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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

PHENIX LODGE (No. 173).—The Phoenix Lodge held its first meeting for the season at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday last, Bro. S. S. Phillips, W.M., presiding. Present: Bros. Finch, S.W.; Allen, J.W.; Blythe, S.D.; Andrews, J.D.; and Melton, I.G.; in their respective places, besides Bros. Burford, T. Mathews, Treas. and Sec.; and Bro. Colvill, W.S. At the opening of the lodge the W.M., who with his officers appeared with their Masonic emblems in mourning, rose and said, "It is with feelings of deep emotion and fraternal regret that I rise to announce to the brethren the great loss they and I have sustained in the deaths, first of our much-respected and regretted I.P.M., Bro. Massey; and also of our Bro. Waterman. Bro. Massey's death has proved indeed a great and sad blow to myself, when I consider the great experience, the good judgment, and brotherly kindness, the universal attention that was exhibited by Bro. Massey in the chair of this lodge as W.M. last year, and I take the opportunity of expressing to the lodge, how much I personally shall lose in the support, assistance, and brotherly kindness, and experience which our late Bro. Massey would have shown in his advising and helping me to attempt to worthily occupy the chair. I leave it to my brother officers and brethren to express the feelings of the lodge upon this subject, as I have no doubt they will in a resolution conveying the sympathy and condolence of the lodge to the widows of our deceased brethren. Bro. Finch, S.W., then proposed in most feeling and suitable terms a resolution of sympathy and condolence to be furnished to the widows of three brethren, and Bro. Allen in terms equally appropriate seconded the same. Past Master Vine was then invested with the I.P.M. collar, and in returning thanks spoke most feelingly upon the sad losses the lodge had sustained. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bros. F. C. Kearling, Fall, and Bennett, were questioned before raising and having acquitted themselves with satisfaction of the brethren retired. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and Bros. Kearling, Fall, and Bennett, were raised the W.M., giving the charges, exhortation and traditional history with much emphasis and feeling. The lodge was then resumed to the First Degree, and Bros. Hutton, New, and Hill, balloted for, elected, and initiated. After some formal business, lodge was closed in due form, and W.M., officers, and brethren adjourned to banquet. After the preliminary toasts had been proposed and honoured, Bro. Vine, P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." He said it was peculiarly pleasing for him to do so, because the W.M. being so well up in his duties, the office of I.P.M. had been a complete sinecure. The W.M. required no coaching, and when he performed the ceremonies the brethren derived great benefit from him. He had been correct and perfect, and the brethren were all proud of him. The W.M. in acknowledging the toast said he now came to a more difficult portion of his duties. As regarded his efforts to give the brethren satisfaction and put the lodge in a proper light with respect to the duties of Master he would admit as a fact that he had done his level best. As regarded the result, he must leave that to the brethren's kindly consideration, and that, as a brother just reminded him, was on the square. In returning thanks, he would ask the brethren, that as they had hitherto done so they would in future do—meet him and work week by week together. Perseverance was the genuine article, and would make stability in Masonry. He was glad to follow the example of his P.M., and he hoped the other brethren would do the same and toil away till they got round the table and to the top. If he quitted office to the satisfaction of the brethren he should not mind. If he was not conceeded he was considerably proud. One other favour he would ask of the brethren—to unite, to have no jealousy, but as much emulation as possible; without jealousy to work with one another, and for one another, for the good of the Phoenix Lodge; and in such an effort he could promise them they should not find him wanting. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the P.M.'s," and said he was proud of those who had gone before him. Masonry exhibited itself in many forms; it exhibited itself in the future, which was represented by the initiates, and by what he had seen of those brethren he should say the future was

a promising one; the present was represented in himself, and the members of the lodge; and the past was represented by the P.M.'s, who had borne the heat and burden of the day, the hard work of the lodge, and had arrived at an hereditary state of things, which was proverbial, — the otium cum dignitate — dined, thought, looked, criticised, and observed; and in their sublime wisdom, had sufficient forbearance to help the young ones who were coming along. He often thought the P.M. represented the largest of hens, because he was the proudest when covering the largest brood. The P.M. assisted the Master and the brethren, and the credit and honour of the Master's chair was largely in the hands of the P.M. The P.M. assumed dignity, that dignity which he was told the House of Lords represented, inasmuch as it not only did nothing, but did it well. The P.M.'s of the Phoenix Lodge were called upon to do very little, and there was very good reason why they should be called upon to do very little. (Laughter.) The brethren laughed, but he did not. The reason the P.M.'s were called upon to do very little was that they had set the brethren so glorious an example. The brethren were proud to follow it. They would now see on which side the laughter was. Freemasonry exhibited a history. There would be no history without the P.M.'s, but as Bro. Wilson had suggested to him that the should say no more, he would simply propose "The Health of the Past Masters." Bro. Vine, in reply, said he had, in his position as a P.M., endeavoured to carry out all the duties that fell to his share to fulfil, and he should always endeavour to do so. Bros. Salmon, Wilson, and Griffiths also replied. The W.M., in proposing "The Visitors," said he hoped that those brethren who had honoured the lodge that evening would be able to pass a favourable judgment upon it. Masonry was greatly increasing just now, lodges were growing numerous, and working was becoming good; but he hoped that the Phoenix Lodge would bear a fair comparison with any of them. He also referred to the banqueting arrangements which were now so excellent at Freemasons' Tavern, and said he was happy to find Bro. Best, the proprietor, was among the visitors that evening. Bro. Best and several other brethren replied. The W.M. next proposed "The Masonic Institutions." Bro. James Terry, in reply, said it was a great pleasure to himself to find that the subject of the Masonic Institutions had been so kindly brought before the notice of the brethren by the W.M., who had said that the Institutions were all carefully and well worked and conscientiously overlooked by the executive officers. He was happy to state that that was really the case, and it was very gratifying to hear that said. If they had not been so well looked after, he was certain that the support the Institutions had had during the last five or six years never would have been accorded them. They had only to look back to a period of eight, nine, or ten years to find a great contrast in the support given to the Institutions. Ten years since there were but 110 girls in the Girls' School, whereas now they had 180; ten years ago the Boys' School had eighty-five or eighty-six boys in it, now there were 182; ten years ago the Benevolent Institution had 120 old men and women on the funds, the men receiving £26 a year, and the widows £25. There were now 285 annuitants on the Institution, the men receiving £40 a year, and the widows £32. It was therefore clear that the Institution was now distributing more than double the amount of money it gave away ten years ago. They had to thank the Craft very much for what it had done, and he personally had to thank the Masters of lodges for the time being for their great kindness in accepting the office of Stewards of his own and other Institutions, and voting a portion of their funds away for the benefit of the Institutions. To the W.M.'s of lodges they were particularly indebted, because it was through their kindness the announcement of the festivals was made in open lodge, and the services of the Stewards were secured. The Phoenix Lodge would be represented on the 13th February by Bro. Vine, whose wish it was to take the office of Steward, rendered vacant by the lamented death of the late W.M., Bro. J. D. Massey, whose past energy was so well-known to all the brethren. The legacy which he bequeathed was one which might well be taken up by the members of this lodge, and he (Bro. Terry) was thankful to Bro. Vine for having consented to take the position of the late W.M. Though unaware of what the finances of the lodge were, he was nevertheless informed that they were in a prosperous state, and any balance they might have to spare might be profitably placed in Bro. Vine's list. There was a P.M. of this lodge at present a recipient of an annuity from the Benevolent Institution, and the children of another of the P.M.'s were in the schools. He did not expect that the Institutions would be so successful this next year as they had been during the past, because such enormous sums of money had been contributed to other charities. The Masonic Institutions last year totalled over £39,000, and this year it would be something like £42,000, but he would beg all of the brethren to give what they could, and he did not doubt that a very excellent figure would be the result. The other toasts were then given, and the brethren separated.

BELGRAVE LODGE (No. 749).—On Wednesday evening, the installation meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel. The lodge was opened by Bro. Hobbs, W.M., who, in presence of a very full lodge, initiated Mr. William Jones, and passed Bros. Hilliar and Godecke. When these ceremonies were concluded, Bro. J. Hester, P.M., installed Bro. Henry William Greenwood, S.W., and W.M. elect, as W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year. The brethren appointed to office were Bros. Booker, S.W.; Gardner, J.W.; Runtig, P.M., Treas.; H. Garrod, P.M., Sec.; Coulthard, S.D.; Groves, J.D.; Hall, I.G.; P. Parsons, P.M., Steward; Leach, Asst. Steward; Norton, Org.; and Gilchrist, Treas. Bro. Hobbs

announced that he was going to represent the lodge as its Steward at the next festival of the Benevolent Institution, and he solicited the brethren to support him by giving as much as they could afford. The lodge was thereafter closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. At the termination of the repast the toasts were duly proposed and drunk. "The Queen and Craft," "The M.W.G.M.," "The Pro G.M., the Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers," having been honoured, and accompanied by the singing of the National Anthem, and "God bless the Prince of Wales," the W.M. proposed "The Initiates," and in so doing said a brother had been initiated that evening, whom he thought they would all be proud of at some time. It was highly important that Freemasonry should continually have new blood brought into the ranks; otherwise Freemasonry would very soon become extinct; the brother who had been initiated had been highly recommended, and would no doubt follow the precepts of Freemasonry, brotherly love, relief and truth, and become an ornament to the lodge, and a model for the Craft to imitate. Bro. Jones, in replying, thanked the Master, Wardens, and brethren, for allowing him to become a member of Freemasonry, which appeared to him to be a great Institution. He hoped at some future time to prove to the brethren that he was a good Mason, and he trusted that some day he might occupy the noble position of W.M. The W.M. next proposed "The Visitors," of whom there were 31 present. With such a numerous array of talent he was quite sure the brethren would take it for granted that it would be impossible to speak of the merits of each visitor. Although several brethren would like to respond, with so many being present it would be impossible, but he would call upon Alderman Randall, of Oxford, to reply. Bro. Randall, Prov. G. Treasurer Oxford, said that as an old man from the country, he was extremely surprised that he had been selected to speak to the toast. He took it as a compliment, and he congratulated the lodge on the feeling thus displayed. It had been said there were brethren of considerable eminence present. He must not take a share in that compliment, for there were brethren present more worthy than he to receive such an honour. He had but shown his inclination to obey the impulses of his own life and to carry out thoroughly those principles which he drew in with the light when he was first admitted into Freemasonry, when he attended this lodge for the purpose of supporting a case which had been brought before the lodge that evening. He hoped that they might be successful with that petition, and from the manner in which it had been received he could not doubt that it would be. The W.M. proposed "The Masonic Charities." He did not know that any toast could be more appropos to Freemasonry than that of the charities. Charity was the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart, and he believed all the brethren would agree with him that the whole system of the Craft was mixed up with objects of charity. He would call upon Bro. Terry to respond, and had no doubt that that brother would give the brethren a valuable digest of the charities, especially the particular one with which he was more immediately connected, the Benevolent Institution, for the next festival of which the I.P.M. was about to be the Steward. He trusted that all the brethren would subscribe something towards so good an object as that of the relief of the aged Freemasons and the widows of Freemasons. Bro. Terry thanked the W.M. for proposing the toast so early in the evening, thinking it a very good plan to propose it at a period of the evening when the whole of the brethren were present. During the past year it could not be said that the Craft had been unmindful of the charities, as £42,000 would be found to have been received on their behalf. That was a very noble and grand sum for such a limited constituency to raise. But they were looking forward now to the future, and he might mention that at the meeting of the committee of his Institution that afternoon, twenty petitions were presented and accepted for the election of as many candidates at the next election in May. This alone would convince the brethren that there was an enormous amount of distress day by day coming before the Craft, and if the Order increased as it had been increasing during the last four or five years, they would have more and more cases before them. The difficulty was how were they to deal with these cases, and he thought it was only by the excellent plan that the P.M. of this lodge had adopted of accepting the office of Steward that the committee would be enabled to carry out their work. For many years past the Benevolent Institution had had Stewards from the Belgrave Lodge, each trying to do his best, and he was certain of this, that the brother who had now accepted the office of Steward was not less mindful of his duty than those who had gone before him. He was also quite certain that the brother would if he could carry up as large an amount as the brethren who had represented the lodge before. He ventured to think that all the brethren would give him their support, and if possible give him a larger list. The brethren should remember it would not be a large sum that was asked of each of them. Five shillings from a member conferred the right of a vote, and no brother who wished to be considered a good and true Mason would refrain from giving that sum. It was not the pounds that helped the Institution, it was the many subscribers. He remembered an observation made by the Marquis of Ripon on one occasion in Grand Lodge, that when he looked through the list of subscribers to the Institution he saw, much to his regret, but yet to his pleasure, that the names of the subscribers were repeated in each of the lists. What he desired to see, and what each desired to see was, that all members of the Craft should enrol themselves as supporters of Masonic Institutions. If they could but enlist the sympathy of every brother in the support of the Institution, and induce him to believe

that the Institution depended on his exertions, they would never require to have a festival, or an appeal like that he (Bro. Terry) was then making. The Institution would be able to take in every case of distress when it came before them. If every member would give his 5s., and every lodge its £1 or guinea, no appeal would have to be made. Instead of £42,000 they would raise £50,000 or £60,000. Many members who only attended their lodges did not think it worth their while to support the Institutions. He was sure Bro. Hobbs would enlist the support of the brethren of this lodge. The practical work of Masonry was putting the hand in the pocket, and if the brethren only supported Bro. Hobbs, they would be presenting him with a testimonial of more value than the one he had that evening. By subscribing to his list they would be paying a double compliment, one part to Bro. Hobbs, the I.P.M., and the other to the Institution he represented as Steward. He suggested to the brethren that they should remember the peculiar moment they were received into Freemasonry, and take the opportunity of carrying out the principles they then professed. Now was their chance. Let them give as they would wish others to give to them. A large amount has been subscribed to the Indian Famine Fund, and there was distress in England which would require help. He asked only for 5s., but he hoped the brethren would say the modesty of the Secretary was great; take 10s. On the 13th February, 1878, he hoped it would be his good fortune to announce the highest list yet brought in by the Belgrave Lodge. Remember the lines, "Cast thy bread upon the waters, and you shall find it after many days." They should also remember that "God loveth a cheerful giver." (Cheers.) Bro. Hobbs, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." Bro. Greenwood had been installed in a position which he hoped every brother of the lodge would endeavour to reach. It was the summit of every Mason's ambition to be the Master of his mother lodge. Bro. Greenwood was initiated in the lodge, and with the exception of one office had served well and truly every office in the lodge. He had served with ability and zeal, and now that he had arrived at the chair, he would perform the duties of it with the same ability and zeal, and proficiency which had distinguished him in the other offices. Bro. Greenwood was actuated by the true principles of Freemasonry, and had never been applied to to support the charities without complying with the request. This showed the man, and the choice the brethren had made in electing him as their Master, was worthy of the high position of the lodge. (Applause.) The W.M. replied, and said it was true he had performed the duties of the various minor offices in the lodge from that of J.D. He hoped that with the sympathy of the brethren and the help of the P.M., he should be able to perform the duties of Master properly. He did not expect to shine like the great luminaries that had gone before him, but he hoped to receive some of the warmth and lustre which was inherent in them. He also hoped that when he asked the brethren to subscribe to his list as Bro. Hobbs had asked them to subscribe to his list they would come forward and support him. With respect to the ceremonies he hoped to perform them to the brethren's satisfaction. He felt the most enthusiastic gratitude towards Past Master Hester, for the admirable way in which he had performed the installation ceremony, and all the brethren owed Bro. Hester a debt of gratitude. The W.M. proposed "The P.M.'s," and presented Bro. Hobbs with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, a P.M.'s collar, and silver jewel with an inscription. Without wishing to be egotistical, he could say that his mother lodge would stand out well among the other lodges. From its commencement to the present day its affairs had been conducted with ability, zeal, and honesty of purpose by the P.M.'s. The I.P.M. had had a very successful year of office, and he hoped that he (the W.M.) would have a similar one. Bro. Hobbs replied. He had endeavoured as far as his ability went to perform his duties properly, and to uphold the dignity and position of the Belgrave Lodge. In addition to thanking the brethren for those substantial marks of their recognition of his services, the P.M. jewel, and the collar and jewel, he begged to thank the brethren for the kindness and courtesy they had evinced towards him during his year of office. The toast of "The Officers" was then given, to which the S.W. replied, and the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings. Ninety-two brethren sat down to banquet, and among them were thirty-one visitors. Alderman Randall, Grand Treasurer of Oxford, Bro. Cusworth, W.M. 3; E. J. Hart, W.M. 1201; Louis Beck, W.M. 1637; E. Coste, P.G.D. Kent; and H. Massey, (Freemason), were of the number. A beautiful selection of glees and songs were sung by the British Vocal Quartett, Bros. Collins, Upston, Kift, and Tremere.

COSMOPOLITAN LODGE (No. 917).—The brethren of this lodge assembled on Tuesday evening at the Cannon-street Hotel for the installation of the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. Bro. A. F. Rowley, W.M., presided, and after the opening business of the lodge had been performed, initiated Messrs. James Warner and Herman Van Raalte into the Order, and passed Bros. Gerard Toff and George Kearsey to the Second Degree. The W.M. then installed Bro. Geo. M. Taylor, S.W. and W.M. elect, as Master of the lodge for the year, in the presence of a large Board of Installed Masters. The officers appointed and invested were Bros. La Marque, S.W.; Abbott, J.W.; Jones, P.M., Treasurer; L. E. Stean, P.M., Secretary; Harris, S.D.; Van Raalte, J.D.; Samuel Corke, I.G.; E. Pitt, D.C.; Corke, P.M., W.S.; and Gullock, Tyler. A motion of Bro. Corke, P.M., was postponed, the lodge having been at work for nearly four hours. Among the visitors present were Bros. E. Somers, W.M. 1603; J. B. Shackleton, W.M. 1524; David Davis, W.M. 141; L. E. Stean, 212; W. H. Lee, W.M. 975; J. Tinsley, 548; J. B. Humphrey, 1509; H. Massey, P.M.

619 (Freemason); and W. F. Poulton, W.M. 1602. After the banquet the toasts were proposed and honoured, but all the speeches were exceedingly short, the hour having become very late. The W.M. in proposing "The I.P.M.," presented a very handsome P.M. jewel to Bro. Rowley, I.P.M., and congratulated the lodge on having had during last year a W.M. whose abilities as a worker could not be excelled, and who having performed all the ceremonies while he was Master, fitly concluded a pre-eminent successful career by installing his successor in the chair. A brother having conducted himself with great ability was hailed by the lodge with the greatest enthusiasm, and Bro. Rowley's year would long be remembered by the brethren of the Cosmopolitan Lodge. Bro. E. Somers, replying for the visitors, said he had experienced much pleasure at this visit to the lodge, and he had witnessed with peculiar feelings of satisfaction the working of the I.P.M. Bro. Corke, P.M., announced that the charity box had produced £5 15s., which would be sent to the brother whose petition to the Lodge of Benevolence had been signed and recommended in open lodge that evening. Bro. L. Stean, replying for the P.M.'s, said that the duty of performing the installation ceremony having been entrusted to his hands solely for many years, he felt very proud at finding that another brother had been found capable of taking his place when he should be called away from this earthly scene. He had been 40 years a Mason, and he had devoted himself to teaching the ceremonies, lectures, and sections in lodges of instruction. It was always a pleasure to do so, and it was gratifying to him to find that the fruits of that work were now being reaped. The toast of "The Officers" having been proposed, all those brethren responded, and the S.D. stated that the present proud position of the Cosmopolitan Lodge was universally acknowledged by the brethren to be due to Past Master Stean. The brethren shortly afterwards retired.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—This lodge held the second meeting of its season at the Surrey Club House, Kennington Oval, on the 6th inst. The officers present were Bros. Higgins, W.M.; Reeves, S.W.; Walls, P.G.O. Midx. J. W.; Page, P.G.S., P.M. Treasurer, Stuart, P.M. 141, Secretary; Kohler, S.D.; Speedy, J.D.; Webb, I.G.; Honeywell, P.M. Dobie, Assist. Organist; Robinson, D.C.; Marsden, W.S.; Stokes, A.W.S.; Drysdale, acting I.P.M.; and Past Masters, Mann Koch, Gardner, and Pope. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the Secretary reported that he had received communications from the Strong Man and Mount Edgcombe Lodges to the effect that two members of the Kennington Lodge had been respectively raised and passed in those lodges, namely Bros. Higgins, jun., and Pomeroy. The W.M. with the assistance of his officers then raised the last-named to the degree of a M.M., and initiated Messrs. Pym, Stevenson, and Barry, both ceremonies being carefully performed. Upon the motion of Bro. Mann, and which was seconded by Bro. Page, in the absence of Bro. Everett, it was unanimously resolved that a Royal Arch Chapter should be attached to No. 1381, subject to the approval of Grand Chapter. There being no other business before the lodge it was closed, and the members and visitors adjourned to the banquet. Amongst the latter were Bros. Murch, Egyptian Lodge; Hatton, Robert Burns Lodge; Constantinides, 1009; Barsdorf, 1329; Urnster, St. Johannis Lodge. The customary toasts having been duly honoured, Bro. W. Mann proposed "The Health of the W.M." In the course of his speech he stated that Bro. Higgins had been present at every meeting; that his Masonic capabilities had been fully tested during his occupancy of the chair, and he (the speaker) hoped that there would be a continuance of the prosperity that had hitherto characterised the W.M.'s term of office. This toast having been warmly received, the W.M. in response said that in consequence of his physical incapacity to speak loudly, he hoped that the brethren would excuse his making a long speech. He however, wished to say that if he had done his work to their satisfaction he was very pleased, and in future years he should look back to his Mastership of the Kennington Lodge as a very gratifying episode of his Masonic career. "The Initiates" followed, and was responded to by Bros. Stevenson, Pym, and Barry, the former brother's reply being especially apropos and good. In introducing the toast of "The Visitors" the W.M. stated that he was glad to see them there that evening. He believed that visiting other lodges was very necessary, because it not only engendered kindly feelings amongst the brethren, but it gave them an opportunity of improving and perfecting their Masonic knowledge by studying the various "workings." This toast was acknowledged at length by the five visiting brethren. The next toast was "The Past Masters," and gave Bro. Mann an opportunity of indulging in some very wholesome advice to the brethren upon the harm often inflicted upon lodges, and consequently in the end detrimental to the Craft at large, by the indiscriminate initiation of members. Freemasonry was making great progress, and it was very gratifying to mark the numbers that daily flocked to the Masonic standard, but he wished his hearers to understand that the payment of high fees and subscriptions should not constitute the sole qualification for admission; the social and moral status of the candidates should be thoroughly investigated by the members recommending them. He concluded by thanking the brethren upon behalf of his colleagues and himself for the warm manner in which their healths were always proposed and received. "The Treasurer and Secretary," followed. Bro. Page, the father of the lodge, and who occupies the first-named position, having duly acknowledged the compliment paid him, begged to be permitted to say a few words with respect to "The Masonic Charities." He told them that although those valuable institutions were in a flourishing condition, yet in consequence of the great growth of the Craft the applications for the benefits of the charities far exceeded

the accommodation and means at the disposal of the governors. The "Kennington" since its foundation had not forgotten the claims of Masonic charity, but he hoped that they would in future strive to do a great deal more; especially as their funds were in a flourishing condition. Bro. Stuart, Secretary, having also replied, the toast of "The Officers" followed, and was acknowledged by Bros. Reeves, Walls, Webb, and Robinson. During the proceedings Bros. Honeywell, Reeves, Barry, and others, instrumentally and otherwise entertained the brethren.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).—This lodge, which was consecrated twelve months ago, held its installation meeting on Thursday week, at the Ladbroke Hall Notting Hill, Bro. William Joseph Murlis, W.M., presiding. The work of the lodge during its year of existence has been very great, many brethren having been introduced into the Order through its instrumentality, and the charities of the Order having benefitted considerably by its establishment. Its prosperity still appears to be on the increase, and its usefulness in a fair way of being maintained. Like many other lodges now working it has no work but the installation on installation day, and also like other successful lodges it had a large number of visitors to witness the ceremony. Among these were Bros. J. Grunebaum, P.M. 1017; E. P. Albert, P.G.P., P.M. 188; C. S. Mallette, 655; J. E. Carpenter, P.M. 284; J. S. Adkins, 733; H. Stuart, 780; F. Pendered, P.M. 33; J. Robbins, D.D., W.M. 1635; E. K. Kendall, 1635; E. Barge, P.M. 167; L. Bryett, P.M. 209; W. Handora, P.M.; E. C. Woodward, W.M. 1637; J. Dosell, P.P.G.D. Surrey; T. B. Linscott, 55; T. Fenn, P.G.D.; E. J. Cave, A. Hendrik, J. Empson, T. D. Spurgin, 1365; J. C. Hambledon, 1319; John Boyd, P.G.P., P.G.S.; J. H. Pearson, Elliot, 1567; J. H. Webb, 834; F. A. Philbrick, P.G.D.; J. Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I.; M. Spiegel, 188; A. McMillan, 1365; John High, 1365; W. F. Savage, P.M. 1425; J. E. Walford, 1489; T. Cubitt, P.G.P.; J. S. Badkin, W.M. 1365; H. Massey, P.M. 619 (Freemason). The musical brethren were Bros. George Musgrave, Arthur Thomas, Edwin Moss, and Burgess Perry, the Masonic quartett. Bro. George Penn, S.W., and W.M. elect, was installed as Master of the lodge. The ceremony of consecration was ably performed by Bro. William Stephens, P.M., Clapton and Marquess of Ripon Lodges, and after the installation the W.M. appointed as his officers Bros. W. J. Murlis, I.P.M. and Sec.; S. H. Parkhouse, S.W.; W. Gordon, M.P., J.W.; W. Stephen, Treasurer, F. Clench, S.D.; E. M. Lander, J.D.; S. Smout, I.G.; P. F. Delevanti, Organist; R. Schofield, Tyler; S. Smout, and T. C. Swift, Stewards. Letters of apology for inability to attend were received from Lord Carnarvon, Dr. Erasmus Wilson, Sir Albert Woods, Hyde Pullen, Colonel Radcliffe, John D. Allcroft, Bros. Buss, Rev. —Robinson, Dr. Ray, Bro. Wilmot, Grabham, Dr. Jabez Hogg, the Hon. E. Curzon, E. J. McIntyre, Q.C.; and the Rev. —Reade. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. When the toasts were proposed, Bro. Hervey, in replying for "The Deputy Grand Master and Grand Officers," said he was much surprised at what the lodge had done in a short twelvemonth, and one of the proofs of the great success of the lodge was the large number of members and visitors who were round the hospitable board that evening, among whom were many members of the liberal professions, who were well known in the particular localities in which they resided, and to whom Masons might look up, as an example of what Masons must and ought to be. He congratulated the lodge on what it had achieved. That it would be exceeded in the coming year was not to be expected; but reliance might be placed on the position of the lodge being maintained, and he felt much pride in being associated with the lodge as one of its members. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.D., also expressed his delight at seeing the lodge so prosperous, and he earnestly hoped that that prosperity would continue. The career of the lodge had been marked by the practice of true Masonic principles; by its firmness and unity, its thorough bond of brotherhood. In Masonry, as in all other human organisations, great though they might be, and eternal as were the principles on which it was founded, prosperity had its dangers as well as adversity. In adversity we were drawn together; had to fight the fight together; put our shoulders to the wheel; to sink our minor differences. In prosperity the sun smiled about us; the bond got a little weaker, and there did not seem the same necessity for effort. Now the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge had no past to live upon. But it had success and youth on its side, and youth bespoke energy, and he was sure it would bespeak thoroughly good working, and a thorough maintenance of the true Masonic principles which made any lodge, young or old, ancient or modern, a true exponent of the principles of the Craft. He was glad to see coming on to office brethren of position, among them being Bro. Gordon, M.P., the J.W. With such prospects from their short past, and with such an augury of the lodge's future, the lodge must "go on prospering and to prosper." Bro. W. J. Murlis, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," to which Bro. Penn replied, and said he felt very deeply the honour the brethren had done him in placing him in the chair. Bro. Fenn, P.G.D., responded for "The Visitors." The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the I.P.M.," said that the brethren desired to express their appreciation of the energy he had used on behalf of the lodge during his very heavy year of office. They felt deeply indebted to him, and they therefore presented him with a Past Master's jewel and a testimonial. Bro. W. Stephens then handed to Bro. Murlis a testimonial in illuminated writing, on vellum, framed and glazed, in the following terms:—"Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642. Presented, together with a Past Master's jewel, to Bro. W. J. Murlis, by the brethren of the above lodge, as a mark of the high esteem in which he is held by them, and in recognition of the valuable services he has rendered

to the lodge; also in acknowledgment of the courtesy evinced at all times, especially during the year in which he presided as Worshipful Master. (Signed) George Penn, W.M.; Samuel Parkhouse, S.W.; W. Gordon, J.W.; W. Stephens, Treas.; J. Pushman, Hon. Sec." In acknowledging the compliment Bro. Murlis said he had endeavoured to make every one comfortable; he had gone on in a straight path trying to do all he could for Freemasonry. He had striven to make friends and steer clear of enemies. Bros. Stephens and Murlis responded to "The Treasurer and Secretary;" Bros. Parkhouse and Gordon to that of "The Officers;" Bro. Stephens for "The Girls' School;" and Bro. James Terry for "The Benevolent Institution, and the Boys' School." The brethren shortly afterwards separated. The musical quartet before named sang some choice pieces of music between the toasts.

ALDERSGATE LODGE (No. 165).—On Monday evening, Nov. 12th, the members of this lodge met for labour and refreshment at the Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-street. The following brethren attended: Bros. John Derby Allcroft, W.M.; Rev. Dr. Ernest Brette, S.W.; Dr. Charles Hogg, J.W.; P. Saillard, S.D.; George Kenning, Treas.; Thomas Benskin, Dir. of Cer.; A. J. Altman, I.G.; Thomas Jones, Hon. Sec.; Rev R. Lee, Head Master of Christ's Hospital; Dr. Alder Smith, Samuel White, E. J. Jolliffe, Alfred Brookman, W. W. Landels, Hyde Pullen, Samuel Benton, W. S. Chapman and the following visitors: Bros. E. F. Storr, W.M. of the Neptune Lodge; and Edward J. Altman, Temple Lodge. Some good work was carried out during lodge, as Bro. Dr. Samuel Pentin was raised, and the lodge received instruction on the Second Tracing Board from that oracle of Masonry, Bro. Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B. The Worshipful Master for the ensuing year was elected by ballot, when it was found that the Rev. Dr. Ernest Brette, of Christ's Hospital, was unanimously chosen to succeed Bro. John Derby Allcroft; Bro. George Kenning, was unanimously re-elected Treasurer; and W. Steadman, P.M., Tyler. The invitation of Grand Lodge to send a Steward to represent the lodge at the Annual Festival of Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, was accepted by the W.M., Bro. J. D. Allcroft. During refreshments the usual Masonic and loyal toasts were given and heartily responded to. The burden of the speeches was attachment to the Craft, affection for the Worshipful Master, and a grateful appreciation of his munificence to the lodge. A cordial welcome was given to the W.M. elect and the visitors, with due acknowledgements from Bros. Brette, Storr and Altman. The W.M. expressed his wish that the brethren should meet frequently, once a week, for instruction, and desired the Secretary to confer with him on the subject. There is evidently a determination in "The Aldersgate Lodge," to excel.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).—The second regular meeting of the season was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, Nov. 1st, presided over by Bro. F. Wilkinson, W.M., assisted by Bros. Brown, I.P.M.; Falkner, S.W.; C. Wilkinson, J.W.; Ashley, P.M. and Treas.; Wilton, P.M. and Dir. of Cer.; Braham, Sec.; Gummer, S.D.; Holmes, as J.D.; Radway, I.G.; Robinson and J. Smith, Stewards; Moutrie, P.M.; Rubie, P.M.; Major Preston, P.M.; Dr. Hopkins, P.M. and P.P.G.S.W. for Warwickshire; as visitors, Bros. Dr. Tunstall, P.M. 53; Reeves, P.M. 906; Gen. Doherty, P.M. 906; Bush, P.M. 1363; and many members. At 7.40 the lodge was opened and the minutes were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Mr. E. Wilton, son of the respected D.C., and he was duly initiated by the W.M., the charge being given by Bro. Moutrie. Bros. Cartmill and Gregory were examined, entrusted, and dismissed for preparation, after which the lodge was opened in the Second Degree. On their return they were passed to the rank of F.C. by the W.M., and retired. Bro. R. Mann was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, the candidate was re-admitted, and the W.M. again officiated in raising him as a M.M., and in all the three degrees the S.W. explained the symbolism of the working tools. Though the ceremonies had occupied the brethren till half-past ten, there was yet another matter which engaged their attention for half an hour longer, namely the death of a highly-respected brother at the advanced age of 80, who had been a member of the Craft about half a century. Bro. Wilton ably and feelingly reminded the brethren of Bro. Cooper's long and efficient services, of the impressiveness of his tones in the delivery of the prayers and charges, to which his efforts had of late years been confined, of his readiness to unite in any good and charitable work, of the consistency he had ever evinced in his endeavours to carry out, in the regulation of his life, the genuine tenets of Freemasonry,—of the void that must be felt at seeing his wonted place on the dais empty, which he had punctually occupied to the very last, and from which he had actively co-operated in the labours of the lodge. Bro. Wilton concluded by reading an excellent letter from one of his daughters, soliciting aid with a view to procuring admission into the Masonic School for her youngest brother. A long discussion ensued, in which the W.M., the Wardens, Bros. Dr. Tunstall, Ashley, Radway, Dr. Hopkins, and others joined, all anxious to vie in paying respect to the memory of the deceased brother, and to assist his family under their sad bereavement, to whom the Secretary was directed to address a letter of sincere condolence. Definite measures were deferred until the next meeting, and in the meantime Bros. Ashley, Falkner, and Dr. Hopkins were appointed as a committee to obtain information, with power to act within certain limits. The W.M. reminded the brethren of the presence of Bro. Fuller, as a visitor for the last time during his temporary residence in Bath, as he is about to return to America, adding that he was formerly a subscribing member of this lodge, and concluded by addressing him, and on behalf of those present bidding him God speed, a safe arrival, and success in the land of his adoption. The worthy brother made a suitable

acknowledgment of the kind wishes expressed with regard to him. The lodge was closed at 11 o'clock.

MIDDLETON.—Imperial George Lodge (No. 78).—The last meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, Oct. 25th, at the Assheton Arms. Bro. G. Bradbury, W.M., presided, and among those present were Bros. J. Percival, S.W.; F. Fothergill, J.W.; H. Heywood, P.M., Treas.; J. Hatton, Sec.; F. Hooper, Org.; W. S. Clarke, I.G.; J. Kent, Tyler. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Tetlow having answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, was entrusted with the test of merit and passed out. The lodge was raised to the Second Degree, and Bro. Tetlow was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft by the W.M. The charge in the S.E. was given, and the working tools were presented by Bro. D. Reid, I.P.M. Bro. Jowett, having answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, was entrusted with the test of merit. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Jowett was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason by the W.M. The lodge having been lowered to the First Degree, the W.M. moved the resolution of which he had given notice, viz., "That the sum of £5 be given by the lodge to the Indian Famine Relief Fund." This was seconded by Bro. H. Heywood, P.M., and carried unanimously. "Hearty good wishes" were recorded from Lodges 163, 325, 1034, and 1458. The lodge was closed in peace and harmony, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the brethren separated.

WINDSOR.—Etonian Lodge of St. John (No. 209).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Windsor, on the 6th inst. The W.M., Bro. C. D. Hume, P.G.S., presided, supported by Bros. Roberts, P.G.S., S.W.; Schiemann, J.W.; Wilson, P.M., Treasurer; Carter, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Sec.; Nichols, S.D.; Pears, J.D.; Cousins, I.G.; Evans, Steward; Reid, P.M.; Long, P.M.; and a large number of other brethren. Visitors: Bros. Ridley, 1101; Gomm, 780; Barnes, 780; Cantrell, P.M. 1501; Fisk, 1471; Johnson, 771; Bolton, Grisebrook, P.M. 771; Lay, 569; Williams, 865. Messrs. Riley, Stollery, and Turton were initiated into Freemasonry, and Bros. Hawkes and Perks passed to the degree of F.C. The ceremonies were performed by the W.M. in an impressive and faultless manner. Two candidates for initiation and one as a joining member having been proposed the lodge was closed in due form.

BATH.—Lodge of Honour (No. 379).—The first meeting of the season was held at the Masonic Hall, on Monday, Nov. 12th. Bro. Gore, W.M., opened the lodge at 8.15, supported by Bros. Dr. H. Hopkins, as I.P.M.; H. C. Hopkins, S.W.; Dickenson, J.W.; Davis, P.M. Sec.; Robinson, as S.D.; Johnson, J.D.; Bush, P.M., as I.G.; and others. Visitors: Bros. Gen. Doherty, P.M. 53, and 906; Col. Ford, P.M. 53; Brown, I.P.M. 41; Edwards, W.M. 53; W. Smith, P.M. and Treas. 53; Falkner, S.W. 41; and many others. The minutes having been read and confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Dr. Hopkins took the chair, and examined Bro. Rev. Saunderson as to his proficiency. This proving satisfactory, he was entrusted and dismissed for preparation. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The candidate was readmitted, raised to the rank of M.M., and the traditional history was communicated to him. Bro. Falkner explained the symbolism of the working tools, and Dr. Hopkins completed the ceremony by giving the charge, at the conclusion of which the brethren signified their approval by hearty applause. Bro. Gore, W.M., again took the chair, and resumed the lodge in the Second, and afterwards in the First Degree. He feelingly laid before the brethren the loss by death of three members during the vacation, of whom he specially referred to the respected I.P.M., Bro. Cook, and concluded by proposing a resolution of sincere regret, which was seconded by the S.W., carried, and ordered to be entered in the minute book, in addition to which the Secretary was directed to send copies, with letters of condolence, to the families of the deceased brethren. Bro. H. C. Hopkins, S.W., was elected W.M. and Bro. Gore Treasurer for the ensuing year. The acting I.P.M. at some length reported a case of extreme distress in the family of a well-known and highly-respected zealous member of No. 41, who had died at the age of 80, leaving no provision for his numerous young children, and solicited help in an endeavour to procure the admission of the youngest son into the Masonic Boys' School. Other business was transacted, and the proceedings were brought to a termination by a vote of thanks to the visitors, and specially to the brother who had worked the ceremony, which was acknowledged by the I.P.M. of No. 41 and the W.M. of No. 53. The lodge was finally closed at 10 o'clock.

GLOUCESTER.—Royal Lebanon Lodge (No. 493).—St. John's Day was celebrated by this lodge on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at the Spread Eagle Hotel, when the Senior Warden, Bro. G. K. Prowse, was installed in the chair of King Solomon as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed in the presence of about a hundred brethren by Bro. Past Master Edwin Browne, of the Gooch Lodge, 1295, whose zeal for Masonry was evinced by the admirable manner in which the varied portions of the ceremony were gone through. The officers appointed by the W.M. were Bros. D. Newman, S.W.; S. Moss, J.W.; Wilson, P.M., Treasurer; Worsley, P.M., Secretary; Rev. H. Layton, Chaplain; Woodward, P.M., Organist; A. V. Hatton, Steward; G. W. Haines, S.D.; R. A. Matthews, J.D.; F. Smith, I.G. Amongst the numerous visitors present were Bros. Col. H. Basevi, P.D.D.G.; J. Walker, P.M. 82; H. Godfrey, W.M. 82; T. Taynton, P.M. 839; R. White, P.M. 839; Vassar Smith, 839; A. Helps, 839; A. Buchanan, 839; J. Bruton, 839; R. S. Helps, 839; T. H. Chance, 839; A. C. Wheeler, 839; A. Slater, 839; H. W. Hall, 839; J. Weston, 839; and C. R. Taynton, 839; R. J. Kerr, W.M. 1067; Cranston Kerr,

1067; R. W. White, P.M. 1295; Ludgate, 1295; Kent, 1295; Haydon, 1295; Philipps, 1295; Powell, 1295; G. Roberts, W.M. 1005; S. Hayward, P.M. 1005; G. Tomes, P.M. 1005; T. Gee, P.M. 1005; W. H. Roberts, Barnett, Dutton, 1005; R. Chandler, W.M. 900; W. Crump, P.M. 900; W. B. Stocker, P.M. 241; Hollich, P.M. 1098; Chapman, P.M. 1057; Hirst, W.M. 338; Haselton, Holman. The lodge being closed in due form, the brethren retired to the banquet room. Grace having been offered by the Chaplain, due justice was rendered to the excellent dinner provided by Bro. W. C. Davis. The preliminary toasts having been given, the W.M. in felicitous terms proposed "The Health of the P.G.M. and P.G.L. of Gloucestershire," which was suitably responded to by Bros. H. Layton, P.G.C., and J. Walker, P.P.S.W. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of Bro. E. Browne, Installing Master, remarking on the great pleasure it gave him to meet his excellent friend and brother in that capacity, the superior way in which the ceremony had been performed proving his choice to be everything he had anticipated, and far exceeding the expectations of the brethren. Bro. Browne, in returning thanks, expressed the pleasure it gave him to visit Lodge 493, which was enhanced by the fact of his knowing the W.M. to be the "right man in the right place," and that the Royal Lebanon Lodge would prosper under his rule. The gavel being entrusted to Bro. Past Master Wilson, "The Health of the W.M." was toasted in an enthusiastic speech during which Bro. Wilson dilated on the wisdom of the choice which the brethren had displayed in selecting for their W.M. a brother of such acknowledged ability, thereby ensuring the prosperity of the lodge in whose interest he had laboured hard for so many years. The W.M., in responding, thanked Bro. Wilson and the brethren for the kind expressions they had made use of, and hoped the distinction they had conferred on him would be to the interest of the lodge; his ambition from the time he first entered the lodge was to fill the chair, and although he felt the great responsibility of the position, he trusted with the kind forbearance of the brethren and the willing assistance of his officers to maintain the proud prestige which the Royal Lebanon Lodge had held in the province for so many years. The next toast was that of "The Masonic Charities." Bro. Col. Basevi (who was called on to respond) observed his satisfaction at being present on such an agreeable occasion. Giving a short but succinct account of the charity organisation of the province, he also expressed the hope that all the lodges would act with one mind for the common weal, so that the strength which comes of union should be productive of the best possible result. The W.M. then proposed the toast of "The Past Masters." Bro. P.M. Wilson as the senior P.M. suitably responded. "Lodges of the Province" was responded to by Bros. P.M. Taynton and Russell Kerr, W.M. 1067. "The Visiting Brethren," responded to by Bro. J. Bruton. With the toasts of "The Officers," responded to by Bro. D. J. Newman, and "The Tyler," the evening was brought to a conclusion, the gathering being looked upon as a most auspicious one in the annals of the Royal Lebanon Lodge.

HUDDERSFIELD.—Lodge of Truth (No. 521).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 2nd inst. The lodge was opened punctually at seven o'clock by the W.M. (Bro. John W. Hinchliffe). The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the only business on the circular being to elect the W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler, it was at once proceeded with, and the result was that Bro. Benton, a very old and respected member of the lodge, was duly elected W.M. for the ensuing year, which event will give general satisfaction to the brethren, and be the means of bringing many old members together; therefore, this good old lodge is looking forward to one of its happiest and most prosperous years. Bro. P.M. Geo. Marshall was re-elected Treasurer, and a better could not have been selected, he being the right man in the right place. Bro. Henry Shaw, one of the oldest members of the lodge and a deservedly respected brother, was re-elected Tyler. In consequence of the unfortunate death of a much respected brother, which sad event took place on Wednesday, being the result of an accident, the business was brought to a close after expressing the sympathy of the lodge with the family of the late brother, as also two other families which have been deprived of their head since the last regular meeting, thus showing what sad events may take place in so brief a space of time. Under these painful circumstances the W.M. announced that there would not be any banquet or festive board. The business being concluded the lodge was closed, and many were the expressions of regret at the loss the lodge had sustained by the untimely, and sudden death of two of its members.

LANCASTER.—Rowley Lodge (No. 1051).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, on Monday 5th November. The W.M., Bro. T. Jackson, occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. H. Longman, I.P.M.; N. W. Helme, S.W.; Alfred Sherriff, J.W.; J. Daniel Moore, P.G.S.B. of England; W. J. Sly, P. Prov. G.D.; G. Taylor, S.D.; J. T. Jackson, J.D.; J. J. Crookell, as I.G.; John Hatch, P.M. and Sec. 281; E. Johnson, and a number of other members and visitors. The principal business of the evening was the delivery of a lecture on the "Botany of Freemasonry," by Bro. Dr. Moore. The lecture which was clear, terse, instructive, and highly interesting, was listened to with great attention by all present, and at its close a hearty vote of thanks was awarded by acclamation to the Worshipful lecturer. Two gentlemen were proposed as candidates for initiation, and the lodge was closed in due form. On Wednesday evening, the 7th instant, an emergency meeting was held, when the W.M. initiated Lieut. W. H. Chippindale, of the Royal Engineers, into the mysteries of Freemasonry, the working tools being presented by Bro. Sherriff, J.W., and the charge delivered by Bro. H. Longman, I.P.M.

PAIGNTON.—Torbay Lodge (No. 1358).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, 30th October. The W.M., Bro. James Greenfield, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., occupied the chair, and was supported by his officers, Bros. J. F. Chinnock, S.W.; F. Palk, J.W.; Rev. N. Platt, P.P.G.C.D.S. and Chaplain; W. E. Warren, P.M., P.G. Org., Sec.; A. W. Palk, J.D.; C. Perrott, I.G.; T. Brooks, R.A.M., Organist. The brethren mustered in strong force, and among the visitors were Bros. G. Huxham, W.M. 1254 (Semper Fidelis), Exeter; S. Burton, W.M. 328 (St. John's, Torquay); Geo. T. Barry, P.M. 248, Brixham, Prov. G. Purs.; B. Fullwood, S.W. 328; W. Taylor, 328; T. S. Bailey, 328; and J. W. Valentine, Sec. 303 (Benevolent), Teignmouth. A candidate, Mr. W. W. Ellis, was installed into the mysteries of the Order by the W.M. Bro. Cooke, passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft by P.M. W. E. Warren, P.G. Org., and Bro. G. T. Bany, Prov. G. Purs. balloted for as a joining member. A pleasing duty devolved upon the W.M., viz., that of presenting the I.P.M., Bro. John Couldrey, with a P.M.'s jewel subscribed for by the brethren. In doing so he alluded in complimentary terms to the manner in which the duties of the office of W.M. had been discharged during the past year, and begged its acceptance as a mark of the esteem and regard of the brethren of the lodge. Bro. Couldrey thanked the W.M. and brethren for this expression of their fraternal feelings towards him, and assured them he felt much honoured. He should ever regard their present as a pleasurable memento of his year of office, and he would wear it with pride as long as he lived. Bro. Huxham, W.M. 1254 (Exeter), said it gave him much gratification at being present that evening as a visitor, and to witness the presentation that had just taken place. The lodge he represented was the mother lodge of the I.P.M., and he was sure when he reported the incident of this evening to the members of Semper Fidelis they would feel as much pleased to hear of the honour done to one of their lodge as he was to witness it. He congratulated the lodge on its good working, and was glad to see so prosperous a lodge at Paignton. The brethren on the closing of the lodge adjourned to their own ante-room for refreshment, and spent a very harmonious and pleasant evening.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Truth (No. 1458).—This lodge held its accustomed monthly meeting at Private Rooms, Newton Heath, on Saturday, November 3rd. It being "election day" a goodly number of members presented themselves. At 3.30 p.m. Bro. Batchelder, W.M., proved and opened his lodge, and in due course admitted into "Masonic light" Messrs. W. H. Thynne and A. Thornton. Bro. R. Caldwell, P.M., and D. of C., then passed Bros. Smith and Vincent. Bro. Batchelder, W.M., again took up his position, and election by ballot of a W.M. for the ensuing year was proceeded with, which resulted in a large majority for Bro. G. H. Needle, J.W., Bro. W. J. Kinder, S.W., being the present Master of Lodge 367. The election of Treasurer was allowed to stand over till the next meeting. Bro. Tyers, P.M., who has ably filled this office since the consecration of the lodge in 1873, expressed a desire (much to the regret of the brethren) not to be re-elected—persuasive powers were not available to induce him to continue, as he wished to see some of the younger brethren in harness. The Secretary therefore proposed Bro. Proctor, which was seconded by Bro. G. H. Needle, J.W., Bro. Proctor being absent it was thought prudent to allow the matter to stand over. Bro. Bewick was again unanimously elected Tyler. Bro. R. Caldwell, P.M., and T. Davis, were appointed auditors, the business on the circular was here completed; and two candidates were proposed for initiation, one by Bro. T. Tyers, P.M., and the other by Bro. J. Taylor, J.D. Representatives from Lodges 581, 667, 1011, and 1088, accorded the usual congratulations. Charity was then exercised, and the lodge closed according to ancient custom. The brethren then assembled at the social board, business was there attended to with all propriety, and in due course came the usual toasts, loyal and Masonic. Then came those immediately connected with Lodge 1458. Bro. R. Caldwell, P.M., commencing with "The Health of the W.M. elect," and remarked that he had hoped to have seen him occupying the proud position to which he had that night been elected, before now, but circumstances had prevented it. Bro. G. H. Needle, J.W. and W.M. elect, responded, and intimated that with the assistance of the P.M.'s of the lodge he intended to do his work to the best of his ability. Bro. Batchelder, W.M. next proposed in a neat speech "The Health of the Initiates." During their preparation to reply, Past Master Dumville with his top notes of melody, gave the E. A. Song. After a few words from the initiates, brief but telling, the newly passed brethren were next thought of, who in due course responded. Bro. S. H. Needham having proposed "The health of the W.M.," it was heartily honoured. Bro. Batchelder, W.M., in reply said, that his year of office was nearly completed, he felt that a successful year to any W.M. was in a great measure owing to the abilities of his officers; such he considered in his officers were good, and he felt persuaded that in relinquishing the gavel to the W.M. elect, it was in able hands, and that he would receive that support from the P.M.'s and his officers in a like measure to himself. "The Visiting Brethren" were also thought of, and their companionship again solicited; they responded, and returned the compliment. During the evening, Bros. Dumville, Cox, Nicholson, Hebden, and Hyam, poured forth "inspiring thoughts in vocal strain." Bro. W. H. Thynne also gave a recitation. In due time, 9.20 p.m., came the last toast of the evening, and the brethren separated.

HAMPTON WICK.—Wolsey Lodge (No. 1656).—This recently formed but prosperous provincial lodge held its first meeting of the season at the White Hart Hotel, on Monday, the 5th inst. The officers present were Bros. W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. Midx., P.M. 201, 1326, and 1512, W.M.; B. Sharp, P.G.S. of the Province, P.M., S.W.; Baldwin, P.G.P. of Midx. P.M. Era Lodge,

acting J.W.; J. Hammond, P.M. Jordan, W.M. 1512, Hon. I.P.M.; T. W. Ockenden, S.D. 1512, Secretary; J. Hurst, P.M. 1512, J.D.; T. C. Walls, P.G.O. Midx., J.W. 1381, J.D. 1512, I.G.; Honeywell, P.M. Dobie Lodge, Organist; Marvin, D.C.; and Scott, W.S. The visitors were Bros. Crawford, Kelly, Garwood, and Murphy. The minutes of the consecration and subsequent emergency meetings having been read and confirmed, the W.M. initiated Messrs. Aylen, Worthington, and Murray, passed Bros. Duffell and Elphick, and raised Bros. Jackson, Masters, and Piller, the three arduous and impressive ceremonies being rendered by Bro. Hammond most ably. It is a noteworthy circumstance, and which proves that the founding of a lodge in this locality was a Masonic necessity, that the W.M. has never had a "maiden sitting." In fact the number of initiates have been so large that the officers of the lodge have been under the necessity of working from four to five hours consecutively. In this instance the lodge was summoned at half-past five o'clock in the afternoon, and its members and visitors did not sit down to their well-earned and necessary refreshment until the clock of Kingston Church had chimed the three-quarters after nine. The requirements of the licence of Bro. Andrews, mine host of the White Hart Hotel, compelling him to close at eleven, the toasts of the evening were curtailed of their fair proportions, and given pro forma. Bro. Walls responded upon behalf of "The Deputy Provincial Grand Master and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Past and Present." "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Bernard Sharp, S.W., who complimented Bro. Hammond upon the great stamina and ability evinced by him that evening in rendering the three ceremonies and discharging the other duties of his position without once "calling off." The W.M. having replied, gave "The Initiates" and "The Visitors" and those important toasts having been responded to, the proceedings terminated.

INSTRUCTION.

THE LONDON MASONIC CLUB.—This Lodge of Instruction met at "the club," 101, Queen Victoria-street, E.C., on Monday last, the 12th inst., when there were present Bros. W. Sharratt, W.M.; J. Langton, S.W.; C. E. Smith, J.W.; C. F. Dobbing, S.D.; C. E. Barnett, J.D.; J. D. Langton, I.G.; W. Smallpeice, Preceptor; C. J. Hogg, Treas.; J. E. Shand, Hon. Sec.; Edell, Rumpff, Rogers, Bauman, and others. Visitors: Bros. C. F. Cooke, Strauss, and H. W. Morgan, jun. The lodge was opened in the usual manner, and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed. The First Ceremony was rehearsed. Bro. Bauman was passed to the degree of P.C. Bro. Smallpeice gave the Lecture on the Tracing Board of the degree. Four brethren were elected members of the lodge. S.W. Joseph Langton was voted to the chair for next meeting. Three brethren were chosen Auditors to examine the accounts of the lodge. The lodge was closed and adjourned until Monday, 26th inst., at 6 o'clock.

SOUTHWARK LODGE (No. 879).—The Fifteen Sections were worked at the above lodge on Wednesday, 31st October, in the presence of a good number of brethren from various lodges, including Past Masters E. Stephens, 879; W. H. Green, 619; J. A. Hudson, 879; Davison, 299; H. Bartlett, 147; and others. Bro. C. W. Kent, P.M., and Preceptor of the lodge, carried out the duties of W.M. for the evening in a most impressive manner, and received a cordial vote of thanks from the brethren for his kindness in presiding. The Sections were worked as follows, viz:—

FIRST LECTURE.

1st Section	.....	Bro. Joseph Bowen, 1310.
2nd "	.....	Bro. George Pulsford, 1593.
3rd "	.....	Bro. W. S. Lugg, 879.
4th "	.....	Bro. J. G. Milbourn, 13.
5th "	.....	Bro. John Ives, 781.
6th "	.....	Bro. S. Bottomley, 1571.
7th "	.....	Bro. Edward Stephens, P.M. 879.

SECOND LECTURE.

1st Section	.....	Bro. J. A. Hudson, P.M. 879.
2nd "	.....	Bro. Thos. Parker, 753.
3rd "	.....	Bro. Davison, P.M. 299.
4th "	.....	Bro. Wm. Beavis, 879.
5th "	.....	Bro. Jas. Taylor, S.D. 753.

THIRD LECTURE.

1st Section	.....	Bro. John Davis, I.G. 879.
2nd "	.....	Bro. Jas. Stamp, 879.
3rd "	.....	Bro. J. S. Leaper, 1275.

GREAT YARMOUTH.—Friendship Lodge (No. 100).—The first meeting of this lodge was held at the Crown and Anchor Hotel, Great Yarmouth, on Friday, the 9th inst., when there was a fair muster of the brethren. The chair was taken by Bro. Boufellow, I.P.M. P.G.A.D.C. Norfolk, the other officers being Bros. Captain Dods, S.W.; Howes, P.M., J.W.; Stenbridge, S.D.; Palk, J.D.; A. D. Bennett, I.G.; P. Glover, P.P.G.O. Berks and Bucks, Secretary, pro tem. The ceremony of installation was then rehearsed, Bro. W. Johnson acting as candidate. Afterwards various matters of business were settled, Bro. James Bond, P.M., being appointed Preceptor, and Bro. A. D. Bennett, Secretary and Treasurer. Considering that several brethren were engaged the same evening in connection with the corporation (this being the day of appointing the Mayor of the borough), there was a good attendance, and the meeting was very successful. This new venture, which owes its origin entirely to the indefatigable exertions of Bro. Glover, who is always ready to give a helping hand, we wish every prosperity.

The following reports stand over—Williamson Lodge, 949; Tyndall Lodge, 1363; Panmure Chapter, 720; Kennard Chapter, 1258. Reminiscences of St. John's Lodge, Kelso, unavoidably crowded out.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

EASTBOURNE.—Albion Chapter, Rose Croix 18° (No. 56).—The annual installation meeting of the above chapter was held on Friday, the 2nd inst., at Bro. Morris's, Southdown Hotel. Among the members present we noted the Ill. Bro. T. Lane, 33°, M.W.S.; Ex. Bros. Capt. F. H. Huth, 18°, First Gen. and M.W.S. elect; Pidgecock, 18°, Second Gen.; C. W. Drake, 18°, G.M.; B. Roberts, M.D., Reg.; Ill. Bros. T. Trollope, M.D., 31°, P.M.W.S.; G. Moren, P.M.W.S., and others. The visitors included V. Ill. Bro. S. Rawson, 33°, Insp. Gen. for the South-Eastern District; Ill. Bros. Col. Burdett, 32° (Ireland); John Boyd, 30°, P.M.W.S. Holy Palestine Chapter; Ex. Bro. H. Dicketts, 18°, Registrar, and C. Martin, 18°, both of the same chapter; and last, but not least, Ex. Bro. C. J. Smith, 18°, M.W.S. of the sister chapter in the province, the Eureka, at Brighton. After confirmation of the minutes, and the transaction of other business, including the reading of letters of apology from absent members, the M.W.S. resigned the chair to Ill. Bro. Trollope, 31°, who thereupon proceeded to install Ex. Jno. Capt. F. H. Huth, 18°, into the chair of M.W.S. for the ensuing year. The officers having been appointed, Bro. Briscoe, P.M. South Saxon Lodge, No. 311, who had been balloted for and elected at the preceding meeting, was duly and regularly admitted to the 18°, the intermediate degrees being given and the ceremony performed by Ill. Bro. Trollope, at the request of the M.W.S. The concluding portion of the degree was then given and the chapter duly closed. Previous to this, however, a vote of thanks was accorded to the illustrious visitors who had honoured the chapter with their presence. This was suitably acknowledged by Ill. Bros. S. Rawson and Col. Burdett, who were pleased to signify their approval of the way the ceremonies were conducted. A most elegant little supper followed, which, as is always the case at Bro. Morris's, gave entire satisfaction. The toasts peculiar to the Order were given by the newly-installed M.W.S., Bro. Capt. Huth, in capital form, and most heartily responded to. We must congratulate our Eastbourne brethren on the facilities afforded in their town for the practice of almost every degree in connection with Freemasonry, and visitors to the South Coast who may care to see the beautiful ceremonies of the Rose Croix, or the impressive ritual of the Knights Templar, properly rendered, may do worse than find their way to Bro. Morris's hospitable Southdown mansion, on any of the stated meetings of the Albion Chapter, Rose Croix, or Sussex Preceptory, K.T. (vide "Cosmopolitan Calendar.") The Albion Chapter has had many difficulties to contend with, but, judging from the cordial tone prevailing amongst its members, and the efficient manner in which the ceremonies incidental to the day were performed, we may hope a prosperous future is in store for it.

THE LATE BRO. R. J. SPIERS.

The brethren of the Alfred Lodge, Oxford, have passed the following resolutions with reference to the loss sustained by them in the death of Bro. R. J. Spiers, Past Deputy Prov. G. Master of Oxford, P.G.S.B. "We, the Worshipful Master, Past Masters, Officers and Brethren of the Alfred Lodge of Freemasons, No. 320, assembled in open lodge regularly held and properly dedicated, (the brethren of the lodge room wearing on this occasion the sombre livery of mourning by the express command of the Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire, Bro. His Royal Highness Prince Leopold), are desirous of recording our sense of the loss we, as Masons, have sustained by the death of our much valued brother Richard James Spiers. Past Master of this lodge, in which he was initiated, Past Grand Sword-Bearer, of the Grand Lodge of England, and for many years the zealous Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the province of Oxfordshire. We are anxious to place on record the high estimation in which, for more than a quarter of a century, he has been held among us as our instructor and guide in the details of all the forms and ceremonies of Freemasonry, and as a correct expounder of its laws and rules. We are impressed also with a grateful remembrance of the warm-hearted and indefatigable discharge of his duty, and his successful applications of the influence of his high position in Masonry, in connection with the administrations of the Great Masonic Charities, especially affecting the interests of the widow and the fatherless, the aged and the afflicted, having a distinct claim on the sympathy of the brethren of this province. This testimony of our appreciation of his services to us and to Masonry we desire to have recorded in the annals of our lodge, and a copy of it sent to the family of our deceased brother, hoping it may be to them a source of consolation; and we take this opportunity of conveying the expression of our united sympathy and condolence with them under their recent bereavement. With us survives the memory of his widely felt and valued Masonic usefulness. Closing his long and chequered life of sunshine and shade, he has left to each and every member of his large and interesting family, proving its just estimate of its importance and his fatherly care for their best interests in their early years, the priceless possession of an education of no ordinary standard, the fruits of which are evidenced in minds well cultivated and tastes refined. Armed with these efficient means of self-advancement, may it be theirs so to apply them by line and rule to the fulfilment of the duties of active life, as under the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe to merit and secure honourable and prosperous positions in society. We cannot doubt that the brethren of the Grand Lodge of England, of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Oxfordshire, with all the lodges of this province, and the Craft generally, will heartily echo our prayer, "So mote it be."

CONSECRATION OF THE DOUGLAS
LODGE, No. 1725.

One of the most interesting and important ceremonies connected with Freemasonry of late years in the Province of Kent took place on Friday, 9th inst. The growth of the Craft in the county town and its neighbourhood has been so rapid and so extensive, that it has been found necessary to establish a new lodge, the old Belvidere Lodge having been for some time past quite full. The idea of establishing a new lodge, which should assume a position worthy of the county town, when once broached, was eagerly taken up. The petition was signed by several influential brethren, and at a meeting of the founders it was unanimously resolved to call it the "Douglas" Lodge, in honour of Aretas Akers Douglas, Esq., who, since he has taken up his residence at Chilston Park has evinced the warmest interest in all matters appertaining to Masonry in this part of the county. It was also resolved to invite him to become the first Master; which, after some hesitation, on account of his being already Master of the Mallory Abbey Lodge, he consented to undertake, provided the necessary dispensation could be obtained from the Grand Lodge in order to allow him to hold both offices. The petition was successful; and the founders were greatly delighted on receiving their warrant. Arrangements were immediately made for the consecration of the new lodge; and that imposing ceremony took place, as we have mentioned, on the 9th inst, in the magnificent lodge room over the gateway of the ancient College at Maidstone. A more appropriate building could not have been possibly secured, and the brethren are much indebted to the gentleman who, by permission of the noble owner, sub-let it to the brethren for the use of the Craft. Some years ago it was used by the Constitutional Association, since then it has been used as a portion of the domestic offices of the College; but now it has been so beautified and adorned as to be scarcely recognisable by those who only knew it under its former aspect. The Masonic furniture is, as may be supposed, entirely new, and has been made to harmonise exactly with the surroundings of the building.

With these preliminary remarks we must proceed to record the ceremony of consecration. The brethren assembled at the College at 4 o'clock, and when attired in their full Masonic clothing, presented a most imposing array, there being an unusually large attendance of officers of both Grand and Provincial Grand Lodges. They included—Bros. Viscount Holmesdale, M.P., P.G.M.; J. S. Eastes, D. P.G.M.; John B. Monckton, P.G.D., P. Bd. G.P.; P. de L. Long, S.G.D.; Capt. Phillips, S.G.D.; Reginald Bird, D.P.G.M. (Oxon); Rev. E. Moore, P.G.C.; Col. Clerke, P.M. 1383, P.G.S.W. Devon; Aretas Akers Douglas, W.M. Mallory Abbey Lodge, Prov. G.S.W. Kent, P.P.G.R. Oxon and P.M. of several other lodges; Rev. W. A. Hill, P.G. Chap.; Alfred Spencer, P.G. Sec.; W. Page, P.G.J.W.; Walter Monckton, P.M.; W. H. Vale, P.G.W. Herefordshire; F. Spencer, P.M.; H. B. Deane, P.P.G.D. of C. Oxfordshire, No. 10; T. Wyles, P.M.; Rev. J. H. Timins, P.M.; Rev. Stuart Robson, J. Hodgson, P.M.; Dr. Spurrell, P.M.; G. Ker, P.P.G.J.D.; H. Monckton, Dr. Davies, R. T. Tatham, R. A. Seymour, J. W. Menzies, F. S. Stenning, E. B. Smith, G. Friend, D. W. Langton, F. Green, P.M.; Dr. Meredith, S. P. Potter, Dr. Ramsey, W. Russell, and others.

The Provincial Grand Master (Viscount Holmesdale) having taken the chair, appointed Bro. J. Braddick Monckton as the Consecrating Master. Bro. Monckton thereupon occupied the chair, and proceeded with the consecration, which he performed in such a masterly manner as to call forth the warmest expressions of satisfaction from the brethren. The Rev. W. A. Hill, as Provincial Grand Chaplain, also carried out his portion of the duties in a most able manner. At the close of the ceremony Bro. Akers Douglas was installed as first Master by Bro. Reginald Bird; and on taking his seat in the Master's chair the newly-elected Master was cordially greeted.

Next followed the appointment of officers as follows:—Bros. H. Monckton, S.W.; Dr. Davies, J.W.; Rev. E. Moore, Chap.; A. Spencer, Treas.; E. B. Smith, Sec.; R. T. Tatham, S.D.; F. S. Stenning, J.D.; Dr. Meredith, I.G.; G. Friend, D.C.; J. W. Menzies, S.

Before separating cordial votes of thanks were given to Bros. J. B. Monckton and R. Bird for their valuable services, and both were elected honorary members of the lodge.

At seven o'clock a banquet was held at the Town Hall, which had been kindly placed at the disposal of the brethren by the Mayor. The W.M., Bro. A. A. Douglas, presided, and the company included those present at the consecration. The large hall was exquisitely decorated, and the arrangements for the comfort of the guests were all that could be desired. Of the banquet itself, which was furnished by Bro. Bates, the proprietor of the Mitre Hotel, it would be impossible to speak too highly. The viands and wines were alike excellent, and were placed upon the table with great taste. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and honoured; and a most enjoyable evening was spent by all present.

Bro. A. F. Rowley, P.M. 917, will represent that lodge as Steward, at the forthcoming festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, on the 13th February. Bro. Rowley will be Steward for the Male Fund, and solicits the strong support of the brethren. He has the assistance of his lodge, and of the great bulk of the members.

The Duke of Marlborough was presented on Wednesday with a congratulatory address by the Town Commissioners and Board of Guardians of Ennis, on the occasion of his visit to Dromoland. Lord Inchiquin, as chairman of the board, read the address.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE
OF SOMERSETSHIRE.

The annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held on the 15th ultimo, at the Masonic Hall, Bath. In the absence of the R.W. Prov. Grand Mark Master, Bro. the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, the V.W. Deputy Prov. Grand Mark Master, Bro. Capt. Irwin, presided. Among the visitors present were Bros. R. Carey, Dr. Woodforde, M. Ansaldo, Rev. M. Shackleton, E. T. Payne, W. Cox, R. B. Carter, W. Smith, G. S. Tricks, W. E. Reeves, A. G. Williams, G. Yates, Col. Guyon, E. W. Gordon, Col. J. R. Ford, C. T. Marshall, R. de M. Lawson, J. Dutton, J. W. Murliss, S. Mills, F. Vigard, W. H. Davies, J. P. Curtis, J. Hond, G. F. Tuckey, Dr. Bryant, C. W. Rodway, R. L. Tucker, A. S. Vosper, J. Fry, Dr. R. Wybrants, W. Munro, P. Braham, J. Smith, J. Swanson, T. Wilton, F. W. Dingle, J. G. Mitchell, A. W. Powell, A. W. Scott, E. J. Mercier, S. Bisgood, and many others.

Upon the list of lodges in the province being called it was found that with one exception (Bridgewater) all were represented. The minutes of the last P.G. Mark Lodge held at Keynshaw, having been confirmed, the P.G. Treasurer presented his report shewing a considerable balance in favour of the province. The D.P.G.M. spoke very highly of the services rendered by Bro. E. T. Payne as Treasurer, and warmly commended his mode of keeping the accounts, and his endeavours to economise the expenditure, that the province might have a large sum to devote to charity. Upon the motion of Bro. Scott, P.P.G.S.W., seconded by Bro. Dr. Bryant, the accounts were passed. The next business being the election of a Treasurer, Bro. Tuckey, P.P.G.S.W., proposed the re-election of Bro. Payne, remarking that he had the pleasure of performing a similar duty last year. They were all grateful to Bro. Payne for the zealous and efficient manner in which he performed his duties. Bro. Col. Wm. Ford seconded the proposition, which was carried by acclamation, the D.P.G.M. in putting it to the vote observing that it would be perfectly impossible to elect any one who would perform the duties better than Bro. Payne. The P.G. Treasurer thanked the brethren for their kind renewal of confidence in him, as well as for their appreciation of his services and for the compliment which had been bestowed upon him. He assured them that it gave him very great pleasure to do all in his power to advance Mark Masonry. He should be very glad to deal with a much larger sum of money, but he hoped that with the increase of lodges in the province the balance in hand would also increase.

Bro. Bond, P.M., P.G. Pursuivant, proposed that a sum of ten guineas be granted out of the Prov. Grand Mark Lodge funds towards an alleviation of the distress caused by the famine amongst our fellow sufferers in India. Bro. Tuckey seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously, the D.P.G.M. remarking that the funds could not be applied to a better or more strictly Masonic purpose, and that he should have great pleasure in adding a guinea. The D.P.G.M. also intimated his approval of a suggestion made by Bro. Munro, that any lodges in the province making donations to the same fund should forward them through the P.G. Treasurer.

The appointment and investment of officers were then proceeded with as follows:—

Col. Guyon, 177.....	P.G.S.W.
R. H. Cater.....	P.G.J.W.
Rev. M. Shackleton.....	P.G.C.
Col. Ford.....	P.G.M.O.
J. Fry.....	P.G.S.O.
J. Leaker.....	P.G.J.O.
E. T. Payne.....	P.G. Treasurer.
R. L. Tucker.....	P.G. R. of M.
W. Cox.....	P.G. Secretary.
G. Nalis.....	Assist. P.G. Sec.
A. W. Powell.....	First G.I.W.
Vosper.....	Assist. First G.I.W.
Wybrants.....	P.G.S.D.
Wood.....	P.G.D.C.
Saunders.....	P.G.A.D.C.
Major Nash.....	P.G. Swd. B.
C. Wilkinson.....	P.G. Std. B.
Braham.....	P.G.O.
S. Mills.....	P.G. Steward
W. Cousins.....	P.G. Tyler.

The D.P.G.M. apologised for the absence of the R.W. P.G.M., the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, who, he said, was prevented by the pressure of official duties from being amongst them that day. He hoped, however, that on a future occasion his lordship would attend and present the collars himself. With reference to the distribution of honours the D.P.G.M. also expressed a hope that in future Masters of lodges would be more prompt in sending in the names of the brethren recommended for P.G. rank, in order that they might be submitted to the P.G.M. The D.P.G.M. mentioned that at the last Prov. Grand Lodge a committee was appointed to prepare a design for a Mark token for adoption in the province, they had entrusted the duty to Bro. Williams, who had prepared a token in gold, silver and bronze. Bro. Williams submitted specimens, which were generally approved, and the D.P.G.M. said it was proposed to substitute a bronze token for the coin now paid upon the advancement of a brother to the Degree of M.M.M.

The D.P.G.M. then closed the P.G. Lodge in due form, after which the brethren adjourned to the Castle Hotel, where a splendid banquet was provided, with all the good things in season, and the tables were arranged in a very tasteful and superior manner, the attention paid by the W.M. and brethren of the Royal Sussex Lodge to their friends, and their evident desire to make all welcome were

beyond praise. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured, and the brethren spent a most enjoyable evening.

THE FIRE AT ST. JOHN'S

[We are requested to publish the following.]

Freemasons' Hall, Molesworth-street,
6th November, 1877.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I beg leave, respectfully and earnestly, to solicit the liberal subscription of your lodge to the fund for the relief of our Masonic brethren in St. John, New Brunswick, who are suffering from the effects of the late calamitous fire in that city, on the 20th day of June last. The majority of the inhabitants were rendered homeless, very few of them saving even a portion of their personal or household effects. Some of them saved nothing but the clothes on their backs. In a letter I had recently from the Grand Secretary, he states—"My heart bleeds for those who are reduced to utter want and destitution. No person unless one here on the spot to see and witness for himself, can form the faintest idea of the terrible havoc made on our city and its inhabitants. A General Masonic Board of Relief was immediately organized in St. John, in order to aid and shelter our suffering brethren. This board extends its helping hand to the sufferers of all degrees of Masonry, and insures a regular and systematic mode of dispensing the funds placed at its disposal. The Board is composed of the City Members of the Board of General Purposes of Grand Lodge, and the presiding officers of the Masonic bodies of all grades. The Grand Lodge of New Brunswick has appealed to us for help in this hour of need. The call is loud, and the want is great, particularly as the winter is fast approaching with its rigorous severity. I shall thankfully receive, acknowledge, and forward all contributions from your lodge, and from each member of the lodge who may be disposed to subscribe to so truly a deserving cause, and thus discharge a high and bounden Masonic duty.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

WILLIAM THOMAS WILKINSON,
Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.
To the Worshipful Master of Lodge, No.....

Subscriptions already received:—

Grand Lodge of Ireland	£100 0 0
Bro. William Thomas Wilkinson, Representa- tive of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick	5 0 0
Bro. Edward H. Kinahan, J.P., Representa- tive of the Grand Lodge of Virginia	5 0 0
1st Volunteers, 680	4 4 0
Bro. James H. Neilson, P.M., 620	2 2 0
Lodge No. 666	3 0 0
Bro. James C. Meredith, LL.D., P.M. 357	1 0 0
Bro. James Frederick, P.M. 666	0 5 0

A MASONIC FUNERAL IN AMERICA.

Sunday, October 14, will long be remembered by the Masonic fraternity of Brooklyn. There were no fewer than four funerals of deceased Masons, Cassia Lodge, No. 445, having charge of two of them—Bros. J. Firman Briest, Park-avenue, and William Marler, Clymer-street. Both the deceased brothers were old and distinguished members of the Order, and the unusually large turnout of the "brethren of the mystic tie" and other local organisations proved how wide-felt was the sorrow at their decease. Cassia Lodge formed at an early hour in their lodge-room, and, under the superintendence of their popular and zealous W.M., Horace C. Sawtelle, lately Deputy G.M. of Second District, marched in procession to the late residence of Bro. Briest. There the beautiful and impressive services peculiar to the Order were conducted by Bro. Sawtelle, Bro. Fletcher (Chaplain of Cassia Lodge) assisting at the prayers. During the service, the W.M. introduced some new features into the proceedings not found in the ritual, which were much commented on and admired both by the uninitiated and the Masonic brethren present. The funeral cortege then proceeded to Clymer-street, where similar services were held over the remains of Bro. Marler, and the two funerals wended their way to Cypress Hills Cemetery, followed by the largest concourse of sorrowing friends ever seen in the Eastern District. Cassia Lodge, in regalia, led the procession, followed by Yew-Tree and other local lodges, and were joined by a number of prominent Masons from New York and New Jersey. The Eckford Social Club, numbering over a hundred, had a fine appearance, the members being all dressed in black and wearing mourning badges on their breasts. Typographical Union, No. 6, of New York was also well represented in the procession.

On arriving at the cemetery, the brethren ranged themselves in lines three and four deep around the open grave of Bro. Marler, W.M. Sawtelle conducting the burial service. This finished, the brethren repaired to the grave of Bro. Briest, in the Masonic Cemetery, where the same sad rites were repeated, the Master again officiating for the fourth time. Bro. Sawtelle's extempore oration, after the ritual service, was a masterpiece of diction, and delivered with much feeling and effect. At its close there was not a dry eye in the vast assemblage. When the Master deposited in the grave the lambskin apron—emblem of innocence and purity, and asprig of evergreen, the brethren followed, each one, as he dropped the acacia into the grave, repeating the words; "Alas! my brother." This part of the service was sadly and solemnly effective. Then followed the singing by the brethren of the "Funeral Hymn," and the Benediction by the Chaplain, the proceedings lasting till after six o'clock.—*New York Dispatch.*

FRATERNITY

To us the great charm of Freemasonry has always been the genuine spirit of fraternity that it engenders and perpetuates. In the profane world, love both blesses and curses; it is the parent of peace and good-will, but also of strife and jealousy. It ruined Troy, and it ruins many a household at the present day, in every part of the world. The bone of contention is the bone that was taken from Adam's side. That bone is forbidden entrance into the lodge, of Freemasonry—a woman cannot be made a Mason. Therefore we have exemplified among us a love that is undefiled, a love that blesses and curses not. A Lear is impossible in Masonry; his field of operation is in the kingdom, or queendom, of the "Eastern Star." There is even rarely found the smaller jealousy of place, for usually there are honours enough to go round, and rapid rotation in office creates such frequent vacancies that there are sometimes more places than there are competent ambitious brethren to fill them. We are a band of brothers, and we exemplify continually the spirit of true fraternity.

Freemasonry is many sided, but not equilateral. Fraternity is its broadest and longest side. Charity too is a long side, but not the longest. Faith in God is one of the boundaries of the Craft; belief in the immortality of the soul is another. But the most objective, and the most valuable of all, is the spirit of fraternity. The Church teaches, with us, belief in God and the immortality of the soul, but it cannot equal us in diffusing the principles of brotherhood. We are fully persuaded that there is no society in the world, whether of divine or human institution, that so exemplifies the spirit of fraternity as does Freemasonry.

Theory and practice do not always go together in this life. There is more preaching than practising. The two ought never to be divorced, but they are. If the Church had always performed its full duty, we do not know that this would have prevented the institution of Freemasonry, but it would have retarded its growth. Our Craft was not created for moral purposes; it grew out of an operative brotherhood; it built temples before it built men. But as we have said, it is many-sided. It is now moral, religious, charitable, fraternal. It is the champion of symbolism. It is full of legends and history. There is a lifetime's study in it, and it affords the truest pleasure and the largest instruction to the painstaking student. But, back of all its rich possessions, and underlying its past, present and future, is the heart-power that manifests itself in its genuine fraternal spirit. Freemasons are unmistakably brethren.

When you enter a lodge, what is it that is most patent to your vision? Is it not the throng of individuals of differing creeds, politics, nationality and position in society, all, for the time, upon the level, all mystically united into a single family? Do not, at times, hands universally clasped indicate oneness of heart, and that Masons go hand-in-hand together for the accomplishment of all laudable objects?—Does not charity itself spring solely out of brotherhood; do we not help a brother in distress for the same reason that we would help ourselves? Freemasonry puts one brother in another's place most effectually? it unifies all interests; it unites all hearts.

Suppose that all men were brethren! To our minds the precepts of the Bible and the practice of Masonry, both are striving to achieve this end, and will one day be successful. It is the chief purpose of religion to restore men to their true relation to their Maker; it is the great purpose of Masonry to restore them to their true relation to each other; and when this latter object is accomplished, it will not be difficult to establish the filial one; in other words, when men acknowledge themselves and act towards each other as brethren, they will naturally honour love and obey their common Father.

Freemasonry is the handmaid of religion, in that it teaches the brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God.

When so much is to be gained in profiting by the spirit of fraternity, it is not surprising that there should be false brethren, as there are in the world and the church wolf in sheep's clothing. We cannot successfully exclude all of the unworthy. The black ball does it work well, but it is not the infallible remedy; yet if we would keep the Fraternity pure in the midst of an impure world, we must scrutinize most closely the character of every applicant for initiation. If the mystic tie encircle false brethren, the very brotherhood itself is imperilled. A weak link in the fraternal chain endangers the whole. Selfish greed or lack of moral principle, introduced through individuals into the Craft, may come in ever so easily, but it exercises an influence as baneful as it is powerful, and once in, it is difficult to eliminate. We can best exhibit our regard for the master-spirit of fraternity that distinguishes Freemasonry above every other institution among men, by rigidly excluding all unworthy persons from sharing in its blessings.—*Masonic Eclectic.*

Among the many different annuals published is the *Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar*. Few persons are cognisant of the difficulties attending the compilation of a work of this kind. What with the frequent changes in the times of meetings of lodges, chapters, &c., and the indifference manifested by Secretaries in furnishing information, much anxiety is occasioned in the task. The present volume contains, we are pleased to find, copious and reliable information, and deserves all the support that can be awarded it by the Masonic body.—*Sunday Times*.—Post free to any part of the United Kingdom on receipt of stamps or P.O.O. value 2/2. Address.—Publisher *Freemason*, 198, Fleet-street, London.—Advt.

Bro. Alderman D. H. Stone, was on Wednesday elected treasurer of St. Thomas's Hospital.

Masonic and General Tidings.

On Tuesday, the 6th inst., at the drill-room, Preston, Bro. Major Turner, P.G. Treas., West Lancashire, distributed the prizes won by members of the 48th (Prescot) L.R.V., at the competition which took place last September at the Altcar prize meeting.

KNIGHTHOOD FOR THE EX-MAYOR OF LIVERPOOL.—An official announcement has been made that her Majesty has been graciously pleased to confer the honour of knighthood on Andrew Barclay Walker, Esq., the ex-Mayor of Liverpool. At present he has received no intimation from the Privy Council that this honour has been conferred upon him, but there is no doubt of the fact that his worship will be known in future as Sir Andrew Barclay Walker, Knight. Few men, during a brief career of public life, have done so much for the people of Liverpool as his worship. The Walker Art Gallery is a monument of princely liberality, and a desire to elevate the taste and advance the moral condition of the people; and the inhabitants of the town generally will concur in congratulating him upon this well-deserved mark of distinction conferred by our Sovereign. As the crowning act of his two year's office as chief magistrate, Mr. Alderman Walker gave a fancy dress ball, at the Town Hall, on Wednesday, the 7th inst., which was attended by about 1000 guests. The gathering was probably the most brilliant ever witnessed at the Town Hall.

The Ceremony of Installation will be rehearsed in the Wellington Lodge of Instruction, at the White Swan, High-street, Deptford, on Monday next, the 19th inst., by Bro. John Shaw, P.M. 79. Lodge will be opened at 8 o'clock precisely.

The first annual banquet of the London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction is to be held on Thursday, the 29th inst., at the Club, 101, Queen Victoria-street. Bro. C. J. Hogg, Past Grand Steward, will take the chair at 6.30 p.m. Brethren desirous of attending should communicate with Bro. J. E. Shand, 101, Queen Victoria-street, City.

The Christmas number of the *Masonic Magazine* will be ready on or about the 15th of December, and will consist of 96 pp. of letter-press, in addition to a handsome illuminated wrapper. The contributors to this special number include the names of many of the most celebrated Masonic writers of the present day. Full particulars, with table of contents and list of contributors will duly appear. Orders should be given at once. Price to non-subscribers One Shilling.

The annual festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement will take place at Freemason's Hall, on Friday evening, November 23rd, on which occasion Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Donoughmore, R.W. Past Senior Grand Warden, has kindly consented to preside. Bro. C. A. Murton, Past Grand Deacon, will take the chair of the lodge, which will be opened in the Grand Hall, at six o'clock precisely.

The "Gossips' Bowl" is the title of the Christmas number of the *Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News*. Miss Braddon writes the leading story, entitled "Thou Art the Man." The illustrations will include a colour-printed double-page supplement, from a painting by J. T. Lucas, entitled "Chips of the Old Block," and engravings after works (specially provided for this number), by P. R. Morris, A.R.A.; Walter Oulless, A.R.A.; Fred Barnard, George Holmes (painter of "Can't You Talk?"), John Sturgess, and other artists.

LITERARY PENSION.—Dr. George Macdonald, the author of "Alce Forbes" and many novels and poems, has been awarded a pension of £100 a year on the Civil List.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Southern Star Lodge of Instruction, No. 1158, on Thursday, the 22nd inst., at seven p.m.

The numerous Masonic and other friends of Bro. W. J. Ashcroft, a member of the Upton Lodge, No. 1227, who is known almost universally as "the Solid Man," has just returned from America, will be pleased to hear that he has been completely restored to good health, and for the last fortnight he has been fulfilling one of the most successful engagements on record at the New Star Music Hall, Liverpool, so admirably managed by Bro. D. Saunders, Lodge 1609 (Dramatic).

The Mayor of Hastings, Bro. Alderman Howell, in proposing "The Health of the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," at the Mayor's banquet, on Nov. 9th, said—"All who knew how admirably the Prince had performed his duties, and how the Princess won golden opinions from all sides, and endeared, in fact were the whole of the Royal Family to the hearts of Englishmen. For himself he was proud to say that he was one of those who could call Albert Edward not only prince but brother. He had the honour of assisting at the great gathering at which the Prince presided at the head of English Masonry. In these days, when they heard so much of the dangers abroad from secret societies, they could point to England, with the future King at the head of Masonry, and the highest nobles of the land among the members."

On Monday last the Rev. Dr. Brette, P.M., No. 1460, and Past Provincial Grand Chaplain, Middlesex, was unanimously elected Worshipful Master of the Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657.

MASONIC SONGS.—A selection of Masonic Songs set to popular airs, written by Bro. E. P. Philpots, M.D., F.R.G.S., is now ready, forming a handsome volume, bound in cloth, with gilt edges, 3s. Sent post free from the office of this paper on receipt of stamps or post-office order value 3s. 2d.—Advt.

The Lord Mayor acknowledged on Tuesday last the receipt of £4 6s. 6d. from the *Freemason Indian Famine Fund*.

IMPERIAL LODGE, No. 1694.—The consecration of this lodge, which we understand is to be a private one, took place on Wednesday last, at the Cadogan Hotel, Sloane-street, S.W. The consecrating officer was Bro. Hervey, G.S., who was assisted by Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., and Bro. H. G. Buss, Assistant G.S. The officers appointed were—Bros. P. H. Jones, P.M. 858, W. M.; Blennell Pollard, S.W.; and C. H. Reid Todd, J.W.

The Lord Chancellor has issued an order authorising the closing of the county courts on the 22nd, the 24th, and 26th of December.

We hear that some popular Ballad Concerts are about to be given at the Angel Town Institution, Brixton, every Saturday evening, commencing 8th December. Some well-known artists will appear. The concerts will be under the management of Bros. T. Turle Lee, and Wm. Worrell.

ROYAL MASONIC BOYS' SCHOOL.

MASONIC F.C., v. BUXTON COLLEGE.

These clubs met for the first time this season on Wednesday last, on the Masonic ground at Wood Green. The home team having won the toss chose to kick off, which was done by their captain. The forwards following up the ball well, the next five minutes was occupied by scrimmages in all of which the Masonic gained ground. Mr. Gardner by a pass from Godsmark then succeeded in obtaining a try, which however he failed to convert into a goal. After some excellent play on the part of the forwards of both teams and several good runs by the school which were stopped by the good collaring of the Buxton men, Mr. Kelly after a splendid run obtained a try, which enabled Mr. Gardner to kick a goal. Before "half-time" was called Mr. Gardner got two other tries and in both cases kicked the ball over the cross-bar. Shortly after "half-time," Howard by following up a good kick got a try, which however did not result in a goal. From this point till "time" three other tries were obtained, Scurr succeeding in kicking one goal and a postern. For the Masonic Messrs. Gardner, Kelly, Howard and Parker, while for the Visitors Messrs. Domeneck, Meakin, and Williams played well, Williams being particularly distinguished for collaring. When time was called the Masonic were the victors by 4 goals, 3 "tries," a "postern" and two "touch-downs" to nil.

MASONIC.—Hart, (back 1 try), Messrs. Gardner, (4 tries) and Kelly, (1 try) (3 backs), Parker and Ellis (3 backs), Godsmark, (capt.) Surr, Davies, Molineaux, Howard, (2 tries), W. Sparkes, H. Wood, Eastland, Mr. Humphrey and Mr. G. Gardner (forwards).

BUXTON.—Rundle, (back), Domeneck and Webb, (2 backs), Meakin and Williams (4 backs), Duncan, Davies, Dupuy, Wesham Cave, Edwards, Hicks, Clarke, Bracombe and Etherton (forwards).

BEES V. MASONIC F.C.

In somewhat boisterous weather, the above clubs met for the first time on the ground of the Bees, at Finsbury Park, the ground being in a lamentable condition which made it almost an impossibility to stand. The Masonic having won the toss, chose to play against the wind, then blowing almost a gale. The leather was put in motion by the Bees' captain, at 3.55; the first fifteen minutes play was occupied chiefly in scrimmage, when Kelly got away and after a good run, obtained a try for the visitors, which Mr. Gardner converted into a goal; before half-time three other tries were obtained, only one of which, however, resulted in a goal, as Kelly's punt from the goal line in one case was a failure. During the second half-time three more tries were obtained, from which the ball was once placed over the tape by Scurr, it being really a difficult matter to kick with anything like precision owing to the mud and wind. For the Masonic Messrs. Gardner, Kelly, Godsmark, Parker, and Ellis played well, while for the Bees Messrs. Weir, Chant, Booth, and Greengrass did their best to avert defeat, Greengrass being especially conspicuous as quarter-back. When time was called the Masonic were winners by three goals and four tries to nil.

BEES.—W. Weir, (back), J. Chant, R. Booth, (half-backs), Greengrass, J. Weir, (quarter-backs), W. Mason, G. Smith, G. Storey, W. Callings, R. Reid, W. Whiteside, F. Pilon, C. Baker, Powell and J. Chant, (forwards).

MASONIC.—Hart, (back), Messrs. Kelly, (three tries), and Gardner, (two tries), (half-backs), Parker and Ellis, (quarter-backs), C. Godsmark, (one try), F. Godsmark, Messrs. Basse, Scurr, Davies, Eastland, H. Wood, Howard, W. Sparkes, (one try), and Molineaux, (forwards).

THE REMOVAL OF TEMPLE BAR.—Late on Thursday afternoon, at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, a report was brought up from the City Lands Committee, by Mr. Rudkin, on the subject of Temple Bar, recommending that the structure should be forthwith removed, with the exception of the abutment on the northern side, which will remain until the negotiations between the government and the Corporation respecting the width of the pavement there are completed. Messrs. Child, the bankers, had liberally aided the Corporation in the improvement in this spot by voluntarily giving four feet six inches along the whole line of their frontage into the public way. This will enable a foot-path of 10 feet to be constructed on the southern side, and a wide roadway for four carriages; in the middle of which roadway it is contemplated to erect a pillar or obelisk to mark the site of the old Bar, with a rest for pedestrians crossing the Strand. The report was carried without opposition.—*Evening Standard.*

Reviews.

"The Mysteries of the Bible Dates solved by the Great Pyramid;" by William Rowbottom, W. H. Guest, 24, Paternoster Row.

We have opened the above work with much interest, and perused it with carefulness, but we have laid it down, we confess, in a considerable haze of mental understanding, so to say.

Admitting that much, very much, which the writer advances, may have a great deal to commend it to the mind of the ethnological or archaeological student, we cannot so far, grasp the data on which Bro. Rowbottom, as we believe we may term him, arrives at his facts, much less his conclusions. We search in vain for any evidence by which he is enabled to assign to the Great Pyramid a pre-Tower-of-Babel erection, and we feel bound to say that so far as the Great Pyramid itself may be considered a "factor" in the solution of Bible dates, any such theory if ingenious and lively is at any rate so far "in nubibus," and altogether "not proven." We wish we could assent to many of the suggestions of Bro. Rowbottom. But we fear that they can neither be historically accepted, nor logically proved. We hold, too, that there is a great deal of loose, unscientific, inaccurate, sentimental, mystical, "exegesis" afloat just now, as regards especially the monumental, or mystical history of the Bible, and that Bro. Rowbottom, with good intentions, has dipped into the wake of that unsatisfactory school of interpretation and explanation, which after all, does not advance the cause of truth, or uphold the reality of the Bible Story. Neither the one nor the other can be helped in our opinion, by sentimental theories, however elaborate and ingenious, or unscientific treatment of the stern facts of history, of antiquity, maternal life, and above all, monumental evidence. We, for example, like Mr. Gladstone, utterly reject the "Hebrew absorption" theory, in the Anglo Saxon race, as most opposed to every reliable shred of indubitable evidence, the actual facts of history and ethnology. We do not deny that many of Bro. Rowbottom's speculations are very striking and attractive, but we doubt their correctness, even their utility, and we always look with jealousy on this trifling with numbers; this heaping up of imaginary coincidences, this post hoc proper hoc accommodation of supposed facts, to the salient points of history and chronology.

These remarks of ours, we beg to observe, do not proceed from any spirit of complaint against Bro. Rowbottom's peculiar theory, but simply are the "outcome" of much careful thought, and study of the very intricate and yet absorbing subjects to which he calls attention. We also think that a review of any work should be truthful and bonâ fide, not merely made up of sugary phrases or accommodating compliments.

When the Great Pyramid was actually built, may be still a matter of grave doubt, but we cannot accept the suggestions for many reasons, that it was either previous to or contemporaneous with the erection of the Tower of Babel. It may have had an astronomical import, and probably had, but we are much more inclined to see in it a witness of the old Egyptian mysteries.

But when we have said all this, we do not for one moment deny Bro. Rowbottom's abstract and concrete right to propound his own views, as he does ably, and very clearly, and as opinions always widely differ in this world, and there are two sides to every question, much may be said pro and con the very interesting subject he has broached in his recent work. We beg to call the attention of all Masonic students to it, as it will repay studious thought and careful perusal.

Bro. Rowbottom may fairly say, I have but followed the opinion of others in making Abraham coexistent with the great pyramid, as some you know have attributed it to Isaac, whom they term Chemis, and therefore the subject is still an open one, the more so as Professor Greaves, long ago (1646), admitted that it was difficult to affix the date, adding that some ascribed it to Nimrod, some to Israel, some to a king contemporaneous with Moses, some to a much earlier dynasty, and some even went back to mythic and pre-historic times. Good old Greaves even quotes Livy as saying "Quis rem tam veterem pro certo affirmet?" Who shall affirm so old a matter for certain? Though not then convinced ourselves, and having thought it better to express our opinion, honestly we yet feel that a good deal may be advanced by Bro. Rowbottom for his own view of the case, and that his work deserves notice and to be read.

"Lectures delivered in the Grand Lodge of Instruction in Ireland, by Bro. J. H. TOWNSEND, LL.D.," Wm. Underwood, Dublin.

These lectures, which have been published "under the sanction, and by the authority of the R.W. the Grand Lodge of Ireland," will well repay both study and perusal. They are ably written and clearly expressed, and mark the productions of a Mason and a scholar.

We agree with them both in substance and in scope, and they appear very seasonably just now, when so much false teaching is abroad and afloat. Whether as regards the exact principles of Freemasonry, its dogmatic declarations, such as they are, its moral teaching, and its practical efforts, we have felt for some time that the struggle has to be fought out by us, and that Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry must come to the fore, and declare openly and fraternally its solemn determination, to uphold the unchanging and unaltered landmarks of Freemasonry.

These, inter alia, we hold strongly to be these, the fatherhood of God, and the brotherhood of man; the morality of the Bible, the ceaseless avowal of toleration, justice, humanity, and brotherly love. To suppose, as some seem to do, that Freemasonry is mere humanitarianism is a sad mistake. To seek to set our moral

teaching, as Dr. Townsend ably and conclusively shews on mere natural morality, (if such a thing exists), must be productive of most serious consequences. Freemasonry rests its teaching alone on the Divine Law, and without that sacred basis, all our beautiful language would be but as "sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal." We are glad therefore, at a time when foreign Freemasonry is over-run by the platitudes of the Positivists or disgraced by the "Anomia" of the "Morale Independante," by the specious errors of rationalists or even the absurdities of materialistic infidels, to find such true and sound and wholesome teaching clearly avowed and manfully laid down by our distinguished brother, under the sanction of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and we recommend this little work to the notice of all our readers.

"The Dietetic Reformer."

The "Dietetic Reformer" for November is immensely amusing, reaching an extreme of absurdity that we should hardly have thought possible. The inferences drawn from the Darwinian theory of evolution are so ludicrous, as to make us wonder whether it is not a "skit" intended to take a rise out of the credulous.

We understand that the work will be fully reviewed in the January number of the "Masonic Magazine."

SKETCHES OF MASONIC CHARACTER.
No. XIII.

BRO. PLUMMER AT HOME.

We conclude these random sketches of ours to-day, and trust that they have been and will be received by our kindly Craft with gentle criticism and fraternal feeling. They were hastily thrown off, to fill up a vacant column of the *Freemason*, and are nothing more than they profess to be, slight "crayon" sketches of some good brethren of ours, whom we have known in the flesh, many of whom we have liked greatly, many of whom we have mourned sincerely. Time as it leaves all here always recalls to the thoughtful mind old scenes and old friends. We re-people the busy or lonely lot to-day with the forms and fancies, the voices and vanities, of other days; and go where we will, be what we may, he must be a very cold, ungenial, unsympathetic individual, to whom ancient if vanished mates have no friendly voices, for whom faded if distant hours have no "souvenirs."

We may add this—that these rough and hasty sketches, however unpretending or valueless in themselves, have just this one merit and advantage. They are not only strictly true as sketches of a few contemporary Masons, but they have been coloured, however feebly, in the truest spirit of fraternal good-will and regard. Ours has been no pen "dipped in gall," we have imparted no secrets, and betrayed no confidences, we have not even intruded into the arena of public or descended the area of private life, we have not "rung the 'hairey bell,'" nor made the name of our friends open and clear as "the blush of day." Whether others recognised our feeble portraits or not, we think we do ourselves, which is, we venture to believe, quite enough for us, and let us hope for our readers.

Plummer is a very active officer of the good Lodge "Leviathan." He is its "Senior Deacon," and is said confidentially, as Bro. Wigginson tells us, to "keep the lodge together," "to do all the work," and to be the needful, if not the "coming man" in that old and famous lodge.

How many lodges are there which boast of a Bro. Plummer, and how often in life is it true, as in this society or that, without the indispensable mortal nothing could or would go right. Does our own recollection supply us with no data even now, to prove how true is that mundane condition of affairs, and how men and things, as well as lodges and institutions, depend on the man of the circumstance or the exigencies of the hour. We sometimes think that we live, as some one has said, in an age of "aggregation." We too often forget that the history of the world, and of men, yes, and of Masonry, is after all only the record of individualism. It is the individual man who has done the most and the greatest work in this old world of ours, just as it is the individual Mason who keeps his lodge in activity and advances the light of Masonry. But as this is a hobby of our own, and it runs counter somewhat to one of the most popular fallacies of the day, belief in numbers, we think better to hold our hand for fear of coming to grief.

Bro. Plummer has a wife, who, though a most excellent woman and an admirable consort, does not altogether approve of Bro. Plummer's lodge evenings. He sometimes is a little too late for that good lady, who, in consequence, speaks her mind pretty freely to our worthy brother. Plummer came home late from a glorious meeting of the "Leviathan" the other evening in a very genial frame of mind. He had thoroughly enjoyed himself. Had he not heard Bros. Fusbos and Lockitt, and Harkaway, and Upperton, and McWhaler, and O'Dowd, all dilate eloquently on the ineffable value of Freemasonry, the reality of its principles, and the sincerity of the brethren. He threw away his cigar, as he drew near No. 99, "in our square," drew forth his latch-key, meaning to let himself in and go upstairs quietly, and astonish Mrs. Plummer. Vain often are the hopes of mortals. Mrs. Plummer had fastened the door chain, and poor Plummer had to ring quietly and timidly, for he foresaw a coming hurricane. The door is opened slowly. Mrs. Plummer, like a Roman matron, "en peignoir," welcomes the erratic if gay-hearted Plummer with these emphatic, though disjointed remarks, in a somewhat rapid utterance: "A nice time to come home, Bro. Plummer; a quarter-past twelve; have you been at your lodge all this time? Don't make a noise, or you'll disturb the children; permit me to take your Masonic clothing; you had better come and sit in the

morning room before you go upstairs; I have been sitting up alone for three long hours." What can a poor man or brother say or do under such pathetic circumstances?"

How Bro. Plummer got over the incidents of that eventful night we know not, but this we do know, that Mrs. Plummer had a most becoming gown and striking bonnet on next Sunday at church which no one had ever seen before, and which were the admiration as well as the envy of all her dearest female friends. If any of our readers, male or feminine, fraternal or unfraternal, can discern any explanation under the circumstances, from the facts here recorded for their edification, we hope that they will do so, and that it will give them the same satisfaction it undoubtedly gave Sister Plummer, and has assuredly given us.

NOTES ON ART, &c.

ART IN HOSPITALS.—A correspondent writes as follows:—"You may like to know how the pictures you sent me some months ago (in answer to my request for a parcel for hospitals and orphanages in India) were distributed, and how they were received. They were divided among eleven hospitals in the three Presidencies, three orphanages, St. John's College, Agra, a good school, and a few mission houses. The portraits of the Queen were mostly coloured before being sent out, and they have given satisfaction. Dr. Coates, of the Medical College Hospital, Calcutta, writes: 'Our bare walls have often been a source of regret to me; these pictures have much relieved them, and I hope will gladden some of the sick for many years.' Dr. Elliot, of the Presidency General Hospital, Calcutta, says: 'I beg to thank you very much in the name of the General Hospital for the pictures kindly sent for beautifying the walls of the institution; they are most acceptable, and I hope you will express the warmest thanks of all connected with the Presidency General Hospital.' I might multiply extracts from the fifteen acknowledgments I have already had, but I trust these will show how gratefully your gifts were received." Perhaps some of our readers who possess prints and illustrations might feel encouraged by these statements to forward them to the numerous hospitals and charitable institutions with which our country and its colonies abound.

MARY, QUEEN OF SCOTS.—Mr. Raphael Tuck, of 177, City Road, has lately published an admirable oleograph from Sichel's painting of the last moments of this unfortunate lady. The work is well worthy of examination, as showing the high degree of perfection now attained in this particular branch of art, which, though often maligned, affords for those who are fond of colour, and who cannot pay for costly oil-paintings, a very effective substitute.

A CENTENARIAN PAUPER.—At the last meeting of the Board of Guardians at Lampeter an old woman applied for relief whose age was 99 years 11 months and one week. The old woman looked hale and hearty, and was evidently in the full possession of all her faculties. Her ground of application for relief was that she did not now "feel able to support herself."

THE LATE M. GUSTAVE BRION.—This talented painter, who was executing the illustrations in the *Graphic* to "The History of a Crime," died suddenly at Paris on Sunday in a fit of apoplexy. We will reserve any detailed biography of M. Brion, as we hope to publish his portrait, but we may mention that he was only fifty-three years of age, and was well-known in England by his pictures of "A Wedding in Alsace," "Woodcutters of the Black Forest," "Bretons at a Church Door," "A Funeral in the Vosges," and many other works. The illustrations of "The Arrested Representatives Marching Through the Streets," was probably the last work which emanated from his pencil.—*Graphic*.

PARIS EXHIBITION, 1878.—Messrs. Thomas Cook and Son inform us that in consideration of the services which they rendered to the British Executive throughout the Vienna Exhibition of 1873 they have been appointed exhibitors' passenger agents for the British section of the Paris Exhibition. Mr. Cunliffe Owen, in communicating the appointment, says:—"The principal object which his Royal Highness, as President of the Royal Commission for the Exhibition, has in view is the reduction of the passenger rates in favour specially of the exhibitors, their assistants and workmen, who may be visiting Paris throughout the course of the next year."

Woodcocks have appeared in England this autumn much earlier than usual, and several couples have already been shot in the woodbanks near Godstone.

The Chrysanthemums in the Temple Gardens are now in full bloom, and owing to the mild weather make a very good show this year. There are the usual three varieties—the Japanese, the anemone, and the quilled chrysanthemums, besides the pompones, and the white and yellow blooms predominate, some of the white quilled being especially beautiful. Several Japanese of a pinkish-lilac tint are also very fine.

A new Room in the Paris Louvre has been opened, containing ancient American curiosities.

"Helen's Babies" has been dramatised for the American stage.

Constitutions of the Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, containing the Charges, Regulations, E.A. Song, &c. A copy should be in the possession of every brother. It may be obtained for 2s. at the office of the *Freemason*, or will be sent post free to any part of the United Kingdom on receipt of twenty-five penny stamps. Address, Publisher, 198, Fleet-street London.—ADVT.

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BIRTHS.

HUNTER.—On the 10th inst., at Newmains, Lanarkshire, N.B., Mrs. Hunter, of Glenapp, of a daughter.

SAKER.—On the 8th inst., at 118, Bedford-street, South, Liverpool, the wife of Bro. Edward Saker, of the Dramatic Lodge, No. 1609, Lessee of the Royal Alexandra Theatre, of a son.

WEST.—On the 11th inst., at Globe-villa, Catford-bridge, Kent, the wife of A. T. West, of a son.

DEATHS.

COOPER.—On the 10th inst., at City-terrace, Hornsey-road, C. Cooper, aged 40.

INSKIP.—On the 7th inst., T. G. Inskip, of Fenstanton, Huntingdonshire, aged 18.

SHAND.—On the 13th inst., of consumption, at West Cliff, Bournemouth, whither he had gone on 26th ult., hoping to improve his health, Alexander Shand, of Coventry, aged 27 years.

WOOLF.—On the 7th inst., at Gower-street, Fanny, wife of B. S. Woolf, Esq., aged 26.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1877.

THE RECENT RESOLUTION OF THE IRISH GRAND LODGE.

The Irish Grand Lodge has spoken, and we venture to think well and wisely. We are much pleased to observe that the views we have from time to time expressed in this crisis, and the dangers we have sought carefully to point out, have so deeply impressed the authorities of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, as to have drawn from them a seasonable protest and a very becoming resolution. Indeed, we do not see, as we have often said before, what other course the Grand Lodges in England, Ireland, Scotland, the Canadas, and the United States have to take, or can take. The Grand Orient of Egypt, we are also happy to observe, has had the courage to make a similar avowal. That such a course is both advisable and needful, a little consideration will, we think, convince us all. The French Grand Orient has now, alas! fulfilled Monsigneur Dupanloup's prophecy, and has boldly taken out from its Constitutions any recognition of belief in T.G.A.O.T.U. In so doing it has cut itself loose from the traditions of French Freemasonry, from the whole fabric of Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry, and from the undeniable teaching of Cosmopolitan Freemasonry. It has most unwisely, and most unreasonably, as we think, endorsed the mistaken views of an active and somewhat unscrupulous section of French Freemasonry, and has practically upheld the unsound objections of "Positivists" Professors, and the unintellectual avowal of Massol's "Morale indépendante." Practically, the profession of French Freemasonry is now, nothing but moral nihilism and avowed atheism. An actual Atheist may now be admitted into French Freemasonry, and remembering what has been stated by Bro. Behr and others in the French Grand Orient itself, what is put forward, what admitted elsewhere, we cannot but entertain the greatest fears for the future of French Freemasonry, we cannot but profess the gravest doubts as to the legal position and Masonic character of the French Grand Orient itself. We do not and cannot conceive that under such circumstances, and such an unsatisfactory position of affairs, any English, or Irish, or Scotch, or American, or Canadian Masons can enter the French lodges either with safety to themselves, or with honour to the Craft, and we therefore quite sympathize with all the proper considerations, which have prompted and produced the last resolution of the Irish Grand Lodge. In all probability, we think that the English and Scottish Grand Lodges will follow suit, and we feel certain that across the Atlantic there will be an universal feeling of reprobation of the recent act of the Grand Orient of France, which is neither fair nor tolerant, befitting or Masonic. It is, in fact, a yielding to pressure from without. It is more or less a political act, emanating from a political party, and conceived in the worst spirit of those dark and dangerous days, which gave such a shock to true liberty and peaceful civilization, and have only apparently aided the cause of sceptical astuteness and retrograde barbarism. Why the French Grand Orient could not go on its Masonic career and work in peace we never yet could understand. There has apparently been an extreme and unquiet party at work for some time in its midst, which has sought to assimilate Freemasonry, which knows nothing of politics, to party coteries and "Esprits forts." The "Libres Penseurs" as they are called, have for the time got the upper hand, and the Grand Orient of France, between the Scylla and Charibdis of infidelity and communism, of unbelief and politics, appears likely to go to pieces. Yes, we repeat the good Ship Freemasonry in France seems to be driving on to a lee shore; heavy breakers are ahead, the helm is shattered, the steersman is washed overboard, and the crew are in panic and bewilderment. We therefore cordially hail the resolution of the Irish Grand Lodge, which interdicts to all reverent and religious Irish Freemasons an entrance into lodges in France in

which they are ashamed or afraid to acknowledge the name of T.G.A.O.T.U., and we trust that the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland will follow this good example, and that the Grand Lodges of Canada and the United States will imitate such needful proceedings. For there is no good, we feel, in being any longer reticent or mealy mouthed. The recent proceedings of the Grand Orient are as unrighteous as they are unmasonic, and our French brethren must be told so in plain language, and in terms of kindly but fraternal severity. It is impossible but that all Anglo-Saxon Masons must be deeply hurt by, and sincerely deplore the conclusion of that sorry fanaticism and the result of much ill-omened agitation which isolates French Freemasonry, and separates it, let us hope not for long, from over a million of faithful Freemasons.

THE LAST GRAND CHAPTER.

We have read the record of the last Grand Chapter with much pleasure and approval, for we are quite sure that in granting the charters for the Bayard and Wanderer Lodge Chapters Grand Chapter has come to a sound resolution, and exercised a most wise discretion. We confess to be among those who always doubted the expediency of that resolution of Grand Chapter to which so much allusion was made. We do not often disagree with our good Bro. Joseph Smith, but we cannot coincide with his line of argument in respect of this question. He does not appear to see any hardship in a lodge not having a chapter attached to it; neither does he consider it any anomaly, if the brethren who wish for exaltation have to go to other chapters. No doubt such has been the custom in London and in some large towns, but we never could see the force or reason of such a state of things. We, on the contrary, hold strongly that any lodge which wishes to have a chapter attached to it should be permitted to have one, of course supposing, of which there is happily no fear now, that there are sufficient Principals to keep the chapter in working order. We are among those who have always valued and admired our Royal Arch Grade, and we rejoice to think how far more widely it is appreciated by Craftsmen than used to be the case, say twenty-five years ago. It is in the interest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and we will add Craft Masonry, that all possible extension should be given to the Royal Arch, and that the legitimate requests of lodges should be granted for charters to chapters. Indeed, we are among those who for various reasons think that every lodge ought to have a Royal Arch Chapter attached to it. We are aware that some good men and true think differently on this subject, and differ widely from our views on the matter, but as we have never seen cause to change our deliberate conviction, now of many years, and the very progress of Craft Masonry seems to confirm our humble ideas on the subject we hold to them more strongly than ever, we congratulate, therefore, the Grand Chapter on the practical good sense by which its deliberations have been marked, and we feel certain that its decision, which all will hail with pleasure, will greatly advance amongst us the happy progress of the Royal Arch system. The only possible objection that can be urged is that to which Bro. Joseph Smith adverted, the want of interest in the Royal Arch as compared with Craft Masonry, but that, we believe, is a state of things greatly improved in the last few years. There is no part of our system which to our mind deserves more support and commendation than the Royal Arch system, and we hail gladly the prospect now before us of a rapid increase of the number of Royal Arch Chapters amongst us. It will be, as we believe, of much benefit to English Freemasonry in every way.

LABOUR AND REFRESHMENT.

It is often alleged against Freemasons that they are a little too fond of the latter, and easily induced to give up the former. We however, beg to deny the "soft impeachment." There are no doubt, amongst our body, (as in every

walk in life), certain worthy individuals whose zeal for labour is limited, and whose enjoyment of refreshment is abounding. We do not for a moment deny that in other days, and even at this hour, many of our lodge arrangements, our Masonic working, and our Masonic æsthetics, are made to subserve to the imperious requirements of the festive board or culinary considerations. Perhaps there are not a few even amongst us to whom the lodge symposium has much more interest than the lodge work, and for whom all the well-known and cherished accessories of our ancient and elevated ritual are often tedious and not unfrequently trying. For them the only really happy moment is, when the bustling Tyler or the energetic Steward proclaims "Dinner is ready, brethren." But these we venture to believe, constitute the few among the many. In all societies of men, as in the wondrous hive, we may find the bees and the drones, yes, and even also the wasps, and to suppose that Freemasonry is perfection, or that Freemasons are impeccable, is to violate every canon of common sense, is to be oblivious altogether of the countless weaknesses of humanity. But in the next place we wish to point out that after all refreshment is a necessary and natural sequence of labour. We must never forget that Freemasonry has its social side, and a very good thing is Masonic sociality, if not of course, carried to extremes. Freemasonry, among other moral graces and virtues, fitly recommends moderation, and as Freemasons, we always endeavour to strike the golden mean as between the two extremes, excess and asceticism. We do not suppose that any one really ever can argue seriously that under any circumstances the old world theory is tenable, which would condemn us to a total abstinence from the good things of this world, on high religious grounds. Our religion is to be shewn in our moderation and self-control, not in utter self-abnegation of all those things which may be a temptation, a snare, and a danger to us. Otherwise in truth, those old Monastic Orders were right, (but which proposition few could safely, we think, uphold now), which went out of the world altogether, because afraid of its temptations, its enjoyments, and its excesses. So also that unwise teaching might be held to be correct, which would hold up dirt and debasement, the entire absence of washing the person, for instance, to be token of a chastened spirit of true religion. Such a theory might have suited a darker day of personal superstition and intellectual suppression, but it cannot, we think, endure the light of this nineteenth century, or coexist with the progress of right reason, common sense, nay true religion in the world. Some of the heroes and heroines of a fictitious code of morals and manners of life and purity, are, to our mind, (dull dogs as we are) very dirty and common-place personages indeed, and we never can be led to believe that T.G.A.O.T.U. is honoured in any way, or his kingdom advanced among men, by usages which seem to border on Fetishism, or by observances which belong to a dormant intellect or a debased humanity. Indeed, it is a mockery on all true religion, to term any such excesses of hyper fanaticism anything else but degrading mockeries of glorious truths, of saving words, of a living morality, of Religion gladdening, ennobling, elevating restoring man. While then, we condemn all excess, we feel bound to uphold that reasonable enjoyment of Masonic sociability which gives a zest to labour, and adds pleasant links to a wide-extending far-encircling friendship. We ourselves have found many fast friends, and spent very many pleasant hours in the inner circle of this or that good lodge. Time has run on smoothly or roughly with us all, as the case may be, but many of us have looked forward to our lodge meeting, month by month, as a gracious renewal of amicable interest, as a seasonable refresher of ancient sympathies. We meet as brethren, work as brethren, we gather round the social board as brethren, we part as brethren, and when the lodge is over and the gathering has separated for distant homes or neighbouring abodes, that has been a most unsuccessful and inauspicious assembly, let us believe, in which the ancient bonds of living sympathy have not received encouragement and confirmation. Let

us not then be ashamed that in our lodges we still keep up the good old custom of hospitality, the virtues of kindness, interest, personal regard and individual friendship. One of the greatest gifts of T.G.A.O.T.U. to man is Friendship, and may its peaceful and pleasant union ever be maintained and cemented by us as Freemasons, and may geniality, and moderation, ever distinguish the social assemblies of Freemasonry.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

THE SURREY MASONIC CLUB.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

At length there seems to be a prospect that the vicissitudes through which the Surrey Masonic Hall has passed will result in a satisfactory disposal of the building to the purposes for which it has been erected; and that, after all, it will become a useful adjunct to the Craft, and a credit and an ornament to the Masonic Order.

It is unnecessary to dilate upon the difficulties which have surrounded the undertaking from its inception; and it would be unwise to too closely criticise the hitherto lukewarmness of the South Metropolitan brethren generally, and the action of the directors of the late company, which together have impeded the progress of the work. Suffice it to say that the entire building is now in the hands, and under the control, of one or more persons thoroughly interested in all that concerns the good of Freemasonry, and that he or they intend to afford to all members of the Order at least the opportunity of proving that they are ready to practically evidence that unity of purpose which so many of them have professed.

As a first step to this desideratum, the Surrey Masonic Club has been started under excellent auspices, and will commence business on the 1st of December next. I hope you will give me space to enlarge on the facilities afforded by the building itself for the successful carrying on of such an undertaking, and on the reasons why it should have unqualified support from the numerous brethren connected with the important district having the Surrey Masonic Hall for its centre.

And first, as to the building. It is situated in a main road from Westminster Bridge southward, close to the Camberwell Station of a railway connecting Victoria with the heart of the city, from either of which places it is but a quarter of an hour's journey. It possesses a spacious and comfortable Temple, fitted with all the necessary lodge furniture and accessories for the perfect working of our ceremonies, together with ante-rooms and a large dining-room contiguous thereto. There are also rooms to be set apart for the use of the club, as reading-room, smoke-room, and billiard-room, with all proper offices, and cellars for storage of wines and provisions; and, though last not least, the large hall itself, capable of accommodating comfortably 800 persons, and which, it is to be hoped, will speedily be required for Masonic purposes only, and not, (to quote the "Sphinx") for "mendicci, mimo, balatrone, hoc genus omne." So much for the excellent accommodation which can be afforded, as well for direct Masonic uses as for those of the new club.

Reasons why the Surrey Masonic Club should be thoroughly supported are as "plentiful as blackberries," but I fear to risk your refusal of space by attempting to state them in extenso. Let me name a few of the principal, leaving my readers to supply others according to their individual opinions.

Freemasons only will be admitted as members, and, consideration being given to their payments as subscribers to their several lodges, the club subscription has been fixed at only half-a-guinea per annum. From and after the 1st of January next a joining fee of half-a-guinea will be required from each new member, but prior to that date all who may be accepted on proposition and ballot will be admitted without joining fee. The club will be proprietary, and no member will have monetary responsibility beyond the amount of his subscription. For this subscription the use of reading-room, supplied with leading newspapers, reviews, magazines, and periodicals, together with a first-class circulating library, smoke-room, billiard-room, and general conveniences, will be at the daily service of each member, from eleven o'clock in the forenoon until nearly midnight. Arrangements will be made for the supply of refreshments under regulations carefully framed to secure a proper use, and prevent the abuse, of those necessities to social enjoyment; and the whole conduct of the club will be under the control of a general committee, selected annually from among the members, and for whose actions in relation thereto the proprietary will accept all responsibility.

With such advantages as are above stated may not the promoters of this club fairly expect that they will have the support of many hundreds of their brethren, and by means of their aggregate subscriptions enable the proprietor, or proprietors, of the Surrey Masonic Hall to devote the entire building to the sole use of the Craft; whilst the income from other indirect sources might well maintain the club itself? I look upon this opportunity for securing the hall as a place for Masonic purposes only as the chief reason for the united efforts of the South Metropolitan brethren. Another important reason is that by the congregating of the members of numerous lodges in the general society of the club, the grand principles of our Order will be promoted to an extent beyond the power of

each individual section of the Craft. And, again, the oft reiterated desire to separate our lodge meetings from the baneful influence of the ordinary tavern will be consummated. These are but a few of the many arguments which might be adduced in favour of the project, and these for the present must suffice.

Now for a practical reply from the brethren themselves! The club is formed by fifty members, from amongst whom fifteen well-known Masons have been selected for general management during the ensuing year. It will open on the 1st of December next, and up to the 1st of January, 1878, candidates may be admitted without joining fee. If by the latter date there are not at least 300 members enrolled, I, for self and many others, say, that all the talk of the past few years as to the necessity for the hall, and the support which should be given "when it was erected," is but as

— "A tale

Told by an idiot, full of sound and fury,
Signifying nothing!"

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours very truly and fraternally,
Clapham, Nov. 10th, 1877. P.M., P.Z.

THIRD CLASS BY ALL TRAINS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In August last you kindly inserted a letter from me on this subject, and in a foot note stated you quite approved of the proposal. You will be pleased to see that the suggestion has been taken up by the right man in the right place, viz., the Mayor of Derby, who has written the following letter to one of the London papers.

MR. ALLPORT.

To the Editor of the Standard

Sir,—I think it will be conceded that, if cheap and rapid locomotion be a boon to the people, a deep debt of public gratitude is due to Mr. James Allport, the general manager of the Midland Railway. This gentleman has, throughout a long and exceptionally active life (devoted to railway organisation and direction), upheld, unflinchingly and ungrudgingly, the interests of the poorer sort of travellers. It is owing to him that third class coaches attached to all trains, so that the advantages to be obtained by fast trains at low fares, were placed within the reach of that considerable section of the community which was too much neglected in the infancy of railway legislation.

In making known to you the fact that the nucleus of a committee (entirely unconnected with the Midland Railway) is now forming at Derby—the centre of the Midland system—for the purpose of enabling the admirers of Mr. Allport to combine in presenting him with a testimonial which, if raised by small individual subscriptions, shall be in every way a general recognition of his public spirited policy, I venture to ask your invaluable aid. If the Lord Mayor could be prevailed upon to lend his powerful assistance to the fulfilment of this object, his lordship's example would, doubtless, be followed by provincial mayors throughout the kingdom.

Your very faithful servant,

WM. HIGGINBOTTOM, Mayor of Derby.

Town-hall, Derby, November 3rd.

As the proposer of the testimonial I must thank you for allowing me to bring the same before the public through the medium of the *Freemason*.

Yours fraternally,

GRATITUDE.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION V. PRECEPTORS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I should like to be informed by you, and by some old Preceptors and P.M.'s, of the precise position of a Preceptor in a lodge of Instruction.

1. Is he anything more than the instructor and the adviser as regards the rituals?
2. Has he a right to make bye-laws of his own?
3. Can he prevent any member bringing propositions before the members, provided they have no connexion with the ritual?
4. Can he alter rituals on the pretence that they are out of date?
5. If he is an honorary member, has he the right of voting on matters not connected with rituals, and if he has that right, is it decent or prudent for him to exercise such a right.

Yours fraternally,

G. M.

PAST GRAND PURSUIVANTS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I still differ from you regarding the past rank of Provincial Grand Pursuivants. I take from your quotation from the Constitutions, "The Grand Wardens and subordinate Provincial Grand Officers * * * shall possess within their district the rank and privileges of Grand Officers." That is to say that a Provincial Grand Warden shall possess the rank and privileges of a Grand Warden, and a Provincial Grand Pursuivant those of a Grand Pursuivant. Now it is not one of the privileges of a Grand Pursuivant to be entitled to past rank, ergo it cannot be one of the privileges of a Provincial Grand Pursuivant.

If the Constitutions are open to different interpretations of this matter, surely the best way of deciding the question will be to refer it to the Grand Secretary.

Yours fraternally,

A. T.

MANCHESTER.—For the information of the fraternity in Manchester, the publisher begs to state that the *Freemason* may now be obtained at 47, Bridge-st., Manchester, on Friday evening at 7 o'clock.

THE "MACE FUND."
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

We have much pleasure in announcing that Mr. Mace has taken a Second Class in his recent Theological Examination at Cambridge, and that he purposes taking Holy Orders at the next ensuing ordination to be held in December. We feel sure that so satisfactory a result cannot but be highly gratifying to all subscribers to the "Mace Fund," and to the friends and supporters of our Boys' School. We are therefore anxious to complete the objects of the Fund, and to raise a sufficient sum to pay the balance of his college and tutorial expenses, and to give him a start in his new career.

Whilst thanking you for past support, and soliciting your further co-operation in this final appeal.

We are Dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,
W. F. PORTLOCK DADSON, Treasurer.
FREDK. BINCKES, Sec. R.M.I.B.

N.B.—As Captain Portlock Dadson will shortly leave England, Wm. Paas, Esq., 8, Duke-street, St. James's, one of the Trustees, will be happy to receive and acknowledge subscriptions.

LODGES IN TAVERNS.
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The letter of "A Sincere Mason," in the *Freemason* of the 10th inst., under the above heading, merits the attention of every sincere Mason. The remedy for the evil complained of is in the hands of the Masons themselves, and by a little co-operation the evil would soon disappear, and Masonry be freed from the imputation referred to by your correspondent.

Private Masonic Clubs and Halls are established in most provincial towns, where lodges can and do meet, and free from the influence of taverns and tavern proprietors.

London, hitherto has been without a private Masonic Club. It now has one in every way suitable for the meeting of numerous lodges, and if Masons are sincere in their desire to remedy the evil arising from holding lodges at taverns they have it in their power to do so by meeting at the London Masonic Club, where they will find every facility and accommodation for such meetings.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

JOHN GEORGE DUNN, Secretary.

London Masonic Club,
101, Queen Victoria-street, E.C.

P.S.—The following lodges have already availed themselves of the benefits offered by the London Masonic Club: The Felicity, 58; Pilgrim, 238; Langton, 1673; Felicity Chapter; London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction; and the Pilgrim Lodge of Instruction.

Multum in Parvo; or Masonic Notes
and Queries.

KNIGHTS TEMPLARS IN IRELAND.

Our worthy and R.W. Bro. Colonel W. J. B. MacLeod Moore, in quoting the authority of the R.W. Bro. James H. Neilson, cannot name a better with respect to the question, for it is from him that I have derived my information about the lodge in Dublin which was chartered by the "Mother Kilwinning Lodge," Scotland. I write now with the *Freemason* of the 30th Dec., 1876, before me, containing most interesting communication by Bro. Neilson, and a copy of a printed circular issued in 1806 by the "Grand Kilwinning Chapter of High Knights Templars of Ireland." Nowhere in the communication does Bro. Neilson say that the Kilwinning Lodge warranted any brethren to assemble as Knights Templars, but only that the warrant referred to by Bro. Fowler, "is dated 27th October, 1779, and is at present in the custody of the Irish Chancellor."

It is quite true that in the document of 1806 a claim is put forth that the "Mother Kilwinning Lodge" Scotland, did charter the "High Knights Templars" Lodge, Dublin, to work as Knights Templars, but Bro. Neilson does not say so, and would not say so, for the sufficient reason that the warrant contains no such provision, but was simply issued to a number of Masons in Dublin, to initiate, pass, and raise as Craft Masons only, the title of the lodge being the singular one of the "High Knights Templars."

I can furnish plenty of evidence in corroboration of this fact if our zealous and erudite brother wishes, for it will be a sincere pleasure to me, if able, to oblige Colonel MacLeod Moore with any details, and I trust that my friend Bro. Neilson will be equally glad to do so. Briefly then Bro. Neilson, who has examined the warrant, and Bro. D. Murray Lyon, who has carefully perused the actual records of the ancient Mother Kilwinning Lodge, concur in stating that the brethren in Dublin were only chartered as a Craft Lodge (none but Craft degrees being ever worked or authorised by the "Kilwinning Lodge"), though subsequently they started number of Degrees on their own account, assuming that the presence of the Craft warrant made all their actions legal.

I daresay Bro. Neilson will furnish a verbatim et liberatim transcript of the warrant in question, to finally settle the matter.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Health's Fountain.—It cannot surely be necessary to remind any intelligent reader that the purity of the blood determines every individual's health and vigour. Holloway's medicine searches out the slightest taint in the vital fluid and neutralizes or expels it, so that the circulation supports the system in place of sowing the seeds of decay. When epidemics are advancing and disease is steadily on the increase, it behoves every one to have a restorative like these Pills ready to set right any irregularity in the stomach, liver, bowels, or kidneys. Holloway's treatment is especially suitable for the young, delicate, and nervous who are most susceptible of any prevailing sickness, and whom violent measures would endanger little less than the epidemic—
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CENTENARY OF THE YORK LODGE,
NO. 236.

The centenary of this lodge was celebrated on the 6th inst., by a banquet in the De Grey Rooms, in the city of York, presided over by the W.M., Bro. William Cowling, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. North and East Yorks., supported by Bros. The Earl of Zetland, Prov. G.M.; T. W. Tew, Dep. P.G.M. West Yorks.; The Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, P.P.G.W.; J. W. Woodall, P.P.G.W.; H. Smith, Prov. G. Sec., West Yorks.; J. Terry, Sec. R.M. Benevolent Institution; the Wardens and other Officers of the lodge, and a large assemblage of members and visitors. The vice-chairs were occupied by Senior and Junior Wardens, Bros. Sir Jas. Meek, P.M., and W. B. Richardson, P.M. The lodge was constituted in July, 1777, by the title of the "Union" Lodge, which in the year 1870 was changed to that of the York Lodge, by permission of the M.W.G.M., The Earl of Zetland, at that time the oldest member of the lodge, and it is satisfactory to record that at the completion of its centenary, the lodge is in a more flourishing and prosperous state than at any former period of its existence, and has attained a position eminently distinguished in Freemasonry. The following is a list of the brethren attending the centenary celebration.

Members of the lodge:—Bros. Wm. Cowling, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. W. M.; The Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, P.G.M.; T. W. Tew, P.M. D.P.G.M. West Yorks.; R. W. Hollin, P.M., Past G.S.B. England; Sir James Meek, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., S.W.; W. B. Richardson, P.P.G.W. Oxford, J.W.; the Rev. J. E. W. Young, P.M., P.P.G.C., Chaplain; Wm. Lawton, P.M., P.P.G.R., Treasurer; Josh. Todd, P.M., P.P.G.S., Sec.; Alderman John March, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., S.D.; Charles Smith, P.M., P.P.G.D., J.D.; A. Davison, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., M.C.; Thos. Smurthwaite, P.M., P.P.G.W., Geo. Keely, Assist. Sec.; Thos. S. Canridge, P.P.G.O., Organist; J. Tesseymann, and G. Garbutt, Stewards; Jas. Melrose, (Lord Mayor of York); G. Balinford, P.M.; S. Maltby, P.M.; F. Rawlings, P.M.; T. B. Pressick, P.M.; Alderman J. Terry, Alderman W. Valey, (Lord Mayor elect); J. Wilkinson, (Town Clerk); Rev. W. Valentine, B. Wormald, C. Wood, C. G. Padel, H. Churchill, T. B. Whythead, J. T. Stephenson, J. J. T. Marshall, W. Rooke, J. Sampson, C. D. Barstow, J. S. Rymor, W. Thompson, M. Cooper, E. J. Inman, W. McKay, P. Matthews, J. Saville, J. Hollins, J. D. Fausset, G. Browne, G. Sellar, J. Ward, J. Shilleto, W. Flint, G. Simpson, G. Moore, J. Ayres, J. Smith, J. G. Turner, C. Abbott, A. Buckle, W. Battye, R. S. Storey, J. W. Mann, T. G. Mann, H. Scott, G. Eastwood, T. J. Russell, O. Robinson, W. Wilson, C. Kearsley, C. Ware, J. Pickersgill, C. Walker, W. T. Gowland, A. Walker, W. Powell, E. Whitehead, W. G. Thomas, H. C. Cammidge, T. Sanderson, W. H. Gainforth, H. Aitken, E. Houlden, and J. Keswick. Visitors:—Bros. J. W. Woodall, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; Dr. Smythe, Past D.G.M. Eastern Archipelago; J. Terry, Sec. R.M. Benevolent Institution; Rev. W. C. Lukes Arpan, H. Smith, P.G. Sec. West Yorks.; S. B. Ellis, W.M. 1239; F. Ford, W.M. 294; J. M. Bottomley, W.M. 312; J. Coulson, W.M. 554; Rev. H. Greeves, W.M. 566; H. Green, W.M. 630; T. Clargh, W.M. 660; R. B. A. Wiensar, W.M. 1244; J. Anderson, W.M. 1416; A. Smith, W.M. 1042, (Leeds); T. Cooper, W.M. 1611; Dr. Paley, W.M. 837; S. Stead, P.M. 1042; Geo. Heutwaite, 1042.

During the banquet a massive silver loving cup, subscribed for by the members as a memorial of the Centenary, and presented to the lodge at its last regular meeting, was passed round with the usual ceremonies, the brethren pledging "Success to the York Lodge." After dinner, the W.M. stated that the lodge had hoped to have been honoured with the presence of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., on that occasion, and that it was with extreme regret that H.R.H. found that his engagements would not permit him to be present. The Secretary then read letters of apology from Bros. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M.; Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M.; The Marquis of Hartington; Sir H. Edwards, P.G.M. West Yorks.; Sir A. W. Woods (Garter), P.G.W.; A. J. McIntyre, Grand Reg.; John Hervey, Grand Sec.; Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P. Grand Chaplain; W. J. Hugan, P.G.D. (containing an interesting sketch of York Masonry); Dr. Bell, D.P.G.M., North and East Yorks; and other distinguished brethren, pressing their inability to be present.

The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were duly honoured, after which the W.M. gave "The Health of the Earl of Zetland, Prov. G. Master," which was received with great enthusiasm, and the Earl of Zetland suitably responded. Bro. W. B. Richardson, J.W., proposed "The Deputy P.G. Master, Dr. Bell, and the Prov. Grand Lodge," which was responded to by Bro. Woodall, P.P.G.W., who proposed "The P.G.M. of the West Riding and the P.G. Lodge of West Yorks," which was responded to by Bro. Tew, D.P.G.M. Bro. Sir James Meek, gave "The Army, Navy and Reserve Forces." Bros. Mayer, Pressick, and the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett replying. The Earl of Zetland in complimentary terms proposed "The Worshipful Master, and Prosperity to the York Lodge," a toast which met with a most enthusiastic reception, and the W.M., who is one of the oldest Past Masters of the lodge, and for whose services the lodge is greatly indebted, received a very cordial greeting and responded in eloquent terms. Bro. J. March, P.M., gave the "The Visitors," to which Bro. Dr. Paley replied. Bro. Dawson proposed "The Lodges of the Province," responded to by Bro. F. Ford, W.M. 294. Bro. Alderman J. Terry gave "The Past Masters of the York Lodge," to which Bro. Holden, the Senior P.M. and father of the lodge, replied, and in doing so placed in the hands of the W.M. those ancient rolls of the Constitutions of Freemasonry, which, (mainly through his exertions) has been

restored to the York Lodge by the Grand Lodge of England, in order that the same may be placed with the other records, which formerly belonged to the Grand Lodge of all England at York. With the acquisition of these rolls the York Lodge has now the custody of the whole of records of the ancient Grand Lodge of York. Bro. C. D. Barstow proposed "The Lord Mayor and Corporation of York," to which the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor (Bro. J. Melrose) replied.

Bro. D. Smythe, in a long and very able speech, proposed "The Masonic Charities," and Bro. James Terry, Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, responded in an eloquent speech, and gave a most interesting account of the charities supported by the Masonic body.

After the toast the charity boxes were handed round, and a very handsome amount realised for the Institutions, "The Wardens, and other Officers of the Lodge" was next given by Bro. Tew, and the Senior Warden, Sir Jas. Meek, responded in suitable terms.

The Tyler's toast concluded the list, and brought this highly successful celebration of the centenary of the York Lodge to a close, the whole of the proceedings being carried out in a most satisfactory manner, and the occasion cannot fail to be long remembered by those who were present.

NEW MASONIC HALL AT HAMILTON.

The following address was delivered in Lodge Beta, on the occasion of the dedication of the Masonic Hall, Hamilton, by George P. Pierce, Esq., R.W.P.G.M. of New Zealand, I.C., on the 23rd ult. :—

Worshipful Sir, Officers, and Brethren,—During the eight years I have had the honour of presiding over the Craft, working under the Irish Constitution in New Zealand, this is the first time I have been called upon to execute one of the privileges of a Provincial Grand Master, namely, to consecrate a Masonic Hall. The occasion which has brought us together is not a common one. I hope, however, that it will not be long before I may have to perform this interesting ceremony in Auckland, that of dedicating a building worthy of the Craft, and of that important city. It affords me great pleasure to assist at this ceremony, as the erection of such a commodious and handsome building for the purposes of Masonry cannot but promote the convenience, comfort, and well-being of the lodge which assembles within its portals. It also affords to those living in this neighbourhood the opportunity of seeing and joining in a portion, at all events, of a Masonic ceremony, and proves to the outer world that though Freemasons may have secrets peculiar to themselves, still there is nothing in those secrets subversive of the peace and good order of society. Time will not permit me, even had I the ability, to enter into any lengthy exposition of the tenets of our Order. I trust that before long you will possess a well-stocked library of Masonic books; and by that means you will be able to drink deeply from that stream of knowledge which has been collected by the wise and good of all ages and countries for our advancement and instruction. Of the origin of Freemasonry there are various theories. We are reminded that it is as old as man himself; that as we were all brought into the world weak, naked, and helpless, and were destined to live among our fellows, requiring assistance and support, therefore, the Supreme Ruler of the Universe inspired us with the holy desire that we must needs do unto others as we would have them do unto us. Hence, from the remotest times has been transmitted to us the necessity of mutual love and help in misfortune. Masonry teaches us to face danger with fortitude, to appreciate and love truth and openness, to condemn falsehood and hypocrisy, to fly to the relief of the indigent, reaching out a helping hand towards the bed of sickness and the home of the unfortunate, to abhor tyranny, to repudiate vanity and superstition, and to see in one's fellow, whatever his rank or fortune, a moral being in every respect our equal, if only he is virtuous. Whatever might wound the cherished belief of a brother we are taught to avoid. Hence, no allusion to matters of religious controversy is permitted in our assemblies. Masonry engages herself in no political discussions. She grows and flourishes under all forms of government. "Kings are her nursing fathers," and princes continue to preside over our lodges. She flourishes best where the grateful air of liberty is most freely breathed. Masonry is a moral Order established with the laudable object of perfecting the moral part of men, through the practice of the virtues. The great founder of Christianity said, "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another;" and such is the precept of Freemasonry. Noble testimony has been borne at various times to the real value of our institution, by men entitled to speak with authority upon the subject. A few instances selected from many will suffice. Washington said, "The grand object of Masonry is to promote the happiness of the human race." The late Lord Durham said, "I have ever felt it my duty to support and encourage the principles of Freemasonry, because it powerfully develops all social and benevolent affections." Bulwer Lytton testifies, "For centuries had Freemasonry existed ere modern political controversies were ever heard of; and when the topics which now agitate society were not known, but all were united in brotherhood and affection. I know the institution to be founded upon the great principles of charity, philanthropy, and brotherly love." Our own great writer, the Rev. Dr. Oliver, tells us that, "The study of Freemasonry is the study of man as a candidate for a blessed eternity. It furnishes examples of holy living, and displays the conduct which is pleasing and acceptable to God. The doctrine and examples which distinguish the Order are obvious and

suited to every capacity. It is impossible for the most fastidious Mason to misunderstand, however he may slight or neglect them. It is impossible for the most superficial brother to say that he is unable to comprehend the plain precepts and the unanswerable arguments which are furnished by Freemasonry." Dalcho, an eminent American divine, thus gives his verdict: "I highly venerate the Masonic Institution, under the fullest persuasion that when its principles are acknowledged, and its laws and precepts obeyed, it comes nearest religion in its moral effects and influence of any institution with which I am acquainted." Another distinguished American writer, Dr. Albert Mackey, whose works on Freemasonry are invaluable, says: "Freemasonry is a science of symbols, in which, by their proper study, a search is instituted after truth, that truth consisting in the knowledge of the Divine and human nature of God and the human soul." Freemasonry I regard as a great Catholic institution, whose object is to diffuse brotherly love, relief and truth, throughout the world. It constantly inculcates its members to practise benevolence, and charity—that "charity which suffereth long, and is kind; that 'charity which thinketh no evil,' and that 'charity which forms the cementing bond of Freemasonry,' which is the chief corner-stone of our temple, and upon which is to be erected a superstructure of all the other virtues, which makes the good man and the good Mason. It is well described by the eminent Mason whose words I recently quoted: "The charity of which our Order boasts is not alone the sentiment of commiseration which leads us to assist the poor with pecuniary donations. Like the virtue described by the apostle, already quoted, its application is more noble and more extensive; 'it suffereth long and is kind.' The true Mason will be slow to anger and easy to forgive. He will stay his falling brother by quick admonition, and warn him with kindness of approaching danger. He will not open his ear to his slanderers, and will close his lips against all reproach. His follies and his faults will be locked in his breast; and his prayer and the prayer for mercy will ascend to Jehovah for his brother's sins. Nor will these sentiments of benevolence be confined to those bound to him by ties of kindred or worldly friendship alone; but extending them throughout the globe he will love and cherish all who sit beneath the canopy of our universal lodge. For it is the boast of our institution that a Mason destitute and worthy may find in every clime a brother, and in every land a home." The present will be admitted by all to be an active and utilitarian age. We want something more than an ideal link of brotherhood, and our union should be cemented by deeds as well as words. Our acts should be on a scale commensurate with the dignity and importance of our Order, not desultory or impulsive acts of generosity, but regulated by a sense of duty and an earnest desire to confer permanent benefit. I do not urge that Freemasonry should be allowed to degenerate into a benefit society, nor do I consider that there is any parallel between the case of a zealous Freemason, who after long years of good service is provided for by his brethren, and the case of a member of a Friendly or Odd-fellow's Society, who can claim so much because he has regularly contributed to the funds of his association, although he may never have worked for it, as many Masons, I am proud to say, work for the Craft quiet and unobtrusively. I do hold, however, that no deserving Mason should ever be abandoned to the rigours of poverty and adversity in old age. I consider that it is the duty of the brotherhood to succour him in the hour of his distress, liberally and substantially. It is our bounden duty also, in the time of our prosperity, to raise a fund for the widow and the orphan, and those ancient members of the household who may have no place in which to lay their heads. It is a subject which I would commend to the brethren of this lodge, as soon as this hall is paid for, as deserving not only your best consideration, but also your warmest support. Schools for orphans, retreats for widows and old age, such should be our aim; and, if carried out, as such an organisation would carry them out, these would place Freemasonry at the head of all philanthropic associations in the world. This, brethren, is its mission; and it will never be satisfactorily achieved until this our adopted country can boast of Masonic institutions similar and akin to those raised and munificently supported by our brethren of the Craft in our mother country. Finally, my brethren, let me commend to your constant and attentive study and perusal the volume of the Sacred Law. "It is the pearl of great price," Dr. Faber says, "It lives on the ear like music that can never be forgotten, like the sound of the church bell which the convert hardly knows how he can forgo. Its felicities often seem to be almost things rather than mere words. It is part of the national mind, and the anchor of national seriousness. The memory of the dead passes into it. The potent traditions of childhood are stereotyped in its verses. The power of all the gifts and trials of a man is hidden beneath its words. It is the representative of his best moments, and all that there has been about him of soft, and gentle, and pure, and penitent, and good speaks to him for ever out of his English Bible. It is his sacred thing which doubt has never dimmed and controversy never soiled. In the length and breadth of the land there is not an Englishman with one spark of righteousness about him whose spiritual biography is not in his Saxon Bible." Next to the sacred volume I would ask you carefully to study the Book of Constitutions. Read and ponder over the lectures and over ancient charges, which have been handed down to us for our guidance from time immemorial. Remember in the closing words of one of these, "Duty, honour, and gratitude bind you to your trust. Let no motive ever make you swerve from your duty; but be true and faithful, and imitate the example of the celebrated artist whom you have once represented. Endeavour, in a word, to convince the world that merit has

been your title to our privileges, and that on you our favours have not been undeservedly bestowed.

CONSECRATION OF WINCHESTER LODGE.

On Monday, 3rd September, this Lodge was consecrated by the R.W.D.D.G.M., Bro. H. Thomson. A large number of brethren from the St. John's and the Caledonian Lodges, Timaru, and several members of the Craft from Ashburton attended. Bro. Barclay, the Chaplain, delivered an able address to the brethren on their duties as Masons. The R.W.D.D.M., assisted by Bro. King, P.M.; Bro. Williamson, P.M.; Bro. West, and Bro. Watkins, duly consecrated the Lodge, under the name of the Winchester Lodge, according to ancient usages. The ceremony was performed in a most impressive manner. Bro. Zeilder W.M., 1137, presided at the organ, and rendered the anthems with good effect. The following officers were duly installed for the ensuing year:—W.M., Bro. J. King; P.M., S. W., Bro. W. De Renzie; J.W., Bro. G. Taylor, S.D. Bro. W. Smith; J.D., Bro. J. A. Young; I.G., Bro. W.G. Walsh; Bro. G.C. Williams, Tyler. At the close of the installation, Bro. the R.W.D.D.M., made a few remarks expressive of the satisfaction it gave him to perform this ceremony, and said the lodge was like a ship well officered, well manned and well found, setting out on a voyage, which with but due care would surely lead to success, and complimented the new lodge on its selecting for its first W.M. such a tried and able officer as Bro. King. After the ceremony was ended the brethren were called from labour to refreshment. The chair was occupied by Bro. King, on whose left were Bros. Thomson and Williamson on the right Bros. Zeilder and the Rev Bro. Barclay. The vice-chair was occupied by Bro. De Renzie, supported by Bros. Rutland and Young. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and responded to.

THE IRISH GRAND LODGE.

The Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Ireland have acted with equal wisdom and courage in passing the resolution which appears in our columns with respect to the Grand Orient of France. They have not lost a moment in expressing, in the most emphatic form, their abhorrence of infidel opinions, and vindicating the character of their ancient institution. It is creditable to their vigilance and religious tone that they detected the change made in the constitution of the French society, and at once took steps to sever their connection with it. The example set by the Grand Lodge of Ireland will, we trust, be followed by the whole Masonic body throughout the kingdom. It is not necessary to tell those who are initiated into the mystic Order that in altering the first article of its Constitution so as to make Atheists admissible, the Grand Orient of France rejected a principle which lies at the foundation of the Institution and is necessary to its stability. They know that not only in its ritual, but in its whole character, it is pervaded by a religious spirit. Not only in its ceremonial and symbols, but in its practice and purpose, the government of an over-ruling Providence and the duty of obedience is the moral law, as revealed in the Scriptures, are reverently recognised and earnestly enforced. If it were not cemented by this practical homage to religion the bonds of brotherly love, which is its leading characteristic, would be dissolved, and the whole fabric of Freemasonry fall to pieces. Attempts have been made to impose upon the credulity of the ignorant populace by misrepresenting the Institution as a hideous monster, which plots against all that is held sacred, and perpetrates the most atrocious deeds. The accounts which have been circulated with a view to excite a prejudice against it are caricatures so extravagant and revolting that none but the basest minds could conceive them or the meanest capacity be deceived by them. They may be treated with contemptuous indifference as stupid though wicked impostures. Freemasonry, in the United Kingdom at least, has no community of principle or feeling with the secret societies of the Continent, which are infidel and revolutionary. Those who systematically traduce it have the means of knowing the falsehood of the charges which it suits them to repeat, regardless of indignant protests. We need not remind such of our readers as belong to the Order, but others may be interested in learning, that the strictest care is taken in the enrolment of members. Their admission is not sought by the society itself, but is a favour granted to the applicant who has to petition for it, and will not be received if, upon investigation into his character, he be deemed unworthy. Judge Townsend, Deputy Grand Master, who delivered a series of lectures on the qualifications of a candidate, for Masonry, tells us that the "ancient charges" or regulations handed down from remote antiquity require that he "must believe in one God as the moral ruler as well as creator of the universe; he must believe also in a future existence, and he must admit his own obligation to observe those rules of moral conduct which are promulgated to us in the Ten Commandments." It is not enough, he says, to recommend a candidate that nothing can be alleged against him, or if nothing good or praiseworthy can be said of him, but the "tongue of good report" must be in his favour. An institution of this character would be contaminated by contact with a society which had no regard for religion, and the Grand Lodge of Ireland are to be commended for taking the earliest opportunity to disown the Grand Orient of France as unworthy of the Order.—*Dublin Daily Express*.

The installation meeting of the William Preston Lodge, No. 766, will take place on Thursday next, the 22nd, on which occasion Bro. S. D. Ewins, will be installed W.M. for the ensuing year.

FRENCH AND BRITISH FREEMASONRY.

It is in some degree satisfactory that the recent action of the French Freemasons with regard to certain articles of belief, or rather disbelief, should become known as soon as possible. The Masonic body in France have resolved to expunge from their professions, and to eliminate from their ceremonials, all reference to their belief in a Supreme Being and the immortality of the soul. No action in reference to this matter has yet been taken by the Grand Lodge of England as representing the whole Masonic body of Great Britain, but the Masons of Ireland, whose organisation in points of discipline is in some degree independent, have met the matter by passing a very strong resolution reprobating the course adopted by their Gallic brethren, and forbidding for the future any communication with or recognition of the brotherhood of the "Grand Orient." The principles of Freemasonry, as practised in Great Britain and Ireland and their colonies, being essentially based on the great truths of revealed religion, it is obvious that there can no longer be any sympathy between it and the order as now established in France. The Church of Rome has always discouraged Freemasonry, because it believes it to be a secret organisation of infidel tendencies, and having political objects in view. This may be true to some extent, so far as continental countries are concerned (and the recent deplorable action of the French order goes far to establish it); but those acquainted with Freemasonry as practised in the United Kingdom know that a greater delusion cannot be imagined. In spite of the secrecy imposed by Masonry it is well known that its foundation is religion and good will towards all men. It may also surprise those who control the Councils of the Vatican to learn that politics are strictly forbidden to be discussed in English-speaking lodges, and that polemical and controversial matters are rigidly excluded. Continental Freemasonry may ignore the religion of Christianity, and may have occult political objects in view, but the English order are not responsible for these ill-guided divergencies. The animating principle of Freemasonry as practised in the United Kingdom is human charity and brotherhood. Their noble institutions for the widow, the orphan, and the needy of their order are the best proof of this, and where is the evidence of any Masonic body in Great Britain combining for any political or sectarian object?—*Globe*.

THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

We make no apology to our readers for printing the following important report, which has been courteously forwarded to us:

Supreme Council of the 33rd Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America.

Gr. Or. of Charleston, South Carolina,

October 19, 1877, V.E.

To all the Inspectors General, Grand Consistories, and other bodies, and all the B.B. of all degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in the said Jurisdiction:

The Sov. Grand Commander with regret makes known to you, by the translations that follow, of extracts from the proceedings of the Grand Orient of France, the deplorable step which that power has lately taken, as a concession to Atheism and to the avowed Atheists who are Masons of its obedience.

Grand Orient of France. Supreme Council for France and the French Possessions. General Assembly. Session of 1876.

REPORT, 5TH SESSION, 14TH SEPTEMBER, 1876.

The order of the day calls for the report of the Committee on Propositions.

Bro. Massicault, reporter of this committee, after having asked as a measure of order that the orators who wish to address the meeting for or against the question shall be pleased to be registered in advance, and to transmit their names to the President, reads the following report:

My B.B.

The Lodge, Progressive Fraternity, Orient of Villefranche (Rhône), has presented the following proposition: To suppress the 1st art. of the Constitution the two first clauses of the 2nd paragraph thus worded: "Freemasonry holds as a first principle the existence of God and the immortality of the soul."

"The council of the Order, in its session of the 29th of July last, passed to the order of the day on this proposition, after having heard the report of Bro. Du Hamel, which each of us had the opportunity to read in the Bulletin of the Grand Orient, number of the month of August, page 183 and the pages following.

"Nevertheless, in its session of yesterday, the Convention decided that the proposition, revived by one of its members, should be discussed to-day, and it has invited the commissioners nominated by the bureaux to form themselves into a committee to submit to the assembly a rough draft of the resolution.

"In conformity with this vote, the commissioners of the nine bureaux have assembled, and I have the honour to bring you the result of their deliberations.

"Our laws do not forbid us, and on the contrary wisdom commands us, to consider outer circumstances before regulating our Masonic action. Very well! my B.B., your committee believes so. These circumstances dissuade us to-day from giving rise to the agitation which the adoption of the proposition would cause; and it would be subserving the passions of our adversaries by supplying them with pretexts; they dissuade us from compromising our relations with the foreign Masonic powers, from disturbing our fraternal harmony, from paralysing or disquieting the good-will of our friends.

"Upon the whole, the consciousness of the good which we accomplish with our actual organism forbids us to

risk the unsettling of our association, by wishing to change its basis hastily."

"In view of these considerations, my B.B., the matter of the question remaining reserved, your committee, by a majority of 5 votes against 4, proposes to you to pass to the order of the day on the proposition No. 9 indicated above, and on the votes which express analogous propositions."

The assembly decides that the vote will be first taken on the conclusions of the report.

The Bro. Orator, being consulted, moves the adoption of these conclusions, that is to say, the unqualified order of the day on the propositions under discussion.

The vote is proceeded to be taken by call of the names, and the demand of B.B. Hubert, Broudeau, Callot, Drevet, Lambert (de Corbeil), Leborgne, Leconte, Martinet, Marx, Meyniel, Minot, de Mondenard, Paillot, Prunet, Proust, Léon Richer, Thorin, Turgis, Vincent et Voisard (to the number of 21).

Before proceeding to take the vote the President explains that each brother on his name being called must answer yes or no.

Yes will mean that he adopts the conclusions of the report, that is to say, the unqualified order of the day on the proposition; and no will mean that he rejects these conclusions.

The call made by Bro. Fort, Assistant Secretary, attests the presence of 175 voters.

Out of this number, 110 answer no, and 65 answer yes.

Consequently the conclusions of the Bro. Orator are rejected, which amounts to saying that the order of the day proposed by the Bro. Reporter is not adopted.

The President proclaims this result, and announces, as a consequence, the early reference to the lodges of the study of the question, conformably to the complementary article of Title V of the Constitution.

The Chain of Union of Paris, October, 1877. Report of the General Assembly of the Grand Orient of France, annual session of 1877. Session of Thursday, 13th September.

Bro. Cousin was Chairman during the discussion on the vote.

There is a larger gathering of deputies than usual, and the visitors' gallery better filled than on the two first days. The question is as to balloting on proposition No. IX.

The Committee seats itself; Chairman, Bro. Bruand; Secretary, Bro. Barthelet; Reporter, Bro. Desmons; members, Bros. Danel, Maury, Corbierre, Lemarignier, Hubert, André, Rousselle.

Bro. Desmons has the floor to read his report.

Report of the committee appointed to examine proposition No. IX:

The question on which the members of the committee have done me the honour to select me to report, is, I do not conceal from myself, a question of very serious importance.

I only need to adduce as evidence of this the great extent of time which the assembly of last year, and each one of our lodges individually, in the course of the year, have thought it necessary to devote to it. I only mean to adduce as another proof of this, the lively and powerful interest which we all bring to bear to-day on its definitive solution, and whereof your presence, in so large numbers in this hall, gives incontestable evidence.

So, my brethren, what preoccupies me seriously at this moment is the profound consciousness of my inadequacy and the very sincere apprehension of being very unequal to so delicate and elevated a task.

But what reassures me at the same time, my brethren, is the thought that I am here but the interpreter of a committee of which each member is disposed, I know it, to sustain me by his fraternal support.

It is also and above all the thought that I am addressing brothers on whose indulgence I certainly count. Let them be assured that on my part I will make every effort to render myself worthy, by the respectful moderation of my language, of the great trust with which they have honoured me.

My brothers, your committee, before studying the proposition which has been submitted to its appreciation, has pre-occupied itself with a preliminary question.

It has asked itself if the study of this proposition in the Convention of this year was very opportune. It has in succession heard the delegates of the bureaux, who, by six votes against three, have pronounced in the affirmative. Each of its members has reiterated the different objections which has been presented in his respective bureau.

Permit me, my brothers, to make them pass rapidly before your eyes, and to follow them up with the observations to which they give rise in the committee.

"Take care, they said to us; if you at the present time suppress this article from your Constitution, you will separate the Grand Orient of France from all the Masonic Powers of the world. You will isolate it in the midst of universal Masonry if you suppress this article, they have added; you will give rise to a painful agitation in our lodges, and provoke a deplorable schism in the midst of the Grand Orient of France."

"If you suppress this article, in fine, do you not fear that the declared enemies of our Order will profit by our decision to spread abroad slander on all Masons, by denouncing them in the profane world as materialists and atheists?"

"And under present circumstances, may not this denunciation be prejudicial to Masonry itself, and especially to the noble and generous ideas which it is its mission to defend and propagate?"

Such are, my brothers, if I do not deceive myself, the principal objections which the partisans of the postponement of the discussion have addressed to us.

It is not necessary to say, my brothers, how unanimous the members of the committee have been in recognising not only the unquestionable sincerity of those who have

submitted them to us, but also the great weight of each of them.

Above all, it is not necessary to say with what due deference the committee has received the perfectly fraternal observations of those who, for so many years, have represented the Grand Orient of France, and to whose indefatigable devotion the assembly this year again has rendered so striking and just a testimonial. Nevertheless, my brothers, by virtue of that maxim which is the device of all of us:

"Amicus Plato, sed magis amica veritas,"

your Committee, with a feeling of respectful independence, has studied each of these objections in succession, and this is the answer which it has thought appropriate to make to it conscientiously.

You fear, do you say, if this article is suppressed at the present time, the isolation of the Grand Orient in the midst of universal Masonry. But is not this argument the same as that which was invoked, scarcely seven years ago, against the suppression of the Grand Mastership, which was urged lately against the admission into our Lodges of coloured men, and against the representation of the High Degrees in the bosom of our annual Assembly? Well, what has happened however? Our Masonic Assemblies have not allowed themselves to be held back by this obstacle which they were made to foresee, and now, our relations with the other Masonic Powers are not, that I am aware either less cordial or less extended.

Besides, my Brothers, I will say to those who by a perhaps excessive prudence, and through the fear of seeing the Grand Orient of France too much isolated, oppose this innovation as dangerous: "We are neither the only ones, nor the first to enter upon this course which we propose to you. Already, in the Grand Lodge of Buenos Ayres, the reform has been effected. Already, the Grand Lodge which has just been founded in Hungary, has given itself a Constitution which is copied from ours, but from which it has taken care to banish the article which is occupying us at this moment."

Yet longer ago, the Grand Orient of Italy, itself adopted a similar resolution. Be then reassured, my brothers; do not fear for our Order isolation in the bosom of the Masonic world. There are in this route intrepid pioneers who have already preceded us. Be assured that we shall soon have numerous imitators. Besides, my Brothers, you who believe perhaps that this formula has been from all the forefront of our Constitution, you will probably not be moderately surprised to learn that it is of quite recent date. I had occasion, only yesterday, to look through the different Constitutions which have governed our Order.

Very well! do you know at what period its introduction took place? It is not at all necessary for that to consult the prehistoric period, nor even to go back to the deluge. It is only in 1849 that it is for the first time seen to make its appearance in our Constitution. You see, therefore, my Brothers, what we ask of you is not a dangerous innovation, but simply a return to a previous condition.

But, it has been added, do we not risk, by voting for the suppression of this article, casting trouble and division in the midst of our Lodges? It has appeared to your Committee that this fear was chimerical.

Al! if the convention of this year concerned itself for the first time with this question, if, without having previously consulted them, this Assembly, by an act of authority and by a species of "coup d'état," proceeded suddenly to decree this suppression, I understand that they might be held back by the fear of seeing trouble and agitation introduced into our Lodges; but you know that this is not the case.

Above all, you are not ignorant that this year, particularly, each of our Lodges has been invited to study this question, and that, out of the 210 Lodges which have transmitted the results of their deliberations to the Grand Orient, two-thirds have been favourable to the adoption of the proposition.

Besides, my Brothers, what might give rise to trouble and agitation in the bosom of our Lodges, was the fear, not so much of seeing this formula suppressed, as of seeing it replaced by a materialistic or atheistic formula. Now, who does not know, at the present moment, that no one among us, in proposing this suppression, means to make a declaration of atheism or materialism? In this respect, is not all misunderstanding dissipated in our minds? And if, in the bosom of a few lodges there might remain any doubt, let it be known to them that your Committee declares openly that, in adhering to Proposition No. 9, it proposes to itself no other object than to proclaim absolute liberty of conscience.

How, my brothers, I ask you, could the proclamation of such a principle, which is indeed that of all Masonry, excite, and trouble our Lodges? No, we have more confidence in them, and we consider that, better informed of the true goal to which we tend, those who might still feel any scruples and any hesitation will end by marshalling themselves around this magnificent standard, whose tutelary shadow is capable of protecting equally all opinions and all beliefs.

As to the calumnies which clericalism will hurl against us, we must expect them.

But, would you think to escape them, in case even you should not accept this Proposition, or even if you should refer the study of it to the next Assembly? Ah! I fear much, my brothers, that you delude yourselves on this point. No, no, our adversaries are implacable, and the new delay which we would take to settle the question which is submitted to us, would have, be convinced of it, no other result than to cause us to be accused by them, of adding fear and hypocrisy to impiety.

Such is, my B.B., the conclusion at your Committee have arrived, and if, when it concerned the question of opportuneness, we have 8 against 1, I am delighted to tell you that, for all the reasons which I have just called to your mind, we have been unanimous in adopting the following resolution which we have the favour to propose to you:—

(To be continued).

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this Institution was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, Col. Creaton in the chair. There were also present, Bros. Joseph Smith, C. A. Cottebrune, H. Browne, F. Adlard, Thos. W. White, John Newton, J. M. Case, S. Rawson, Wm. Kilton, Charles Lacey, C. F. Hogard, Benj. Head, W. F. Nettleship, Wm. Stephens and Jas. Terry, (Secretary).

The Secretary read a letter from His Grace the Duke of Manchester, Prov. G.M. for Norths and Hants, consenting to preside at the annual festival on Wednesday, the 13th Feb., 1878.

The death of three male annuitants was reported. Cheques were signed for payment of the annuities due 1st. prox.

The application of one widow for half her late husband's annuity was presented.

The transfer of the funds into the names of new trustees was directed to be made; and the petitions of eight men and twelve widows for elections in May were presented and accepted.

The Committee then adjourned.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, November 23, 1877.

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17.

Lodge 715, Panmure, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1329, Sphinx, Surrey M.H.
" 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
" 1679, HenryMuggeridge, Prince George, Park-rl., E.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.
Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19.

Lodge 8, British, F.M.H.
" 21, Emulation, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 58, Felicity, 101, Queen Victoria-st.
" 185, Tranquillity, Arderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 720, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.
" 862, Whittington, F.M.H.
" 901, City of London, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 907, Royal Alfred, F.M.H.
Chap. 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
K.T. 131, Holy Sanctuary, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden Town.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.
London Masonic Club, at 101, Queen Victoria-st. E.C., 2nd and 4th Monday every month, at 6 o'clock.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20.

Board of General Purposes.

Lodge 30, United Mariners', Guildhall Tav.
" 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot.
" 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 162, Cadogan, F.M.H.
" 165, Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hot.
" 194, St. Paul's, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 435, Salisbury, Regent M.H.
" 704, Camden, Bull and Gate, Kentish Town.
Chap. 46, Old Union, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1348, Ebury, 12, Pensonby-st., S.W.
Rose Croix, Oxford and Cambridge, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Shampton Blds.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, 23, Gresham-st.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Mount Edgecumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21.

Lodge of Benevolence, F.M.H.

Grand Stewards, F.M.H.

" 140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich.
" 190, Oak, F.M.H.
" 700, Nelson, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
" 969, Maybury, Inns of Court Hot.
" 1044, Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hot., Wandsworth.
" 1150, Buckingham and Chandos, F.M.H.

Lodge 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
 " 1382, Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Docks.
 " 1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1624, Eccleston, Grosvenor Hall, Ebury-st., S.W.
 " 1673, Langton, 101, Queen Victoria-st.
 Mark 181, Francis Burdett, Albany Hot., Twickenham.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tav., Railway-place, Fenchurch-st.
 Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle Tav., Southwark-bdg.-rd.
 Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich.
 New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.
 La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.
 Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
 Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
 Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.
 Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
 Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
 United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.
 Whittington, Black Bull Tav., Holborn.
 Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
 Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
 Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22.

House Com. Girls' School.
 Lodge 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 34, Mount Moriah, F.M.H.
 " 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 66, Grenadiers', F.M.H.
 " 858, South Middlesex, Beaufort Hot., Fulham.
 " 871, Royal Oak, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
 " 1421, Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
 " 1658, Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall.
 Chap. 5, St. George's F.M.H.
 " 177, Domestic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 538, Vanc, F.M.H.
 " 657, Canonbury, M.H., Basinghall-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
 Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
 Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
 Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
 Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.
 Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.
 Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
 The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
 High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
 Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
 Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
 Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23.

House Com. Boys' School, at 4.
 Lodge 197, Jerusalem, F.M.H.
 " 569, Fitzroy, Hd.-qtrs. Hon. Art. Co., City-rd.
 " 861, Finsbury, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.
 " 1602, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall.
 Chap. 862, Whittington, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
 Belgrave, Constitution, Bedford-st., Covent Garden.
 Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.
 Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.
 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.
 Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st.
 St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
 Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
 St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.
 Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
 Doric, Earl Grey Tav., Mile-end-road.
 Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.
 St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
 Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
 Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.
 Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-rd.
 Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
 St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
 William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up George-st., Edgware-rd.
 Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.
 Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Ho., Goulborne-rd., Notting-hill.
 Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Ho., London-st., Greenwich.
 Sir Hugh Myddelton, 25, King Edward-st., Liverpool-rd., N.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, November 24, 1877.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19.

Lodge 613, Unity, Palatine-buildings, Southport.
 " 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.
 " 1502, Israel M.H., Liverpool.
 Chap. 32, Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.
 Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20.

Lodge 667, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 897, St. Helen's Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's.
 " 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croxteth.
 " 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hot., Barrow.
 " 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton-le-Fylde.
 " 1276, Warren, Stanley Arms, Seascombe.
 " 1325, Stanley M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1570, Prince Arthur, M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
 Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21.

Lodge 537, Zetland, M.R. Birkenhead.
 " 823, Everton, M.H. Liverpool.
 " 1061, Triumph, M.H., Lytham.
 " 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence's School, Kirkdale.
 " 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys Hot., Eccles.

Lodge 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
 " 1403, W. Lancashire, Commercial Hot., Ormskirk.
 Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
 De Grey and Ripon do., N. Hill-st.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22.

Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.
 Chap. 292, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence Schools, Kirkdale.
 Mariners L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
 Stanley, do., 214, Gt. Homer-st., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23.

Lodge 1393, Hamer, M.H., Liverpool.

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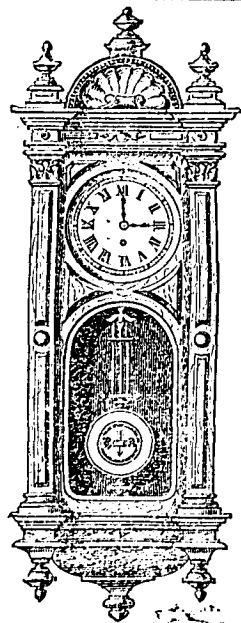
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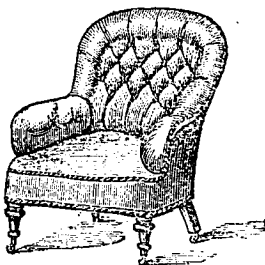
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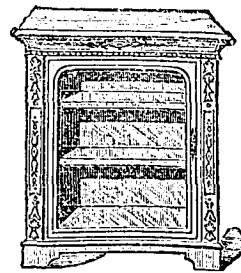


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