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THE VISIBLE SYMBOLISM OF FREEMASONRY.

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HENCE we learn from the great Jewish historian, that in constructing the Tabernacle, which gave the first model for the Temple at Jerusalem, and afterwards for every Masonic Lodge, he applied this principle of symbolism to every part of it. He divided it into three parts, to represent the three great elementary divisions of the universe—the land, the sea, and the air. The first two, or anterior portions, which were accessible to the priests and the people, were symbolic of the land and the sea, which all men might inhabit; while the third, or interior division—the Holy of Holies, whose threshold no mortal dared to cross, and which was peculiarly consecrated to God—was emblematical of heaven, His dwelling-place. The veils, too, according to Josephus, were intended for symbolic instruction in their colour and their materials. Collectively, they represented the four elements of the universe. And in passing it may be observed, that this notion of symbolizing the universe characterized all the ancient systems, both true and false, and that the remains of the principle are to be found everywhere, even at this day, pervading Masonry, which is but a development of these systems. In the four veils of the Tabernacle, the white or fine linen signified the earth, from which flax was produced; the scarlet signified fire, appropriately represented by its flaming colour; the purple typified the sea, in allusion to the shell-fish murex, from which the tint was obtained; and, for an obvious reason, the blue was emblematical of the air.

I need not detain you with an elaborate detail of the whole system of religious symbolism as developed in the Mosaic ritual.

It was but an application of the same system of instruction which pervaded all the surrounding Gentile nations for the inculcation of truth. The symbol of the ark itself (the discoveries of modern Egyptologists have shown us) was taken from the banks of the Nile, and the breastplate of the High-Priest from a similar ornament worn by the Egyptian judge. The system was the same; in its application only did it differ.

With the Tabernacle, the Temple of King Solomon is closely connected; the one was the archetype of the other. Now it is at the building of this Temple that we have placed the origin of the present institution of Freemasonry, not that the system did not exist before, but that the union of its operative and speculative character was there first established.*

* I regret that I was not present at the *first* lecture of this series, as the learned doctor here alludes to it, but the following synopsis of it from the *American Freemason*, of Dec. 15, 1855, I have no doubt does, as the editor says, "afford a good index to the whole:"

"In our last, we published the programme of a course of lectures to be given in New York, commencing Nov. 8, 1855, by Bro. A. G. Mackey. We are happy to announce that the programme was amply filled and a most successful result accomplished. From our friend and current aid, Bro. Jno. W. Leonard (of 383 Broadway), we have phonographic notes of the first lecture, which are so well prepared, and afford so good an index to the whole, that we feel sure our readers will join in our gratitude to Bro. L. for his trouble.

"SYMBOLISM OF FREEMASONRY.

"LECTURE I.—*The Origin of Freemasonry. Delivered Thursday Evening, 8th Nov.*

"Dr. Albert G. Mackey, of Charleston, S. C., whose fame as a Masonic writer is well known among the Craft, both in this country and Europe, commenced a course of lectures on the 'Symbolism of Freemasonry,' at Odd Fellow's Hall; Grand Street, on Thursday evening, 8th inst. On the right of the lecturer we observed the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Joseph D. Evans, Esq., while on the left were James M. Austin, the Grand Secretary, and John W. Simons, Esq., Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templars. The West was occupied by Wor. and Th. Ill. J. B. Yates Somers, Grand Master of the Grand Council, while the beauty of the South was fully maintained by Most Eminent Grand Commander H. F. Bunting, of Morton Encampment, No. 4. Among the distinguished Brethren from abroad, we noticed the Hon. J. Grime (32°), of Lima, Peru, a very enthusiastic Mason.

"At eight o'clock precisely, the Grand Master introduced the lecturer, and he was received with the grand honours, which were given in good style, 'the fire' being given by Grand Master Evans.

"The lecturer commenced his subject at once, without the formula of a preface or introductory bow, *à la* Thackeray, and showed that the present system of Freemasonry is to be traced to two ancient ones—the Pure Freemasonry, derived from the ancient priesthood, or patriarchs, and the other from the philosophers, and sages of *Pagandom*. The first, called 'The Pure or Primitive Freemasonry of Antiquity,' and the second, the Spurious Freemasonry.

"The lecturer then adverted to the corruptions of religion in ancient times, subsequent to the Deluge; and described the three prominent forms of these corruptions—*fetichism*, or worship of idols; *sabaism*, or sun-worship; and *hellenism*, or hero-worship. He showed that all those retained traces of some great religious truth, which had been derived from the ancient priesthood; and which truth, symbolized by *The Word* in Masonry, it was the object of Freemasonry always to preserve. It was thoroughly preserved in the Pure Freemasonry of antiquity,

At the construction of this stupendous edifice, stupendous not in magnitude, for many a parish church has excelled it in size, but stupendous in the wealth and magnificence of its adornments, the wise king of Israel (with all that profound sagacity for which he was so eminently distinguished, and aided and enlightened by the gentile experience of his powerful ally the king of Tyre, and that immortal architect who superintended his workmen) saw at once the excellence and beauty of this method of inculcating moral and religious truths, and gave therefore, doubtless, the impulse to that symbolic reference of material things to all intellectual sense which has ever since distinguished the institution of which he was the founder.

If I deemed it necessary to substantiate by proof the truth of the assertion that King Solomon's mind was eminently symbolic in its propensities, I might easily refer to his writings, filled, as they are to profusion, with tropes and figures. Passing over the Book of Canticles, that great lyrical drama, whose abstruse symbolism has not yet

but the only attempt to preserve it among the Pagans was in their mysteries, of which the lecturer gave a full, elaborate, and highly interesting account. He particularly described the Dionysian or Bacchic mysteries, which were introduced into Greece from Egypt. He established clearly the analogy between the murder of Bacchus by the Titans, and the slaying of Osiris by his brother Typhon, and identified the legends in those mysteries with the legend of the Third Degree. In all the mysteries there was a death, a restoration to life, and a rejoicing ('*Ευρηκαμεν, ευχαριστομεν*'), and these were no others than symbols of a great and universal doctrine, which taught the *mortality of the body and the immortality of the soul*. The lecturer showed, by conclusive chronological evidence, that these mysteries were in full vigour at the time of the building of King Solomon's Temple; and deduced, by evidence equally irresistible, the union of this branch of the Spurious Freemasonry, or the Tyrian workmen, with that branch of the Pure Freemasonry of the patriarchs which existed among the Jews at Jerusalem, from which resulted the union of speculative and operative Masonry to which the present institution owes its existence.

"He then entered into a learned defence of the authenticity of the Legend of the Third Degree; established its claims to truth as a tradition, by the application of the celebrated rule of *Vincentius Lerinensis* ('*Quod semper, quod ubique, quod ab omnibus traditum est*'), and explained the identity of its application with the similar legends of the mysteries.

"Rapidly passing over the history of the Order, he proceeded to a consideration of its condition in the middle ages, and gave an account of the *travelling Freemasons* of that period, who, he contended, were a fair example of the united operative and speculative science which existed at the Temple. He next described the gradual progress by which the speculative element thrust out the operative one, and showed that about the sixteenth century Freemasonry began more and more to assume the form of a science, until in the beginning of the eighteenth century, it assumed its present philosophical form.

"Comparing Masonry with other initiative modern societies, he said that Masonry was like the venerable oak, the monarch of the forest, under whose shadow these assimilated institutions have sprung up like mushrooms, and fattened upon the soil which its own leaves and fallen fruit had nourished. [The force of this figure will be seen when we recollect that Odd Fellowship, Sons of Temperance, &c., were all the fabrication of expelled Masons, whom the lecturer alludes to by 'fallen fruit.']

"The lecturer then concluded with an appeal to his Brethren for the cultivation of Freemasonry, as a science of symbolism—an appeal which electrified his audience, and elicited the most vociferous applause."

been fully evolved or explained, notwithstanding the vast multitude of commentators who have laboured at the task, I might call your attention to that beautiful passage in the twelfth chapter of Ecclesiastes, so familiar to every Mason as appropriate to the ceremonies of the *Third Degree*, and in which a dilapidated building is metaphorically made to represent the decays and infirmities of old age in the human body. This brief but eloquent description is itself an embodiment of much of our Masonic symbolism, both as to the mode and the subject matter.

In attempting any investigation into the symbolism of Freemasonry, the first thing that should engage our attention is the general purport of the institution and the mode in which this symbolism is developed. Let us first examine it as a whole, before we investigate its parts, as we would first view, as critics, the general effect of a building before we began to inquire into its architectural details.

Looking then in this way at the institution coming down to us, as it has, from a remote age—having passed unscathed, and even unaltered, through a thousand revolutions of nations, and engaging in its labours the intellectual and the powerful of all times—the first thing that will naturally arrest the attention is the singular combination that it presents of an operation with a speculative organization—an art with a science—the technical terms and language of a mechanical profession with the abstruse doctrines of a profound philosophy.

Here it is before us—a venerable school discoursing of the deepest subjects of wisdom, in which sages might alone find themselves appropriately employed, and yet taking its birth and deriving its first life from a society of artisans, whose only object was apparently the construction of material edifices.

The nature then of this operative and speculative combination is the first problem for us to solve, and the symbolism which depends upon it is the first feature of the institution which we are to develop.

Masonry, in its character as an operative art, is familiar to every one; as such it is engaged in the application of the rules and principles of architecture to the construction of edifices for private and public use, houses for the dwelling-place of man and temples for the worship of the Deity. It abounds, like every other art, in the use of technical terms, and employs in practice an abundance of implements and materials which are peculiar to itself.

Now, if operative Masonry had here paused—if this technical dialect and these technical implements had never been used for any other purpose, or appropriated to any other object, than that of enabling its disciples to pursue their artistic labours with greater convenience to themselves, Freemasonry would never have existed. The same principles might, and in all probability would, have been developed in some other way; but the organization, the name, the mode of instruction, would all have most materially differed. But the operative Masons who founded the Order were not content with the mere mate-

rial and manual part of their profession—they joined to it, under the instructions of their leaders, a correlative branch of study.

And hence to the Freemason this operative art has been symbolized in that intellectual deduction from it which has been correctly called Speculative Masonry. At one time each was an integrant part of one undivided system. Not that the period ever existed when every operative Mason was acquainted with or initiated into the speculative science. Even now there are thousands of skilful artisans who know as little of that science as they do of the Hebrew language which was spoken by its founder.

But Operative Masonry was in the inception of our history, and in some measure is even now, the skeleton upon which were strung the living muscles and tendons and nerves of the speculative system. It was the block of marble, rude and unpolished it may be, from which was sculptured the life-breathing statue.

Speculative Masonry, which is but another name for Freemasonry in its modern acceptation, may be technically and briefly defined as the application—or, perhaps, I might more worthily express it, the *religious consecration*—of the rules and principles, the language and implements, of Operative Masonry to the veneration of God, the purification of the heart, and the preservation of certain profound dogmas of mystical philosophy.

I have said that the operative art is symbolized in the speculative science; let us now inquire, in the first place, how this is done in relation to the general purport of both.

Bearing in mind that speculative or modern Freemasonry dates its origin from the building of King Solomon's Temple by Jewish and Tyrian artisans, the first important fact that attracts our attention is, that the operative Masons at Jerusalem were engaged in the construction of an earthly and material temple, to be dedicated to the service and worship of God; a house in which Jehovah was to dwell visibly by His Shekinah, and whence He was, by the Urim and Thummin, to send forth His oracles for the government and direction of His chosen people. Now the operative art having *for us* ceased, we, as speculative Masons, symbolize the labours of our predecessors, by engaging in the construction of a moral temple in our hearts, dedicated to the honour of Him who is the author of purity, and whence every evil thought and unruly passion should be banished, as the sinner and the gentile were excluded from the sanctuary of the Jewish temple.

This spiritualizing of the Temple of Solomon is the first, the most prominent, and most pervading of all the symbols of Freemasonry. It is the link that binds the operative and speculative divisions of the Order—it is that which to the latter gives its moral character. Take from Freemasonry its dependence on the Temple, leave out of its ritual all reference to that sacred edifice, and the legends connected with it, and the system itself, must at once decay and die, or at best remain only as some fossilized bone, imperfectly to show the nature of the living animal to which it once belonged.

Temple worship is in itself an ancient type of the religious sentiment in its progress toward spiritual elevation : as soon as a nation emerged out of Fetichism, or the worship of visible objects, the most degraded form of idolatry, its people began to establish a priesthood and erect temples. The Scandinavians, the Celts, the Egyptians, and the Greeks, however much they may have differed in the ritual and the objects of their polytheistic adoration, were all possessed of priests and temples. The Jews, as we have already seen, first constructed their tabernacle, or portable temple, and then, when opportunity permitted, transferred their monotheistic worship to that more permanent edifice which is now the subject of our contemplation. The mosque of the Mohammedan, and the church or the chapel of the Christian, is but an embodiment of the same idea of temple worship in a simpler form.

The adaptation, therefore, of the material temple to a science of symbolism would be an easy and by no means a novel task to both the Jewish and Tyrian mind. Doubtless, at its original conception, the idea was rude and unembellished, to be perfected and polished only by future aggregations of succeeding intellects ; and yet no biblical scholar will venture to deny that there was in the mode of building, and in all the circumstances connected with the construction, of King Solomon's Temple an apparent design to establish a foundation of symbolism.

(To be continued.)

STANZAS.

- A.—WE part, yet why forget ?
 Our lots are sunder'd ; must our loves be too ?
 Earth's toil our hearts may fret,
 But may not vanquish if the hearts beat true.
- B.—Alas ! man's love grows old,
 And that which seem'd the soul's eternal home
 Is built o' the churchyard mould,
 Earthy, of earth, it to earth's dust shall come.
- A.—Shall our old home then fall ?
 Nay, we'll not let it die so suddenly ;
 But prop the tottering wall
 With gift, and song, and sweet-voiced memory.
- B.—Ay, prop it as you may,
 With gift, with memory, with the hope to meet,
 You but the time delay :
 Love's flower must drop and perish in world's heat.
- A.—Yet when we most despond,
 Faith's clear tone ringeth—"Cast on Him thy care ;"
 Hope sees blue heaven beyond,
 And hark ! Love whispers—"I too will be there."

HISTORY OF THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

BY A SUBLIME PRINCE OF THE ROYAL SECRET.

(Continued from page 186.)

On the first day of May, 1786, the Grand Constitution of the 33rd Degree, called the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General, was finally ratified by His Majesty the King of Prussia, who, as Grand Commander of the Order of Princes of the Royal Secret, possessed the Sovereign Masonic power over the Craft. In the new Constitution, this high power was conferred on a Supreme Council, composed of nine brethren in each nation, who possessed all the Masonic prerogatives in their own district that His Majesty individually possessed, and are *Sovereigns* of Masonry.

All the transactions of S . . . P . . . R . . . S . . . required the sanction of Frederick William II. (who had for many years been the head or patron of the Order), or that of his substitute, to establish their legality. Many other prerogatives were attached to his Masonic rank; and not least in the consideration of the day, it was thought that in the United States of America, who had just then emerged from what they called "the thralldom of the mother country," after a long and arduous struggle for their liberty, it would be improper or inexpedient to have the Masonic head and jurisdiction over the Ineffable and Sublime Degrees in another country, and to pay allegiance of any kind to a foreign potentate. These difficulties added to the importance attached to the highest position in Freemasonry, and the very great caution necessary to prevent an unsuitable person from obtaining an office so respectable, influential, and important, weighed with the King and the high Consistory over which he presided. Upon reading the respectful petitions and statements made to them during the years 1784 and 1785, the subject was referred to a highly learned and able committee, who reported this Degree (33rd) to constitute *nine* Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret in each nation a SUPREME COUNCIL of Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General, and they being duly organized, accredited, and approved, should at his decease possess all his Masonic prerogatives over the concerns of the Craft within the country or territory over which their jurisdiction extended; and their appointment was *ad vitam*. They became the *Executive* body of the Masonic Fraternity within their territory.

By Article XII. of the Grand Constitution of the 33rd Degree, the Supreme Council were authorized to exercise the power then possessed by Frederick, in recalling the Patents of Deputy Inspectors-General for improper and un-Masonic conduct, &c. These patents contained the following clauses: "And we hereby authorize and empower our said illustrious Bro. ——— to establish, congregate, superintend, and inspect all Lodges, Chapters, Councils, Colleges, and

Consistories of the Royal and Military Order of Ancient and Modern Freemasonry, on the surface of the two hemispheres, agreeably to the Grand Constitutions." By Art. IX. "No Deputy Inspector-General can use his patent in any country where a Supreme Council of Sov. Grand Inspectors-General has been established, unless it shall be signed by the said Council."

The members of this "Executive Council of Nine" constitute together, as it were, but one GRAND MASTER of the Illustrious Order, who stands in the place of Frederick. The governmental system of Sublime Freemasonry is thus, in a measure, analogous to that of a *Civil Constitutional Government*, the sovereignty exercised being defined by law.

By Art. VI. of this Constitution, the powers and authority of Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General 33rd, is confined to the Degrees of that of Prince of Jerusalem. It formally declares that "the power of the Supreme Council *does not interfere* with any Degree below the 17th, or Knights of the East and West; but that every Council of Princes of Jerusalem and Lodge of Perfection is required to acknowledge them, the members of such Supreme Council, in their quality of Inspectors-General, and to receive them with the high honours which are their due."

The following fundamental law appertaining to the Ancient and Accepted Rite is not inapplicable to other departments or any department of Freemasonry:—

"No Masonic power, professing our Rite, or any of its dependent associations, can, under any pretence whatever, *amalgamate* or associate by representation, or otherwise, with any other power, or with any association depending on any other Rite, nor consent to become a section or dependence thereof, without renouncing the object of its institution, and losing *de facto* its sovereign attributes." *

Leading Brethren, cultivating the American System, have become active members of bodies working under the Ancient and Accepted Rite, without infringing upon the spirit or even the letter of this law. It is recorded, that on the 20th of February, 1788, a Royal Arch Chapter in the city of Charleston, South Carolina—the *Berlin* of Masonry in the United States—working under a warrant from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Dublin, *formed* a junction with the Sublime Grand Lodge of Perfection, and its members were received into the Ineffable Degrees free of expense, and acknowledged as high as the 13th Degree, or Knight of the 9th Arch inclusive. This was right and constitutional, *magis continet minus*, as it will be borne in

* With this plain, unmistakeable "fundamental law" staring them in the face, I cannot see how our Brethren of the Supreme Masonic Bodies in Boston can consistently require candidates for their honours, to be possessed of the American Chapter and Encampment Degrees; all of which are not only *foreign* to our rite, but partly appropriated from and made independent of it. Every intelligent Sublime Mason, acquainted with American Templarism, must see at once how openly the Degree called "Knight of Malta" is appropriated from our ritual. I will show *how* and *by whom* when I come to speak of an American "Masonic" Organization, independent of course, called a "Council of Royal and Select Masters."—*Quod ab initio non valet, in tractu temporis non convalescit.*—Compiler.

mind that the Royal Arch, according to the Constitution of Dublin at that time, as well as the Ineffable Degrees, traditionally belonged to the Temple of Solomon, and not to that of Zerubbabel, to which, according to a tradition discovered about fifty years ago, belong the American Royal Arch, and its 40,000 R.A.Ms.

On the 20th of February, 1788, the Grand Council of Princes of Jerusalem was opened in Charleston, at which were present Bro. John Myers, Dep. Insp. Gen. for South Carolina; Bro. B. M. Spitzer, Dep. Insp. for Georgia; and Bro. A. Frost, Dep. Insp. Gen. for Virginia.

On the 2nd of August, 1795, Bro. Col. John Mitchell, a Deputy Quartermaster-Gen. in the United States army, was made a Deputy Inspector-General for South Carolina, by Bro. Spitzer, Bro. Myers having removed out of the country. Bro. Mitchell, however, was restricted from acting until after the decease of Bro. Spitzer, which occurred the following year. As many Brethren of the Eminent Degrees had arrived, at Charleston, from the continent of Europe and South America, Consistories of S. . . P. . . R. . . S. . . were held, as occasion required, for initiatory and other purposes.

A Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix, H—R—D—M., was in 1797, established in New York city, of which our respected and most puissant Bro. J. J. J. Gourgas,* *clarum et venerabile nomen*, was for a series of years the Grand Secretary. He was also one of the founders of the Sovereign Grand Consistory of Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret (30th, 31st, and 32nd Degrees), at the Grand East, New York city, in 1806. The names of the other founders were:—Anthony Bideau, Sov. Gr. Insp. Gen.; John Gabriel Tardy, John Baptist Desdoity, Lewis De Saulles, and Peter A. Du Peyrat. On the 7th of March, 1806, the following Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret were published as the presiding officers:—

John Gabriel Tardy	..	..	..	..	Ill. Sov. of Sovs.
John B. Desdoity	..	..	..	..	„ L. . G. . C. .
Richard Riker.	..	..	..	..	„ G. . W. .
John James Joseph Gourgas	..	..	..	..	„ G. . Sec.
M. L. M. Peixotto	..	..	..	..	„ G. . Treas.
Sampson Simpson	..	..	..	..	„ C. . of G. .

* This distinguished Brother, to whom the *Freemasons' Quarterly Review* for 1846 was eloquently and worthily dedicated, is now, I believe, in his eighty-fourth year. He is strong, hale, and hearty; and long may he continue so to be. He has not been actively engaged in the cause of Freemasonry since 1851, at which time he relinquished his office of M. . P. . Sov. Grand Commander in favour of M. . P. . Bro. Giles Fonda Yates (not Fouda, as in your last). Bro. Gourgas's address upon that occasion was one of the clearest and ablest documents on Sublime Freemasonry ever written. It is a lucid *history* in itself; and I acknowledge, gratefully, my debt to it, to him, to Bro. Yates, and Dr. Mackey's valuable *Miscellany* for the materials from which this brief account of our most Illustrious Order is compiled. Bro. Gourgas has, beyond all comparison, the best library of printed and manuscript documents relating to our Order, and especially to Ineffable and Sublime Freemasonry, in the world. Klass, and a great many others with whom I have been acquainted, had a greater number of books on Freemasonry, but not a fourth of the *matter* in Bro. G.'s library.—*Compiler*.

The first Supreme Council ever established under the new Constitution of 1786, was that at Charleston, South Carolina, in the United States, whose jurisdiction extended, constitutionally, over the whole of the United States; until they constituted by their Special Deputy, Emanuel De La Motta, Esq., the Ill. Treas. Gen. of their H.: E.: a Supreme Council for the Northern jurisdiction of the United States, in 1813, at the Grand East in the city of New York. The origin of this Supreme Council will be best understood by the perusal of the following *ballustre*, which the truth of history demands that I should publish in full.

Universi Terrarum Orbis Architectonis per Gloriam Argentis.

DEUS MEUMQUE JUS.

Ordo ab Chao.

IN the name and at the special request of the Grand and Supreme Council of the most Puissant Sovereigns, Grand Inspectors-General of the 33rd Degree, duly and lawfully constituted, under the celestial canopy of the Zenith which answers to the 32nd degree, 45 minutes north latitude.

To our Illustrrious, most Valiant and Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret; Knights of H.K.; Illustrrious Princes and Knights, Grand, Ineffable, and Sublime, Free and Accepted Masons of all Degrees, ancient and modern, over the surface of the Two Hemispheres.

TO ALL THOSE TO WHOM THESE LETTERS SHALL COME:

UNION, CONTENTMENT, AND WISDOM.

Be it Known and Remembered, That whereas a certain individual of the name of JOSEPH CERNEAU, a Frenchman, born at Villeblerin, aged 50, and a jeweller by trade, residing at present, No. 118, William-street, in the city of New York, did, sometime this last spring, publish certain pamphlets, by the French called Tableaux, signed and sealed, wherein he styles himself as "*Most Potent, Sovereign Grand Commander of the thirty-third Degree for the United States of America, their Territories and Dependencies,*" &c. &c. &c. And whereas the only lawful body of the kind in the United States of America, was legally established on the 31st May, 5801, at the city of Charleston, South Carolina, and which is recognized all over the world: I, therefore, the undersigned, Grand Inspector General of the 33rd, Grand Dignitary officer of the aforesaid Supreme Council of the 33rd Degree in Charleston, South Carolina; do, hereby, *in their name*, and, *at their special request*, declare, and certify, that having previously taken such measures as were expedient in all such cases; *having also ascertained that he is not of, nor knows anything at all about the thirty-third Degree;* and that having received no satisfaction whatsoever from the said Joseph Cerneau, for his assuming a Degree, Title, and Powers to which he has not the smallest claim or right whatever; In consequence thereof, and being in duty bound to stop, crush, and publish all such characters, so as to prevent their doing any further mischief, and continue to delude and impose upon otherwise worthy Brethren *unacquainted* with the Superior Degrees of Free Masonry;

BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED, therefore, that by, and in virtue of my High Powers, Rights and Prerogatives, as a lawful Grand Inspector General of the 33rd Degree, in the United States of America; I do hereby publish and declare to the whole world, as well in my own name, as in that, and at the special request of my Supreme Council, in Charleston, South Carolina, the aforesaid Joseph

Cerneau, a Frenchman by birth, and a jeweller by trade, &c. &c. &c. as an *Impostor of the first magnitude*, and whom we have expelled from every *Masonic Asylum* within our *Jurisdiction*; and further, that whatever *Masonic* works or proceedings he may have performed, or put his hands to, ever since his arrival in this country from the *West Indies*, are also, hereby declared as unlawful, void, and *totally vitiated by his last barefaced imposture, and highly anti-Masonic conduct*.

That all those symbolic Brethren, and others who have been raised by him and his associates, in what *he* or *they* have been accustomed to call his or their *Sovereign Chapter of R. \times , Grand Consistory, and Grand Council of the 33rd*, are hereby declared irregular and unlawful, and that unless they shall each of them, individually, come forward, express their sorrow and abhorrence of such unlawful, nefarious conduct, and submit themselves, according to the exact tenor of the laws, they shall also be published over the two *Hemispheres*, and declared each of them, individually, as impostors, and accomplices in his unlawful deeds.

BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED ALSO, That being determined to stop, and crush at once, and for ever, all such impositions as have been practised and persisted in for so many years by *Joseph Cerneau* and others, from foreign countries, particularly the *West Indies*; I hereby, in my own official capacity, declare, to whomsoever it may concern, that the *Sovereign Grand Consistory of the 30th, 31st, and 32nd Degrees*, originally established in this city, on the 6th day of August, 5806, by the *thrice Illustrious Brethren, John Gabriel Tardy, John Baptist Desdoity, Moses Levy Madura Peicotto, and John James Joseph Gourgas*, all of them *R. \times Eco., K. H., S.P.R.S.*, Deputies Grand Inspectors General and Grand Masters under the old system, &c. &c. &c. and others, has been rigorously inspected, and their proceedings approved of by me; in consequence whereof, I hereby declare, acknowledge, and recognize them, as well in my own name, as in that of my aforesaid Grand and Supreme Council of the 33rd Degree, at Charleston, South Carolina, as being the *only* lawful body in New York, *which can exist for the Northern District of the United States of America, &c. &c. &c.*

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, the aforesaid and undersigned Emanuel De la Motta, K.H., S.P.R.S., Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the 33rd Degree, and Illustrious Treasurer General of the Holy Empire in the United States of America, &c. &c. &c., have delivered the present under my hand and Grand Seal of Ps. of the R.S.; and also the Stamp of the 33rd, at this Grand East of New York City, by the 40th degree 23 minutes north latitude, the 26th of the 6th month, called Elul. Ao. Mi. 5573, Ao. Ls. 5813, and of the Christian æra, this 21st day of September, 1813.

Deus Meumque Jus.

(Signed, sealed, and stamped,
on the original.)

E. DE LA MOTTA, K.H., S.P.R.S.,
Sovereign Grand Inspector of the 33rd degree,
and Illustrious Treasurer General of the Holy
Empire in the United States of America.

Deus Meumque Jus.

In the name and in behalf of the Supreme Grand Council, of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the 33rd Degree, holding its sittings in Charleston, South Carolina: We do hereby approve of, and confirm, *all* and *every* of the foregoing declaration and proceedings of our Illustrious Brother, E. D. La Motta, the Illustrious Treasurer General of the H. E. against a certain *Joseph Cerneau*, who has assumed to himself the profession of Principles and Degrees of which he is ignorant, and has arrogated to himself powers and privileges which never have been lawfully committed to him; and we do, therefore, declare and publish, that the aforesaid *Joseph Cerneau, and his abettors and followers*, are unworthy of *Masonic Communion* with any regular Freemasons, whether of high or low degree, or wheresoever dispersed; and that each, and every of them, are hereby expelled from even every or any lawful degree or *Masonic Society*, in which they may have been

received or admitted, until they shall make their peace with our aforesaid Grand Council, upon such terms as our aforesaid Illustrious Treasurer General of the H. E. shall recommend and adopt for that purpose.

Given under our hands and the seals of the Grand Council of Princes of the Royal Secret, and of the Supreme Council of the 33rd Degree for the United States of America, and dated this 24th day of December, 5813.

(Signed and stamped with two
seals on the original.) JN. MITCHELL, K.H., P.R.S.,
Sovereign Grand Inspector-General of the 33rd
Degree and Grand Commander for the U.S.
of America.

FREDERICK DALCHO, K.H., P.R.S.,
Sovereign Grand Inspector-General of the 33rd
Degree and Lieutenant Grand Commander for
the U.S. of America.

Issued by me this Seventh day of January, 5814.

(Signed) E. DE LA MOTTA, K.H., S.P.R.S.,
Sovereign Grand Inspector-General of the 33rd Degree,
Illustrious Treasurer General of the H. E. in the
United States of America, &c. &c. &c.

(To be continued.)

SIR CHRISTOPHER WREN.

WITHIN the last four years, the parochial clergy of St. Andrew's, Holborn, as a means of drawing together the inhabitants, have instituted a weekly lecture for the months of January, February, and March, in the inquest-room, adjoining the church; the room is of good proportion and capable of holding about two hundred persons. The foremost in this praiseworthy attempt to diffuse information in an agreeable form has been our reverend and respected Brother J. W. Laughlin, of No. 201, who was the evening lecturer, and is now incumbent of one of the district churches. The announcement of a lecture on a theme so inspiring to Masons as the career of England's most able architect, was sufficient inducement for us to attend; and although we could have wished that more of personal detail of that eminent Mason's progress in his sublime art had been included in the lecture, yet, as an address for a mixed assembly, in which the fair sex predominated, it was well arranged, and was listened to with great attention and pleasure.

Our reverend Brother, after a few words on the difficulties in finding a subject of general interest, said he thought nothing could be more agreeable than calling the attention of his fellow-parishioners to the life and times of that great artist to whom they owed their beautiful church, but who had made a wide-world reputation in his construction of that glorious temple which overshadows so many of his other productions. Living, as Wren did, in times so momentous and so fraught with interest to succeeding ages, with a life prolonged to see and have concern in three generations of men, any sketch of his time necessarily brought before them many historic names and anecdotes, and of such materials Brother Laughlin made good use. He stated that Wren was born at East Knoyle, in Wiltshire, October 20, 1632, of good family, his father being Dr. Christopher Wren, the chaplain in ordinary to Charles I., and dean of Windsor; his uncle, Dr. Matthew Wren, being successively bishop of Hereford, Norwich, and Ely. Though in his childhood he was said to have been of weak bodily constitution, Wren's

mind was most precocious, for they were told that at thirteen he invented an astronomical instrument, a pneumatic engine, and another instrument of use in gnomonics: these displays of genius doubtless helped his way at Oxford, for ere he was fourteen, he was entered as a gentleman commoner at Wadham College. It was also said, that in the next year he invented a pen that should write two hands at the same time, and which he brought forward as a security against forgery. In 1653 he was elected a Fellow of All Souls' College; and while at Oxford, he associated with Hooke and other scientific men, and their meetings laid the foundation of the Royal Society. By the time he was twenty-four, he was known to the learned of Europe by his various theories, inventions, and improvements. Passing over his other honours, they came to the time (1661) when his architectural skill caused his appointment, by Charles II., as assistant to Sir John Denham, the surveyor-general, and commissioned to survey and report upon St. Paul's Cathedral, with a view to its restoration, and to rebuild a part so as to reconcile it with the colonade added by Inigo Jones. Jones, who had been styled the English Palladio, and had in all his structures aimed at the Italian style, had been much commended for this addition to St. Paul's; of its merit they were now unable to judge, as not a vestige of it now remains. Much time was spent by the opposition made by the clergy and citizens to Wren's plans; and as political events had interfered with Jones's plans for building Whitehall, an event of a very different nature, calamitous in itself at the time, happened most opportunely for Wren, since the Great Fire of London not only decided that St. Paul's Cathedral should be entirely rebuilt, but also opened an extensive field for his talents in other metropolitan buildings. It was not necessary for him to notice his works further than by remarking, that Wren, in his scientific arrangements, was unrivalled. Bro. Laughlin, doubtless to enliven his lecture, introduced matter that had no especial reference to Wren, such as notices of poets of the day, with extracts from Pepys and Evelyn, describing their impressions of the great plague that preceded the burning of London. Wren's first design for the cathedral was widely different from that which was adopted, and of this first design his model was still in existence, neglected and covered by dust, and, he believed, fast tumbling to pieces: it is hoped that ere long it will be transferred to some public institution of the metropolis, better fitted for its preservation than its present place in the cathedral. The first stone of the present edifice was laid June 21st, 1675; the choir was opened for Divine Service in 1697; the entire building was finished in thirty-five years; the last stone on the summit of the lantern being placed by the architect's son Christopher in 1710. Taken altogether, St. Paul's was a truly glorious building, and one of which the English people might justly be proud; it was deserving of notice, that of this great work the same architect, the same master-builder, and the same bishop saw its completion. The lecturer further informed his hearers, that St. Paul's was built according to the formula and principles of Freemasonry, of which Order Sir Christopher was an active member, and became the Grand Master.

Bro. Wren was appointed a Grand Warden under Sir John Denham, the D.G.M., in 1663, was made Deputy by the Earl Rivers, and in 1685 elected Grand Master. William III., we believe, was initiated by Wren in 1695, and visited the different Lodges, especially one at Hampton Court, where he presided on several occasions.

Bro. Wren was for eighteen years a member of the old Lodge of St. Paul's, then held at the Goose and Gridiron, near the cathedral, now the Lodge of Antiquity; and the records of that Lodge show that the maul and trowel used at the laying the stone of St. Paul's, together with a pair of carved mahogany candlesticks, were presented by Wren, and are now in possession of that Lodge. Bro. Laughlin said their own church was deserving of commendation, the interior possessing great beauty of design; and he regretted that the unsightly pews much marred its general effect. Wren was decidedly opposed to pews, as he considered the great body of a church should be left open for standing-room. Throughout the reigns of William and Anne, Wren retained his office of surveyor-general (which he held for forty-nine years), but was dispossessed by George I., who had no taste for the fine arts, science, or literature; but being then over eighty, Wren could have

little further worldly ambition, and, therefore, it must have been a relief to him to be removed from his office. His delight to his latest day was to be carried to see his great master-piece: the last five years of his life were spent in retirement, and the study of the Book of Life; and hence, in serenity of mind and placid content, he quietly dropped asleep, reposing in his chair, on the 25th of February, 1723, in his ninety-first year. He received the due merit of a splendid funeral in St. Paul's, where his remains were deposited in the crypt. A considerable period after his death, was placed on a marble tablet over the entrance to the choir, the sublimely eloquent legend—

“ Subtus conditur hujus ecclesiæ ac urbis conditor,
Christophorus Wren,
Qui vixit annos ultra nonaginta non sibi
Sed suæ patriæ. Lector, si
Monumentum requiris, circumspice.”

The lecturer concluded by remarking, of Wren it might be said—“ There never lived so busy a man, never one who did so many things so well.”

The lectures are gratuitous, and we were pleased to find the praiseworthy conduct of the rector and clergy of the parish acknowledged by a good attendance.

MEMORIAL TABLET IN RICHMOND CHURCH.

A Monumental Tablet has recently been erected in the Parish Church of Richmond, Surrey, by the Lodge of Harmony meeting in that town, to the memory of several members of the Lodge, who fell in the various battles in the Crimea. The tablet is of white marble, surmounted by crossed flags, and is altogether of elegant and appropriate design. The inscription is as follows:—

THIS TABLET IS ERECTED
BY
THE LODGE OF HARMONY, RICHMOND, No. 317,
TO THE MEMORY OF
LIEUT. COL. LIONEL MACKINNON,
CAPTAIN HYLTON JOLLIFFE,
CAPTAIN HORACE CUST,
CAPTAIN HENRY MONTELIEU BOUVERIE,
AND
CAPTAIN HUGH DRUMMOND,
OFFICERS OF THE GUARDS,
AND MEMBERS OF THAT LODGE,
WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE BATTLE-FIELDS OF THE CRIMEA
IN DEFENCE OF PRINCIPLES ILLUSTRATIVE OF FREEMASONRY:
LOVE TO OUR NEIGHBOUR, SUCCOUR TO THE OPPRESSED,
TRUTH TO ALL MANKIND.

This is a pleasing addition to the many memorials which have been erected in various parts of the country in honour of those brave men who so nobly fell in defending the weak against the oppressor, and, indeed, as is thereon so aptly stated, in carrying out the principles of our Order. *Peace to their Manes.*

MUSIC.

The "Masonic Polka," composed and dedicated to the Brethren of the Lodge of Truth, No. 763, by Bro. T. Wood, Huddersfield. London: J. Williams, 123, Cheapside. We heard one of our most talented judges pronounce this to be one of the most original and exquisitely tasteful works to be met with in similar compositions. We perfectly concur in that opinion, and prognosticate that this sprightly and elegant little gem will find its way very much further than the circle of local admirers of our worthy Brother, and their first-rate organist, the composer. It is a really good thing both in style of music and idea.

THE CRYSTAL PALACE.

The greatest efforts are being made to render the ensuing Handel commemoration "an event" unparalleled in musical annals. Vast as the preparations, however, are, they do not exceed the immense popular eagerness to be present at the monster concerts. During the last season, and recently on Good Friday, the London and Brighton Railway Company met the demand upon its locomotive resources with a readiness, tact, and vigour which demanded, but did not receive, adequate public attestation. Every one rejoiced at the speed and regularity, though many forgot the sources whence it was derived. The London and Brighton Company is happy in having so expert and thoroughly practical a secretary as our excellent Bro. Fred. Slight, and we anticipate, from his long-trying zeal and ability, that the immense multitude about to visit the peerless Palace will not be long kept waiting for access or egress to or from its world-renowned attractions. The company is arranging also cricket-matches, and, indeed, is indefatigable in catering for public amusement. We have reason to expect that its endeavours will realize the most prosperous season known since the opening of the building.

THE OPERAS.

Both houses have inaugurated their season, the one by novelty, the other by the established reputation of its band and its vocalists. At Her Majesty's Theatre, the opening was "La Favorita," with no fewer than three new principal singers: Mdle. Spezia, a soprano; Signor Giuglini, a tenor; and Signor Vialette, a bass. The first lady is of fine *personnel*, rather Jewish in feature, and exhibited such unquestionable talent as to have at once established a decided success. Signor Vialette possesses great dramatic power and dignity, and his singing is exquisitely pure. The greatest curiosity, however, was excited by the appearance of Signor Giuglini, who has acquired great celebrity in Italy, while he has yet the advantage of youth. Like his great predecessor Rubini, he was trained in the ecclesiastical school, and left, it is said, reluctantly, the choir for the stage. His voice is most mellifluous, and, from the rise till the fall of the curtain, he throughout maintained the favourable impression he had awakened. His triumph, however, was in "Spirito Gentil," and a unanimous encore only gave him fresh wreaths of honour, for the exquisite skill in which he managed the falsetto in this air. A new dancer, named Pocchini, showed herself in the ballet of "Esmeralda," a very piquante artiste, and elicited a welcome, hearty and sincere, even from admirers of Carlotta Grisi. Mdle. Piccolomini has also made her *rentrée* in "La Figlia del Reggimento," and was received with every demonstration of welcome. As to her heroine "Maria," she has completely impersonated a character which Jenny Lind was supposed to have exclusively appropriated. All her

grace is from being perfectly unaffected, and she wins where she makes the least effort to appear winning. She was supported by Mdle. Poma and Signor Stecchi Bottardi (both first appearances), and by Signor Belletti. The lady's voice is a pleasing mezzo soprano. Signor Bottardi was nervous, but Signor Belletti maintained to the full his old reputation in "Sulpizio."

The Lyceum, small though it be, has been rendered by every improvement that its size permits of, an agreeable refuge for the company of the Royal Italian Opera, pending the building of the new theatre, which is to rise, it is said, by next season, from the ruins of Covent Garden. Here, with Costa to conduct, and Grisi, Mario, Gardoni, Graziani, and Tagliafico to sing, there was surely no need of novelty on the opening nights. When "I Puritani" and "Norma" have been the operas, Grisi is still unapproachable in those parts she has made so peculiarly her own. Spite of rivals who have come like shadows and so departed, Grisi remains the druidess of past years. All that is wanting now her wonderful skill almost conceals, and every point, though "Casta Diva" be not what it once was, is given with unerring effect. The energy, the grace, the artistic skill remain, and on Thursday night exercising their usual spell, woke into unwonted enthusiasm the proverbially cold audience of the Lyceum. On the opening night, Gardoni and Graziani were both labouring under hoarseness, but no effects of it were perceptible in the *Pollio* of the former on Thursday. Mdle. Maria was *Adalgisa*, and sang the music with that skill that has made her one of the most acceptable of *seconde donne*. A slight *divertissement* came after the opera; it is named "Les Abeilles," and is chiefly remarkable for the pretty scene of beehives, painted by Mr. Beverley. Besides the above, we have had "Maria de Rohan," with Ronconi, Didiée, and Rosa Devries, a trio nearly unapproachable. Mr. Gye deserves the greatest honour for the efforts he has made successfully, in rendering the house more commodious, and thereby now possible of access, from the boxes to the pit.

MASONIC PLEDGES OF A TRUE HAROD.

BY BRO. GILES F. YATES.

WE will not "faint nor weary" in well-doing,
Nor e'er betray the trust we have assign'd us;
Nor will we cease the good we crave pursuing,
Nor look behind us.

Though Error's cloud is o'er our path careering,
And Falsehood mutters deep its hollow thunder;
Their sombre pall, TRUTH's sunlight, spirit-cheering,
Will cleave asunder.

Who cannot rule, to ruin may endeavour,
Or raise distrust, that monster hydra-headed,
In thoughtless hearts, who to new idols ever
Love to be wedded.

To Hate and Envy we have breathed defiance,
Our hearts are laid on Love's most sacred altar;
Led by those twin fire-pillars, TRUTH and SCIENCE,
We cannot falter.

We will be workers in the field before us
With cheerfulness, nor deem the task a burden;
And when success, though small at times, smiles o'er us,
Be that our guerdon.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[THE EDITOR *does not hold himself responsible for any opinions entertained by Correspondents.*]

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have to thank you for inserting my previous communication from this remote corner of the globe, among so much more valuable matter. I would like to see more space devoted in your *Magazine* to the discussion of Masonic Jurisprudence, and the elucidation of points which are daily occurring in the working of a Lodge or Chapter, and which require to be decided upon at once, but which, in order to decide correctly, involve a good deal of study; and the more we study the details of the working of the Craft, the more do we see that they are dovetailed, as it were, into each other; so that what appears at first sight trifling and insignificant, becomes, when properly understood, of great importance as to its bearing on the plan as a whole, so as fully to convince us "that no part thereof was formed without due and sufficient reason, and for a special purpose."

In this communication I purpose to review two letters of Bro. G. F. Newmarch, which appeared in the January and February numbers, and your answers to the queries of "H. O. B.," Trinidad, in the February number of the *Magazine*, in the hope that others will take up these and kindred subjects, and give the Craft in general the benefit of their knowledge and research. You can, of course, see from my style, that I am unaccustomed to write with even common fluency, and that I labour under a serious defect in clothing my thoughts in appropriate language; but my object being to elicit information, and not display, I feel confident my Brethren will overlook the defects for the sake of the object.

Bro. Newmarch states, as a broad principle, that a Master of a Lodge has no right to refuse admission into his Lodge a Brother who shall have given the requisite proofs of being a Mason. In arguing from this basis, Bro. Newmarch mixes up two very distinct questions, viz., that of refusing admission to a Brother who is not a member of the Lodge, and excluding a member. The discussion arose from the fact that the Grand Lodge has affirmed that "the Worshipful Master and Wardens may refuse admission to a visitor of known bad character." Bro. Newmarch quotes the Constitutions in support of his views:—(on private Lodges) "No Lodge shall exclude any member without giving him due notice," &c.; and (Members and their Duty)—"A member excluded from one Lodge, shall not be eligible to any other Lodge until," &c. These passages clearly refer to membership with individual Lodges, and not to the relation Brethren bear to the Craft in general. Bro. Newmarch quotes the Constitutions still more unhappily in his second letter (of Visitors)—"No visitor shall be admitted into a Lodge unless personally known or recommended," &c.; and insists that "it never yet has been held to enjoin or permit inquiry into character, or to extend further than to require that visitors must be known, recommended, or vouched for as being Brethren." How this opinion can be held in view of the very next clause is more than I can fathom:—"A Brother who is not a subscribing member to some

Lodge, shall not be permitted to visit any one Lodge in the town or place where he resides more than once during his secession from the Craft." Here is one case where a regularly-made Mason should be excluded, and where it is the duty of the Master at once and without reference to the Lodge to refuse him admission, and I can conceive many other cases. Suppose a member of Bro. Newmarch's own Lodge had been excluded for non-payment of dues, and that Brother should soon afterwards present himself at the door of the Lodge for admission as a visitor, what would Bro. Newmarch do were he in the chair? Refuse him admittance of course—he could not do otherwise. It appears to me, then, that cases *may* arise where the W.M. may, and indeed is bound to, refuse admittance to a visitor; but no case *can* arise where he can of his own power refuse to admit a member of the Lodge: this can only be done after due notice by the Lodge, and with the right of appeal to higher authority.

Where do you find authority for the answer given to "H. O. B., Trinidad," that a Senior Warden ruling the Lodge is authorized to confer degrees? It is the duty of the S.W., in the absence of the Master and all Past Masters, to *rule the Lodge*. See Constitutions (Masters and Wardens). The first part of the clause defines who shall summon the Lodge, and the latter, who shall preside; and, as the words are peculiar, I quote them:—"In the Master's absence, the immediate Past Master, and if he be absent the Senior Past Master, of the Lodge present shall *take the chair*; and if no Past Master of the Lodge be present, then the Senior Warden, and in his absence the Junior Warden, shall *rule the Lodge*." A Past Master is here authorized to *take the chair*, but a Warden is only authorized to *rule* the Lodge; even an elected Master, if not installed, cannot assume the chair, but *may rule* the Lodge. I hold that no one can assume the Master's chair unless he has been regularly placed there by the ceremony of installation. The same form holds good in Grand Lodge. See Constitutions, edition 1847 (the Grand Lodge), page 25, clause 18. This rule is, however, left out of the late editions, being no doubt so well understood, that the insertion of it is deemed supererogatory. "When the Deputy Grand Master or a Past Deputy Grand Master, a Provincial Grand Master or Past Provincial Grand Master, presides, he is to take his seat in the chair of the Deputy Grand Master, placed in front of the throne; but if any Brother of lower rank preside, he is to take his seat in some other chair similarly placed." Now, in what consists the difference between taking the chair and ruling the Lodge? I contend that it is chiefly in being able to make and advance Masons, which no one has any power to do unless he has been regularly installed as a Master of a Lodge.

Your answer to "H. O. B.'s" third question I have always been taught to believe correct (viz.—that five can open, transact business, and close an E. A. or F. C. Lodge), but cannot furnish reasons to satisfy my own mind why it should be so. We teach our Fellow Crafts, "On the third step he pauses to find the three superior officers who *rule* the Lodge, and to reflect on the great attributes of the Deity—Omniscience, Omnipresence, and Omnipotence, and to think of Him who is the Creator; Preserver, and Judge of mankind; on the fifth, he discovers the number who may lawfully *hold* a Lodge in this Degree; on the seventh, he learns what number of Brethren assembled together with the three Great Lights of Masonry, the Book of Constitutions, and the Warrant empowering them to act, are sufficient to make a Lodge perfect." In strict point of fact, three *do not* rule a Lodge; the Master is *really* the *only ruler*, and the two Wardens are his assistants. And may it not be so said of five *holding* a Lodge, viz.—the three Master Masons or the Master and his two Wardens, and the two Fellow Crafts or Deacons? These are the five *who hold* a Lodge, which is perfect as to organization (as an entered Apprentice cannot hold office, and in the United States he is even debarred from the privilege of membership), but not as to numbers; two entered Apprentices must therefore be introduced, so that all branches of the Order may be fully represented, viz.—the three Master Masons, two Fellow Crafts, and two entered Apprentices, composing the sacred number seven, or perfect Lodge. In this view of the case, can the Lodge thus organized, or held by five only, open, transact business, and close? Can five members, should the others all die off or retire from the Lodge, hold the warrant, and increase their numbers by balloting for and

admitting joining members? (I suppose it is not claimed that a Mason may be made or advanced when only five are present). Then why, if five can hold a warrant, keep it alive, and work under it, must there be seven to receive that warrant originally?

CANADIAN.

KINGSTON, CANADA WEST, *March* 21, 1857.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents, as will be seen by reference to every number of the *Magazine*. With regard to our assertion that a Warden may rule the Lodge and perform the ceremonies of initiation, &c., we have the Grand Secretary's authority for it. The Warden is not to assume the Master's chair, but sit by the side or in front of it. The Master rules his Lodge in conjunction with his Wardens or assistants. Five legally hold a charter, and may ballot for members, though they cannot initiate unless seven are present.]

THE ANCIENT RITE.

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

SIR,—Will some member of the Ancient Rite answer me what are the grounds upon which that system, imported as it was into England by some French emigrants in the year 1800, assumes to itself a supremacy over Craft Royal Arch Templar and Rosæ Crucis Degrees, which are well known to have been successfully worked in the time of Sir Christopher Wren? In Masonic matters distance lends no enchantment to my view, as, being in Canada, I am too far removed to be dazzled by the High Grades, and thereby prevented from inquiry. But, surely, so long as the Ancient Rite assumes the motto "Deus meumque jus," I may ask what is *that right* which permits or justifies such a supremacy over Craft and Arch Masonry and the Degrees of Knights Templar and Rosæ Crucis? Expecting a reply from one of the many illustrious members of the Ancient Rite,

I am content to remain

Your humble

FRATER JAMES.

KINGSTON, CANADA, *March* 30, 1857.

MASONIC HOSPITALITY.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Having noticed an anonymous communication in your last publication reflecting on the courtesy and hospitality of the Canonbury Lodge, of which I have the honour of being the W.M., I have made inquiries into the circumstances, and find that they are not as represented.

Yours fraternally,

THOS. BOHN, W.M.;

P.M., No. 201; S.D., No. 7, &c.

HOLLOWAY, *April* 27, 1857.

SATURDAY HOLIDAYS.

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

SIR AND BROTHER,—Is it too much to hope that the Lords Commissioners of her Majesty's Treasury may be pleased to issue an order for closing the Inland Revenue, Customs, and other Government offices at two o'clock on Saturdays, as has been the case in the Audit-office at Somerset House for several years past; and that the Lord High Chancellor, the Lord Chief Justice, and the other law and equity judges, will close their respective courts entirely on Saturdays, and also put the public offices connected therewith on the same footing as the London and

district offices of the Court of Bankruptcy, which, under the recent order signed by the Lord Chancellor, closed on the 15th instant, and in future will be closed at two o'clock on Saturdays?

When these reasonable and just expectations are realized, the clerks in the public, Government, Chancery, Common Law, and solicitors' offices will be enabled to enjoy an *effective* "Saturday half-holiday," with scarcely the slightest detriment either to public or private interests, or the decrease of the national wealth; and it will materially tend to facilitate the progress of this great ameliorative effort, so far as practicable, throughout the different departments of physical and mental labour, in its various ramifications, both in the trades and professions of this great metropolis and the provinces, and thus aid the moral, social, physical, and intellectual improvement of the toiling millions of her Majesty's subjects.

I am, Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

JOHN ROBT. TAYLOR.

54, CHANCERY-LANE, April 22, 1857.

ATHOL LODGE (No. 88), WHITE HART INN, DIGBETH,
BIRMINGHAM.

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

SIR AND BROTHER,—My attention has been called to a paragraph in your excellent publication for April, stating that at the Royal Isle of Man Lodge (No. 123), Douglas, Bro. Mayle, the W.M. of the said Lodge, is described as a late P.M. of the Athol Lodge (No. 88), Birmingham. I beg to inform you that Bro. Mayle was never W.M. of the Athol Lodge. Your insertion of this in your next publication will much oblige yours fraternally,

GEO. HUDSON, W.M. Athol Lodge (No. 88).

[We published the paragraph as we received it, it being, of course, impossible to know the rank which every Brother holds throughout the kingdom. Though Bro. Mayle may not have passed the Chair of No. 88, we have ascertained that he was at one time a member of it. Lodge No. 123, Isle of Man, does not hold under the English Constitutions.]

LODGE BOOKS.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I shall feel obliged by your answering the following question.

A late W.M. of a Lodge holding from the Grand Lodge of England neglects, upon the night of installing his successor, to hand over the minute-books, guard-book, seals, and other papers appertaining to the Lodge, to his successor. The newly-installed W.M. makes a demand upon the Brother for the books, &c., who refuses to deliver the same. The Brother is written to three times without avail, still persisting in retaining the books, &c. of the Lodge. Notice of motion is given at one Lodge that at the next ensuing meeting the following motion will be given, viz., "That, considering the contempt with which the Immediate Past Master has up till now treated the summonses of the Lodge, his conduct is highly reprehensible, and should be visited with the heaviest penalty. The Secretary to be therefore directed to inform that Brother that unless he avail himself of the alternative, and comply with the legitimate demands of his Lodge, he will be excluded, and notice thereof given to the Grand Lodge of England and all Lodges in the island." The Brother not having complied with the motion of which notice was given, it was moved and unanimously carried that he be excluded from the Lodge. The members of the Lodge, however, considering the position that the Brother had held among them, refrained from giving the notice to the Grand Lodge

and the Lodges in the island, in the hope that the Brother would ultimately comply with the request of the Lodge. One year having elapsed, and the Brother having failed to do so, the Lodge then gave notice to the Grand Lodge, as also to the Lodges in the island. The Grand Secretary replied, "I cannot but regret that a Brother who has filled the chair of a Lodge should so far forget his duty to his Lodge, as well as what was due to his own honour, as to detain documents which are not his own individual property. I have, however, in accordance with your official communication, noted against the name of Bro. — that he has been excluded the Lodge for detaining some of the minute-books and other documents belonging to the Lodge." A Lodge holding from Scotland, of which the Brother is an honorary member, treating with silence our communication to them of the Brother having been excluded, permits that Brother to visit at its meetings, and on doing so the Brother is placed on the dais in the east, that Lodge thereby recognizing him (notwithstanding the Brother's exclusion) as *Past Master* of the English Lodge.

Under the above circumstances, is the Lodge holding from Scotland justified in permitting the excluded Brother to attend at its meetings, and to sit in the east on the dais? If not, how should complaint be made to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, direct, or through the Grand Lodge of England? The matter has been brought before the Prov. Grand Master of Scotland in these colonies without *any result*.

I remain yours very fraternally,

H. V. B.

TRINIDAD, PORT OF SPAIN,

Feb. 25, 1857.

[Properly, a complaint to the Grand Lodge of Scotland should be made through that of England; but a memorial direct to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, courteously couched, would no doubt be attended to.]

DEATH OF BRO. KANE.

The loss of one so deeply lamented by the world (to whom he was known as Dr. Kane, the great Arctic traveller), in the prime of life, has been the subject of deep regret throughout the civilized globe. His great sacrifices to science and humanity are too well known to our readers to need any recapitulation from us; but to the Brethren of Canada it will afford a melancholy pleasure to know that he, too, was one of us. We see, from exchanges, that he was deservedly held in high estimation among our American Brethren, who purpose holding "Lodges of sorrow," to testify their admiration of a Brother whose daring enterprises in the noble cause of humanity and science have brought him to an early grave; a proposition we highly approve, and would suggest that the Lodges in Canada should do something to show their appreciation of "departed worth." In these degenerate days, whenever one of our Order falls from "his high estate," the uninitiated readily point out the *Mason*, but forget the *man*. Let us, then, show the world that if we have occasionally a black sheep in the fold, we have amongst us the great and good, and that we mourn their loss, and pay a tribute to their memory.

—*Canadian Pioneer*.

THE MASONIC MIRROR.

ROYAL FREEMASONS' GIRLS' SCHOOL.

A Quarterly Court of the Governors and Subscribers to this Institution was held at the offices, 16A, Great Queen-street, on Thursday, 9th of March, Bro. Beaumont in the chair. The reports of the various Committees were read by the Sec., Bro. F. Crew, and approved. In accordance with the recommendation of the General Committee, it was unanimously resolved, that the seven approved applicants for admission into the school be accepted, there being the same number of vacancies, and the necessity of an election therefore fortunately obviated; the formal induction of the seven children to take place under the auspices of the House Committee, at its meeting of the 23rd. The Audit Committee reported that the balance in the bankers' hands amounted to £768, and the disbursements for the quarter to £402. This being the day for the election of thirty annual subscribers to serve on the General Committee, twelve Brethren were nominated to supply the vacancies caused by the same number retiring, and there being no opposition, they were declared duly elected, together with the eighteen who had consented to continue their services.

We cannot but congratulate the subscribers and the Craft at large on the flourishing condition of this most excellent institution, a success achieved as much by its intrinsic merits as by the indefatigable exertions of the Committees and its supporters generally, aided as these have always been most materially by the never-tiring zeal of the esteemed and respected Secretary, Bro. Crew. We desire, however, to see its funds restored to the amount at which they stood previous to the building operations, and have little doubt that this "consummation so devoutly to be wished" will ere long be realized. Indeed, we are sanguine enough to believe, that the result of the approaching Anniversary Festival will in no small degree contribute to the fulfilment of the object in view. Great exertions are being used to celebrate this anniversary with becoming *éclat*, and we are now in a position to speak positively as to the musical and other arrangements, which we are sure will be of a character to leave nothing uncared for that can promote comfort, yield enjoyment, and insure success. We again direct attention to the announcement in our first page.

THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

An adjourned meeting of the Governors and Subscribers to this Institution was held on the 20th of April, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Bro. B. B. Cabbell, Prov. G.M. for Norfolk, presiding. After a long discussion, and one or two verbal amendments being made in the report of the Sub-Committee appointed to lay down rules for the election and guidance of the Master and Matron of the new school-

house, it was resolved "That a Sub-Committee be appointed to revise the laws of the Institution, for the purpose of making them applicable to the altered state of circumstances, and that the report of the Committee on the resolution of the General Committee of the 7th of March, 1857, as now approved, be referred to such Sub-Committee as instruction for their guidance." The Committee appointed consists of Bros. Cabbell, John Hervey, Symonds, Lyall, Potter, Hopwood, Bisgood, Robinson, Green, Binckes, Browse, Cox, Warren, and Hewett. It appears that a custom has grown up in this institution which cannot be too strongly deprecated, viz., that of allowing Brethren to take part in the proceedings of Committees and vote for candidates while their subscriptions are in arrear. The sooner the custom is amended the better will it be for the interests of the charity. We observe that the Committee lay too much stress on the value of Government certificates being held by candidates for the office of Schoolmaster. Do they know what such certificates are, and the value in which they are held by the profession? Such certificates only imply that the candidates are fitted to take the management of schools where the pittance allowed them does not exceed £50 a year, and that, should the schools be placed under Government inspection, the educational Board may add to the pittance an amount not exceeding one-third from the national funds. Surely it cannot be proposed to put the Freemasons' School under Government inspection? If not, the certificate is of but little use, and the highly-educated schoolmaster would not condescend to accept it. The salary proposed to be given (though certainly not what we think it ought to be) is too large to enable the Master to seek Government aid, and we trust the Craft are too independent to allow him to do so because he is inadequately paid by his employers.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

WE are happy to hear a very influential Board of Stewards has been formed for conducting the Triennial Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Decayed Freemasons and their Widows. The M.W. the G.M. has fixed on Wednesday, the 17th of June, for the Festival to come off, and we sincerely hope the Brethren will muster in strong numbers to support the Stewards at this interesting and charitable meeting.

METROPOLITAN.

GRAND MASTER'S LODGE (No. 1).—The monthly meeting of this highly respectable Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Monday, April 20, when Bro. Harris, P.M. (who presided in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Rawson, W.M.), most efficiently raised a duly qualified Brother to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. Other business having been gone through, the Brethren retired to dinner, and spent a most harmonious evening. The visitors were Bros. W. P. Scott, W.M. No. 2; W. Vallance, P.M. No. 14; Fish and Ward, P.Ms. No. 158; R. W. Wheeler, W.M. No. 324; E. Lumley, No. 109, &c. &c. Bros. Donald King and Thomas Jolly, jun., contributed much to the enjoyment of the evening by their excellent vocal powers.

LODGE OF FIDELITY (No. 3).—The monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on the 8th, when Bro. Gillespie, the W.M., initiated two gentlemen into the Order—passed two—and raised two Brethren to their respective Degrees, the whole of the ceremonies being most ably performed.

ROYAL SOMERSET HOUSE AND INVERNESS LODGE (No. 4).—This distinguished Lodge held its usual meeting at the Freemasons' Tavern on the 28th of April. The W.M. Bro. Roxburgh filled the chair with his usual tact and ability. Bros. Hayden, G. Worms, and A. Worms, were raised. Lorenzo F. A. Montemerli Dei Conti Sandomini was afterwards initiated; and as the candidate did not understand the English language, the whole of the ceremonies were performed in French, the various officers taking their respective parts. The ceremony was most impressively performed by the W.M. Bro. Roxburgh, with a fluency and elegance of expression which excited the admiration of all who heard him. Indeed we venture to say that such a performance is rarely seen, and that there are very few Lodges in the Craft in which it would be the case that the W.M. and officers would at so short a notice undertake the ceremony of initiation in a foreign language with so much perfection. We understand that Bro. Roxburgh is to be appointed to a high and important office in Grand Lodge. We rejoice that the merits of so distinguished a Brother are not to be overlooked, *although* he happens to belong to this Lodge.

ROYAL YORK LODGE (No. 7).—A season of almost unexampled prosperity was on Wednesday, 15th April, brought to a fitting close, by a meeting in every way worthy to take rank with the delightful *réunions* in which so many have participated during the past autumn and winter. Of so high a character have been the meetings of the Royal York, that we are strongly tempted to give something like a *résumé* of the proceedings, but a regard for editorial requirements and necessities bids us desist. It will not, however, be thought out of place if we pay a tribute of praise which is justly due, and acknowledge the pleasure we have invariably experienced in our visits to this Lodge, at seeing the business of Masonry so admirably conducted in every department. Brethren may here freely enjoy the pleasures of the "Fourth Degree" without fear of cavil or reproach, from the conviction that they have honestly earned the right to such enjoyment by their previous labours in the three regular Degrees. We are not of the number of those who would exclude from Masonic gatherings those social delights which form one of the chief charms of existence, and most assuredly we have no sympathy with those who regard the convivial portion of our system as its *summum bonum*. We advocate a due proportion between "labour and refreshment"—the necessity and solace of our mortal state—and can commend the Royal York Lodge as a pattern for imitation in these respects. It cannot surprise any Brother acquainted with these matters that such should be the case, when, on casting his eye round the Lodge, he observes such men as Bros. Hopwood, Hervey, Harrison, Adlard, &c. amongst the P.Ms. In such keeping as this the interests of Masonry must be safe, and, cherished and protected thus, our ancient institution can disregard alike the sneers of the ignorant and the attacks of the malevolent. We should be guilty of a gross dereliction of duty if we omitted the meed of approbation so eminently due to Bro. I. Levinson, W.M., the worthy successor of those already mentioned; and, last not least, we must notice the exertions of the whole of the officers. In the list of these are included the names of W.Ms. and P.Ms. of other Lodges, who, so far from being content to rest upon the honours already acquired, are always zealous in setting a laudable example to the younger aspirants, who in turn evince every anxiety to emulate their seniors. The result of all this is what we have already eulogized. The "work" on this evening comprised the entire ritual, the ceremony in each Degree being performed correctly and impressively in a manner altogether worthy of the reputation which the W.M. has earned for himself. Bro. Levinson's presidency at the banquet was marked by equal ability; indeed, he appeared determined to impress upon the minds of all present the sincerity of his avowal, "that he now felt himself quite at home, which up to that time he confessed he had not." The evening was enlivened by the vocal contributions of various Brethren, and by some excellent speeches, from

the number of which we must particularize that of Bro. Thisselton, in reply to the toast of "The Masonic Charities," who dwelt at length upon the merits of each, concluding with an eloquent and forcible appeal on behalf of that much-neglected but truly most deserving charity, the Benevolent Institution, including the Old Men's and Widows' Annuity Funds, the festival in aid of which is fixed for June 17, and for which Bro. Lucas has consented to serve as Steward from this Lodge. The list of visitors included the names of Bros. Dr. Rowe, P.G.J.D.; Ransford, G. Org.; Baxter, G. Steward and S.W. No. 8; Thisselton, P.M. No. 2; F. Binckes, P.M. No. 11; E. J. Kennedy, P.M. No. 201; Jackson and Maney, No. 201; Lee Wright, P.M. No. 329; Brook, No. 166; Higgins, No. 167; Phillips, No. 371; Rindon, Adams, &c. On the Friday following a Lodge of Emergency was held, on which occasion four Brethren had conferred upon them the Sublime Degree of M.M.; and we understand another Emergency will shortly be summoned, such being rendered necessary by the crowded state of the "agenda paper."

BRITISH LODGE (No. 8).—The regular monthly meeting of this highly flourishing red-apron Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Monday, April 20, when Bro. Bigott, the W.M., most ably raised Bro. Williamson to the 3rd Degree, in a manner that was highly creditable to himself; indeed the ceremony altogether was most beautifully performed. Other Masonic business having been dispensed with, the Lodge was closed in solemn form. The Brethren then adjourned to a most excellent banquet, presided over by the W.M., and spent a most agreeable evening.

ALBION LODGE (No. 9).—At the monthly meeting of this Lodge on the 7th of April, Mr. James Jallian was initiated into Masonry, Bros. Hunt and Taylor passed, and Bro. Poussin raised.

WESTMINSTER AND KEYSTONE LODGE (No. 10).—A meeting of this distinguished Lodge was held on the 1st of April, when the chair was taken by Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal, P.M., supported by Bros. F. Cox as J.W., Matthews as S.W., the Prov. G.M. for Oxford as S.D., &c. The following Brethren were elected joining members:—Bros. Mitford, No. 460; Rev. J. Sedwick, No. 702; the Hon. Alan Herbert, No. 460. Messrs. Lane, Mount, and Depree were initiated; after which a ballot was taken for the W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler, when Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon was unanimously elected W.M., and the W. Bro. Beach, M.P., Treasurer. The Brethren, to the number of nineteen, then adjourned to a banquet.

ENOCH LODGE (No. 11).—The last meeting of the present session was held at Freemasons' Tavern, on Wednesday, 8th April, Bro. W. S. Masterman, W.M., presiding, who initiated Mr. J. Sinnott, then passed one Brother to the 2nd Degree, bringing the proceedings to a close by raising two Brethren to the Sublime Degree of M.M. The banquet was a very *recherché* affair, comprising most of the dainties in season, which were discussed by nearly forty Brethren, including several visitors, amongst whom we noticed Bros. W. H. White, G. Sec.; I. Levinson, W.M. No. 7; F. Crew, P.M. No. 1; Hooper; Randall, No. 229; Sutton, No. 324; Lawler, Edney, &c. &c. The toast of "The D.G.M. and the Grand Officers" was acknowledged by Bro. White, who, after thanking the W.M. for the manner in which he had introduced their names, and for the kind allusions to himself individually, feelingly referred to his long connection with the Craft, which, on the 20th of the present month (April), will have extended over the long period of fifty-eight years, for forty-seven of which he had held his present office of Grand Secretary. During this time he had received much kindness and attention, for which he felt deeply grateful, and he could truly say that he had ever endeavoured faithfully and conscientiously to perform the duties of his office. Those duties of late years had very much increased, and he felt that advancing age did not render him more fit to cope with labours so arduous. He had therefore, as probably they were aware, placed his resignation in the hands of the M.W.G.M., who had been pleased to accept it. To the close of his life, however, he should never forget the pleasure and happiness derived from his connection with the Craft, and the many

obligations he felt himself under to its various members. He would now specially thank the Brethren of the Enoch Lodge for the handsome reception this evening accorded to him, which was but a repetition of the favours he had had to acknowledge on many previous occasions. Throughout our venerable and esteemed Brother's remarks, which were listened to with marked attention, the traces of emotion were distinctly visible, and many of those present were similarly influenced. This cannot be matter of surprise when all the circumstances are considered; but as this is not the proper place for a lengthened allusion to them, we shall content ourselves with the simple assurance that the sympathy and good wishes of the members of the "Enoch" will follow Bro. White into his retirement, and that nothing will afford them greater satisfaction than to see him amongst them when a cessation from the fatigues of office shall have restored him to that health which it is hoped he may yet be spared for many years to enjoy, and whenever he may choose to avail himself of the opportunity for paying them a visit, which they trust an honoured leisure will often afford. The pleasures of the evening were most materially enhanced by the exquisite singing of Bros. Crew, Lawler, and Donald King, and by the mirth-provoking lyrics of our facetious Bro. Edney, who is invariably successful in his efforts to amuse, and that without in the smallest degree "overstepping the modesty of nature," or in any respect contravening the rules and canons of good taste. And so, with a lively recollection of the many delightful gatherings in which we have participated during the past season under the banner of "No. 11," we bid its members heartily farewell, indulging in the anticipation of a happy and prosperous *réunion* in November next.

LODGE OF FORTITUDE AND OLD CUMBERLAND (No. 12).—This highly flourishing Lodge, which has lately much strengthened through the activity of its few remaining old members, met at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Monday, the 13th April, when there was a large amount of business before the Lodge, consisting of one initiation, one passing, and four raisings. The whole of the ceremonies were performed by the W.M. Bro. Leopold Reif, assisted by the P.Ms. Bros. King, Metnier, and Geo. Marriott; nor can we omit to observe that the Officers of the Lodge did their duty in a manner that was creditable to them. All business being brought to a close, the Brethren were duly summoned to refreshment, consisting of a most *recherché* dinner, which the Brethren did ample justice to. The only visitor we observed was Bro. Pierce Egan, W.M. of the St. Andrew's Lodge, West, No. 281. The evening's entertainment was much enhanced by the excellent vocal powers of Bros. King and Hamilton Braham.

NEPTUNE LODGE (No. 22).—The monthly meeting of this rising Lodge took place on February 26, Bro. J. Ashwell, W.M., presiding. Two gentlemen, Messrs. Dew and Kelland, were initiated into Freemasonry; Bros. Hodges, White, Le Creu, Harcourt, and Le Mare, were passed to the 2nd Degree; which ceremonies were performed by the W.M. in a most able and impressive manner. Bros. Higginson and Allen were then elected joining members. The business of the Lodge being ended, the Brethren adjourned to an excellent repast, and spent the evening in true Masonic enjoyment.

GLOBE LODGE (No. 23).—A meeting of this Lodge took place on the 16th April, under the able presidency of Bro. Goodman, the W.M. The conferring the 3rd Degree was the only business before the Lodge, which was most impressively performed by Bro. William Watson, the father of the Lodge, who kindly undertook the duties of this beautiful ceremony, the W.M. being indisposed, although favouring the Lodge with his presence.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25).—On the 6th April, this Lodge held its ordinary meeting, when five gentlemen were initiated into the mysteries of the Craft—Messrs. Howell, Lindsey, Matthews, Doughty, and Fryer. The ceremony was ably performed by the W.M. Bro. Clements. The initiates expressed themselves highly pleased with the impressiveness of the W.M., and the tenets of Freemasonry, and some of them regretted that they had lost so much of their time, by not being "free and accepted" years before. Several visitors were

present from the provinces, who assured the Lodge that Masonry would flourish much more in the provinces if it could be rendered as it was on this occasion by the W.M. and his officers.

GIHON LODGE (No. 57).—In consequence of the absence of the W.M. through indisposition, the chair was occupied at the meeting of the 14th of April by Bro. England, P.M., who raised four Brothers to the 3rd Degree.

LODGE OF FELICITY (No. 66).—At the usual monthly meeting of this Lodge, held at the London Tavern, on Monday, the 20th of April, Bro. W. Kynaston, W.M., presided. This being the day of election for W.M. and Treas., Bro. Robert Kynaston was unanimously elected W.M., and equally so was the highly-respected Treasurer of many years, Bro. Staples, re-elected. Edward Martin Hubbuck, Esq., was initiated into the Order, and Bro. Allen was raised to the 3rd Degree. The ceremonies throughout were performed with that order, regularity, and attention, which distinguish the Lodge of Felicity; the W.M. being admirably assisted by Bro. James Morris, P.M., the Wardens, Bros. R. Kynaston and Walter B. Graham. The report of the Auditors showed that the finances of the Lodge were well managed; never was it in a more prosperous state: the charity-box was ample for any emergency. This long-established red-apron Lodge was, we think, at no time better worked than it is now under the conduct of the zealous and careful Masons whose names we have mentioned. The business concluded, one of those excellent banquets which Bros. Bathe and Fringe so well know how to provide, completed the day, and a joyous meeting at the Installation of Bro. Kynaston is confidently expected.

ST. MARY'S LODGE (No. 76).—The celebration of the centenary of this Lodge took place on Thursday, the 16th of April. The Lodge was held in the Temple, and was opened at six o'clock, nearly fifty Brethren being present, the W.M. Bro. Dr. R. M. Lawrence presiding, attended by his Wardens, Bros. F. A. Dernford and Fred. Payne, and other officers, besides several visitors. Each visitor was personally introduced to the W.M., his name and rank being thus made known to all; this small matter of courtesy, as we often have occasion to notice, is too frequently neglected, and in numerous meetings many distinguished Masons are unnoticed. The business of the day was commenced by Bro. Winsor, P.M. and senior member of the Lodge, reading a carefully-compiled history of the Lodge from the date of its warrant, as one of the Athol Lodges, granted in 1757, by Lord Lexington, to be held at Bow, its number being 125 under that constitution: it had other locations, and in 1797 was held in Cheapside. In 1801 it was fixed at the King of Denmark in Wapping; the old books of the Constitutions of the early periods, in folio, are still in possession of the Lodge. At the Union it appears to have been numbered 86, and was only distinguished by its number. In the minutes of 1816 appears the first record of being designated by its present name, "The St. Mary's Lodge,"—a name, it seems, unique in England: the only other Lodge so called is at Digby in Nova Scotia. In 1826, the Lodge, progressing westward, was at the New York Coffee House in the City; and in 1831 we find it in Parliament. Getting into West-end habits, it became a dinner Lodge, with an increased subscription. In 1832 the number was altered to that it now bears, 76. In 1834 the Lodge had its last removal, to Queen-street, where it has now been for twenty-three years. Having thus spoken of the Lodge, we now notice its more eminent and its present members; and first on the list appears the name of Bro. Alldhouse, who was admitted in 1771, and throughout all its migrations and changes continued a member till his decease in 1848, he being then in his 98th year; the minutes of the Lodge record a resolution which was moved by Bro. Alldhouse in 1808 in favour of supporting the institution for the education and support of the children of Masons; there are also many entries of Bro. Alldhouse's presence and activity even at his great age, for the Lodge then met weekly. In the year 1831 several men of rank became members of the Lodge, and amongst them Sir John Milbanke, Bart. In 1832 the excellent and learned Mason who now presides as Sovereign of the Supreme Council of the High Degrees of Christian Masonry,—Dr. H. B. Leeson, was initiated in No. 76.

On arriving at this period of the Lodge annals, where the present members' history commences, Bro. Winsor advanced to the pedestal, and placed on the breast of the W.M. the centenary medal, previously reading the warrant of authority from the Grand Master for the Brethren who had arrived at the rank of M.M. to wear it in all assemblages of Masons. The jewel, which has the merit of being small and singularly neat, is a seven-pointed star, having a dove with olive in its bill, round which is the name and number of the Lodge, to be worn suspended by a blue ribbon. The jewel is the design of Br. F. Taylor, of Little Queen-street. In the year 1836, Bro. Giraud, P.G.D., who was the guest of the Lodge on this evening, was initiated, Bro. Alldhouse acting as S.W. In 1841, Bro. Skelton, now a P.M., and Bro. Albert Smith, were initiated. In 1848 the venerable Bro. Alldhouse died, having, as we have mentioned, then passed his ninety-seventh year. The several members of the Lodge who had passed the chair, according to the date of their entrance, were conducted to the W.M., and each presented with the jewel, Bro. Winsor adroitly introducing the more notable qualifications of the Brother in question, in all of which remarks the members acquiesced; the Wardens and other officers followed in due order, and finished with the last raised M.M. Bro. Winsor's address was concluded by a devout aspiration that the G.A.O.T.U. would endow the Lodge with a continuance of prosperity; and that Peace, emblemized by the dove on the jewel, would ever endure in the St. Mary's Lodge. The Lodge was then closed in form, and the Brethren, preceded by the W.M., moved into the hall where the banquet was spread. Never did our noble apartment assume such an attractive appearance, Messrs. Elkington and Co. having bestowed much care in disposing their array of plate and vases to the best advantage, the flood of light from the chandeliers sending down prismatic rays which were reflected in the splendid salvers and glass displayed upon the tables. Bro. Dr. Richard Moore Lawrence, the W.M., took the chair, supported by Bros. R. H. Giraud and John Hervey, P.S.G.Ds. As this was a peculiar festival, and the visitors numerous, the only order observed was, that the ends of the two tables were filled by the Wardens, the visitors being placed near their more intimate friends. The dinner comprised everything in season, and the care of the able *chef de cuisine* must have been rewarded by the commendations all around bestowed upon his choice dishes; the wine was the best, and showed what the cellars contain; and last, not least, to be praised were the attentions of the principals and the Bros. Banks. The dinner ended, and "Non Nobis" sung by Bros. D. King, Shoubridge, and others, the W.M., in brief terms, proposed "The Queen," which was followed by the National Hymn; next, "The M.W. the Earl of Zetland, the G.M. who so worthily, zealously, and honourably presides over us, and who has been so unanimously re-elected." "Fill me, boy," one of our best Anacreontic glees, followed, and it was admirably sung. To the toast of "Lord Yarborough and the rest of the Grand Officers, past and present," Bro. Giraud replied, that he was much honoured and gratified in witnessing the celebration of their centenary, and also with the way in which it had been carried out. Bro. Giraud related some interesting anecdotes in reference to Bro. Alldhouse, which redounded to that worthy Brother's credit as a man and a Mason. The W.M., in the kindest manner, gave "The Visitors," which was also responded to by Bro. Giraud; and Bro. Shoubridge appropriately followed it by singing, "And doth not a meeting like this make amends." Short speeches being the rule, "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Wilson, P.M., and most enthusiastically greeted by all; and the W.M. immediately rose and said,—"It gave him the greatest pleasure to preside over the Lodge on this auspicious occasion, and that no efforts should be spared on his part to render himself worthy the commendations of the Brethren." The W.M. then proposed "The P.Ms. who had preceded him in the chair,—Bros. W. Winsor, Theodore Le Male, W. Skelton, Crampton, W. S. Burton, W. R. Wood, and Morris Wilson," which was responded to by Bro. Wilson. Bro. John Hervey, having permission of the W.M., said,—"Although it was unusual for a visitor to propose a toast, and more especially one who was known but to a few of the members, yet he could not allow so important an event to be passed over without asking the many visitors around him to join in wishing long-enduring prosperity to

the St. Mary's Lodge." The visitors promptly obeyed Bro. Hervey's call, and with a hearty fire hailed the toast. "The Healths of the Brethren recently initiated" was received with due honour. Bro. Burton, P.M., solicited the W.M. to beg Bro. Skelton would gratify the Brethren by singing their old favourite song of "Troll, troll, the bonny brown bowl," which that worthy Brother did to the great delight of every one. "The Treasurer and Secretary" was duly honoured and responded to. To "The Charities," Bro. Crew was, as he at all times is, most eloquent; and more especially addressing his observations to those members who had recently entered the Order, that from the earliest date in Masonry there had always been a thought for charity, and the true Mason, amidst troubles and difficulties, never forgot this, the greatest claim on his sympathy. He therefore desired to impress on the minds of those young Masons, that in entering into Masonry they had a great duty to discharge. "You may say you are of a grade not likely to require its benefit—but I say, and could bring forward many cases that have come to my knowledge—but that they do not need to be pressed here—that no one knows when he or his children may require the aid of the charities. In speaking of the Girls' School, with which I am particularly connected, I acknowledge, W.M., with gratitude, the benefits we have from No. 76; I am pleased to be present on this occasion, and gratified at seeing the number of excellent Masons assembled to greet you." After the customary concluding toast, the Brethren separated, every one highly gratified with the evening's proceedings. We are not able to furnish the names of all the visitors, but besides Bros. Giraud, Hervey, and Crewe, Bros. R. W. Wheeler, W. B. Graham, E. F. Leeks, J. How, Neltner, Richardson, W. P. Scott, Ambronsoni, Measor, &c.

LODGE OF PROSPERITY (No. 78).—The members of this Lodge met on Friday, 20th March, at the White Hart Hotel, Bishopsgate-street, when the W.M., Bro. W. H. Palmer, very ably initiated a gentleman into our Order, and then resigned the chair to Bro. H. A. Isaacs, P.M. No. 247, who raised a Brother to the 3rd Degree in a manner rarely equalled, certainly never surpassed. A testimonial was presented to Bro. H. Thomas, P.M., written by Bro. Barnes, and most beautifully mounted by Bro. Leman. The Brethren then adjourned to the banquet, to which ample justice was done. After the usual toasts and some very excellent singing, they separated, highly pleased with all they had seen and heard.

TEMPLE LODGE (No. 118).—The Brethren met on Tuesday, April 7, when two gentlemen were initiated, two Brothers passed to the 2nd Degree, and a third raised. The Honorary Secretary, Bro. Beard, informed the W.M. and Brethren that he had a surplus from the late ball of £18 15s. for Masonic charities, and a proposition was unanimously carried, agreeing to divide that sum between the Boys' School and the Asylum. A proposition was made by Bro. Christie, and unanimously adopted, awarding a vote of thanks to the Secretary and the Stewards of the ball for their exertions in connection therewith. Upwards of forty Brethren banqueted together, and amongst the visitors were Bros. Charles Sloman, W. Carpenter, Haydon, Brett, Saqui, and Foster. The evening was much enlivened by some excellent songs from Bros. Charles Sloman, Newby, and Tutill.

LONDON LODGE (No. 125).—The monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Saturday, the 4th April, Bro. Bowman in the chair, who initiated a gentleman from Liverpool into the Order, passed Bro. Carey to the Degree of a F.C., and raised Bro. Cox to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. The whole of the ceremonies were performed by the W.M. with his accustomed ability and taste. The office of S.W., which had been left open for Bro. Richardson, was, in consequence of that Brother's non-attendance, transferred to Bro. Fawcett, who was also absent; the W.M. then appointed Bro. Cox, S.D., and Bro. Oram, J.D.

LODGE OF GOOD REPORT (No. 158).—The members of this Lodge met on Thursday, the 2nd of April, at Radley's Hotel, in New Bridge-street, for the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Newman Ward. At six o'clock there was a goodly muster of Brethren, and amongst others the worthy Bro. G. W. K. Potter,

P.G.S.B. At the request of the W.M. elect, the ceremony of installation was discharged by Bro. J. How, Prov. G.D.C., Surrey, who, after saluting and proclaiming the W.M.'s in the several Degrees, addressed the W.M., the Officers, and Brethren. Bro. Fish, P.M., who had been re-elected the Treasurer, was again invested with the Jewel of office. The following Brethren were then appointed and invested:—Bros. Charles Smale, S.W.; Ed. Aguilar, J.W.; Heale, S.D.; Bryon, J.D.; Hooper, I.G. All business being closed, the Brethren adjourned to banquet: and besides those named, there were present as visitors Bros. Carpenter, the W.M., and Howells, of Lodge No. 47.

LODGE OF FAITH (No. 165).—This Lodge met at Bro. Couchman's, Windsor Castle, Vauxhall Bridge Road, on the 31st of March, when Bro. Odell, the W.M., passed three and raised two Brothers to their respective Degrees.

CADOGAN LODGE (No. 188).—The usual monthly meeting of this Lodge took place at the Freemasons' Tavern on Tuesday, April 21, when Bro. P.M. Hall (who presided in the absence of Bro. Reed, W.M.) most efficiently passed a Bro. to the 2nd Degree. At the conclusion of Masonic business, the Brethren adjourned to dinner. Among the visitors, we noticed Bro. Captain Franklin, *R.N.*

OLD CONCORD LODGE (No. 201).—This Lodge resumed its Masonic labours on Tuesday, April 7, Bro. Jefferies, W.M., presiding, who, as usual, performed the various ceremonies in a most praiseworthy manner, initiating into the Order Messrs. Green and Pearson, conferring the 2nd Degree upon Bros. Corben and Davis; while Bros. Ward, Potts, and Cuddeford, received the Sublime Degree of M.M. During the evening, it was announced that Bro. Waters had kindly promised to represent the Lodge at the forthcoming festival for Aged and Decayed Freemasons. The visitors were Bros. Blackburn, W.M. No. 169; Crew, P.M. No. 1, and the Secretary of the Girls' School, who, in acknowledging the toast of "The Charities," made a most eloquent appeal to the Brethren on behalf of those charities, more particularly the Female Asylum.

PHOENIX LODGE (No. 202).—At the monthly meeting of this Lodge on the 11th of April, Mr. Marshall, *C.E.*, was initiated into Masonry, two Brothers passed to the 2nd Degree, and one raised to the 3rd. A ballot being taken, Bro. Barton was elected W.M. for the ensuing year. The Brethren afterwards retired to refreshment, and spent a very pleasant evening; in the course of which Bro. Charles Sloman introduced the following new Masonic song, which is about to be published by Robert Cocks & Co., of New Burlington-street:

If man with his fellow in kindness would live,
And make life but one bright round of pleasure,
Would taste the enjoyment that friendship can give,
And of happiness reap the full measure;
Then of mutual benev'lence he should sow the seed,
His dissent from opinions should smother;
And no matter the country, no matter the creed,
Man to Man act as Brother to Brother.

Though the Negro may differ from me in his tint,
The hue of his blood I'm not heeding:
Shall we pass by a book that's in black-letter print,
Howe'er it be good for man's reading?
The outside is nought, for true feeling's within,
Be he good, I can wish for none other:
Let, no matter the difference in colour of skin,
Man to Man act as Brother to Brother.

If I find a real friend shall I ask him his creed,
And shall I if we differ refuse him?
Shall I trample the flower because of the weed,
And shall I for opinion's sake lose him?

Oh, no ! so that he in his friendship be true,
 Why should I seek that friendship to smother ?
 Be he Protestant, Catholic, Pagan, or Jew,
 Man to Man act as Brother to Brother.

Were I wealthy as Croesus ; because he was poor,
 I would no fellow-creature be spurning—
 When he ask'd for relief should I fasten my door,
 And contemptuously from him be turning ?
 No ! we are but the Stewards by Providence placed,
 And we all have descent from one mother ;
 So if Man would not be both accursed and disgraced,
 Let him act towards the Poor as a Brother.

But mark me ! don't think I would level each class,
 In this life each his place hath assign'd him ;
 As the ale's for the horn, and the wine's for the glass,
 So we Man in his station should find him,
 Bow with def'rence to those higher placed on the scene,
 But still let rich and poor love each other ;
 Revere Institutions, e'er honour the Queen ;
 And towards Man act as Brother to Brother.

DOMATIC LODGE (No. 206).—This Lodge met as usual, at the Falcon Tavern, Fetter-lane, on Monday, April 13, Bro. Garrod, W.M., presiding. Bro. Inman was passed, and Bro. Wilson was raised by the W.M. in a most impressive and instructive manner. Upon the proposition of Bros. Smith and Marshall, P.Ms., it was resolved to have the summer festival on the second Tuesday in July ; and on the motion of Bros. Haydon and Brett, the King's Head, at Chigwell, was the chosen house. At the close of business, the Brethren sat down to a well-served banquet, provided by Bro. Ireland, and the evening was spent in a most harmonious way. Bro. Charles Sloman returned thanks on behalf of the visitors, and, in the course of the evening, greatly delighted the company by an improvised song, in which the more prominent persons and incidents of the evening were cleverly introduced.

MANCHESTER LODGE (No. 209).—On Thursday, the 16th of April, this excellent Lodge held its regular monthly meeting at Bro. Rackstraw's, Gun Tavern, Pimlico. The business consisted of one passing and two raisings, which were performed in very excellent style by the W.M., Bro. M. Levinson. This being the last meeting for the season, it was unanimously resolved by the Brethren to have a summer banquet on the second Thursday in July next. After a proposition for a new member and other business, a very handsome P.M.'s Jewel, of a new and chaste design, the voluntary gift of the members of this Lodge, was presented to Bro. R. Collard, a P.M. of the Lodge, in suitable and appropriate terms, by the W.M., who commented in a very feeling manner upon the extraordinary zeal and ability displayed by the worthy Brother during his year of office as W.M. of the Lodge (as inscribed on the Jewel). Bro. Collard, with considerable emotion, replied as follows :—" W.M. and Brethren,—I have had many difficulties to encounter during life ; but the present one is a task I little anticipated. I have sometimes heard the recipients of such gifts express themselves in terms of surprise, that they should be deemed worthy of such honour ; others, that they had strained their thoughts and imaginations to the utmost tension, in endeavouring to discover what they had done to merit such notice ; while others have entered into judgment with themselves, and declared they were utterly unworthy of such honour and esteem. Now, sir, while listening to such persons, I have sometimes had doubts of the sincerity and truth of all they have uttered. I wish to avoid anything like a feigned humility, and express to you the honest sentiments of a truthful heart. I acknowledge I did expect some mark of your approbation, and strove with all my might during my year of office as W.M. to merit it. And if I am to believe all the kind expressions and attention of the Brethren, and the

feelings they have evinced towards me (and I do believe them), I am led to hope that in some degree I was successful. It has been said, and from what I now feel I can vouch for its truth, that there are times in a man's life when the heart is so full that the tongue is unable to give utterance to all that it feels. I have ransacked my vocabulary from end to end to find suitable words to express to you my present feelings, but I have been unsuccessful. I also tried to string together a few sentences for this occasion. But, alas! how uncertain are all things human. Memory in this instance has proved treacherous; and I find thoughts sometimes, like riches, make themselves wings and fly away. Therefore, the only source left me is the prompting of a grateful heart, to express to you my thanks for this token of your esteem. But the kind expressions of your approval, which you at all times have given to my conduct, and which I have treasured in my heart, far outweigh (valuable though it be) this outward sign of your generosity, kindness, and approbation. Brethren, this handsome Jewel, which has been so kindly placed on my breast, I will keep possession of while I remain this side of that bourn from whence no traveller returns. It shall be to me a beacon, to warn me to avoid the shoals and quicksands of dishonour, on which some have unhappily foundered. If prosperity smiles upon me, it shall be my constant companion ever to remind me of my happy union with this Lodge, especially the present occasion. If adversity should overtake me, and the world frown, and the Craft look coldly upon me, it shall be to me a Jewel of consolation. I will look upon it, and think it was not always so; and try to feel there was a time when I was both respected and esteemed." The Brethren, about twenty-five in number, then adjourned to a splendid banquet, provided in the usual style at the Gun Tavern. Amongst the visitors were Bro. Todd, P.M. No. 168; Bro. Norlan, No. 201; Bro. Kirby, P.M. No. 276; Bro. Couchman, P.M. No. 165, &c. The Brethren enjoyed themselves in true Masonic style, and parted at a seasonable hour, looking forward with pleasurable anticipations to the next meeting.

ST. JAMES'S UNION (No. 211).—The members of this Lodge met upon an emergency at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Monday, April 13. The business before the Lodge was of most voluminous character. Messrs. Caltson, Samuel, Walker, Willey, H. Stuart, and Joshua Rhodes, were admitted into the Order; Bros. Webb, Abrahams, and Peacock, received the 2nd Degree, the whole of the ceremonies being performed by the W.M., Bro. John Gurton, in his usual excellent manner, who, during the evening, thanked the Brothers for the support they had proffered him as Steward for the Girls' School. He informed them that he had disposed of all his tickets for that occasion—rather an unusual occurrence at so early a period; but it showed that the members of the St. James's Lodge were determined to uphold the character of the Lodge in supporting that truly great charity. The Lodge business being disposed of, the Brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet; after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, including that of the Master's health, which was proposed by Bro. Garner (the father of the Lodge) in a very feeling and complimentary strain. The visitors were Bros. Collard, P.M., No. 209; Riley, No. 861, Buckingham Lodge, Aylesbury; and Dr. Harcourt, D.P.G.M., Surrey, who returned thanks for their reception, and eulogized the admirable working of this Lodge.

LODGE OF TRANQUILLITY (No. 218).—The Brethren met for the last time this season, on Monday, April 20, at the Bridge-house Hotel, Southwark. Present—Bro. Noah Davis, W.M., and several members. Mr. Michael Henry Myers was initiated; Bro. L. Levien, of the Lodge of Joppa, admitted a joining member; Bros. A. Sydney, Berger, and Beader, passed to the 2nd Degree; and Bro. Morris Hart was raised to the Degree of M.M. Bro. Noah Davis, by his strict attention, excellent working, and firmness and consistency in the chair, has won the good opinions of every Mason. The absence of two of the P.Ms., Bros. A. Levy and J. Abrahams, the first through illness, and the last in consequence of a domestic loss, was much regretted. Bros. How, Prov. G.D.C., Surrey; G. Moss, of No. 247; and Myers, of Lodge No. 697, at Melbourne, were among the visitors.

LODGE OF CONFIDENCE (No. 228).—On Monday, April 13, this Lodge resumed its Masonic functions at Anderton's Hotel. Mr. Clayton was balloted for, and initiated into the Order, the ceremony being well performed by the W.M. Bro. Jackson, assisted by P.M. Bro. Footit. Two gentlemen, viz., Messrs. Gabb and Lawson, were proposed as candidates for the next meeting; after which the Brethren supped together, highly gratified with the arrangements of Bro. Clemow.

LODGE OF UNITED PILGRIMS (No. 745).—On the 25th ult. the regular monthly meeting of this excellent Lodge was held at Bro. Wale's, Manor House Tavern, Walworth. It was the installation, and there was a very numerous attendance of members as well as visitors. At four o'clock Bro. J. W. Warren, the W.M., opened the Lodge in due form, and terminated his official duties by raising a Brother, after which he was unavoidably called away until a late hour in the evening. It is due to him to say that his ability, zeal, and earnestness in presiding over his Lodge have not only increased its popularity and usefulness, but have been alike gratifying to his friends and creditable to himself. Bro. Farmer then, as the Immediate P.M. present, proceeded to instal the W.M. elect, Bro. W. Neats, of the "Clarence," Southampton Street, Camberwell Road; and it is not too much to say that that sublime and ancient ceremony, so revered amongst Masons, lost none of its wonted interest in his able and impressive delivery. He was assisted by P.Ms. Bros. Luckins, Thomas, Collins, Watson, Stroud, Gardner, Dean, Harris, and Drysdale. The ceremony being completed, the W.M. appointed as his officers for the ensuing year, Bros. Ellis, S.W.; J. T. Warren, J.W.; G. Harding, wine steward; P. W. Funnel, collecting steward; Treasurer, Bro. Luckins, P.M.; and Secretary, Bro. Thomas, P.M.; Tyler, Bro. Rice. After the business of the Lodge, the Brethren partook of a very sumptuous banquet to the number of about forty-five, served in most excellent style by Bro. Wale, whose liberality was much esteemed, especially in the choice of his wines. Amongst the visitors whose presence graced the W.M.'s table, we noticed Bros. J. Phunn, 15; J. Wilcox, 22; W. Watson, 25; J. Pearson, 76; T. Onslow, 165; J. Saqui, 247; D. Drysdale, 225; J. Ganard, 206; L. H. Bromley, 276; and H. Potter, 281. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were responded to most enthusiastically, especially the health of the W.M., in speaking to which Bro. Watson complimented the Lodge upon the choice they had made in the selection of Bro. Neats, whose social position and high Masonic reputation pre-eminently qualified him for the honourable position in which they had placed him. In his reply, the W.M. promised the most devoted attention to the interests of the Lodge and the Order. And although he did not possess the oratorical capacity for which some of his Brethren were remarkable, there were other qualities equally indispensable in discharging the Masonic duties of such a position: in these he would endeavour to excel. And when proposing "The Past Masters of the Lodge," he said they were a body of men of which any Lodge might be justly proud. He had frequently heard with pleasure their professions of friendship for the W.M., and his elevation to that chair would put their good professions to the test; and he had no doubt that he should always find them by his side, and ready to render him all the assistance he required. Of this they severally assured him in their replies; and the remaining toasts of the evening were rapturously received in their proper order. The intervals were most agreeably filled by some excellent singing, accompanied on the pianoforte by Bro. Saqui, who kindly officiated on the occasion. As a whole, the meeting was one of the happiest and most enthusiastic Masonic efforts it has ever been our happiness to witness. In conclusion, we may add that the Lodge had, in this instance, as had been their custom, acted upon the rotation principle. To this, however, some half-dozen young members, more remarkable for their misdirected zeal than their progress in the Masonic virtues, objected. In their estimation, the eloquent delivery of a charge, and the flippant repetition of the sections, were the great indispensable requisites in the Worshipful Master; his reputation might be high, his social position excellent; he might be a pattern of charity, of prudence, of zeal, of temperance, and indeed of every Masonic virtue: but lacking

to some extent that one dazzling gift of speech, he must be set aside, and the post of honour filled by some more fortunate Brother in the possession, if needs be, of that gift alone. To this end they proposed to set aside Bro. Neats in favour of a P.M., who promptly declined; but the ballot overruled that by a majority of 34 to 6. Several similar indiscretions have recently emanated from the same parties without producing any other effect than a most praiseworthy forbearance, mingled with urbanity and brotherly kindness, on the part of the Brethren at large. This we trust will induce them to adopt a course in accordance with the spirit of Masonry, which they will find alike conducive to their happiness, and the prosperity of the Lodge. Meanwhile, a closer fraternal union exists amongst the great body of the members, which promises very powerfully to accelerate the present prosperity of the Lodge of United Pilgrims.

POLISH NATIONAL LODGE (No. 778).—The usual monthly meeting was held at Freemasons' Tavern, on Thursday, 9th of March, under the able presidency of Bro. E. Johnstone, W.M., when Bro. Beletti was raised to the Degree of M.M. The minutes of the last meeting contained a feeling allusion to the loss, by death, of the services of the late Secretary, Bro. G. Detkins, with a handsome acknowledgment of those good qualities which had endeared him to his Brethren. It ought to be matter for congratulation to the members of the Lodge, to see their lamented Brother's place so well and efficiently supplied as it is by Bro. W. Paas, P.M. No. 30, in the selection of whom to fill the vacant post, we are of opinion the W.M. has exercised a wise discretion, as nothing is more conducive to the well-being and prosperity of a Lodge than the possession of a secretary who unites in himself experience, energy, courtesy of demeanour, with business habits, and a sincere regard for the promotion of the interests of the body to which he is attached, and in none of these indispensable qualities is Bro. Paas deficient. The banqueting board was well and bountifully supplied, and a cheerful evening was passed by all. The visitors were Bros. F. Binckes, P.M. No. 11; R. R. Knott and J. C. Nutt, No. 32; W. Bohn, &c. &c.

FITZROY LODGE (No. 830).—This band of Brethren, which, though military, endeavour to set the example of alleviating the horrors of war by introducing charity and brotherly love into all their proceedings, met at the head-quarters of the Honourable Artillery Company, Friday, April 24th. Bro. Captain Jay was raised to the sublime Degree of a Master Mason, and a gentleman was initiated into the Order. The visitors were Bro. Herbert Lloyd, P.G.S.D.; Bro. Alderman Rose, No. 113; Bro. Pain, G.W., No. 11; German, No. 11, and several other most distinguished Brethren.

CANONBURY LODGE (No. 955).—The monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Canonbury Tavern, Islington, on Thursday, the 9th April, 1857, Bro. Thomas Bohn, W.M., presiding. The business of the evening consisted of the raising of Bros. Stroud, Driver, and John Willis, the passing of Bro. Folkes, and the initiation of Mr. George E. Ball and Mr. J. C. Warman into the mysteries of the Order; the whole of the ceremonies being conducted with the greatest propriety, correctness, and solemnity, reflecting high credit on the W.M., his officers, and the members of the Lodge generally. Several propositions having been made, and all business concluded, the Brethren retired to refreshment, provided in Bro. Todd's usual liberal style, and which was done ample justice to, the fatted house-lamb and tender spring esculents disappearing with a rapidity clearly demonstrating that labour had sharpened appetite. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been disposed of, the W.M., in proposing the health of "The Visitors," took the opportunity of bringing under the notice of the members an anonymous communication which had appeared in the *Freemasons' Magazine*, accusing them of such a want of hospitality, and of having behaved so uncourtously to a Brother who had desired admission to one of their meetings, that the Masonic world was advised to hesitate ere a visit was paid to the Lodge. He (the W.M.) expressed his surprise at the announcement, and particularly that, on making the necessary inquiries, he had found from his excellent S.W. Bro. Samuel Hill, that the statement as it appeared in print was so highly coloured, and the circumstances were

so much misrepresented, that he could not refrain from deploring that any Past Master of the Craft should have resorted to the unmasonic mode that had been adopted of attacking the Lodge. Had the P.M. been a true Mason, he would not have rushed madly into print, but would at once have put himself into communication with him (the W.M.), and then, if anything had been done amiss, it could have been rectified or atoned for. But let not the members and visitors present suppose that any wrong had been committed ; so far from that, should the writer of the letter to the *Magazine*, or any other stranger, present himself under similar circumstances, he should advise and approve the adoption of precisely a similar course of conduct as had been pursued on the occasion in question ; and it would indeed be well if a like caution were always used at the Porch, as had been exercised by the S.W. and Tyler when the P.M. presented himself. He (the W.M.) regretted to have this unpleasant subject to dilate upon when proposing the health of the Visitors, but he took it for granted that the injury to the Lodge would be trifling, if any at all, since among the visitors at their banquet that evening, three were almost unknown to every member, of itself a very significant fact, and one which to his mind would carry conviction with it to the hearts of Bro. Dr. King and the other visitors who had honoured the Lodge with their presence, and who were right heartily welcome, that the Canonbury Lodge did not deserve the character which had been so unscrupulously thrust upon it by one who had not thought proper to sign his name to the charge he had invented. Bro. Dr. King in replying to the toast, which was most warmly received, stated that he would but slightly trespass upon the time and attention of the members. He fully endorsed every statement of the W.M., so far as courtesy of conduct, politeness of behaviour, and Masonic decorum were concerned, whilst the very fostering of a falsehood would find a refutation by a visit to the Lodge. In Masonry, as in every other society or substance, dross might be discovered too impure to mix with the genuine ore, too light to form a component part of the body, when purified, from which it sprang, and too useless for art to apply to any practical or available purpose. The bubbles of the charge made against the members of the Canonbury Lodge were, like those blown by children in the hours of innocent recreation, the creation of a moment : with a momentary existence, they burst and are for ever scattered in thin air ; and such would be, he doubted not, the effect of the pigmy slander of the unknown calumniator. The evening, notwithstanding this disagreeable *contretemps*, was well and happily spent, the Brethren maintaining an agreeable interchange of converse and of merriment, interspersed with a few songs, until the lengthened striking of the clock denoted that the pleasures of the evening were drawn to a close ; each Brother departing if not a wiser, at least a happier, and we trust a better man. Among the numerous visitors we noticed Bros. Dr. King, Bulgin, W. Underwood, T. W. Winter, William Willis, Wade, Haines, &c. &c.

INSTRUCTION.

ALBION LODGE (No. 9).—This truly excellent Lodge of Instruction held the first anniversary festival since its removal to the Red Horse Tavern, Old Bond-street, on the 2nd April, Bro. Harrison, P.M. No. 202, in the chair, supported by Bros. Couchman and Isidor Levinson as S. and J.Ws. There were upwards of forty Brethren present, who did ample justice to a splendid banquet provided by the worthy host, Bro. John Gurton, W.M., St. James's Lodge. It was remarked during the evening, that Lodges of Instruction were better attended of late, as the vast improvement in the working of many Lodges would testify ; for formerly Brethren would frequently pass from one office to another, and finally take the chair with no one recommendation for the office beyond that of gentlemanly bearing and Brotherly feeling. This was all very well in ordinary festive meetings, but in Masonic Lodges it was otherwise ; a certain amount of study was requisite, which could only be obtained at Lodges of Instruction. Among the Brethren assembled upon this occasion, we observed Bros. Levinson, W.M. No. 209 ;

Collard, P.M. No. 209 ; Burton, P.M. No. 9 ; Friend, W.M. No. 9 ; W. H. Roberts, No. 211 ; Pringle, No. 211, &c. A pleasant evening was passed, thanks to the excellent catering of Bro. Gurton.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25).—The members of this excellent working Lodge brought their season to a close by a supper at Bro. Testar's, Marylebone Street, Golden Square, on the 25th of April. Bro. Watson, P.M. of the parent Lodge, presided, faced by Bro. Clements, the present Master. There were also present, Bros. Farmer, Apted, Newton, Allen, Saqui, J. W. Adams, and about thirty other Brethren. The evening passed over most harmoniously, being enlivened by the excellent singing of Bros. Adams, Chas. Sloman, Saqui, Tiley, &c. &c.

ST. LUKE'S LODGE (No. 168).—On Good Friday, April the 11th, the fifteen sections of Craft Masonry were worked at this Lodge (held at the Builders' Arms, Russell-street, Chelsea), in the presence of a large assembly of the Craft from various parts of the metropolis, who we have no doubt were assembled under the influence of the distinguished Brother who presided on the occasion, Bro. Collard, P.M. No. 209. The sections were worked in a very able manner by the following Brothers:—1st Lecture—Barnshaw, No. 752 ; Tyrrell, P.M. No. 168 ; F. Birch, No. 168 ; W. Birch, No. 168 ; Warren, P.M. No. 745 ; Thomas, P.M. No. 745 ; Tanner, P.M. No. 745. 2nd Lecture—Watson, P.M. No. 25 ; Odell, W.M. No. 165 ; Tomblason, P.M. No. 25 ; M. Levinson, W.M. No. 209 ; Cook, P.M. No. 745. 3rd Lecture—J. Todd, No. 168 ; Pratchell, P.M. No. 745 ; Waite, P.M. No. 168. A vote of thanks to the W.M. was unanimously passed, to be recorded in the minutes of the Lodge, for the admirable manner in which he had conducted the business of the evening, particularly for the excellent manner in which he gave the beautiful introductory addresses to the several lectures.

UNIVERSAL LODGE (No. 211).—The members of this excellent Lodge of Instruction met to celebrate its fifty-second anniversary on Tuesday, March 31st. Several sections of the First Lecture were worked, and several distinguished Brethren joined. After closing the Lodge, the Brethren proceeded to partake of an excellent banquet provided in the worthy host Bro. Ireland's best style. When the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were disposed of, the W.M. Bro. Wharton, also W.M. of the parent Lodge, in the pointed and euphonious manner for which he is so much distinguished, recommended to the Brethren a steady and regular attendance at Lodges of Instruction as the only means of attaining proficiency in performing the beautiful ceremonies of the Order, the efficient working of which makes an impression which is never effaced during the longest life. Bro. Naghten, Prov. M. of the Universal Lodge, proposed the health of the W.M., and thanked him for his regular attendance at the Lodge of Instruction, and more particularly for the very able manner in which he discharged the duties of the high position he held as Master of the Lodge, thereby maintaining its high character for carrying out the true principles of Masonry. Bro. Naghten also proposed the health of Bro. Crawley, and thanked him on the part of the Brethren for his services in their instruction, to which he believed was to be greatly attributed the manner in which they had distinguished themselves.

CONFIDENCE LODGE (No. 228).—This flourishing Lodge of Instruction held its first anniversary banquet at Bro. Wadeson's, the Bengal Arms, Birchin-lane, on Thursday, April 23. It may be recollected by our readers, that from time to time we have, in our various Masonic reports, called attention to this Lodge of Instruction. Consisting at its commencement of but ten members, by unceasing care and perseverance on the part of various Brethren, it has now attained a position second to no Lodge in the Craft. It now musters the goodly number of 160 members, and is still steadily increasing. The amount of subscriptions received during the year is upwards of £15, furnishing a substantial augury that the charities of our various institutions will be largely benefited therefrom. The banquet was presided over by the W.M. of the Parent Lodge (Bro. Jas. Jackson), who was faced by Bro. Brett, S.W. of the Domestic Lodge. The W.M. had also the support of our esteemed Brethren, Bros. Rogers, P.M., No. 228 ; Footit, P.M., No. 228 ;

Anslow, P.M., No. 165 ; Carpenter, P.M., No. 206 ; Brewer, J.W., No. 228, and a very large number of other Brethren ; in fact, the room, large as it is, was filled. After the banquet (which was in Bro. Wadeson's usual liberal style), the usual Masonic toasts having been disposed of, the W.M. proposed "Prosperity to the Confidence Lodge of Instruction." After enumerating the advantages gained by attendance at Lodges of Instruction, he alluded to the various difficulties attending the formation of this Lodge, and showed how, by the energy and perseverance of the younger Brethren, combined with the kind care and instruction of the elder Brethren, those difficulties had entirely been conquered. This toast, which was received with great applause, was responded to by P.M. Rogers, Secretary of the parent Lodge, in the most feeling manner, entering more fully into the necessity of constant attendance on the part of those Brethren who were placed in the position of officers in their respective Lodges. Bro. Anslow proposed, and Bro. Brett responded to, "The Founders of the Lodge" in a most effective manner. And here it is necessary to remark that these Brethren have played a most distinguished part in the formation of this Lodge. Their Masonic knowledge, added to their power of imparting that knowledge, has been most especially beneficial to the prosperity of this Lodge. This toast was received and honoured with great applause. "The Visitors of the Confidence Lodge of Instruction," proposed by Bro. Haydon and seconded by Bro. Anslow in their usual efficient manner, met, of course, with a warm reception. To this succeeded "The health of the W.M., Bro. Jackson," proposed by P.M. Rogers, and responded to by the W.M., who, after expressing his thanks to the Brethren, stated that he felt his position of W.M. of the Lodge a most desirable and honourable one, and one that he had worked hard to qualify himself for ; but that, had he not been able to perform that duty efficiently, it was one he would not have accepted. The toast of "Prosperity to the Press" was proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bro. Carpenter in his usual eloquent and felicitous manner. The toast of "The worthy Host and Hostess" then followed, and was replied to by Bro. Wadeson in expressive terms. All the above toasts were received by the Brethren with great enthusiasm. Some excellent singing took place during the evening, and the Brethren then separated, all highly pleased with the first anniversary banquet of the Confidence Lodge of Instruction.

LODGE OF STABILITY (No. 264).—The fortieth anniversary of this Lodge was held on the evening of Friday, the 24th of April, at Radley's Hotel, in New Bridge Street ; Bro. Henry Muggeridge, the Preceptor of the Lodge, presided. The Lecture of the 2nd Degree was worked in Sections as follows :—1st Section, by Bro. Joseph Athwell, W.M. of No. 22 ; 2nd Section, by Bro. John Boughay, J.D. of No. 22 ; 3rd Section, by Bro. Robert Farran, J.W. of No. 22 ; 4th and 5th, which describe the Lodge Board, by Bro. E. R. Bowman, W.M. of No. 125. The principles of this beautiful and instructive Lecture were fully drawn out by the admirable manner in which they were delivered by the Brethren we have named ; each was entitled to the praise bestowed by the numerous auditory assembled, and there was present a large attendance of the elder Masons—more than we ever remember to have seen on such an occasion—especially the President and leading members of the Lodge of Emulation, who attended to contribute by their presence to Bro. Muggeridge's honours.

At the close of the Lecture, Bro. John Havers, P.S.G.D., took the chair, and announced that the surplus funds of the Stability Lodge of Instruction, amounting to £20, were proposed to be distributed equally to the four charities, viz.—the Girls' School, the Boys' School, the Annuity Fund, and the Asylum ; which being duly moved and seconded, was carried by acclamation. A vote of thanks to Bro. Muggeridge and the other Brethren who had worked the Lecture was moved by Bro. Jennings, G.D.C., who said he was sure every Mason present must have received benefit from the instruction of that evening. In proposing this motion, it might seem invidious to particularize any one individual, but he would notice the S.W., whose vast powers of mind and memory enabled him to deliver that beautiful explanation of the Lodge Board in a manner that, by the attention all bestowed upon it, could not fail to have impressed every one that

there are higher duties in Masonry than the brief time of Lodge meeting allows to be unfolded. Bro. John Hervey, P.S.G.D., said it gave him great pleasure to be present; he, most cordially concurring in all that Bro. Jennings had said, would second that motion. On its being put from the chair, every hand was raised in its support. A numerous list of new members was proposed and admitted.

At half-past nine, some 200 Brethren assembled in the ball-room of the Hotel to the supper; Bro. John Havers, P.S.G.D., took the chair, supported by Bros. R. W. Jennings, G.D.C.; John Hervey, P.S.G.D.; T. R. White, P.S.G.D.; G. W. K. Potter, P.G.S.D.; J. L. Evans, P.G.S.B.; G. Biggs, P.G.S.B.; W. E. Walmsley, P.G.S.B.; Roxburgh, W.M. No. 4; Slight, W.M. No. 9; and Bros. S. B. Wilson, G. Barrett, F. Binckes, G. Cox, S. Hillman, J. How, C. Hagg, I. Levinson, J. Morris Marks, Purdy, Wynne, and other Masters and Past Masters of Lodges. The supper ended, and a grace from the *Laudi Spirituali* sung by Bros. Fielding, Lowick, Hind, and Allen, Bro. Havers rose, and, in few words, proposed the first and universal toast of all Masonic assemblies—"The Queen and the Craft," which was followed, of course, by the National Hymn, in which all joined most heartily.

Bro. Havers again rose, and, in referring to the difficulties and disunion that had been exhibited in Grand Lodge during the past year, he believed he might congratulate the Brethren on the termination of all variance, and, as the G.M. had so gracefully come forward and acknowledged the neglect with which our Brethren across the Atlantic had been treated, he had now undertaken to do them justice. Bro. Havers, with much feeling, concluded by saying: "From the bottom of my heart I believe there does not exist a more worthy man and Mason, one more disposed to kindness and to do justice, than our Most Worshipful G.M., the Earl of Zetland, whose health I now propose, and in which I am sure you will all most warmly join me." (Loud cheers.)

Bro. Havers, on giving "The Earl of Yarborough, and the rest of the Grand Officers," said,—You are doubtless all aware we are about to lose Lord Yarborough as D.G.M.: his long-continued ill-health does not enable him to attend our meetings, and in his retirement he carries with him the good wishes and prayers of every Mason; his place will be filled by a Brother of high position, talent, and energy—Lord Panmure, who will receive that appointment on Wednesday next. With regard to the Grand Officers, I apprehend their duties are those of Past Masters of Lodges generally: they have done good service in their day, and continue by their experience to render advice and aid. We have this evening many anxious to promote the interests of the Craft. I am pleased to see several distinguished members of that body, who are entitled to be honoured by your applause; and foremost among them, Bro. Jennings.

Bro. John Hervey, in rising to respond as a P.G.O., said he supposed modesty was a characteristic of that body, as his senior, Bro. Jennings, had devolved on him the duty of returning their united thanks. He could not allow the opportunity thus afforded him to be passed over without, as a member of the Sister Lodge of Instruction, offering a word of praise for the very excellent working they had witnessed that evening.

Bro. Havers again rose and said, "I now come to the toast of the evening, and as it does not need a long introduction, I offer it in heart, and not in words. We are now celebrating the fortieth anniversary of the Lodge of Instruction instituted by the late Bro. Peter Thompson, and a more worthy successor than Bro. Henry Muggeridge could not be found, whose health I am sure you will acknowledge with enthusiasm. I will, however, say a few words on the subject of our Degrees, and advise you to introduce no Degrees that are not acknowledged by our constitution; the act of union certainly gave permission to carry out others, and during the last three years we have had some notice taken of them, and although there may be no particular objection to their practice, yet still I say let us maintain the three regular Degrees which are established, acknowledged, and the beauties of which are unfolded by these Lodges of Instruction. I now simply give you "Bro. Henry Muggeridge, the preceptor, tutor, and instructor of this Lodge." (Loud cheers.)

Bro. Muggeridge, in rising, said, he always found the most difficult thing

to him in Masonry was to return thanks for the Brethren's kindness at these annual meetings. He was truly happy to see such a numerous assembly, and that after forty years' continuance they were concluding a most prosperous year. Thus stimulated, he would endeavour to do his duty in future, as in past years. The apron he had on, and reserved for these occasions, and which he looked upon as the most precious jewel he possessed, was presented to Bro. Peter Thompson by their worthy chairman, and he hoped ever to preserve it as a memorial of two excellent Brothers. He concluded by returning his sincere and grateful thanks for the warmth with which his name had been received.

Bro. Jennings, in rising to propose the next toast, with good humour disclaimed modesty as being an essential for Grand Office: it certainly was never a characteristic of his, otherwise one who could not return thanks for himself would be very unfit to propose the health of another. I am pleased beyond measure at seeing the number of baldheads and grey-haired Masons who have come here this evening, doubtless for instruction. I have seen much of Masonry in past years, and from the exhibition this evening, I anticipate the future happy progress of Masonry; we have three Degrees in our institution, and I think we may say these are the good—the better—and the best. I am quite sure you will all agree with me that Bro. Havers has the third Degree, and that you will, by enthusiastically greeting the toast "Bro. Havers," afford evidence of your kind wishes towards our excellent president (continued cheers).

Bro. Havers, in responding, said, he but desired among them to be known as a member of that Lodge of Instruction. The time was approaching when he must retire from taking the active part he had hitherto done in Grand Lodge (cries of no, no! we can't do without you). He must, after twenty-two years' attendance, be allowed to remember the good old rule "Know thyself." Possessing within his heart those feelings that animated all Masons, even when he retired from his usual constant attendance, he should ever be ready to stand up in defence of our privileges. He could well remember the feelings with which twenty-two years ago he went home after delivering a part of the same lecture they had heard worked that evening. He concluded by saying, I thank you for the kind expression of your feelings towards me. I am much gratified in seeing so many good Masons in attendance. I am sure, from the exhibition this evening, that nothing now is wanting to raise Masonry to a pitch it has never reached in this or any other country. (Loud cheers.) Bro. Havers then proposed Bros. Bowman, Ashwell, Boughey, and Farran, who had so ably worked the sections: their accuracy and manner could not be excelled.

Bro. Bowman, in returning their united thanks, said the commendation they received that evening would be a stimulus to them, should their services be demanded on a future occasion; and particularly addressing their President, said, "We, sir, have always your excellent conservative feeling for our Order, and should regret to lose your presence here or elsewhere." (Hear, hear.)

The President next said, "I have now to ask you to drink 'Success to the Sister Lodge of Instruction,' and we have present Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson, one of the pillars of Masonry." (Continued cheers followed this announcement.) "Bro. Wilson has been a member of the Emulation Lodge of Instruction twenty-seven years; he is one whom we are delighted to honour at our board; he is one whose services deserved acknowledgment many years ago; he will, ere many days are over, be advanced to an office he will fill with honour and credit." (Cheers.) "I now ask you to give a kind and hearty response to 'The Sister Lodge of Instruction and Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson.'"

The cheers that followed having subsided, Bro. Wilson rose, and, after expressing his grateful thanks for the reception of his name in connection with the sister Lodge, said he should have felt called upon to notice the working of the lecture in detail, but he had been anticipated by others. He might, however, mention the excellent manner in which Bro. Muggeridge had conducted the business, and refer to the beautiful way in which Bro. Bowman had delivered the explanation of the tracing-board. He wished to mention that between the two Lodges there were some trifling variations in the wording, and as each was desirous of promoting goodness and uniformity of working, he was happy in being able to communicate

that, under the guidance of their admirable chairman, these trifling differences will be arranged and assimilated.

It was now wearing late, and many of the Brethren preparing to depart ; but Bro. Havers craved their patience for a few minutes to honour the last toast, "Success to the Masonic Charities." If there was one feature in the Order of which they ought to be proud it was the extent of their charitable institutions. Charity was the key-stone of the Fraternity ; that virtue would endure to eternity.

"Then constant Faith and holy Hope shall die,
One lost in certainty, and one in joy ;
Whilst thou, more happy power, fair Charity,
Triumphant sister, greatest of the three,
Thy office and thy nature still the same,
Lasting thy lamp, and unconsumed thy flame,
Shalt still survive—
Shalt stand before the host of heaven confess'd,
For ever blessing, and for ever bless'd."

Bro. Crew, who is ever ready to respond to the call, spoke with his accustomed elegance of the noble way in which the charities were supported, but still, desiring to see every case promptly relieved and attended to, urged the Brethren, where an individual was unable solely to become an annual subscriber, that two or three should join, and by turns have the privilege of the vote.

Bro. Havers then thanked all present for their attendance, and the attention they had bestowed, and the Brethren departed.

In justice to Bro. Holt, we are pleased to say that the supper provided gave every one satisfaction.

EMULATION LODGE OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 318).—At a meeting of this Lodge on Friday, April 3, the By-laws, with the several alterations and amendments made thereto since the commencement of the year 1853, were read and carried unanimously, and ordered to be fairly written and submitted to the Grand Secretary for approval of the Grand Master, and then printed for circulation amongst the members.

PROVINCIAL.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

AYLESBURY.—*Buckingham Lodge* (No. 861).—The Brethren of this Lodge assembled on Monday, April 20, to elect a W.M. Treasurer and Tyler for the ensuing year. Bro. Irving, the present S.W., was unanimously elected as W.M. ; Bros. James was elected Treasurer, and Walker, Tyler. The Installation and annual festival was fixed for Monday, May 18th. After disposing of some other business, the Brethren adjourned to refreshment, and a very agreeable evening was spent.

CHESHIRE.

CHESTER.—*Cestrian Lodge* (No. 615).—On Wednesday, April 1st, a special Lodge was held at the Cestrian Rooms, Royal Hotel, to afford the learned Brethren of the Bar (who were engaged on the North Wales Circuit, and attending the assize in Chester) an opportunity of visiting the Lodge. Many of them are subscribing members, and as they only attend Chester at the spring and autumn assizes, the W.M. and Brethren have come to the resolution of holding a Lodge on these two occasions for their accommodation. During the Masonic business, the new member for Chester (Mr. E. G. Salisbury) was duly proposed a candidate for mysteries of the Craft, to be initiated at the next regular Lodge in May. The J.W. having called the Brethren from labour, they proceeded to the banquet room,

when near forty sat down to a sumptuous dinner, furnished by Bro. McGregor (the worthy host of the Royal), in his usual style of excellence. The W.M., Bro. J. D. Weaver occupied the chair, supported by Bro. Welsby (Recorder of Chester), Bro. Capt. Davenport, Bro. the Hon. E. B. Bourke, and the other learned Brethren of the Bar, Bros. McIntyre, Foulkes, Wood, &c. &c. Bro. Horatio Lloyd and Bro. John Jones occupied the Wardens' chairs. On the removal of the cloth, *Non Nobis* was beautifully sung by the professional Brethren Walker, Brown, and Cuzmer, after which followed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, in quick succession, interspersed with some fine glees, songs, &c., and accompanied by the honours. In the course of the evening, several of the learned Brethren (in addition to those already named) were added to the list of subscribers. This Lodge is progressing most prosperously in the Ark, having among its subscribing members, one marquis, one viscount, two Provincial Grand Masters, one baronet, three honourables, one recorder, one town clerk, two members of Parliament, several M.D.'s, and many of the principal merchants of the city and neighbourhood. Masonic discipline is strictly observed, and the working complete, there being a Lodge of Instruction held every first and third Wednesday in the month, and which ought to be the case in every Lodge, to enable young Masons to get perfect before they undertake office. A most delightful evening having been spent, the Lodge, being called to labour, was finally closed with the usual forms.

FLOWERY FIELD, HYDE.—*Lodge of Fidelity* (No. 623).—A slender muster of the Brethren, several of whom were unavoidably absent, met at the White Hart Inn, on the 11th of April, when a Brother was passed to the 2nd Degree, and another raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., by the W.M. Other general business was transacted, and a gentleman proposed for initiation. As there has been several initiations in this Lodge lately, and a certainty of several others following, this success must be very pleasing to a few members who, for several years, have had a difficulty in satisfactorily conducting the business of the Lodge. At the conclusion of business the Brethren adjourned to supper, and the remainder of the evening was spent with characteristic good feeling.

DEVONSHIRE.

STONEHOUSE.—*Lodge of Sincerity* (No. 224).—A Lodge of Emergency was held at St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, Devon, on the 30th March, at half-past two, P.M., to initiate Mr. Richard D. Kidd. There were present, Bros. John Cree Hancock, W.M., in the chair; William Hunt, S.W.; James Gilbard, J.W.; A. Narracott, P.M.; V. Narracott, S.D. *pro tem.*; R. R. Dodd, J.D.; T. C. Gill, I.G. There were present also, Bros. T. Russell, P.M.; R. Dowse, P.M.; P. E. Rowe, P.M.; J. Ferris, P.M.; E. W. Cole, P.M.; W. R. Phillips, P.M.; Rev. W. E. Hadow, Prov. G.C. for Devon; Samuel Triscott; J. P. Mann; J. Honey; R. Lidstone, Sec.; and J. Rogers, Tyler, of No. 224: and amongst others, the following visiting Brethren,—The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, S.W. No. 10; the Viscount Valletort, No. 10; G. W. Soltan, P.M. No. 270; T. Pollard, P.M. No. 83; J. Gambell, P.M. No. 23; W. H. Foulds, P.M. No. 83; R. A. A. Julian, W.M. No. 83; J. J. Clase, W.M. No. 185; J. Sadler, No. 185; J. Mackey, S.W. No. 185; R. May, W.M. No. 122; J. Rowe, P.M., Sec. No. 122; J. M. Mackey, No. 122; J. Thomas, P.M. No. 83; Cave, Treasurer, No. 122; Copplestone, P.M. No. 238; R. Romeroy, P.M. No. 122; G. L. Roberts, W.M. No. 187; W. Elphinstone, W.M. No. 238; Paul Oliver, Walters, &c. The W.M. was assisted in the ceremony of Initiation by the S.W. and Bro. P.M. Phillips. It is the usual practice in this Lodge for every officer to do his own work; and we are pleased to be able to add, the work is uniformly as well done as it was on this particular occasion. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the W.M. said, an able and zealous Brother was present who had taken an active part in recent discussions in Grand Lodge, and he had no doubt the Brethren present would be gratified to listen to any remarks that Brother might feel disposed to make, before the Lodge was closed.

Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon spoke to the following effect:—"He could not but construe the observations the W.M. had made into a call upon him to make some

remarks, and, as obedience was one of the first virtues inculcated by Freemasonry, he did not hesitate to obey the command. And, first, he must be permitted to express the very great satisfaction he had felt in being present on this occasion, and in witnessing the working of the Lodge in a manner creditable to the W.M., and the officers of the Lodge. In the next place, he was gratified to have had this opportunity of making the personal acquaintance of so many Brethren in this neighbourhood. He had heard with pleasure of the fame of the Lodges, the number of Freemasons in Plymouth, Devonport, and Stonehouse, but he heard with still greater pleasure the expression of their interest in the welfare of the Order. If those whom he had the pleasure of now speaking to had read the recent proceedings in the Grand Lodge, they would be aware that he had felt most anxious that the country Lodges should take an interest in the business of Grand Lodge. It was the main element of this prosperity and right administration that the country Lodges should show an interest in the proceedings of Grand Lodge. As individual Brethren were represented in the Lodges, so should the country Lodges find their representation in Grand Lodge. That this was often otherwise, was in a great measure the fault of the Lodges themselves; and the resumption of this principle of representation, as it would have anticipated, so now it would obviate many difficulties, and heal many evils which had grown up. It had been his fortune to press upon Grand Lodge three subjects, two of which affected to a considerable extent the restoration of the representative character of Grand Lodge. Having regard to the numbers of Freemasons and their diffusion over the country, the colonies, and the associated Lodges of other countries, English Freemasonry might be viewed as a kingdom; and its policy, like that of a kingdom, had three great relations—foreign, colonial, and domestic. With their permission, he would say a few words on the existing position of Grand Lodge with respect to each of these interests. In the first place, in connection with their foreign relations, there was a subject of great importance to some of their Brethren in foreign countries at present before Grand Lodge; he referred to the persecutions of Freemasons by the Roman Catholic clergy—persecutions which no doubt sprung out of a misconception of the character of Freemasonry, and the objects it had in view. In all ages Freemasonry had been regarded with suspicion, and assailed in turn by calumny, and in turn by open oppression; but nowhere was the prejudice against it stronger than in Roman Catholic countries. In Malta, the Mauritius, Trinidad, and at Hong-Kong, Freemasons had been deprived of their civil and religious privileges, and had been interdicted from the holy offices of baptism, marriage, and burial, by the Roman Catholic clergy. Facts proving but too plainly and painfully that this was the case were before Grand Lodge, and, as others had failed to do so, he could not avoid calling attention to the subject; and with the view, if not to remedy the evil and to convince the oppressors, at least to place them in a false position, to render the persecution itself more difficult, and to prove to our foreign and suffering Brethren that they had the sympathy of English Freemasons, he had proposed that a statement of the principles of Freemasonry be drawn up by the Board of General Purposes for circulation. He believed such a statement, being authorized by the Grand Lodge, would have had the effect of showing how much the persecutors had mistaken its purpose, and the character of its members; it would have shown them that its first and fundamental principle was a recognition of religion, and its second a rigid non-intervention in the politics of any country. That proposal was conceived in a moderate spirit, and expressed in temperate language, but it unfortunately did not obtain the concurrence of Grand Lodge. It was opposed by various Brethren on the dais, first on one ground, then on another; now because it proposed too much, then because it proposed too little, and at last seemed to be shelved in a manner very prejudicial to the dignity, the justice, and the interest of the Craft at home and abroad. He regretted to say that the real objection at the root of these minor cavils seemed to be a fact which he had stated in the course of the debate little creditable to Masonic administration, but which had been unchallenged and uncontradicted. It was this: the G.M. of France had addressed a letter to our authorities in England, dwelling on the oppression of foreign Masons, and requesting their co-operation. This letter had

remained buried in the official archives of England for about nine or ten months, not only unattended to, but without meeting with the usual courtesy of a formal acknowledgment. His lordship next adverted to the colonial relations of English Freemasonry: without entering at length into the history of their claims, their repeated complaints, the neglect of their remonstrances, and the revulsion of feeling which had followed upon the treatment of their interests, and which had converted Canada into a disaffected province, he called particular attention to the present position of affairs. He alluded to the concessions announced by the Most Worshipful G.M. at the recent meeting of Grand Lodge, and expressed a hope that concessions made in so conciliatory a manner, carrying with them all the influence which was derivable from so high an authority, and accompanied by an honourable and candid acknowledgment, which set no unbecoming example to many of those who had assumed the position of advisers to the Most Worshipful G.M., would prove successful. He could not, however, disguise that these concessions came tardily, that the feelings in Canada in favour of independence had grown very strong, and that it was more than doubtful if their colonial supremacy could now be preserved. He was afraid that in this matter they had gone too near that fatal rock 'Too Late,' which had shipwrecked so many empires, dynasties, and governments. This was a matter upon which the country Lodges would have done well to have put their views before Grand Lodge. In respect to domestic affairs, his lordship explained at some length the constitution and working of Grand Lodge. Properly it was the parliament of Freemasonry, the representative and exponent of all the English Lodges—practically it was not so. Country Lodges were ill-informed of the subjects to be brought forward, and were therefore, with certain exceptions, seldom represented. He pointed out the intention of the constitution in the establishment of a Board of Masters, as a committee of information for the benefit of the country Lodges. In reference to this object, and to meet present requirements, he had proposed the restoration of these functions of the Board of Masters in the form of circulars, to be issued to the country Lodges, and to contain notices of the business to come before Grand Lodge in time to admit the opportunity of their expressing opinions upon those notices through their representatives in Grand Lodge. This measure, after having been affirmed in principle four or five times by Grand Lodge, had been, by Grand Lodge, referred to the Board of General Purposes, to be carried into effect. The Board had agreed to it, and, according to custom, had deputed the chairman, Bro. Dobie, G.R., to move it in Grand Lodge. This, contrary to the supposed duty of all chairmen, and to the custom of all representative assemblies, he had on his own responsibility refused to do. Thus this most important measure, involving an act of simple justice to the country Lodges, after being over and over again affirmed by Grand Lodge, was shelved by an unconstitutional assumption of authority. In respect to the part he had taken in recent proceedings in Grand Lodge, the noble Brother touched upon the charges sometimes brought against him and others, of a wish for innovation. He distinctly denied any wish to introduce changes into the Order. To talk of change in the principles of the Order was simply absurd. They admitted of no change, of no possibility of change; and to talk of real changes in the constitution of English Masonry, was nearly as idle. The constitution was a very good one if adhered to. It was not change, but restoration,—the maintenance of constitutional relationship between the Grand Master and Grand Lodge, between Grand Lodge and its component parts, between English and Colonial Lodges,—that he desired to see; and on those who seemed to forget these great principles, and who charged him with innovation, he retorted the accusation of change. It was the change which had cast a chilling apathy through too large a part of the Craft, the change which looked with indifference on the persecutions of foreign Brethren, the change which had alienated Canada, and which would now exile the country Lodges from their share in the discussion and management of the public business of the Order to which they were intitled by the letter and spirit of the constitution, that he condemned and deprecated." After some further remarks, the noble Brother concluded by saying—"That he entertained sanguine hopes for the future, that by a strong feeling and expression of interest on the part of the country Lodges in the affairs of the Craft, by mutual

forbearance at home, by justice and conciliation abroad, the Brethren would surmount their present difficulties, restore the walls which had fallen down, and build up into its old symmetry the beautiful Temple of their Ancient Order."

The Noble Brother was greeted by a hearty round of applause at the conclusion of his speech, of which the foregoing only pretends to suggest the topics, and indicate the mode of their treatment. The speech was listened to with earnest attention throughout; the silence only being broken now and then by responsive applause at the more eloquent portions, or appreciative cries of "hear, hear," at some of the more telling points.

Bro. R. Dowse, P.M. who was for many years connected with Lodges in Canada, confirmed the statement of Lord Carnarvon, as to the neglect of the communications from Canada to the G.L. Personally he knew it to have been the case in respect to Lodge 274, at Kingston. Brethren had been five and six years without G.L. certificates, and the only means they had of knowing that fees had been received, was by the banker's acknowledgment.

Bro. the Viscount Valletort expressed his interest in Freemasonry, and his appreciation of the views just enunciated by his noble Brother, Lord Carnarvon.

The W.M., in the name of the Lodge, thanked Brother the Earl of Carnarvon for his valuable speech, and said he hoped and believed it would have the effect of increasing the interest taken by the Lodges in this neighbourhood (the whole of which he was glad to see represented on this occasion) in the proceedings of Grand Lodge. As this was a Lodge of Emergency, they could not now enter any resolution on the subjects adverted to by their noble Brother, but he had no doubt that an early opportunity would be found for doing so.

Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon acknowledged the compliment of the W.M., and said he felt obliged for the opportunity of attending a Lodge in Stonehouse, and of meeting so many zealous Brethren.—The Lodge was closed at 4.30.

At the ordinary meeting of this Lodge, 224, on the 13th of April, the W.M. passed Bro. the Right Honourable Lord Graves, and Robinson Ridley, and initiated Mr. H. Barton, Medical Dispenser at the Military Hospital; and at a Lodge of Emergency, immediately after, Lieut. W. Hector Ranson, R.N., was initiated. The W.M. was ably assisted by Bros. P.Ms. Tripe and Dowse, and Bro. R. May, W.M. of 122, and by the S.W. of 224, in the work.

TORQUAY.—We understand that it has been decided to build a new Masonic Hall in this town, and a contract for its erection has been entered into. The ceremony of turning the first sod for preparing the foundation, has just been performed by Bro. Paget Blake, P.M. of the St. John's Lodge, No. 411. It is intended by Earl Fortescue, Prov. G.M., to lay the corner-stone in course of the next month, when a Grand Lodge will be called for the purpose.

DURHAM.

GATESHEAD.—*Lodge of Industry* (No. 56).—The installation of W.M. took place on the 23rd March. The Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Clapham, who was supported in the East by ten P.Ms., most of whom, being Provincial Grand Officers of this and the adjoining province, came to honour the installation of Bro. Alfred Davis, W.M. elect, the son of their worthy and V. Worshipful colleague, a Provincial Officer in both counties; and to whom there are few who do not owe obligations of assistance, for, from his superior working of all the Masonic Degrees in Craft, Royal Arch, and Templar Masonry, he is always ready to give his valuable assistance not only in the chair, but in any office he may be required. After the routine and other business in the summons was exhausted, the W.M. resigned his chair to the P.M., E. D. Davis, who proceeded to install the W.M. elect, which he did in his usual impressive manner, and the ceremony gave the greatest satisfaction to all present. The appointment and investiture of the officers followed, viz.:—Bros. Clapham, P.M.; C. J. Bannister, S.W.; W. H. Gossage, J.W.; D. Robson, S.D.; John Dobson, J.D.; P.M. H. L. Monro, M.C.; P.M. F. P. Jonn, Treas.; W. J. Kimpster, Sec.; T. Richardson, G.S.; John Bertram, J.S.; R. Young, I.G.; Alexander Dickson, Tyler. The Brethren, after the termination of the proceedings, partook of an excellent repast, prepared

for them by Bro. Richardson, of the Grey Horse. The following visitors supported the W.M. from the Province of Northumberland:—R.W. Bros. R. Medcalfe, Dep. Prov. G.M.; Henry Bell, Prov. J.G.W.; W. Punshon, P. Prov. J.G.W.; John Barker, P. Prov. G.S.D.; W. E. Franklin, W.M. No. 919, and P. Prov. G.S.B.; E. D. Davis, W.M. No. 793, and Prov. G.S.D. From the Province of Durham,—V.W. Bros. Crosby, P. Prov. G.S.W.; H. Crooks, W.M. No. 95, and Prov. G. Sec.; R. Saville, P. Prov. G.J.W. and P.M. No. 114; Brooks, P.M. No. 114; F. P. Jonn, P. Prov. G.S.D.; H. L. Monro, P. Prov. G.S.D.; R. B. Ridley, W.M. No. 292, and P. Prov. G.J.W., &c. &c.

SOUTH SHIELDS.—*St. Hilda's Lodge* (No. 292).—A Lodge of Emergency was held on Wednesday, April 8th, on which occasion a beautiful P.M.'s Jewel and Apron was presented to Bro. Henry Johnson, P.M. The Jewel was inscribed as follows:—"Presented to Bro. Henry Johnson, P.M., by the Brethren of St. Hilda's Lodge, No. 292, South Shields, in testimony of sincere esteem and regard," and was supplied by Bro. Jonn, of Gateshead. The Lodge having been opened in due form, and the ceremony of initiation having been disposed of, the W.M., Bro. Henry Hewison, having given the usual preliminary loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly responded to, called upon Bro. J. Toshach, P.M. (an ex-mayor of the borough), to make the presentation, and in an admirable address, replete with Masonic sentiment and brotherly feeling, the worthy Brother invested Bro. H. Johnson, P.M., with the Jewel, amidst the congratulations of the Brethren upstanding, and cordially wishing him health and long life to wear his honours. Bro. Johnson returned thanks with his accustomed ability. The addresses of the various Brethren during the evening were neat and appropriate, and the intervals between the toasts were filled up by the exquisite singing of Bros. Oliver, Stockdale, and Buckland, and the masterly execution of Bro. Redshaw on the piano-forte. It has rarely been our lot to witness such a gathering. About eighty Brethren attended, and amongst the visitors, of whom there were something like twenty present, we noticed Bros. J. Crossley, Prov. J.G.W. for Durham, wearing amongst others the Jewel lately presented him by the Brethren of the Fawcett Lodge, No. 957, Seaham; F. O. Jonn, P.M. Nos. 56 and 614; H. L. Monro, P.M. No. 56; B. Levy, S.W. No. 114; E. Evans, S.W. No. 959; and the W.M. of St. George's Lodge, No. 624, North Shields. P.M. Potts was also present, and was most fraternally greeted, and expressed himself highly gratified with his visit; P.M. Ridley, in full Prov. G.M.'s costume; P.M. Tashach, P.M. Bennison, P.M. Boulder, and others. The meeting was a most harmonious and gratifying one. The new furniture of the Lodge was much admired for its elegance and propriety.

ESSEX.

BOCKING.—*North Essex Lodge* (No. 817).—The annual meeting of this Lodge was held at Bocking, on the 20th inst., when Bro. Cunningham was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, after which he invested his officers. The members then adjourned to a banquet provided by Bro. Durrant, in his usual liberal style, and the evening was passed in a happy and satisfactory manner. Amongst the visitors were R. J. Bagshaw, Esq., Prov. G.M.; Major Skinner, R.A., D. Prov. G.M.; Joseph Burton, P. Prov. G.S.W.; Peter Matthews, Prov. G.S.W.; Lieut. Gutzmer, Prov. G.S.B.; Major Maydwell, W.M.; Rev. Arthur Roberts, Rev. M. Margoliouth, Sir William O'Malley, Captain Burney, Major Brackley, J. Austin, &c.

ROMFORD.—*Lodge of Hope and Unity* (No. 259).—The quarterly meeting of this Lodge was held at the White Hart Tavern, Romford, on Thursday, 23rd of April, Bro. Hugh C. Trevanon, W.M., presiding, by whom two Brethren were duly entrusted and raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. Three Brethren were proposed as joining members, and a resolution with reference to the visiting fee was unanimously adopted, about which we shall speak more fully on a future occasion,—simply now remarking that, in our opinion, the movement is one in a right direction, and one that will be productive of much advantage. Sixteen Brethren sat down to a banquet, the catering for which reflected unqualified credit on all concerned in its preparation. The "Lodge of Hope and Unity" has

always ranked high in the estimation of the Craft, and has done much to uphold the best interests of Masonry in the province of Essex. The propinquity to the metropolis of its place of meeting naturally affords it considerable benefit, so many of its members being Brethren of rank and position in the London Lodges. Indeed, it is quite delightful to leave the smoke and turmoil of London ten miles behind you, and yet to find yourself in the company of so many familiar faces, from whom you receive the same friendly greetings as those to which you have been accustomed during the labours of the Masonic season in town; not the least of these pleasures being that of having your wants attended to, and your comforts provided for, by so urbane and courteous a D.C. as Bro. F. Adlard, who here discharges the duties which so many have thankfully recognized in their visits to No. 7. At the hands of Bro. Thisselton, it is superfluous to say, the secretarial requirements receive ample justice, while the officers, generally speaking, are efficient. The only visitor was Bro. F. Binckes, P.M. No. 11.

HERTFORDSHIRE.

BERKHAMPSTEAD.—*Berkhampstead Lodge* (No. 742).—The quarterly meeting of this Lodge was held at the King's Arms Hotel, on Wednesday, April 22, Bro. Law, P.M., presiding (in the absence of the W.M., Bro. Thane), when Bros. Burton, Norman, and Sugars, were elected joining members. Bro. Henry Isaacs was proposed, and will be balloted for at the next meeting. The Brethren afterwards dined together, the harmony of the evening being much enhanced by the vocal exertions of Bros. Isaacs, Webber, and Burton.

ISLE OF WIGHT.

COWES.—*Medina Lodge* (No. 4).—One of the handsomest Craft banners we have seen for some time, has been exhibited during the last month by Bro. John Mott Thearle, the Masonic jeweller of 198, Fleet-street; it is of superb sky-blue silk, with deep white and blue silk fringe around it, and tassels of the same. The pole nine feet high, and block of Honduras mahogany; in the centre of all, a massively embroidered silver square and compasses about two feet long, with Medina Lodge, No. 41, in large silver letters around. The intention is to place it behind the W.M.'s chair, and it will add very greatly to the excellent effect so well-appointed a Lodge as the Medina presents.

KENT.

CANTERBURY.—The Provincial Grand Lodge Festival for Kent will be holden in this city on Monday, the 15th of June. The P.G.M., Bro. C. Purton Cooper, Q.C., will preside. A preliminary Lodge meeting to arrange details is fixed for Monday, the 11th of May.

LANCASHIRE.

BLACKBURN.—*Lodge of Perseverance* (No. 432).—This energetic and prosperous Lodge celebrated its regular meeting on the evening of Tuesday, the 7th of April, when Bros. Shepherd and Morley, from No. 336, favoured the Brethren with their presence. The W.M. presided during the regular business of the Lodge, after the conclusion of which Bro. Clough, P.M. and P. Prov. G. Reg., most impressively raised Bros. Butterfield and Peel to the Sublime Degree of M.M. The Brethren separated in the usual good harmony, after spending a delightful evening. After the interval of nine days, the Lodge met as an emergency, when Bro. Clough performed the ceremony of raising Bros. Parkinson and Paterson to the Degree of M.M. On the same evening Bro. Paterson presented the Lodge with a superbly-bound volume of the Sacred Writings, which will, at the next regular meeting of the Lodge, no doubt draw a cordial and deserved vote of thanks from the Brethren. Since our last report of the proceedings of the Lodge, Bros. Walsh, No. 350, Chathurn and Dickinson, No. 336, and Jackson, No. 130, J.P., have been elected joining members; Bros. Tattersall and Gillibrand have been passed and raised in the two Degrees; six gentlemen have been initiated; Bros. Pertwistle, Parkinson, A. W. Paterson, and Tiplady, passed to the Degree

of F.C. ; and the Lodge has taken steps towards providing a complete suite of new furniture, working tools, and paraphernalia, suited to its handsome and commodious rooms, and to the active working of its members.

MANCHESTER.—*Lodge of Integrity* (No. 189).—The monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Brunswick Hotel, on Wednesday, the 25th March, when Mr. John Clayton was initiated into the mysteries of the Order, and Bros. Backhouse and Watson passed to the 2nd Degree. On the motion of Bro. P.M. Rd. Wood, to whose well-known charitable disposition is generally left the initiative in such matters, it was unanimously resolved, that fifteen guineas be given from the Lodge funds to the Masonic Benevolent and Annuity Fund, established in connection with this province. This Lodge and the Brethren were placed in mourning, as a tribute of respect to the memory of our late P. Prov. G.M., the Earl of Ellesmere, to continue for a period of four months, in compliance with a circular issued from the Provincial Grand Lodge, by command of the R.W. the D. Prov. G.M., Bro. Albert Hudson Royds. After the completion of the Masonic business, the Brethren adjourned to supper, on the conclusion of which the usual toasts were given ; and Bro. P.M. Wm. Bleackly delivered a lengthy and very appropriate eulogy on our late eminent and highly esteemed P. Prov. G.M. the Earl of Ellesmere, whose memory was drunk in solemn silence.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

TOWCESTER.—The marquis of Huntly, Prov. G.M., will hold a Provincial Grand Lodge at the above place on Wednesday, the 20th of May next ; a numerous gathering of the Brethren of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire is expected on this occasion, from the interest which, as is well known, the noble lord has for many years felt for the prosperity of the Order in his province.

NORTHUMBERLAND.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—*Northern Counties Lodge* (No. 586).—The anniversary festival and installation meeting of this Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Newgate-street, on Thursday, the 23rd of April. Bro. E. D. Davis, Prov. G.S.D., presided ; and Bro. John T. Mist Harrison, being presented as the W.M. elect, was installed into the chair, proclaimed and saluted in the several Degrees. The W.M. then appointed and invested the following Brethren as his officers for the ensuing year :—William Berkeley, P. Prov. G.S.W., P.M. ; T. W. Fenwick, S.W. ; G. Hardy, J.W. ; W. Punshow, Treas. ; W. M. Plews, Sec. ; J. Wilson, S.D. ; Alexander Dabriel, J.D. ; W. Richardson and J. Rowell, Stewards ; Henry Charlton, I.G. ; J. Trotter, Tyler. The business being ended and the Lodge closed, the Brethren adjourned to Bro. Miller's, the Queen's Hotel, in Grey-street, where an excellent repast was awaiting them. Besides the Brethren we have mentioned, there were present Bros. John Barker, P. Prov. G.J.W. ; Woolley, P.M. ; Robert Fisher, J. G. Joel, H. G. Ludwig, A. Gillespie, and several others.

OXFORDSHIRE.

NUNEHAM.—*Churchill Lodge* (No. 702).—At a meeting of the Brethren of the Churchill Lodge, held on Monday, April 6th, at the Harcourt Arms, Nuneham, Bro. the Rev. J. G. Wood, of Merton College, was appointed W.M., in the room of Bro. the Earl of Lincoln, whose term of office has expired. At the same time Bro. Cartwright was appointed Treasurer, and Bro. Bull, Tyler.

SHROPSHIRE.

LUDLOW.—*Lodge of the Marches* (No. 887).—A meeting of this Lodge was held at the Feathers Hotel, on Wednesday, April 1, the W.M., Bro. the Rev. J. B. James, being supported by a numerous attendance of members and visitors. Bro. Newman was raised to the Degree of M.M., and E. Jeffries and J. M. Kilvert, were initiated into the mysteries of the Craft. Bro. Harley Bayley, W.M. No. 328, was admitted as a joining member. The condition of the Lodge is highly satisfactory.

SOMERSETSHIRE.

HIGHBRIDGE.—*Rural Philanthropic Lodge* (No. 367).—The usual monthly meeting took place on the 3rd of April; there was a numerous gathering of members and visitors. The W.M., Bro. W. Harwood, ably initiated four gentlemen, and afterwards delivered the charge in a very solemn and impressive manner. The remaining Lodge business being disposed of, the W.M., in that eloquent style so peculiarly his own, presented Bro. Brydges, P.M. and Sec., with a massive silver inkstand and silver taper-stand, both of exquisite workmanship: this testimonial arose from the spontaneous contributions of the whole of the members of the Lodge, as expressive of their esteem of the untiring exertions of Bro. Brydges, for many years, for the prosperity and welfare of No. 367. In presenting the testimonial, the W.M., in a feeling speech, paid a deserved tribute to the many excellent qualities, fraternal and social, of Bro. Brydges, who in reply said he was much moved by this additional testimony of the kindness and regard he had for so many years invariably experienced at the hands of his Brethren in this Lodge. The Brethren then adjourned from labour to refreshment, a sumptuous banquet being provided by Bro. Besley. The customary loyal and Masonic toasts followed in rapid succession. The W.M., in rising to propose the health of the Past Masters, took the opportunity of reading a letter from Bro. W. Walkley, P.M., regretting his inability to be present at the interesting presentation of the testimonial to Bro. Brydges that day. The excellent and truly Masonic spirit that pervaded that letter, caused a feeling of regret that the Brother who could write so well was prevented from being able to deliver his sentiments *vivâ voce*. Bro. Allen, P.M., responded to the toast, and said, "After the letter they had all heard read by the W.M., there was but little left to say in praise of Bro. Brydges' many virtues." Next followed the healths of the visiting Brethren; then the Initiates, which were given and replied to by each and all in a very sincere and hearty manner. The evening's hilarity was much enhanced by some excellent singing by Bros. Gregory, T. Graham, and Arthur Walkley. The presence of Bro. Locke, of the Adelphi Lodge, No. 348, New York, was additionally interesting from the fact that some of his ancestors were initiated into Masonry in this Lodge, and also his being a lineal descendant of the great John Locke.

SOUTH WALES.

CARMARTHEN.—*St. Peter's Lodge* (No. 699).—The regular monthly Lodge was held on the 3rd of April, but nothing of any importance occurred, except that Bro. Ribbans tendered his resignation of his office as Treasurer, which was accepted by the Lodge, and Bro. James Gwyther unanimously appointed in his stead. A Lodge of Emergency was held on the 15th instant, to initiate Capt. Wm. Lewis, and Mr. F. V. M. Raynes into the mysteries of the Order, when the W.M., Bro. W. G. S. Thomas, performed the ceremony in his usual excellent and impressive manner. This Lodge now numbers nearly 60 Brethren, and as men of the highest standing in the town and county are proposed almost every Lodge night, we may fairly predict that the St. Peter's Lodge will, ere long, be the first in the principality. The working of the Lodge is excellent, and we notice an improvement almost every Lodge night, which clearly evinces that while the ancient landmarks are not forgotten, but on the contrary are preserved with strict integrity, a proper care to render every ceremony complete and impressive, is shown by the working Brethren. We understand the enthronement of the R.W. Prov. G.M. will shortly take place here, and that the foundation-stone of the Carmarthenshire Infirmary will be laid with Masonic honours by the Brethren of this and the neighbouring Lodges. Bro. T. D. Lloyd, of Bronwydd, has been appointed R.W. Dep. Prov. G.M.

LLANDILLO.—*St. Teilo Lodge* (No. 996).—The consecration of this Lodge is postponed until after the enthronement of the R.W. Prov. G.M., which we hope will soon take place.

PEMBROKE DOCK.—*Loyal Welsh Lodge* (No. 525).—At the usual monthly meeting of this Lodge held on the 14th April, Capt. Gillies in the chair, on its being announced that John Johnes, Esq., had been appointed Prov. G.M. for the district, a vote of congratulation to him was proposed by Bro. P.M. Thomas, Prov. G. Dir. of Cer., and seconded by Bro. P.M. McLean, and unanimously carried with great applause. A considerable amount of Masonic business was enacted, in passing, raising, &c. The attendance of members was unusually numerous.

SUFFOLK.

IPSWICH.—*Lodge of Perfect Friendship* (No. 522).—The monthly meeting of this Lodge was held in the Assembly Rooms, Ipswich, on Wednesday, the 15th of April, when Mr. H. W. Davis, of Islington, and Mr. C. E. G. Harrison, of Ipswich, were initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, and Bro. Snow, of London, was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., by the W.M. Bro. S. B. King, in his usual solemn and impressive manner. This Lodge congratulates itself on the number of P.Ms. who regularly attend its meetings—no less than seventeen being present on this occasion—so that good working may generally be depended upon. We would, however, in all kindly feeling, recommend the junior members, and more especially the officers of the Lodge, to be more punctual in their attendance at the hour named in the summons, or they may find they will not attain the honours in Masonry which we know they so earnestly wish for, and which, with diligence, they might so easily win.

SURREY.

CHERTSEY.—*St. George's Lodge* (No. 486).—The annual meeting of this Lodge for the installation of the W.M. was held on Thursday, the 23rd of April, St. George's day, at Bro. Lovett's, the Crown Hotel, in the ancient town of Chertsey. In the absence of Bro. C. Rawson, the W.M., the V.W. Bro. Dr. George Harcourt, D. Prov. G.M. of Surrey, presided, and the Lodge having been opened in the first and second Degrees, Bro. Blenkin, P.M. and Prov. S.G.W., presented the W.M. elect, Bro. J. Merryweather, for installation. The ceremonial was fully and faithfully accomplished by Bro. Harcourt, and the W.M. was proclaimed and saluted in the several Degrees. The W.M. then passed to the second Degree Bro. Barrass, who proved himself entitled to the step by the readiness and accuracy of his replies to the examination; and the new Master, by thus immediately entering on the active business of the Lodge, gave promise of a successful career. The W.M. then appointed and invested the following Brethren as his officers:—A. Fenton, S.W.; W. L. Bird, J.W.; W. K. Heseltine, Sec.; W. G. Smith, S.D.; W. Blenkin, J.D.; R. Martin, I.G.; and Bro. G. Harcourt, who had been unanimously re-elected Treasurer, was also invested. All business ended, the Brethren adjourned to a very excellent banquet which Bro. Lovett, with good tact, had ready, and everything was hot—save the champagne—and the three hours sped away so rapidly, that all regretted there was no later train for a few who had journeyed from town to attend a very pleasant meeting. Bros. Dr. Hinxman, G. Steward; Peter Matthews, P. Prov. G.S.W. of Essex; J. How, Prov. G. D. Surrey; and Garland, were visitors.

SUSSEX.

CHICHESTER.—*Lodge of Union* (No. 45).—An Emergency of this Lodge was held in the Assembly Room, on Thursday, April 16th, 1857, at three o'clock, when Mr. Thomas Peach, of H.M.'s 22nd Regt., and Mr. H. Gould, of H.M.'s 97th Regt., were initiated into the Order. By command of the W.M., Bro. Geo. Smith, S.W., gave the charge, and explained the working tools of an E.A.

The Brethren being called to refreshment, repaired to the Council Chamber, where an excellent repast, provided by Bro. Purchase, of the Globe Inn, awaited them. The W.M. presided, and was supported by Bro. W. Verrall, P.M. No. 338, P.G.T.; Bro. Gavin E. Pocock, P.M. No. 338, P.G.S.; Bros. H. C. Holman, No. 390; Geo. Fogden, P.M. No. 45, Visitors; and Bros. Gambling, P.M.

No. 45; James Powell, P.M. No. 45; K. Pescott, P.M. No. 45; with about thirty subscribing members of the Lodge. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been introduced by the W.M. with his accustomed ability, Bro. Halsted, who, in the unavoidable absence of the J.W., most efficiently throughout the day discharged the duties of that chair, proceeded to the feature of the evening, a duty devolving on him, owing to the inability of Bro. Kirkman, the Immediate P.M., to be present. Bro. Halsted, in a speech which we regret our limits will not permit us to give *in extenso*, paid a high and deserved tribute to the zeal and ability with which the W.M. had discharged the duties of the Chair during the past year, and congratulated the Lodge on having secured his services for a second year, thereby insuring a continuance of the avowed prosperity of the Lodge. Bro. H. in presenting the P.M.'s Jewel, which was very chaste and elegant, expressed a hope that as it was presented by an unanimous vote of the Lodge, the W.M. would consider it not only as an acknowledgment for past services, but also as a retaining fee for services yet to be rendered.

The W.M. with great feeling and some emotion, acknowledged the compliment, and pledged himself to be ready at all times and in any way to promote the interests of the Order.

Bro. Gambling, P.M. No. 45, gave "The Provincial Grand Officers of Sussex," which toast was acknowledged by the P.G.T. Bro. W. Verral. Bro. G. Smith, S.W., proposed "The Visitors." Responded to by Bro. Holman, No. 390. Bro. Verral then said, that whilst there were a good many young Masons round the table, he thought it right to remember the old ones, and he had therefore much pleasure in proposing "The health of Bro. Geo. Fogden, P.M. No. 45." Bro. Geo. Fogden, in returning thanks, said he was initiated in the Lodge of Union forty-five years ago, and although for a few years past he had been unable to take any part in the business of the Lodge, still on learning that the "fire which never dies" had lately burnt with greater brilliancy, he had made an effort to once more assist at what he deemed one of the most enjoyable sublunary pleasures, a Masonic festival.

Bro. Halsted, in proposing "The health of the Past Masters of the Lodge," coupled with it the name of P.M. Jas. Powell, No. 45, father of the W.M. Bro. Powell acknowledged the compliment in a very admirable speech, replete with Masonic sentiment. The Brethren were called to labour, and the Lodge closed in harmony.

During the evening, Bro. Gambling, P.M. No. 45, made graceful acknowledgment of the courtesy and kindness of the Mayor and Town Council, in permitting the Lodge to be regularly held at the Council House; and observed, that to the fact of the Lodge being now held away from a tavern, much of their present prosperity was to be attributed; as during the two years the Lodge had been held in the present rooms, upwards of thirty highly respectable gentlemen had been initiated. The worthy Brother also alluded to the claims for support on the Brethren, of *The Freemasons' Magazine*.

During the evening, Bros. Hoblyn, Goodcoe, Chase, and Holman, enlivened the Brethren with sweet warbling, and at an early hour the happy party broke up, in the hope of happily meeting again at no distant day.

The banquet did credit to the worthy host, and the arrangement of the table was much enhanced by the beautiful contribution of flowers from the garden of Bro. W. J. G. Souter.

WILTSHIRE.

DEVIZES.—*Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity* (No. 961).—This Lodge celebrated its first anniversary at Devizes, on Tuesday, the 14th April, having been consecrated in April last year. The members assembled in the splendid ball-room of the Town Hall (where the Lodge is held), at three o'clock, when Bro. Simon Watson Taylor, the newly-elected M.P. for the borough, was balloted for as a joining member, and afterwards raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. The Brethren then proceeded to the installation of Bro. Jos. Burt as W.M., which ceremony was most ably performed by the D. Prov. G.M. of the province, Bro. Gooch. The Lodge adjourned to the Bear Hotel, where about forty Brethren sat

down to a splendid banquet; and on the removal of the cloth, after the usual Masonic toasts, the W.M. took occasion, on proposing the health of Bro. Weaver, to congratulate the Lodge, and express their thanks to him for the efficient manner in which he had so successfully discharged the duties during his year of office, having initiated in the three Degrees no fewer than thirty Brethren, which, together with those Brethren who had joined, made a Lodge within a twelve-month of forty-three members. Too much credit cannot be given to the D. Prov. G.M. Gooch, whose zeal in the cause of Masonry is so well known, for the great attention and kindness he has ever shown since his connection with the province, for previous to the appointment of Lord Methuen as Prov. G.M., and himself as D. Prov. G.M., Masonry was but imperfectly known in the county; now the case is widely different, four new Lodges having been consecrated by them, and the Craft trebled by their united exertions. To Bro. Burt, the newly-installed Master, it must be a source of very great pleasure and gratification to see the great progress Masonry is making in that town, as it was through his instrumentality and perseverance the warrant was first applied for and obtained. Amongst the company present we noticed Bros. Ladd Will, No. 909; Tyrrell; Lloyd, P. Supt. of Works of Bristol; and Biggs, P.M. No. 247; also members of this Lodge, which bids fair to rival any in the Craft.

WORCESTERSHIRE.

DUDLEY.—*Harmonic Lodge* (No. 313).—This Lodge was opened by Bro. W. Maresfield, P.M., in the absence from illness of the Rev. T. W. Herbert, M.A., W.M. Bro. R. Evans was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft.

Royal Standard (No. 730).—At the April meeting of this Lodge, two Brethren were passed to the Degree of F.C., and a joining Brother admitted. Fourteen Brethren sat down afterwards to the customary supper.

The Vernon Lodge (No. 819), was again honoured with the presence of the Right Worshipful Prov. G.M. Bro. H. C. Vernon, who was accompanied by the Prov. Grand Treasurer. Lodge was opened precisely at the hour named, by Bro. the Rev. A. G. Davies, M.A. (P.M. 730, and P.G.C.), W.M.; immediately after which, the R.W.P.G.M. was announced, and received with the usual and hearty salutations of the Brethren present. Having been offered and accepted the chair, sundry ordinary business was gone through, after which the Rev. W.M. raised a Brother to the Sublime Degree of M.M., and passed another to the degree of F.C. R.W.P.G.M. then rose to express his great gratification at the admirable manner in which the W.M. had performed the ceremonies. He had come once in order to witness the work in the 3rd Degree, and could not but congratulate the Lodge upon procuring a W.M. who could so admirably discharge his onerous duties. His warmest thanks were due to him, as also to the whole of the officers, for the strong support they rendered their W.M.; and his thanks likewise were due to them and the Brethren, for the kind and Masonic manner in which they had received him. He alluded to an interesting event which was to come off in May, namely, the laying the foundation-stone of some schools at Great Malvern, by the Lady Emily Foley, assisted by himself. For other than educational purposes he should not have asked them to assist, but Masonry was so peculiarly allied to educational progress, that being nearly the sole end and aim of the science, that he felt bound to take part in it, and to do so with Masonic honours. He most cordially invited the W.M., Officers, and Brethren of the Vernon Lodge, to attend the Prov. G. Lodge of Emergency at Worcester, and afterwards to accompany him, in full Masonic costume, to the selected site. He hoped that there would be a good attendance, publicly to show the world the great interest always evinced by Masons for the extending to the widest limits that great and glorious intellect given by an All-wise Creator to His creature, MAN. Due notice of the arrangements would be given by the Prov. Grand Sec.

WORCESTER.—A Prov. Grand Lodge of Emergency was held in this city on the 20th March, for the purpose of considering a proposition of the R.W. Prov. G.M., respecting the distribution of P.G. Lodge expenses over the whole of the Lodges

of the provinces, instead of suffering the Lodge visited being, as at present, responsible for the costs so incurred. The Lodge was opened by the R.W. the Prov. G.M. in person, assisted by most of his officers, and about twenty P.Ms., W.Ms., and Wardens of the provinces. After some discussion, the Worcester Lodges being for some unaccountable reason opposed to the proposition (to charge each lodge with the sum of four guineas annually), a Prov. G. Officer suggested as an amendment, that each Brother should pay the sum of two shillings annually, thus taxing the Lodges in proportion to their numerical strength, a sum being thus raised equivalent to that collected by the proposed sum of four guineas. The proposition and suggested amendment were referred to a committee, consisting of the W.M. and one P.M. from every Lodge; the time and place of meeting being the Hotel, Dudley, and Tuesday, May the 12th. Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form, and the Brethren adjourned to the banquet which had been provided for them.

[Much may be said in favour of Brother Vernon's proposition; the expenses of a Prov. Grand Lodge visit sometimes nearly ruining a Lodge which happens to be alone in a town. The consequence is that the Prov. Grand Lodge visits are mainly confined to Worcester, which has two, and Dudley, which has four Lodges. The result of the adoption of the proposed distribution of the expenses will be, that Kidderminster and Stourbridge, which have only one Lodge each, will be visited in rotation, much jealousy thereby avoided, and the cause of Masonry in the entire province considerably strengthened. For the sake of those Lodges which cannot now be delighted with the sight of the P.G.M.'s countenance in the sublime arcana of a Prov. Grand Lodge in their own town, we do hope that the resolution will be carried. Let no factious opposition be exhibited, for the proposition is a wise and noble one, because just and merciful.

In order to bring the Brethren together more, and thus cement all parts of the province into one powerful whole, the P.G.M. has expressed his intention of holding P.G. Lodges of Emergency quarterly; thus giving four meetings annually instead of one. This is also a wise step, and calculated to foster, and give increased effect to, our three grand points.]

YORKSHIRE.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE FOR WEST YORKSHIRE.

The quarterly meeting of the above Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 8th April, in the Masonic Hall, Huddersfield. The Lodge having been opened in the Three Degrees by the W.M. and officers of one of the Huddersfield Lodges, the Provincial Grand Officers entered, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in form, and a portion of Holy Scripture was read. Amongst the Brethren present were George Fearnley, *M.D.*, D.P.G.M.; John Lee, Prov. S.G.W.; Bentley Shaw, J.P. and P. Prov. S.G.W.; W. W. Widdop, Prov. J.G.W.; Capt. J. T. Armitage, J.P. and P. Prov. J.G.W.; C. Waud, P. Prov. J.G.W.; H. Farrar, P. Prov. J.G.W.; Rev. J. Senior, *LL.D.*, P. Prov. J.G.W.; Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, *M.A.*, Prov. G. Chap.; Rev. H. De L. Willis, *D.D.*; W. Dixon, Prov. G. Treas.; T. Eagland, Prov. G.R.; W. Perkin, P. Prov. G.R.; Dr. Tatham, P. Prov. G.R.; R. R. Nelson, Prov. G. Sec.; G. T. Wright, Prov. S.G.D.; J. Atkinson, P. Prov. S.G.D.; John Royle, P. Prov. S.G.D.; J. Ward, Prov. J.G.D.; Jos. Shires, P. Prov. G.S.W.; W. Kilner, P. Prov. G.S.W.; W. Smith, Prov. G.D.C.; John Gill, P. Prov. G.D.C.; T. Thewlis, P. Prov. G.S.B.; C. Oldroyd, P. Prov. G.S.B.; W. Smith, P. Prov. G.S.B.; J. Wood, Prov. G. Org.; Josiah Thomas, Prov. G.P.; W. H. Aston, Prov. G.S.; W. C. Marsh, Prov. G.S.; W. S. Thornton, Prov. G.S.; and W. Masters; P. Masters and Brethren from Lodges Nos. 73, 174, 251, 298, 322, 330, 332, 342, 364, 365, 379, 382, 384, 386, 422, 529, 543, 642, 727, 763, 874, 877, 937, and Bro. Carpenter (the celebrated composer), P.M. No. 356, Warwick. The business of the Lodge was proceeded with: the Worshipful G. Fearnley, *M.D.*, D. Prov. G.M., presiding, until about two o'clock, when it was announced that the Earl of Mexborough, the Prov. G.M., had arrived. His lordship was immediately waited upon

by the officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, and soon afterwards entered the Lodge, and took his seat on the dais. He was received with cheers by the Brethren present, numbering nearly a hundred, from the various towns in the province. Amongst the business to be transacted, was a notice given by Bro. Floyd, that he should introduce a motion, having for its object the establishment of a Provincial Board of General Purposes. Bro. Floyd not being present, owing to a pressing engagement elsewhere, the motion was intrusted to the hands of another Brother. A discussion ensued; and as some opposition to the project seemed to be entertained, it was decided that the subject should be postponed for the present, in order that Bro. Floyd should have the opportunity of being present, and explaining the nature of the project, and his own views on the matter; and in the mean time a committee was appointed to make inquiries, and to report at a future meeting. The next proposal, given notice of by Bro. Waud, to divide the Funds of Provincial Grand Lodge into a Fund of Benevolence and a Fund of General Purposes, was withdrawn; after which the R.W.P.G.M. appointed and invested the following Brethren Prov. G. Officers for the ensuing year, viz., W. Bros. George Fearnley, *M.D.*, P. Prov. S.G.W., D. Prov. G.M.; Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, *M.A.*, P.M. No. 382, P. Prov. G.C., Prov. S.G.W.; James Franklin, P.M. No. 73, Prov. J.G.W.; Rev. Henry De L. Willis, *D.D.* No. 379, Prov. G.C.; W. Dixon, P.M. No. 529, Prov. G. Treas.; John Batley, P.M. Nos. 364 and 382, Prov. G. Reg.; Richard R. Nelson, P.M. No. 251, P. Prov. G.S.B., Prov. G. Sec.; R. Addyman, P.M. No. 384, Prov. S.G.D.; J. T. V. Hardy, *B.A.*, P.M. Nos. 342, 365, and 763, Prov. J.G.D.; D. Berry, P.M. No. 322, Prov. G.S.W.; W. H. Aston, P.M. No. 365, P. Prov. G.S., Prov. G.D.C.; D. Salmon, P.M. No. 379, Prov. G.S.B.; J. Wood, No. 763, Prov. G. Org.; J. Siddal, P.M. No. 877, Prov. G.P.; D. Boscovitz, W.M. No. 342, Prov. G.S.; W. Gath, W.M. No. 379, Prov. G.S.; Thomas Wood, P.M. No. 422, Prov. G.S.; Henry Baines, W.M. No. 330, Prov. G.S.; A. Engleman, W.M. No. 874, Prov. G.S.; Robt. H. Goldthorp, W.M. No. 877, Prov. G.S.; W. Beckett, Prov. G. Tyler; G. Ingleson, Prov. G. Tyler; each of whom was introduced with appropriate remarks by the D. Prov. G.M., Dr. Fearnley, and each retired to his respective seat on being invested with the jewels, or badge of office. The business occupied the attention of the Lodge for more than four hours, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due form, and with solemn praise, until further summoned.

At four o'clock, upwards of eighty Brethren sat down to a banquet at the George Hotel, provided by Bro. Wigney, and which was of such a character as to give entire satisfaction. The chair was taken by the Earl of Mexborough, Prov. G.M., who was attended on his right by Bro. Dr. Fearnley, D. Prov. G.M., and on his left by Bro. the Rev. Dr. Willis, Prov. G.C. The vice chairs were occupied by Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Prov. S.G.W., and Bro. Franklin, Prov. J.S.W.

On the removal of the cloth, his lordship proposed the usual loyal toasts, viz.—“The Queen,”—“Prince Albert and the Royal Family,”—and “The Army and Navy.” His lordship next proposed, “The Health of the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland,” M.W.G.M. of England, which was received with loud cheers. The next toast was, “The Health of the Right Hon. the Earl of Yarborough,” M.W.D.G.M., and “The Officers of the Grand Lodge;” this toast also was warmly and enthusiastically received.

The next toast given was that of “The Right Hon. the Earl of Mexborough,” R.W. Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire; this toast was received with loud and repeated bursts of applause, and the cheering continued for some length of time.

His Lordship, in responding, expressed the pleasure he again felt in coming amongst his Brethren in Provincial Grand Lodge, and stated that he never felt so happy as when surrounded by their happy and smiling faces. (Cheers.) He could assure them that his heart was always with them, and it was with feelings of pride that he held the office which he could but think might be filled with far greater advantage by some other more gifted person. (No, no, and cheers.) He could not, however, expect much longer to preside over them, as he was now in his seventy-fourth year; but he could assure them, that so long as the G.A.O.T.U. should spare him life, and strength, and energy, he should ever have

the greatest pleasure in coming over to preside at their meetings at least once a year. (Loud cheers.) His lordship concluded by again thanking the Brethren for their kindness to him on this and other occasions, and hoped again to meet them and his Masonic Brethren for years to come. (Cheers.)

The Earl of Mexborough then proposed as the next toast, "The health of Bro. Fearnley, D.P.G.M. of West Yorkshire." The toast was received with loud and hearty cheers.

Dr. Fearnley rose to reply to the toast, and addressed the Brethren present at some length. He commenced by an expression of regret at the death of Brother Charles Lee, the late D.P.G.M., whose position he now occupied, and he paid a handsome tribute to the memory of the deceased. He next adverted to the difficulties and responsibilities connected with the office which he had the honour to hold; but trusted that by a determination to abide by the constitutions and the ancient customs of the Order, he should overcome all difficulties, and that at the same time he should show that degree of lenity which would perhaps have more effect than an undue course of harshness or severity could have. (Hear, hear.) By the kindness of the noble earl in the chair, he had been placed in his present position; but if he could imagine that he was an object of envy to any one connected with Masonry, he was the last man in the world to retain the office for a single day. (Hear, hear, and loud cheers.) He again thanked the Brethren for their kind indulgence, and hoped to give to every one that degree of satisfaction which they had a right to expect from one in his position. (Cheers.)

The next toast was, "The W.P.S. and J.G. Wardens," which was responded to. This was followed by "The health of the Chaplain." The toast of "The Treasurer" was responded to by Bro. Dixen, who was loudly cheered. Several other toasts were drunk during the evening, and some excellent songs sung, especially by Bro. Carpenter; and the Brethren spent a pleasant and happy evening.

The next Prov. G. Lodge of this Province will be holden at the Holme Valley Lodge, Holmfirth, on the 1st of July, when this new Lodge will be consecrated.

DONCASTER.—*St. George's Lodge* (No. 298).—At the meeting of this Lodge, held at the Town Hall, on the 27th March, Bro. Geo. Brooke, the W.M., initiated a gentleman into the Order according to ancient custom; and another would also have been initiated, but was prevented by illness from attending. This Lodge is now in a flourishing condition, the number of Brethren being almost treble what it was a year ago. At the above meeting, Bro. Geo. Brooke, who has served the office of W.M. for the last year, was unanimously elected to perform the duties for the next year, and was accordingly installed into the office on Friday, the 24th of April. Some candidates were then initiated and advanced; after which the Brethren sat down to the annual banquet, provided by Mr. Francis, at the Woolpack Inn. The chair was taken by the W.M., and the Brethren spent a pleasant and harmonious evening.

HUDDERSFIELD.—On Thursday evening, April 16, Bro. Karl Dammann, of the university of Hanover, delivered a very able and interesting lecture at Freemasons' Hall, on Circassia—its People, their Customs and Poetry. The chair was taken by Bro. J. T. V. Hardy, B.A., P.M., P.G.J.D. There was a large and attentive audience of Brethren, and their lady friends. The Doctor first treated on the regions of the Caucasus in their relation to ancient history, and then gave a geographical sketch of Circassia, and a graphic and highly poetical description of its scenery. The political condition, manners, customs, and characteristics of the people, were next touched on in a very interesting manner. The peculiarities of the costume of ladies, so celebrated for their physical beauty, and the singularity of their wedding rites, afforded considerable amusement to the fairer portion of the company. The lecturer next spoke of the effects of Russian influence on the inhabitants of the Caucasus, and concluded his eloquent lecture by specimens of their poetry, and criticisms.

ROYAL ARCH.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTERS.

KING'S ARMS CHAPTER (No. 30).—This Chapter met on the 6th of April, Comp. Linton, M.E.Z., presiding, when Bro. Dr. Ray was duly exalted.

MOUNT SINAI CHAPTER (No. 49).—This Chapter met at the Windsor Castle, Vauxhall Bridge-road, on the 21st of April, when Comp. Potter was installed as M.E.Z., and Comp. Daly as J.

MOIRA CHAPTER (No. 109).—At a convocation held on Friday, the 17th of April, at the London Tavern, in Bishopsgate-street, present Comp. C. H. Law, M.E.Z., and others, E. Comp. Gole was elected M.E.Z.; E. Comp. Ledger, H.; and Comps. Slight, J.; Powell, E.; Allen, N.; and Stone, P.S. E. Comp. Potter, P.Z., was re-elected Treasurer.

MOUNT SION CHAPTER (No. 169).—The last regular convocation of this Chapter for the season was held at Radley's Hotel, New Bridge-street, on the evening of Monday, the 27th of April; Comp. Henry Muggeridge, in the absence of Comp. C. W. Steel, M.E.Z. Comp. R. Sharpe, H., Comp. J. Johnston, T., Bros. Lewis Balfour, of Lodge No. 227, and F. W. Jackson, W.M. of Lodge No. 225, were exalted into this Sublime Degree. The accuracy with which the entire ceremony of this beautiful Degree was sustained throughout reflects the highest credit on the Comps. who took part in it; Comp. Breitling, P.Z., acting as P.S. We have much pleasure in reporting that this Chapter is in a most prosperous and promising state. At the conclusion of the business, the Companions assembled to a pleasant supper, and closed the evening and season with love and harmony.

JERUSALEM CHAPTER (No. 218).—This Chapter met at Dick's Coffee-house, Fleet-street (having removed from the Bridge-house Hotel), on the 14th of April, when Comp. Sheen, M.E.Z., installed Comp. Macculloch as 3rd Principal.

PRINCE OF WALES CHAPTER (No. 324).—A convocation was held on Friday, the 3rd of April, at the Thatched House Tavern, in St. James's-street; E. Comp. J. H. Law, P.Z., as Z., in absence of E. Comp. Frederick Dundas, who was in the Orkneys, soliciting the votes of the descendants of the rude Northmen; E. Comps. Winson, P.Z., as H.; S. Rawson, J. A conclave of installed Principals being opened, Comp. Walker, who had been elected to the H. Chair, was presented by Comp. J. How, P.Z., No. 593, to the M.E.Z., and he was duly installed into the Second Chair; Comp. the Rev. J. B. Reade was invested Scribe E. There being no other business, the Companions retired to the banquet. Among those present, besides the Companions already named, were the M.E. Comps. Alex. Dobie, G.J., and Henry Ralph Willett, G. Supt. of Dorset; also P.Ps. Nelson and Giraud, as well as Drs. Harcourt and Hinxman; Sandeman, Newman, Ward, Fish, Smith, and others.

POLISH CHAPTER (No. 778).—At the quarterly court of this Chapter on Thursday, the 23rd April, Comp. Michalski was elected and installed as M.E.Z., and Comp. Johnstone (W.M. of the Polish Lodge) as J. Owing to the death of the late Comp. Detkins (the Third Principal), the only Companions to take the Second Chair were P.Zs., and accordingly the retiring First Principal, Comp. Warren, was unanimously requested and consented to take the chair of H.; Comp. Lemanski was as unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Comp. Blackburn, Scribe E. The other elections and appointments were as follows:—Comps. Webber, Scribe N.; Boyd, P. Soj.; Morbey and Sharman, Assist. Sojs.; and Williams, D.C. The Companions subsequently supped together, and passed a very pleasant evening.

PROVINCIAL CHAPTERS.

BLACKBURN.—*Chapter of Perseverance* (No. 432).—This Chapter held a meeting on the 30th January, the P.Z., Comp. Clough, occupying the place of Z. Comps. Dawson and Redick, Nos. 44 and 268, and Collinson, No. 336, were among the visitors present. Bros. Raynsford Jackson, J.P., Dodgson, and Chatburn, were exalted to the H.R.A. Degree by Comp. Dawson, assisted by Comps. Redick and Clough. On the 9th March, the Chapter held another meeting, when Bros. Warlow, No. 350, and Walsh and Entwistle, No. 534, were exalted in a very impressive manner by Comp. Dawson, Nos. 44 and 268, who favoured the Chapter with his presence, Comp. Redick most ably acting as P.S. This Chapter, though but newly resuscitated, has increased wonderfully in numbers and influence, and is in a most prosperous state.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—*Chapter de Sussex* (No. 586).—This Chapter met on the 31st March, it being the day appointed for the installation of Officers. The Chapter was opened by E. D. Davis, P.Z., and other Principals present, among whom we noticed John Barker, P.Z. No. 24; W. Dalziel, P.Z. No. 586; F. P. Jonn, P.Z. No. 614; George Beldon, H. No. 586; J. R. Hodge, J. No. 586. After confirmation of the minutes, E. D. Davis, P.Z., proceeded to instal the three Principals elect, viz., George Beldon as Z.; J. R. Hodge as H.; and Henry Bell as J. On the admission of the Companions after the principal installation, the following were duly invested as Officers:—viz., Henry Hotham as E.; William Plues as N.; Robert Fisher as P.S.; J. Trotter Asst. S. The ceremonies being over, the Companions adjourned to Bro. Rogerson's, the Central Exchange Hotel, where they sat down to an excellent banquet, and closed the ceremonies of the day in love and harmony.

WEST YORKSHIRE.—We understand the M.E.Z. of the Supreme Grand Chapter has appointed M.E. Comp. Dr. Fearnley, D.P.G.M. of West Yorkshire, and P.Z. of the Chapter of Three Grand Principles, Dewsbury, to be Prov. Grand Superintendent of R.A. Masonry for this Province. This appointment will give great satisfaction to the Companions of this Province.

THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.



The Supreme Grand Council of the 33rd Degree for England and Wales and the Dependencies of the British Crown, held a meeting at their Grand East, London, on the 21st April, when the Illus. Bro. George Beauchamp Cole, 32nd Degree, was elected to fill the vacant seat in the Council.

A Consistory of S.P.R.S. 32nd Degree was afterwards held, when the Illus. Bros. Dr. R. Goolden and Charles Goolden were admitted.

A Sovereign Grand Tribunal of the 31st Degree was also held, when the following Brethren were admitted to the rank of Grand Inquisitor Commanders:—Illus. Bros. A. Perrin, Dr. Kent, Prov. G.M.

for Australia; Dr. Ainsworth, Dr. W. Jones, Chandos Pole, Bridson, and J. Stone.

A Sovereign Chapter of Kts. K.H., 30th Degree, was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, on the 21st April, for the reception of candidates, when the

Rev. E. J. Bollin was admitted to that Degree. The Chapter was presided over by Illus. Bro. J. A. D. Cox, who was most ably assisted in the working of the Degree by Illus. Bro. G. B. Cole. This was altogether one of the most delightful meetings we have ever attended of this Degree, and the Brethren present expressed themselves highly gratified by the perfect and admirable manner in which the impressive ceremonies were gone through. Among those present were Col. G. A. Vernon, Prov. G.M. Stafford; Sir John De la Pole, C. J. Vigne, J. A. D. Cox, Capt. H. A. Bowyer, Prov. G.M. Oxford; and George B. Cole, all of the 33rd Degree. Dr. Goolden, C. Goolden, A. Perrin, H. Vernon, Prov. G.M. Worcestershire; Dr. Kent, Prov. G.M. Australia; Dr. Ainsworth, Hugh Sandeman, Rev. Wentworth Bowyer, Barlow, Dr. Hinxman, Wortley, Chandos Pole, Keddle, Bridson, Dr. Jones, and Spencer.

The Councils being closed, the Brethren banqueted together under the presidency of the Illus. Bro. John A. D. Cox; and in the course of the evening, the health of Bro. Cox being proposed by the Illus. Bro. Lieut. Col. George Augustus Vernon, the attention of those assembled was called to the very excellent manner in which the ceremonies had been conducted by that distinguished Brother; and Bro. Cox, in responding to the notice that had been taken of his own services, especially bestowed a word of praise on the admirable way in which he had been assisted by his highly talented and Illus. Bro. George Beauchamp Cole.

BATH.—On Wednesday, 8th of April, the Rose Croix Chapter of St. Peter and St. Paul, under the Supreme Grand Council 33rd Degree, met at the Lodge-room, No. 42, Milsom-street, Bath. After the reception of those candidates who were in attendance, the M.W.S. for the ensuing year, Bro. George J. Robertson, was duly installed.

MANCHESTER.—The Palatine Chapter of Sovereign Princes Rose Croix, met at the Royal Hotel, on Friday, 6th March, when Bros. Captain C. M. Layton, 25th King's Own Borderers; William Harrison, and J. W. Botsford, were initiated into the mysteries of the Order. The ceremony was carefully performed by the Illus. Bro. Matthew Dawes, S.G.I.G. 33rd Degree, M.W.S., who was ably assisted by his Officers; and after the Chapter was closed, the Brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was excellent, and the evening was spent in true Masonic style.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

CROYDON.—*Frederick Encampment.*—An Encampment was held on April 23, at the Greyhound, Croydon, under the presidency of the E. Comr. Sir Knt. A. L. Bellinger, when Sir Knt. the Rev. Octavius Freire Owen, M.A., F.S.A., was unanimously elected E. Comr. for the ensuing year. The business of the Encampment being concluded, the E. Comps., among whom we noticed Sir Knts. F. Slight, Shillito, and Owen, adjourned to an admirably-dressed banquet, served with that attention to excellence of fare and promptitude of service which render Bro. Bean's dinners so notably comfortable and well arranged. Some admirable speeches,—in which we were especially struck by Sir. Knt. F. Slight's sensible observations on the anomalies in precedence, incidental to Grand Officers wearing their provincial clothes out of their provinces, instead of their simple Craft Degree,—closed as cheerful and harmonious an evening as we have shared for a long while.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE. — *Royal Kent Encampment.* — The Encampment was opened shortly after high twelve by the M.E.C. Villiers C. V. Surtees, assisted by the Sir Knights and Fraters, Officers and Members of the Encampment. The meeting was very large, with a great proportion of P.M.E.Cs. Comps. Francis Stead, R.N., and C. J. Bannister, were balloted for and accepted, and, being present, were installed Sir Knights of this Field of Encampment by P.M.E.C.

E. D. Davis. After this ceremony, the M.E.C. elect Sir Knight John Barker was presented for installation by the Sub-Prior P.M.E.C. Wm. Dalziel, and that ceremony was performed by Sir Knight E. D. Davis in a more complete form than on any previous occasion; and, on the re-admission of the Sir Knights who had not passed the Chair, the M.E.C. was proclaimed and saluted. The P.M.E.C. having taken the oath of allegiance on his behalf and that of the Sir Knights members of the Encampment, the M.E.C. then proceeded to appoint and invest the following Sir Knights into office, viz., Sir Knights W. Punshon, Prior; Wm. Dalziel, Sub-Prior; Rev. E. C. Ogle, Prelate; Henry Bell, 1st Captain; Henry Hotham, 2nd Captain; Wm. Berkley, Chancellor; John Cook, Vice-Chancellor and Reg.; John Toshack, Almoner; Geo. Weatherhead, Expert; C. J. Bannister, Capt. of Lines; T. P. Jonn and Thomas Pattinson, Standard-bearers; Francis Stead, Herald; J. S. Trotter, Equerry without: after which the M.E.C. proposed four candidates for installation at the ensuing meeting, and then proceeded to close the Encampment, which was done in form. On the closing of the Templar Encampment, the Conclave of the higher degrees was opened in form by the M.W. V. C. V. Surtees, when four Sir Knights were respectively installed in the following degrees, viz., R.C., M.S., M. and R., P. and E., and S.P.R.✠, which were conferred by P.M.W. E. D. Davis, ably assisted by P.M.W. Wm. Dalziel and Wm. Berkley. After this ceremony Sir Knight John Barker, M.W. elect, was duly installed, obligated, and proclaimed M.W. of the following orders:—R.C., M.P., M. and R., P. and E., S.P.R.✠, and N.P.M. The M.W. conferred on four Sir Knights the N.P.M. Degree, assisted by P.M.W. E. D. Davis, Wm. Dalziel, and Wm. Berkley. The whole of the Sir Knights formed themselves in procession, and saluted the M.W., and acknowledged him their ruler for the ensuing twelve months.

By an ancient custom of upwards of fifty years' standing, the proceeds of the charity-box of this old and honourable Conclave are annually distributed to poor and deserving objects. This year the same was done to the widows of deceased Sir Knights who required such assistance. This charitable work being ended, the Conclave was closed with great solemnity, accompanied by the Prelate's benediction.

The annual banquet was held at Bro. Rogerson's, of the Central Exchange Hotel, in his best style, giving great satisfaction to all who partook of the same.

The attendance of the Sir Knights, both in the Encampment, Conclave, and those who honoured the M.W. with their company at the banquet, was the largest had for many years. The M.W. and M.E.C. was supported on his left by Past M.W. and M.E.C. Villiers C. V. Surtees, P.M.W. and Ill. Grand Master of the G.C. Sir Knight George Hawks, P.M.W. and M.E.C. Fred. P. Jonn, and on his right by P.M.W. and M.E.C. Wm. Berkley, P.M.W. and M.E.C. M. L. Jobling, P.M.W. and M.E.C. Edward D. Davis, P.M.W. and M.E.C. Wm. Dalziel, &c. &c.

On removal of the cloth, and thanks having been previously returned, the M.W. and M.E.C. proposed the health of the Queen and Royal Family, which having been respectfully acknowledged, he called on the Sir Knights to pledge the health of the M.E. and Supreme Grand Master and the Grand Conclave, coupling with it that of the Past Grand Hospitaller of England Sir Knight Wm. Berkley. The toast was received with enthusiasm, and Sir Knight Wm. Berkley acknowledged the same in the name of the Grand Master and Grand Conclave, adding that he felt extremely honoured to be able to return thanks on behalf of his colleagues in office.

The M.W. then proposed the health of his predecessor P.M.W. and P.M.E.C. Villiers C. V. Surtees on his left, being glad to have had the pleasure of seeing him at his post, and trusting he should often see him amongst them. The toast having been responded to by the Sir Knights, who pledged their late chief, the P.M.W. and E.C. rose to return his thanks, stating that though he regretted that he had not been often among them last year, yet he began this day twelve months well, and was happy to have witnessed his last day of office, and so well, and hoped that his occupations during the present year would permit him to be oftener among them.

The M.W. and E.C. then proposed the health of their M.W. and Ill. Grand Master in the Higher Degrees who had honoured them with his presence this day, and trusted that he would continue for many years to come to honour them with his company. The toast was received enthusiastically by the Sir Knights, who so highly esteem their respected Frater for his urbanity and kindness to all who have the pleasure and honour of his acquaintance.

The G. M. Sir Knight George Hawke, in responding, said that as years were now increasing upon him, and having been in harness for so many years, they could not expect him to be so often present amongst them, but he never liked to miss this day, at least, of being with his Fraters. He thanked them for the honour conferred on him, and reminded the M.W. who now presided over them that the Conclave would look after him that his attendance should be as good as it had hitherto been, and that the Conclave and Encampment would under his presidency prosper, and trusted that this time next year they should be able to approve of him as they did at this moment.

The P.M.W. Sir Knight Surtees then proposed the M.W. and M.E.C. Sir Knight John Barker, wishing him a prosperous year, and trusting that the Encampment and Conclave would increase in prosperity under his presidency. The toast was acknowledged by the Sir Knights pledging their Commander, and the M.W. returned thanks.

The Grand Hospitaller Sir Knt. Berkley then gave "The Father of the Encampment P.M.W. Sir Knt. Wm. Punshon." The toast was pledged with fervour.

The M.W. then proposed the next oldest member of that Encampment, whose presence gave him personal pleasure, as he considered it an honour to himself, besides a gratification he knew the Sir Knights felt in having present P.M.W. Sir Knight Mark L. Jobling. The toast was enthusiastically pledged, and Sir Knight M. L. Jobling returned thanks in becoming and complimentary terms.

The health and long life to P.M.W. Wm. Dalziel and Edward D. Davis, thanking them for their great assistance in the work of the day, was given by the M.W., and responded to by the Sir Knights present, P.M.W. Edward D. Davis thanking the Sir Knights on behalf of himself and colleague Sir Knight Dalziel.

With the health of the Officers of the present and past year, and the newly-installed Sir Knights, the proceedings of the evening closed in love and harmony.

WEYMOUTH, DORSET.—*All Soul's Encampment*.—On Thursday, the 9th of April, the V.E. Prov. Grand Commander, Frater Charles John Vigne, visited this Encampment, and installed the E.C. for the ensuing year, Sir Knight Richard Hare, who, having appointed Fraters Hannam and Beasant his 1st and 2nd Captains, returned thanks in a very feeling manner, and assured the members that no exertion should be wanting on his part to support and carry out the correct and efficient working for which this Encampment has been so long and so justly celebrated.

Erratum.—The Grand Conclave meets on Friday, the 8th of May, instead of Tuesday, the 12th, mentioned on page 323, in our April number.

MARK MASONRY.

BOLTON.—*St. John's Lodge* (No. 2).—A Meeting of Emergency of this flourishing Lodge was held on Thursday, the 23rd April, at the Commercial Hotel, Bolton, Bro. G. P. Brockbank, R.W.M., in the chair. The following Brethren were duly advanced to the Degree of Mark Master, viz.:—Bros. John Lord Howard, Prov. J.G.D. for Cheshire; William Bulley, P.M. Lodge No. 782; John Parry Platt, W.M. Lodge No. 782; Samuel Moss, P. Prov. J.G.W. for Cheshire and Gloucester; Charles N. Marshall, S.W. Lodge No. 762; E. G. Willoughby, P. Prov. G.J.D.

for Cheshire; and J. S. Scowcroft, Sec. No. 170, for Bolton. This Lodge, the formal opening of which was to take place on Wednesday, the 29th April, now numbers thirty-five members, and several more Brethren of eminence are proposed for advancement. Two applications for warrants have already emanated from Brethren advanced in this Lodge—one for Ormskirk, Lancashire, and the other, Birkenhead, Cheshire. The Lodge is well-officered, each performing his allotted task with fidelity and zeal; and the R.W.M. declared on the last occasion of their meeting, that their achievements in so short a time were unparalleled, and augured much for the future prosperity of the Lodge. The R.W.M. will feel particular pleasure in affording all information in his power to Brethren seeking to form Lodges in the Lancashire, Yorkshire, and Cheshire districts, to which this Lodge is nearest neighbour.

COLONIAL.

CANADA.

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF CANADA.

The following letter has been forwarded to us for publication :—

TO THE EDITOR OF THE MIRROR.

DEAR SIR,—I crave a small space in your publication for the purpose of informing your readers that on Thursday evening, the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada, who were elected at the Convention at which the Grand Chapter was established, were installed in due, ancient, and ample form, in the Masonic Hall of this city.

The fact of the formation of a Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Canada, some two years since, is of course well known to all your Masonic readers, and although the genius of Masonry is essentially of a retiring and reticent character, nevertheless the frequency of public ceremonies which have been chronicled by you and the press elsewhere, afford sufficient indications to the world at large of the prosperity which Masonry in Canada has enjoyed, since the erection of the Grand Lodge referred to.

But the capstone of the Masonic edifice was wanting until last night.

Then, in presence of Companions and Brethren from all parts of Canada and from the United States, the G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Canada, Col. W. M. Wilson, was invested by Czar Jones, M.E.P.G.H.P. of Michigan, with the insignia of office as First Grand Principal; R.W. Bro. A. Bernard, D.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Canada, as Second Grand Principal; and Comp. Dr. Duggan, Past First Principal of the Hiram Chapter, as Third Grand Principal of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada.

The Companions and Brethren afterwards partook of refreshment at the City Hotel, where many were the eloquent speeches made. Some who may be called the fathers of Masonry in Canada were there, and repeated plaudits greeted the kindly expressions which fell from their lips. When the lateness of the hour warned them to retire, the company broke up. Such an occasion to meet will of necessity never arise again in Canada, and on this account, as well as others, the remembrance of it will last long in the memories of those who had the privilege of being present.—I am, Sir,

Yours, &c. &c.,

F. M.

HAMILTON, April 3rd, 1857.

I N D I A.

CALCUTTA.

On St. John's day, 27th December, 1856, the Brethren assembled at No. 4, Elysium-row, Calcutta, at 9.30 A.M., and walked in procession to St. Paul's Cathedral. The procession included the following Lodges: Kilwinning in the East, No. 740; Courage with Humanity, No. 551; Marine, No. 282; Humility with Fortitude, No. 279; True Friendship, No. 265; Industry and Perseverance, No. 126; Star in the East, No. 80; Scotch Lodge, St. David in the East, No. 371; District Grand Lodge of Bengal, represented by its various officers. Sermon was preached by the Rev. H. Fisher, Senior Chaplain of St. Paul's Cathedral, who took his text from the 5th verse of the 5th chapter of the first Epistle General of Peter: "Be clothed with humility; for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble." After the sermon, a collection was made by the Grand Stewards in aid of the Masonic Fund of Benevolence, amounting to 485 rupees. On the conclusion of the service, the Brethren returned to No. 4, Elysium Row, in the same order in which they had marched from it. The officers and members of the District Grand Lodge were then directed to proceed to the Freemasons' Hall, and the rest of the Brethren were dismissed with the thanks of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master for the support which they had rendered him.

The Quarterly Communication of the District Grand Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall. Amongst the Brethren present were R.Ws. John J. L. Hoff, P.J.G.W. of England, D. Prov. G.M., as P.G.M.; Samuel Smith, P. Prov. G.M.; Longueville Clarke, P. Prov. G.M.; Philip W. LeGeyt, P. Prov. G.M. of Western India; William J. Judge, Prov. S.G.W.; Duncan Monteith (P. Prov. S.G.W.) as Prov. J.G.W. V.Ws. William Clark, P.G.T.; John G. Llewelyn, P.G.R.; John M. Harris, P. Prov. G.R.; William H. Hoff, P.G. Sec.; Rowland Hamilton, P. Prov. G. Sec. of Western India. Ws. John Gray, P.S.G.D.; John B. Roberts, (P. Prov. J.G.D.) P.G.D. of C.; Henry Fraser, P.G.S. of W.; Louis A. Emanuel, P.G. Org.; John E. Clinger, P.P.G. Org.; Charles F. Tonnerre, P.G.P., &c. &c.

The District Grand Lodge was opened in form. The D. Prov. G.M. informed the Brethren that the Prov. G.M., R.W. Bro. Ramsay, had been unexpectedly detained by public duty in the Upper Provinces, and had expressed great regret at having been thus prevented from carrying out his intention of presiding in the District Grand Lodge on St. John's day. The following extract from a letter addressed by the Grand Secretary, V.W. Bro. W. H. White, to the Prov. G.M., dated the 10th July, was read: "I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th May, communicating your appointment of the R.W. Bro. John Jacob Louis Hoff to be Deputy Provincial Grand Master for the Province of Bengal, which appointment I have accordingly registered in the book of the Grand Lodge." The V.W. Bro. W. Clark was re-elected Treasurer; and on a motion made by the D. Prov. G.M., seconded by the P.S.G.D., Bro. Clark received the thanks of the District Grand Lodge for his past services in that capacity. The D. Prov. G.M., in the name and by the direction of the P.G.M., made the following appointments for the ensuing year, and invested the several Officers with the clothing and jewels of their respective Offices, with a short address to each: William Clark, Prov. S.G.W.; John G. Llewelyn, Prov. J.G.W.; Rev. Thomas C. Smyth, M.A., Prov. G. Chap.; John Gray, Prov. G. Reg.; William H. Hoff, Prov. G. Sec.; Frederick Jennings, Prov. S.G.D.; Adolph Cohn, Prov. J.G.D.; Charles F. Tonnerre, M.D., Prov. G. Supdt. of Works; John B. Roberts, (P.P.J.G.D.) Prov. G. Dir. of Cer.; T. Jones, Asst. Prov. G. Dir. of Cer.; Robert F. Ross, Prov. G.S.B.; George B. Lissant, Prov. G. Org.; John H. De Salis, Prov. G. Purs.; George O. Wray, Thomas E. Carter, Benjamin R. Wheelwright, Henry M. Weathrall, John Parry, Joseph K. Hamilton, Prov. G. Stew-

ards ; David J. Daniel, Prov. G.T. The W. Bro. J. B. Roberts was called to the Pedestal, and informed that, although his services as Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies could not at present be dispensed with, yet the Prov. G.M., considering that his usefulness in that position ought not to impede his promotion, had determined to confer upon him the honorary rank of a higher office. W. Bro. Roberts was then invested with the jewel and clothing of a Past Prov. Junior Grand Warden. Some other business having been transacted, on a proposition made by the D. Prov. G.M., seconded by R.W. Bro. Judge, a donation of 500 rupees, which had been granted from the District Grand Lodge Fund, in aid of the fund for the relief of the sufferers by inundation in France, was confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee having been read and passed, the D. Prov. G.M. announced that a new Lodge had been established at Subathoo, named the Triune Brotherhood, No. 984, and that the formation of a Lodge at Lahore was in contemplation. He also stated that friendly communications continued to be received from the Irish Lodge attached to H.M.'s 29th Regiment. On a proposition made by the D. Prov. G.M., seconded by V.W. Bro. Gray, it was resolved that the thanks of the District Grand Lodge be given to the Rev. Mr. Fisher, for the excellent discourse which he had delivered to the Masons that morning. Other votes of thanks having been carried, and there being nothing further before the District Grand Lodge, it was closed in form.

[We are much obliged to the Prov. G. Sec. for forwarding us the Minutes of the District Grand Lodge of Calcutta, but he would add to the obligation by prepaying the postage.—Ed. F. M. & M. M.]

WEST INDIES.

JAMAICA.

KINGSTON.—*Friendly Lodge* (No. 291).—A meeting of this Lodge took place on the 9th of February last, the occasion being the presentation of a jewel to the Treasurer. The W.M., in presenting the jewel, highly complimented Bro. Morais, upon his readiness and willingness at all times to render the Lodge every assistance in his power. The Brother, in receiving the testimonial, acknowledged his obligation to the Lodge in a neat speech, and thanked the Brethren for the confidence they continued to repose in him. The inscription was as follows:—"Presented to Bro. Solomon Morais by the members of the Friendly Lodge, Kingston, Jamaica, on the 9th of February, 1857, as a mark of their approbation of the valuable services rendered by him as Treasurer for the past three years, *nemine dissente*." The jewel, a very elegant one, was in the shape of a star, with eight points elevated on the circumference of the crown, with Bro. Morais's mark, the beehive, in the centre. Manufactured by Bro. A. D. Loewenstark, of Devereux-court, Strand, London, there not being a Masonic jeweller on the island.

TRINIDAD.

On Friday evening, the 6th March, the Officers and Members of the Royal Philanthropic Lodge, No. 585, entertained their Worshipful Master, on which occasion he was presented with a beautiful gold Jewel and a Past Master's Apron.

The Jewel, which is suspended from a light blue watered silk ribbon, with three gold clasps, is of a *demi-circle* form, two inches in size, with a light blue enamel face, in the centre of which is the forty-seventh problem of Euclid, surmounted by the Square, the rim being formed of the Olive Branch, all of which is in gold. On the reverse side is engraved:—

"Presented to Brother Daniel Hart, Worshipful Master of the Royal Philanthropic Lodge, No. 585, as a mark of esteem, by the Members thereof. A.L. 5857."

The Members of the Lodge met at half-past 6 p.m. At 7 p.m. the W.M. was announced ; a procession having been formed, the Worshipful Brother was

received with all the honours of Freemasonry, and the most enthusiastic demonstration of fraternal love and respect.

“With the welcome of heart and of hand,
That soul-burst of feeling that never departs,
Like the queen of our valleys, but lives in our hearts.”

The W.M. having been conducted to his seat on the throne, and some preliminary business having been gone through, the members again formed into procession, and, through their Brother Senior Warden, presented a suitable address to the Worshipful Brother, after which he was invested with the Jewel and Apron.

After the reading of the address, the honours of Masonry were given, and a salute from the guns of the Lodge fired.

The Worshipful Brother then made the following reply:—

“BRETHREN,—You have this day been pleased to present me with an address accompanied by a jewel and apron. The former breathes sentiments which cannot be otherwise than most gratifying to my feelings, whilst the latter is a substantial proof of your attachment towards me as a ruler in the Craft. These acts of your disinterested affection will be lastingly engraved on the living tablet of my memory. I pray Almighty God to so guide me in this transitory world, and to afford me health and strength as to enable me to continue in the path of righteousness, and to wear the handsome Masonic emblems now presented to me with credit to myself and honour to the Craft. For twenty years I have been a steady member of this Lodge, six of which I have had the honour to be the Master; this in itself is a sufficient proof of your good-will towards me. I shall ever look upon these years as the sunny moments of my life, the green spot in the waste of existence. You are pleased to observe that you have been ‘cheered by my example, and enlightened by my instructions.’ Believe me that I do not conceive that I have merited such encomiums, as I hold it to be the *bounden duty* of every man who becomes a Freemason to make himself thoroughly *acquainted* with our Mystic Art, so that he may be enabled to impart his knowledge therein not only to his Brethren, but for the general benefit and welfare of our time-honoured institution. Nay, further, I would fain receive the eulogies that have accompanied your gifts as a tribute to Freemasonry rather than to any merit of my own. To be a good Mason you must be a good man; hence the desirableness of Masons ever bearing in mind that they appertain to a Society the oldest on record, and one which demands that they should ever be firm and faithful in their allegiance, and walk uprightly in the world, respecting themselves, and thereby insuring the respect of others. I address those with whom I have long worked together; many of you I have initiated into the Order, a pleasure much greater than any gift that could have been awarded to me; and I feel proud in being able to state that, from your zeal and indefatigable exertions for the good of your Lodge, and your sound knowledge of the mysteries of the Order, I can, without reserve, point to you as worthy examples of what Freemasons ought to be. Rest assured, my Brethren, that, to my last hour, and in whatever country and in whatever clime it may be my lot to be cast, I shall be consoled by the recollection that I have this day received a most glorious tribute in the spontaneous expressions of your regard and approbation of my feeble services. The love I bear to Freemasonry will always encourage me to interpose in its protection, and you may rest assured that the attacks of the ‘insidious’ will, as far as my humble efforts will permit, be ever repelled in manner deserving. In conclusion, permit me respectfully and fraternally to invite your constant attention to that book which is ever open to your view in Lodge. Yes, the Holy Volume expanded invites us to peruse its sacred pages, because in them are the words of eternal life,—in them we learn that we are the children of Him who said, ‘Let there be light, and there was light;’ at whose fiat the universe arose, decked with every beauty, adorned with every perfection, proclaiming amid the shouts of angelic hosts its Creator’s praise. In them we learn that He is the source of all our comforts, the foundation of all our hopes; in them we learn that we are not forgotten, nor neglected, amidst the immensity of His works, but that His mercies are new to us every morning, His loving-kindness every moment of our lives; in them we

learn that the time will come when all who have walked in wisdom's way shall walk the skies, contemplate their grandeur, dive deep in their economy divine, and join the angelic choir in eternal adoration.

Fraternal love cements each heart,
And joins each willing hand."

The Lodge was then closed, and the Brethren proceeded to the banqueting-room, where a collation of the most *recherché* description awaited them. After having done justice to the good things which were so enticingly placed before them, the toast of the evening was given—"Long Health and Prosperity to their Worshipful Master." The health of the W.M. was proposed by the S.W., and elicited as it is always wont to do a hearty, warm, and repeated cheering. The W.M., in an able speech, returned thanks for the flattering and handsome manner in which his health had been proposed and received. The members of the Lodge were assisted by many distinguished visitors.

CHINA.

HONG-KONG.

Saturday, Dec. 27, being St. John's-day, the Brethren of the Zetland Lodge, No. 768, attended divine service at high noon in St. John's Cathedral. The colonial Chaplain, the Rev. H. Irwin, read the usual service appointed for the day; and the Rev. Bro. Odell, S.W. and Master elect, preached in his usual happy and affectionate style a most excellent sermon.

On Monday, the 29th, the Installation of W.M. for the ensuing year took place, and Bro. the Rev. M. C. Odell was duly saluted. The W.M. then appointed and invested as Officers Bros. D. R. Caldwell, S.W.; P. Cohen, J.W.; D. Laprack, Treas.; S. Rowland, Sec.; W. A. Bowra, S.D.; W. Chapman, J.D.; A. Leigh, J.G.; W. R. Whitney, D.C.; A. Granspre and G. W. Mitchell, Stewards; after which upwards of eighty Brethren sat down to a most sumptuous banquet. Too much praise cannot be given to the Stewards, Bros. Wilson, Caldwell, and Brimelon, whose arrangements for the comfort of the guests were most complete, and whose untiring activity in promoting the sociality of the meeting elicited great praise.

On Monday, Feb. 9, a farewell banquet was given by the members of the Zetland Lodge, No. 768, to the R.W. the D.P.G.M. for China, Bro. the Hon. W. T. Mercer, on the occasion of his approaching departure for England in the mail steamer. Upwards of sixty Brethren sat down in the banquet-room of Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Capt. Romer and officers of H.M.'s 59th kindly lent the regimental band, which tended greatly to increase the evening's entertainment, not excepting the vocal abilities of a few volunteer amateurs. After the usual toasts, the Brethren separated at an early hour.

Bro. Mercer carries with him the hearty good wishes of every member of the Lodge, to whom he has endeared himself by his kindly disposition and affable manners, and one and all humbly hope that the G.A.O.T.U. will grant him a prosperous voyage and happy meeting with friends at home.

On Thursday, April 16th, the W.M., Wardens, and Brethren of the St. Hilda's Lodge, No. 292, honoured Bro. J. W. Benson with their patronage at the Theatre. The boxes presented a very full and animated appearance. The pieces chosen were the "School of Reform" (Bro. J. W. Benson performing the character of *Tyke* with his usual ability) and "To Oblige Benson." The Choir in connection with the Lodge intend shortly to invite the Brethren and their friends to a grand concert.

SUMMARY OF NEWS FOR APRIL.

THE COURT.

Under this heading we have to record the birth of the Queen's ninth child, a princess, which auspicious event took place on the 14th ult. On the 23rd Her Majesty was pronounced convalescent. The health of the Duchess of Gloucester, the last surviving member of the numerous family of George the Third, has been all the month in a sinking state, and it is probable that before these words appear in print, she may have passed from time to eternity. With the exception of the death of Lord Douglas, an old member of the Masonic Order, and that of Viscountess Keith, a link that bound the present race of literati with the Johnsons, the Goldsmiths, and Garricks of times gone by, we have to chronicle no event of any importance in *haut ton* during the past month.

JUDICIAL.

On the 9th ult., Wm. Webb was found guilty of a violent assault upon a gentleman in one of the carriages of the North London Railway Company, and sentenced to transportation for life.

On the 15th, a rule nisi was granted for a new trial in the case of *Ling v. Croker*, for crim. con.

On the 16th was tried the case of *Curlewis v. the Earl of Mornington*, which resulted in a verdict for the defendant, to the extent of £2,399. 14s., for clothes supplied to the deceased son of the noble defendant. Truly does the moralist observe, that the nakedness of the indigent world could be clad with the trappings of the vain.

On the 17th, a passenger by one of the omnibuses of the French company, obtained a verdict against them to the extent of £60, for injuries he sustained from falling off the step of the vehicle, in consequence of a piece of ice having been allowed to remain upon it.

On the 23rd, damages were assessed in the Sheriff's Court at £3,000, in a case of crim. con., in which one of the Baring family was plaintiff, and a Leicestershire gentleman, named Gordon, defendant.

The same day, the Denison-Ditcher case broke down in the Court of Arches, through a technical objection.

COMMERCIAL.

On the 31st of March, it was resolved to dissolve the abortive Hungarian Land Company.

On the 1st of April, the directors of the General Screw Steam Company announced to the shareholders the sale of their fleet.

On the same day, it was resolved to dissolve the National Brazilian Mining Company, and to establish a new company with the same object.

On the 2nd, the Bank of England advanced the rate of discount $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

On the 7th, the Copper Miners' Company declared a dividend at the rate of $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. upon their preferential, and one of 3 per cent. on their ordinary shares.

On the 9th, the Imperial Gas Company declared a dividend of 10 per cent. on their subscribed capital.

On the same day, there was held a meeting of the shareholders of the Great Western of Canada. The net profits for the last half-year were reported at £148,896, equivalent to 10 per cent. upon the capital. A dividend of 9 per cent. was declared.

On the 14th, the London Gas Company declared a dividend of 6 per cent. upon the subscribed capital.

On the 16th, the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company declared a dividend of £2

per share, with a bonus of £1. 10s. per share, and applied £1,000 towards a fund for assuring the lives of the officials of the company.

On the 20th, the Scottish Australian Investment Company announced that they had sold the Bon Accord property to a mining company, for £12,000, and 8,000 of their shares, with 10s. or half paid up.

On the 22nd, the European and American Steam Packet Company having purchased the fleet of the General Screw Company, resolved to issue 20,000 new shares at £9 each.

PROVIDENT.

On the 1st of April, the City of London Assurance Company met and reported that the new business for the year amounted to £5,850. 0s. 11d. ; the total premium income being at present £23,793.

On the 7th, the directors of the Unity Fire Assurance Company reported that their premium income now amounted to £30,000 per annum.

On the 21st, the Empire Assurance Company held their second annual meeting, and reported the business of the year as yielding in premiums £1,644. 13s. 6d.

BENEVOLENT.

On the 25th of March was celebrated the annual festival of the British Orphan Asylum, when there was subscribed in aid of the funds of that institution as much as £800.

The same evening, the Kindred Institution, the Orphan Working School, held its centenary festival. The subscriptions to the general fund amounted to £500. There was another £500 collected in aid of the Centenary Fund.

On the 26th, the festival in aid of the Asylum for Idiots, there was subscribed in support of that charity as much as £3,000.

On the 4th of April, the festival of the Artists' Benevolent Fund came off at the Freemasons' Tavern ; the subscriptions amounted to £700.

On the 6th, the friends and members of the General Theatrical Fund dined together at the same establishment ; the subscriptions amounted to £300.

On the 7th, there was a farewell meeting at the Preventive and Reformatory Institution, New-road, on the occasion of ten of the inmates leaving it as emigrants.

On the 8th, took place the annual meeting of the friends of the Birmingham Juvenile Reformatory ; the cost of management for the past year amounted to £1,500.

On the 9th was held the quarterly meeting of the Seaman's Hospital Society, at which it was stated that during the previous three months 428 patients had been admitted on board the Dreadnought ; the out-patients for the same period were 340.

On the 14th, took place the annual meeting of the supporters of the Reformatory known as the Home in the East ; the report gave a most satisfactory account of the working of the institution.

On the 15th, was held the annual meeting of the Association for the Relief of Distressed Widows. The report stated that during the past year 262 poor widows had been relieved by an outlay of £470.

On the same day was held the annual meeting of the friends of the Home for Cripples. The receipts for the year were reported at £2,013. 19s. 10d., and, after paying all expenses, there was in hands a balance of £496. 1s. 0½d.

On the 20th, took place the quarterly court of the Royal Naval Benevolent Association, when it was reported that during the previous three months the sum of £385 had been dispersed in grants to distressed members and their families.

On the 25th, was celebrated the annual festival of St. Mark's Hospital, for the cure of fistula. The subscriptions amounted to £2,200.

ACCIDENTS AND OFFENCES.

Happily for the morals of the people, we have very few incidents to chronicle under the latter heading as having occurred during the past month ; but, unfor-

tunately, the accidents, for extent of injury, have been more numerous than usual.

On the 24th of March, a clergyman slipped off the coping at the corner of Liquorpond-street, when the wheel of an omnibus that was going by passed over his skull and killed him.

On the 30th appeared in the London newspapers an account of a fearful accident which took place in Canada by the breaking down of a lattice-bridge while a passenger train was passing over it. The greater number of the passengers were killed, and among them our distinguished transatlantic Brother M. Zimmerman, the great railway contractor.

On the 31st, an accident took place on the railway near Cockermouth, by reason of the train getting off the rails. It has been said that some miscreant placed an obstruction on the line for the purpose of destroying a body of voters on their return from polling for a political opponent of his.

On the 1st of April, two children died at Ellenshall, in Staffordshire, from the effects of laudanum incautiously administered to them by their mothers to put them to sleep. The same day a boy was shot by another boy with whom he was at play in a field near Cheveley.

On the 6th, in consequence of the heavy rains, the river Don overflowed its banks, doing great injury to property in the neighbourhood of Doncaster. On the same day a collier took fire in Hartlepool harbour, by reason of the explosion of a quantity of coal-gas, generated by the coal with which she was freighted.

On the same day, an invalid lady, the wife of a clergyman, was burned to death at Chippenham.

The same day, at Liverpool, a butcher named Gibbons, in a fit of insanity cut the throat of his child, and endeavoured to treat his wife and other children in the same manner.

On that evening, a garotte robbery was committed at Hove, near Brighton, and a card-sharper was arrested in one of the South-Western trains.

On the 7th, a discharged pensioner, residing in one of the streets of the Caledonian-road, murdered his landlord, by stabbing him with a sword.

The same day, the *Transit*, with troops on board, set out from Portsmouth for China, but had to put back next day with nine feet of water in the hold, in consequence of having at night fouled on the fluke of her own anchor.

On the 8th, a dwarf female pedlar, named Hannah Hanson, was charged at the Lambeth Police Court with stealing a boy's coat. On being searched, there was found on her person the sum of £90. She went to prison rather than pay a fine of £5.

On the 9th, three men were killed by the explosion of fire-damp in the Gorse Colliery, Glamorganshire.

On the same evening, a girl named Elizabeth Jones, was murdered on board a barge at Maidstone.

On the 10th, two men were killed by the falling in of two houses in Russell-court, Bow-street. They were employed in taking them down.

The same night, a destructive fire broke out in Featherstone-street, City-road.

On the 11th, two women were killed by a boiler explosion at Lee Brook.

On the same day, several men were killed by a colliery explosion at Stockport.

On the 12th, Easter Sunday, two convicts succeeded in effecting their escape from the borough gaol, Colchester.

On the 21st, the convict Nation was executed at Taunton, for the Wiveliscombe murder.

On the 22nd, a frightful boiler explosion took place at Wolverhampton, by which several people were killed, and several houses in the neighbourhood of the accident more or less shattered.

On the 23rd, the revenue cruiser *Curlew*, while anchored at the Nore, was run down by an Ostend steamer, when, with one exception, all on board perished.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The general election commenced on the 26th of March, by the return of Sir De Lacy Evans and Sir John Shelley for Westminster, and terminated on the 24th

ult., in the return of Admiral Montgomery and Dr. Brady for the county of Leitrim.

On the 9th of April, the Queen's almoner distributed the royal bounty with the usual formalities at the Chapel Royal, Whitehall.

On the same day the saloon omnibuses commenced running.

On the 10th there was a meeting of season-ticket holders of the Eastern Counties Company, for the purpose of protesting against the scantiness of accommodation afforded them.

On the 11th, a large quantity of illicit malt, worth several thousand pounds, was siezed by the officers of the revenue at Worthing.

On the 13th, the *Dom Pedro* towed into Glasgow harbour the *Arthur*, a ship abandoned at sea in December last.

The same day a most disgraceful scene took place in Bradford church, on the occasion of the marriage of two paupers.

On the 14th was published a list of the officers and soldiers of the British army decorated with the French war medal.

On the 15th, Mr. William Brown, M.P., laid at Liverpool the first stone of a free library, to be built at his own expense.

The same day died the Right Rev. Dr. Skinner, Primus of the Scottish Episcopalian Church.

On the 16th, Llandaff Cathedral, after having undergone repairs amounting almost to a restoration, was opened for divine service.

On the 18th there was held at Woolwich a meeting of dockyard labourers out of work. All passed off quietly, the unfortunate men showing the greatest patience under their suffering.

On the 19th, the first Sunday in term, the judges, according to custom, attended divine service at St. Paul's Cathedral.

On the 20th there was a meeting of the friends and admirers of Mr. John Masterman, when it was resolved to present that gentleman with a testimonial, on account of his public services as parliamentary representative of the city of London for many years.

On the 21st, the town council of Norwich voted an address of condolence to the lord bishop of the diocese, the Right Rev. Dr. Hinds, on his having, through illness, to resign the see.

On the 24th, the poor law guardians of St. Marylebone excluded from their meeting the official representative of the Poor Law Board. The question of his right to attend is to be tried at law.

Obituary.

BRO. W. HUGH FENN.

This highly respected Brother died at his house, in Mecklenburg-square, on the 31st March. Bro. Fenn was initiated in the Globe Lodge, No. 23, in 1819, and continued a member until his death. Bro. Fenn was a P.M., a P.Z. in the Arch, and P.G. Steward. The worthy Brother was also a member of the Prince of Wales Lodge, and of the Westminster and Keystone, of which he was the acting Secretary. Bro. Fenn was nominated Senior Warden of the Arnott Mark Lodge, in the charter which was issued by the G. Chap. of Scotland only a few days before his death.

BRO. J. M. KEMBLE.

Bro. John Mitchell Kemble, the eminent Anglo-Saxon scholar and archæologist, departed this life at Gresham's Hotel, Dublin, on the 26th ult. Bro. Kemble was the eldest son of the late famous actor, Charles Kemble. He derived his

earlier education from Dr. Richardson, the etymologist, and author of the "Dictionary of the English Language," and from Benjamin Heath Malkin, Master of King Edward's Grammar School, Bury St. Edmunds. In 1826, Bro. Kemble entered at Trinity College, Cambridge, and there graduated B.A. and M.A. After leaving college, Bro. Kemble travelled through Germany, and perfected his knowledge of the Teutonic languages. Bro. Kemble's acknowledged works bear but a small proportion to the number of his contributions to history, antiquities, philology, and general literature. He was well versed in classical and Spanish learning, also. For many years Bro. Kemble was editor of the *British and Foreign Quarterly Review*. At the time of his decease, he held the office of Examiner of Plays under the Lord Chamberlain. Among the most important of Bro. Kemble's works are the "Codex Diplomaticus Ævi Saxonici,"—"The Anglo-Saxon Charters,"—"The Anglo-Saxon Poetry of the Vercelli,"—"The Dialogues of Solomon and Saturnus,"—and "The History of the English Commonwealth till the Period of the Norman Conquest." Bro. Kemble wrote in German an able pamphlet, entitled "Hammi-Tafel." Our deceased Brother was for many years a member of the Watford Lodge.

BRO. NORRIS.

We regret to have to announce the death of Bro. Norris, of the Lodge of Emulation (No. 21), in which he was initiated in 1820. Bro. Norris passed through all the offices in Freemasonry; was a P.G.D.

NOTICE.

THE EDITOR requests that ALL COMMUNICATIONS may be sent to him, at 74-5, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-Inn-fields, London, W.C., by the 20th of each month, AT LATEST, to insure their insertion.

THE "FREEMASONS' MAGAZINE AND MASONIC MIRROR."—The Brethren are respectfully informed, that the Volume for 1856, in a handsomely embossed symbolic cover, is now ready, price 13s. 6d. Covers may be had at the office, price 1s.; or the Brethren may have their Numbers bound for 1s. 6d.

Those Brethren whose Subscriptions expired with the Number for December, will oblige the Publisher by forwarding a Post-office order for the present year.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"SCOTLAND."—Our friends beyond the Tweed appear to have forgotten us during the past month, or have been resting on their oars, as we have not received a single communication from them.

"CALEDONIAN MERCURY."—Our numbers have not come to hand throughout the month.

"P. P."—He well deserves the honour.

Our friends in the provinces would much oblige us by sending their communications as early in the month as possible.

Will our respected correspondent at Plymouth inform us how a regular Lodge and a Lodge of Emergency was held in one day. There appears to have been no necessity for such a proceeding, even if legal, upon which we have grave doubts.

"W. M.," Manchester, asks—"Is it the duty of the Master of a Lodge to retain the Grand Lodge certificate of a deceased Brother, when the same is presented at a Lodge meeting by the widow or other relative of such deceased Brother upon a petition for relief, and to return such certificate to the Grand Lodge? or has the Master any and what discretion in the matter?"—[We think he should return it to the relatives, unless he has reason to believe it is being used for improper purposes.]

"X. Y. Z."—According to the Book of Constitutions, no Brother is eligible for the Master's chair until he has been twelve months a Warden.

GRAND LODGE.

THE NEW GRAND OFFICERS.

We delay the Press to announce that the M.W.G.M. was duly inducted into the Chair with the accustomed forms, on Wednesday, the 29th, too late for us to give a full report of the proceedings in our present number. The M.W.G.M. was pleased to appoint the following Grand Officers:—

- Bro. Lord Panmure, D.G.M.
- „ The Earl of Durham, G.S.W.
- „ Henry Fenwick, *M.P.*, G.J.W.
- „ Samuel Tomkins, G. Treas.
- „ Rev. J. E. Cox, } G. Chaps.
- „ Rev. Ed. Moore, }
- „ John Henderson, G. Registrar.
- „ Gray Clark, G. Sec.
- „ Henry L. Crohn, G. Sec. for German Correspondence.
- „ Francis Roxburgh, G.S.D.
- „ Stephen Barton Wilson, G.J.D.
- „ Samuel Daukes, G. Sup. of Works.
- „ Richard W. Jennings, G.D.C.
- „ Thory Chapman, Asst. G.D.C.
- „ Thomas Hutchings, G. Sword Bearer.
- „ William Farnfield, Asst. G. Sec.
- „ — Horsley, G. Organist.
- „ Jos. Smith, G. Pursuivant.
- „ Charles B. Payne, G. Tyler.

The Brethren afterwards adjourned to the Grand Festival, a full report of which will appear in our next.