Hutchinson, Treas.; Sarchet, Sec.; Glencross, S.D.; Millington, J.D.; Sneath, I.G.; Mauger, Tyler. The addresses to the W.M.,

the Wardens, and the members of the lodge were given by the D.P.G.M. No other business offering, the lodge was closed at six o'clock, and the brethren adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where Bro. Gardner placed before them an excellent dinner. After the cloth had been drawn, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, several important matters in reference to the Craft were discussed and enlarged upon, and the harmony and enjoyment of the evening were promoted by some excellent songs.

LOYALTY LODGE (No. 243).—Notwithstanding the extreme inclemency of the weather, such as has not been known in the Channel Isles for many years, the attendance on Wednesday, January 16, was better than usual, no doubt in consequence of the installation of the W.M. The lodge was opened at quarter past seven o'clock, by Bro. Le Page, P.M., assisted by Bro. Gallienne, D.P.G.M., Bro. Wakley acting as I.P.M., Bro. Brouard, P.M. acting as S.W. and Bro. Thurston, J.W. The minutes were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Wakley, P.M. presented Bro. Thurston as the W.M. elect for the following year. After the usual proceedings the brethren who had not passed the chair retired, and a board of P.M.'s was formed, consisting of Bros. Le Page, Gallienne, Brouard, Wakley, Sarchet, Dr. Hopkins and Smythson, the two last named being visitors. The board having been closed, the brethren on their re-admission found Bro. Thurston regularly installed in the chair. Bro. Le Page, the Installing Master, then conducted the remainder of the ceremony, with the usual processions, salutations, and addresses, and it is due to him, at his advanced age, to state that he performed the duty in a very creditable manner. The following brethren were invested as officers for the year: Bro. Major Dawson, S.W.; Rendle, J.W.; Brouard, Treas.; Le Page, Sec.; Forth, S.D.; Williams, J.D.; Noel, I.G.; and Mauger, Tyler. No other business offering, the lodge was closed at half-past eight, and the brethren retired to the banqueting room, under the presidency of the newly installed W.M.

INDIA.

BOMBAY.

LODGE TRUTH (No. 944).

The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 5th November. Present—Bros. the Rev. J. J. Farnham, as W.M.; F. R. Kendall, S.W.; J. Dixon, J.W.; C. Clifton, Sec. and Org.; S. Trenn, as S.D.; J. B. Hayes, J.D.; W. H. Hussey, as I.G.; C. E. Burden, Tyler; W. C. Benson, W.M., 1,062; H. H. Avron, W.M., 1,100, and several other brethren.

The lodge was opened in due form by the S.W. in charge. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the second degree, when Bro. Laurent, who had previously passed a very satisfactory examination, was admitted and passed to the second or F.C.'s degree. Bro. W. A. Shepherd was then examined, and having satisfactorily acquitted himself, was passed out for preparation. The lodge was then opened in the third degree, and Bro. Shepherd was admitted, and solemnly raised to the sublime degree of M.M.

The lodge was then lowered to the first degree, when Bro. Farnham requested the S.W. in charge to retire for a short time. Bro. Kendall having retired, Bro. Farnham rose, and said that he had a painful, but at the same time a pleasing task to perform. He had the painful task of informing the brethren of Lodge Truth that their highly-esteemed S.W. was about to pass from their midst, to reside at Melbourne. Bro. Kendall had earned not only the goodwill but the respect, and, he might say, the fraternal affection of every member of the lodge, and he was sure that his departure would be mourned by all the brethren. He felt that the lodge would fall short in the performance of a very important duty if it did not do something to testify the esteem in which Bro. Kendall was held. He would, therefore, propose that an inscription, handsomely written on vellum, should be presented to Bro. Kendall. After several speeches in favour of the motion, it was carried unanimously. On the motion of the J.W. it was unanimously carried that the brethren subscribe for a jewel and present it in addition to the inscription on vellum.

The S.W. was then recalled, and informed of these resolutions when he briefly but feelingly returned thanks; and having resumed the gavel, closed the lodge about eight p.m.

The brethren then adjourned to the banquet, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk. The toast of the evening was the health of Bro. Kendall, which was drunk with the greatest enthusiasm, and three times three.

The following is the inscription to be presented to Bro. F. R. Kendall. It is very beautifully written and illuminated, and is a specimen of penmanship worthy of the lithographic department of the Bombay Education Society's Press, where it has been written under the superintendence of our worthy Bro. John Firth:—

"Lodge Truth (No. 944), presented to Bro. Franklin Richardson Kendall, in token of the high esteem in which he is held by the Members of this lodge."

"Bro. F. K. Kendall was admitted a joining member of Lodge of Truth on the 6th February, 1865. In January, 1866, he was made Senior Warden. As a private member of the lodge and as its S.W., he has earned the esteem and respect of all its members, by his urbane manners, his moral worth, and his truly Masonic conduct at all times, and particularly by the great zeal and ability with which he has managed the affairs of the lodge during the past eight months, when, owing to the absence of the Worshipful Master from Bombay, he has been S.W. in charge. To the great regret of all the members of the lodge, he is now about to depart from among us to occupy an important post in Melbourne; and while we heartily congratulate him on his appointment, and pray that every blessing may attend him wherever he may go, we cannot refrain from expressing our sincere regret at the loss of one so worthy of our fraternal regards.

(Signed) J. P. CORNFORTH, W.M.
J. DIXON, J.W.
J. J. FARNHAM, Treas.
C. CLIFTON, Sec.

Freemasons' Hall, 3rd November, 1866,

LODGE EMULATION (No. 1100).—At a meeting of the lodge convened by circular, and held at the Freemasons' Hall, Baboolah Tank-road, on Thursday, October 18th, 1866. Present: Bros. H. H. Avron, W.M.; J. J. Farnham, P.M.; S. Trenn, S.W.; E. H. DuBois, J.W.; F. Potter, Sec.; W. H. McCann, Treas.; G. Gordon, as S.D.; W. Stephens, J.D.; H. James, as Dir. of Cers.; P. M. Lisle Evans, as I.G.; C. E. Burden, Tyler, and many members and visitors. The lodge being duly tyled was opened in the first degree. The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on September 20th, and also of the emergent meeting held on October 6th, were read and confirmed. Ballot was then taken for Mr. T. E. Cochrane, Superintendent of Works on the B. B. and C. I. Railway, proposed by Bro. W. G. Bourne, seconded by Bro. C. Beard; also for T. K. MacElwain, Bombay Police, proposed by Bro. T. Mills, seconded by Bro. W. C. Barnes, which was declared clear in each case. Ballot was likewise taken for the following brethren as joining members:—E. A. Heron, Lodge Concord, proposed by Bro. W. Stephens, seconded by Bro. F. Potter; G. B. Gladding, Star of India, proposed by the W.M., seconded by Bro. E. H. DuBois, and was also declared clear in each case. Bros. R. M. Dixon and J. Washer were examined as E.A.'s which proved satisfactory. Messrs. T. E. Cochrane and T. K. MacElwaine being in attendance, and having been properly prepared, were admitted in due form and solemnly initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry. The E.A.'s being desired to leave the lodge, the W.M. explained that as the third degree must be worked that evening in consequence of Bro. Stevens being about to leave Bombay, and to give the second degree would occupy too much time, he would defer giving the second degree that evening provided the brethren eligible to take it assented. Bros. R. M. Dixon and J. Washer, who had passed their examination as E.A.'s having assented thereto, retired from the lodge. The lodge was duly opened in the second degree. Bro. Stevens was called before the pedestal and passed a satisfactory examination as F.C., and was entrusted and passed out for preparation. The lodge was then opened in the third degree. Bro. Stevens being properly prepared was admitted in due form, and solemnly raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The lodge was successively lowered to the first degree, when Bros. T. E. Cochrane and T. K. MacElwaine were admitted and placed in the proper position. The usual charge was then delivered to them by the W.M. The Secretary laid Bro. G. Bounds' resignation, as Inner Guard, before the lodge, which was accepted. The W.M. brought to the notice of the lodge his desire to establish a library in connection with Lodge Emulation, but he was not prepared that evening to go into the scheme, he wished simply to express his

desire that the brethren might think over it, and be able to fully discuss the matter at its next regular meeting. There being no other business before the lodge, it was closed in peace and harmony at five minutes past nine.

LODGE EMULATION (No. 1100).—At a meeting of the lodge at Freemasons' Hall, Baboolah Tank Road, on Thursday, November 15th, 1866, there were present: Bros. H. H. Avron, W.M.; S. Trenn, S.W.; G. W. Bourne, J.W.; T. G. Aers, Sec.; W. H. McCann, Treas.; H. Dwyer, S.D.; W. Stephens, J.D.; J. Dwyer, Dir. of Cers.; W. G. Barnes, I.G.; C. E. Burden, Tyler, and a large gathering of members and visitors. The lodge being duly tyled was opened in the first degree. The minutes of the proceedings of the ordinary meeting held on October 18th, 1866, were read and confirmed, and signed by the W.M. The minutes of the P.C. were also read and the brethren assented thereto. Ballot was then taken for Bro. J. P. Cornforth, W.M. No. 944, as honorary member, proposed by the W.M., and seconded by Bro. S.W. The election was unanimous. Ballot was then taken for Mr. Thomas Drewett, Locomotive Foreman B. B. and C. I. Railway, proposed by Bro. F. Potter, and seconded by Bro. C. Beard; also for Mr. Vernon Edmund Russell Ardagh, M.D., residing at Aurungabad, proposed by Bro. J. Dwyer, and seconded by the W.M., and was declared clear in each case. Ballot was also taken for Bro. James Webb, of Lodge Balunaine (No. 868), proposed by the W.M., and seconded by Bro. S.W., as joining member, and he was duly elected. Bros. R. M. Dixon, J. Washer, J. Cochrane, T. K. MacElwaine, and F. A. Burgoyne were then called before the pedestal, and examined as E.A.'s which proved satisfactory. Mr. Thomas Drewett being present and duly prepared, was then admitted and solemnly initiated into the first degree, and retired. All E.A.'s having left the lodge, Bros. R. M. Dixon, J. Washer, J. Cochrane, T. K. MacElwaine, and F. A. Burgoyne were again called before the pedestal, entrusted, and passed out for preparation. The lodge was then opened in the second degree. Bros. R. M. Dixon, J. Washer, J. Cochrane, T. K. MacElwain, and F. A. Burgoyne having been properly prepared, were admitted in due form, and passed to the second or F.C. degree. The lodge was then lowered to the first degree, and the newly-initiated brother having been admitted, was placed in the proper position, and the usual impressive charge was delivered to him by the W.M. The W.M. brought to the notice of the lodge the resignation of Bro. F. Potter, Sec., and requested that it be accepted, which was accordingly done, and Bro. T. G. Aers was appointed Sec. till the close of the current year. The W.M. called the attention of the lodge to the library question, but there being no time to moot the same, proposed, and the S.W. seconded, that a committee composed of Bros. E. H. Warren, W. G. Bourne, and W. Colclough, do meet the W.M. to draw up a prospectus to be laid before the next meeting for the forming of a library, which was carried. Reference was made by the W.M. to a letter from the D.G.M., and Bro. J. J. Farnham proposed, and the W.M. seconded, "that the members of the lodge do fully coincide with the views expressed in the letter received from the D.G.M., and in the extract from the letter of the G. Sec., and that they will continue to do all in their power to carry out those views, as they have hitherto done." The proposition was carried unanimously, and the Sec. directed to reply accordingly. The proceedings of the Grand Lodge at a quarterly communication held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on 5th September, 1866, were recorded. The W.M. then brought to the notice of the lodge an appeal made by the Diocesan Board for pecuniary assistance, and after briefly commenting upon the excellence of the institution, proposed, and Bro. G. W. Bourne seconded, that Rs. 15 per month be paid from the charity funds of the lodge to the Diocesan Board. The resolution was carried unanimously. The following names were then proposed as candidates for initiation:—Mr. John Dodd, Pilot, proposed by Bro. G. G. Giffert, seconded by Bro. D. S. Irvine; Mr. Stephen Wooden, preventive officer, proposed by Bro. R. P. Brunton, seconded by the W.M. The under-mentioned brother was proposed as a joining member:—Bro. Henry Broad, of Lodge Courage with Humanity, No. 392, Calcutta; proposed by Bro. W. T. Lewis, seconded by Bro. W. G. Bourne. There being no other business before the lodge, it was closed in peace and harmony at 8.20 p.m.

COLABA.—Lodge Perseverance (No. 351 S.C.).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on the 15th November. Present—Bros. R. L. King, W.M.; J. Jamieson, as P.M.; H. Moreland, as D.M.; J. H. Irvine, as S.W.; J. Bedford, J.W.; H. Prescott, Sec.; S. C. Woods, as D. of M.; J.

Sambourne, as S.D.; D. Henderson, as J.D.; S. Hodgart, as I.G.; and Burjorjee Sorabjee Ashburner, as Tyler, &c. The lodge having been properly tyled, was opened in the first degree. The notice convening the meeting was then read. The minutes of the last meeting were then read and confirmed. Bro. J. Hodgart was then unanimously elected as hon. member of the lodge. Ballot was then taken for Bros. J. Simpson and George Gaghan, and they were duly declared elected as affiliated members. Mr. S. Morris, C.E., candidate for initiation, was then ballotted for, and declared duly elected. The W.M. then appointed W. B. H. Moreland Sub-Master of this lodge. Bros. D. Sinart and T. P. J. Haddis and G. E. Wilkinson were then called up and examined as E.A.'s, and were then duly passed out. The lodge was then opened in the second degree, and the above-named brethren, after having been duly prepared, were re-introduced and passed to the second degree. Bros. H. Krushlett and C. W. Fayzer were then examined as F.C.'s; they having satisfactorily acquitted themselves were passed out in charge of deacons for preparation. The lodge was then properly prepared and opened in the third degree, and the above-mentioned were re-introduced, and raised M.M.'s in due ancient form. The lodge was then worked down to the first degree. The W.M. then stated to the brethren that at the next meeting the brethren would have to elect a new W.M. He personally had no desire to stand for the chair, but begged the brethren to elect one who had not before held that office. As regarded the office of the Treasurer, that officer, too, had to be elected at the next meeting. Invitations from Lodge Concord, Emulation, and Rising Star of W.I. were read and recorded, as also an invite from the Lodge of Instruction, as per notice. Bro. H. Prescott proposed, and Bro. G. L. F. Connell seconded, that a masonic ball be given, under the patronage of the two Prov. G.M.'s, and that all lodges be invited to co-operate. The minutes of the standing committee were read and unanimously confirmed. Several brethren were proposed for affiliation, and several gentlemen were proposed for initiation.

LODGE CONCORD (No. 757).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the lodge-rooms on Saturday, the 17th November. Present—Bros. T. Diver, M.D., as W.M.; A. King, P.M.; E. Parker, S.W.; G. L. F. Connel, as J.W.; G. Geffert, as S.D.; E. Gabler, J.D.; J. Thomas, Treas. and Org.; H. Prescott, Sec.; J. Powell, I.G.; J. W. Seager, Tyler; H. H. Avron, W.M. Emulation Lodge; J. Lumsden, W.M. Barton Lodge, and several members and visitors. The lodge having been duly tyled was opened in the first degree. The minutes of the last regular meeting were then read and confirmed. Ballot was then taken for the following brethren candidates to join, and they were duly declared elected:—J. S. Hurrell, R. T. Price, Henry Stevens, and C. H. S. Johnston. Ballot was then taken for Messrs. John Carrs and James Grew, candidates for initiation, and they were duly found worthy of initiation. Messrs. J. C. Lawrence, John Carrs, and James Grew being in attendance, were duly prepared and initiated into the secrets of the Order. Bros. James Oxford and R. A. Abraham were then called up and examined, and having satisfactorily acquitted themselves, were passed out for preparation, when the lodge was opened in the second degree, and the above-named brethren were then, after preparation, duly re-introduced and passed to the second degree. Bros. J. Burton, A. T. L. Pinnock, Geo. Todd, C. Harris, J. Pyne, and G. S. Irvin, were then called upon and examined as F.C.'s, and being found proficient they were given in charge of the deacons for preparation. The lodge was then opened in the sublime degree, and having been properly prepared, they were introduced and raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The lodge was lowered to the first degree. Bro. Prescott then in a few words returned thanks to the brethren for the proposition of sympathy voted to him owing to his being ill. Bro. Prescott then asked the sympathy of the lodge for Mrs. Lovatt, the wife of Bro. Lovatt, as a special case. Bro. Avron proposed, and Bro. Diver seconded a donation of fifty rupees. Bro. Diver then remarked that at the next meeting the election of the W.M. for the ensuing year would take place. He had no desire to stand for the chair, and he was certain that the other P.M.'s too had no wish to stand. He hoped some one who had never occupied the chair would be elected. Bro. Prescott then stated that he was glad to bring forward to the notice of the brethren the generosity of a worthy brother who was once a member of this lodge who was also initiated in Concord, viz., Bro. J. C. Ross, who has presented two shares of Lodge Concord held by him with interest, which would amount to nearly 200 rupees. It was resolved that the hearty thanks

of the brethren be given to Bro. Ross for his generous gift. Several brethren were proposed as joining members, and several candidates for initiation, and the lodge closed in love and harmony at half-past eight p.m.

ROYAL ARCH. BOMBAY.

CHAPTER KEY-STONE (No. 757).—A regular meeting of this chapter was held on Monday, November 12. Present: M. E. Comps, J. J. Farnham, Z.; Alfred King, P.Z. and H.; H. H. Avron, J.; Ex. Comps. S. Trenn, Scribe E.; Clifton, Scribe N.; A. Swift, Prin. Soj.; Thompson and Bourne, Asst. Soj.; Seager, Jan.; and about thirty members and visitors. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, ballot was taken for Bro. D. S. Irvin, of Emulation Lodge, No. 1100, and was quite clear. Bros. Beard (ballotted for at a previous meeting) and Irvin were then, after proper preparation, admitted and solemnly exalted to the degree of the Holy Royal Arch. The report of the Permanent Committee was then read, and on their recommendation, it was resolved that fifteen rupees per month be subscribed to the Diocesan Board of Education. Much discussion took place on the subject of the Freemasons' Hall debentures. The committee had recommended that ten debentures should be taken up; but as the Treasurer represented that this would leave the funds of the chapter very low, it was resolved finally that five debentures only be taken up. There being no further work before the chapter, it was closed in peace and harmony at eight p.m., when the brethren adjourned to the banquet and spent an hour or two in social intercourse as usual.

MARK MASONRY. BOMBAY.

HOLMESDALE LODGE IN THE EAST (No. 90).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, November 22nd, 1866. Present: Bros. H. H. Avron, W.M.; Trenn, as S.W.; W. S. Wetherell, as J.W.; W. C. Bourne, as M.O.; R. W. Burton, S.O.; E. H. DuBois, Chap. J.O.; J. J. Farnham, Treas.; G. Aers, Sec.; C. Clifton, S.D.; W. Stephens, I.G.; P. C. Higgins, Tyler. The lodge being properly tyled, was duly opened, when the proceedings of the last meeting held on October 25, 1866, were read and confirmed. The summons for the present meeting was also read. Ballot was then taken for Bro. J. Seager, Concord Lodge, residing at Mazagon, proposed by W.M. and seconded by Bro. J. Thomas, and was declared clear. Bro. J. Seager being present and properly prepared was admitted in due form and advanced to the degree of Mark Mason. Bro. J. Seager, proposed by W.M., and seconded by Bro. Bourne, as Tyler, was elected unanimously. Bro. C. Thwaites' resignation laid before the lodge, and accepted with regret. Installation of W.M. could not be performed as the R.W.P.G.M., who had promised to perform the ceremony, was not present. There being no other business before the lodge, it was closed at eight o'clock p.m.

MEETINGS OF THE SCIENTIFIC AND LEARNED SOCIETIES FOR THE WEEK ENDING FEB. 2ND, 1867.

Wednesday, Jan. 28th.—GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY, at 8.30.
Wednesday, Jan. 30th.—SOCIETY OF ARTS, at 8.

THE WEEK.

THE COURT.—The Queen drove out on the 16th inst., accompanied by Princess Louise and Prince Arthur, and her Majesty walked in the grounds on the morning of the 17th inst., attended by the Dowager Duchess of Athole. The Queen, accompanied by Princess Christian, drove out in the afternoon, attended by Lady Waterpark, and her Majesty walked in the grounds on the morning of the 18th instant, accompanied by Miss McGregor. The Queen and Princess Louise, attended by the Dowager Duchess of Athole and Lady Waterpark, drove out in the afternoon. Her Majesty walked and drove in a sledge on the morning of the 19th inst., attended by the Dowager Duchess of Athole. The Queen, accompanied by Princess Louise and Prince Arthur, drove out in a sledge in the afternoon, attended by Lady Water-

park. Her Majesty, their Royal Highnesses the Duke of Edinburgh, Princess Louise, and Prince Arthur, and his Serene Highness the Prince of Leiningen, attended divine service at Whippingham Church on the morning of the 20th inst. The Rev. George Prothero officiated. The Queen drove out on the morning of the 21st inst., accompanied by Princess Louise. The Queen drove out in the afternoon, attended by the Dowager Duchess of Athole; and her Majesty walked and drove on the morning of the 22nd instant, accompanied by Princess Louise. The Queen drove out in the afternoon, attended by the Dowager Duchess of Athole and Lady Waterpark, and her Majesty, accompanied by Princess Louise and Prince Arthur, walked in the grounds on the morning of the 23rd inst.

GENERAL HOME NEWS.—The old story about the “skinned eels thinking nothing of the operation when used to it, finds an application in the last return of the Registrar General as to the health of London. In the week ending Jan. 12 there were 187 deaths above the average and 181 below in the week previously, making the extra deaths due to the frost 368; but from the return of the following week, ending Jan. 19, it is obvious we were “getting used” to the cold, the deaths only exceeding the estimated number by 24, although the temperature was ten degrees below the average temperature of the season. Death, however, appears to have been busy amongst the aged, no fewer than 13 persons above 90 and 1 above 100 years of age having been cut off. The annual rates of mortality for the week were per 1,000 of the population as follows:—Sheffield, 27; Hull and Leeds, 28; London, Birmingham, Salford, and Bristol, 29; Edinburgh and Dublin, 31; Glasgow, 35; Liverpool and Manchester, 38; and Newcastle-on-Tyne, 42.—An application was made to Baron Bramwell in chambers on the 19th instant, the object of which it appears is to retard the progress of the actions which have been commenced by two gentlemen of Jamaica against Ex-Governor Eyre and Brigadier-General Nelson for illegal imprisonment and assault. The solicitor for the Eyre Defence Committee asked that the plaintiffs should be required to give security for costs or that the action should be stayed. It seems that a few days previously an application had been made that the addresses of the plaintiffs should be given, pending which proceedings should be stayed. The order was made, and it was explained that the addresses had not yet been given because the plaintiffs are now on their way to England to pursue the action. Baron Bramwell decided that the request now made to him by Mr. Eyre's solicitor was premature and could not be complied with. The first case in England of suicide by phosphorus was the subject of a coroner's inquest at Guy's Hospital, on the 18th inst. A young woman named Leman lost one lover by death and quarrelled with the other. She took to drink, and was ordered to leave her mother's house and take a room for herself. She then procured sixpenny-worth of rat-killing paste, the chief substance in which is phosphorus. According to her own statement, she swallowed it on the 10th inst., but the death did not take place until the 15th. Trouble and drink appear to have destroyed her reason, and the jury took this view of her conduct. They, however, severely rebuked her sister for the manner in which she had ordered her out of the house.—“Poor but honest,” is a saying which may be truthfully applied to a poor woman whose child, aged seven years, was brought before Sir Robert Carden at the Guildhall, charged with having stolen a bag containing £25, in gold and silver. The boy, it appears, took the bag off a grocer's counter without exciting observation, and conveyed it to the miserable apartment which he called “home.” As soon as his mother, who was ill and suffering extreme poverty found what her precocious child had done, she conveyed the money back to the tradesman and restored it to him. The child was given into custody, but the magistrate, instead of imitating the recent example of some country justices, released the little fellow, complimented the mother on her honesty, gave her a sovereign, and

coaxed the prosecutor into doing the same.—All accounts tend to show that the distress in the East of London is not only very great, but increasing. Hitherto the evil has been dealt with as far as possible by various local organisations assisted by the gifts of the public. This mode of distributing relief in a well-considered manner has been urged. The Lord Mayor has taken the matter in hand, and a committee has been formed at the Mansion House for the purpose of receiving subscriptions and dispensing relief. Several subscriptions were immediately handed in, and it is to be hoped many more will follow. The distress is fearful: the relief should be prompt.—The coroner's inquiry into the Regent's Park catastrophe was resumed on the 21st inst., and the examination of witnesses actively proceeded with. The first witness, who was a gentleman named Phillips, saved himself by shifting cautiously from piece to piece of the ice. Mr. William Edward Hardwicke deposed to the fact that on the morning of the accident two bodies of men were engaged in breaking the ice round the islands. These men were thus occupied during the entire day. This witness, who was with the two medical students who were drowned, stated that the Royal Humane Society's men warned himself and his friends of their danger. Mr. Whiteford, another medical student, and Mr. John Spensor also confirmed the theory that the accident was caused by the broken ice. Mr. Shaw, a resty-man, gave evidence that the ice-men foretold a fearful catastrophe, but he allowed his son to go on the ice. Mr. Shaw does not think people ought to be fined or punished for going on ice which is declared by the authorities to be dangerous. Apparently he believes that a great principle of public liberty is involved in the question whether a man should or should not be prevented from drowning himself. Another witness was Mr. Young, the secretary of the Humane Society, who gave interesting evidence as to the preparations made by the society to save life. So far as the evidence has yet been given, it seems to indicate clearly that the cause of the accident was the breaking away of the ice at the edge of the lake.—The crusade against music-halls has recommenced, and with some degree of success. On the 22nd inst., at the Marlborough-street Police-court, Mr. Strange, of the Alhambra Palace, was summoned for having produced the Christmas piece known as “Where's the Police?” It was contended by the prosecuting counsel that this piece is, to all intents and purposes, a pantomime, and that it had been produced illegally. Mr. Tyrwhitt, the presiding magistrate, was of the same opinion, and inflicted a penalty of £20 on Mr. Strango. Mr. Poland, who defended, gave notice of an appeal. There was a second, and, it was stated, a stronger charge with respect to the London Pavilion; but to allow time to have the appeal heard, the hearing of it was ordered to stand over for a week.—A young woman named Eliza Bond, described as a domestic servant out of employment, was charged before Mr. Cook, at the Clerkenwell Police-court, on the 22nd inst., with stealing some blankets and sheets from a furnished room which she rented from a Mr. Wilkinson, and with setting fire to a bed. The day before, the accused went to her landlady and told her that she was about going to see her brother, and that when she returned she would pay the rent that was due. Shortly after she was gone, it was discovered that the bed in the back parlour which the accused occupied was on fire. Fortunately the fire was discovered in time to get it quickly under. After extinguishing the fire, it was discovered that two blankets and a sheet had been made away with. It was stated before the magistrate that the accused had been employed at the Royal Free Hospital, Gray's-inn-road, and that she bore an excellent character. The accused denied that she had either taken the missing property or set fire to the house. She was remanded in order that the missing articles may be better inquired after.

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R. Y.—We have written to you by post.

W. R.—Thanks for your communication. We shall be glad to know the day which is to be fixed for the holding of the Prov. G. Chapter.

J. D.—The calendar to which you refer is not the “Freemasons' Calendar,” published in London, but is that published in Glasgow, by Messrs. Davidson and Muir. We understand it is now nearly ready for publication.