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## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

## Craft Masonry.

**LODGE OF UNITED STRENGTH (No. 228).**—The world in general was supposed to be watching with momentous interest the struggle of conquering and conquered any time this month, but "fact is stranger than fiction;" no thought of the "joy or sorrow" arising from war's victories or defeats entered within the peaceful walls of the Lodge of United Strength on the 12th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, when the lodge, like Jack of early rhymes, found a "new Master." "Installation night" is in general to a lodge what Lord Mayor's Day is to the citizens of London, in the interest awakened in all who have part or parcel with the lodge, and in the case of No. 228 the interest was wider, for brethren came from far and wide to witness the elevation of so good a working Mason as Bro. Robert H. Halford, about forty visitors being present. The lodge was opened by Bro. James Hill, the Wardens being Bros. Snare, S.W. (who had asked the brethren to delay his election to the chair); the W.M. elect, Bro. R. H. Halford, being in the J.W. chair. The Past Masters of the lodge present were Bros. Crump (twenty-seven years Secretary, and now father of the lodge), Bottrill, J. Terry, P.G.D.C. Herts; Colston, Davies, Asst. Secretary; Hillhouse, J. While (*Freemason*), and R. Griggs. The lodge room was exceedingly well laid out, and when furnished with its living garniture, the brethren and visitors presented a sight which only Freemasons can imagine. The visitors included many wearers of the provincial purple, as may be seen from our list, for among those present were Bros. G. S. Lancaster, P.G.W. of Hants; E. Bowyer, P.G.D. Herts; Hart, P.G.D. Kent; McCubbin, P.G.D. Berks and Bucks; A. Hodge, P.G.D. Kent; Newton, P.M. 1607; Underwood, P.M. 860; Mark Rest, W.M. 948; W. Randall, W.M. 1470, Chiltern; J. A. Beart, J.W. 1470; G. F. Cook, P.M. 1471; T. Goode, W.M. 1288; Grimwood, P.M. 1224; Waters, P.M. Carrick-on-Shannon Lodge; Garbett, W.M. 1178; W. Burrows, J.D. 1336; B. L. Wilson, 1566; F. J. Moore, 1196; T. Thomson, 7, Scotland; Rankin, 475; Johnstone, 670; Tongue, Polish National; Mills, 23, Globe; Casely, 625; Howell, P.M. 1470; Charles Cornelly, P.M. 2, Dublin; Parker, J.W. 360; Atkins, 360; Cook, 177; Stock, S.W. 1178; Greenaway, 1567; Smith, 1588; Crockett, 1328; Littlewood, P.M. 780; and Lawrence. The W.M., Bro. James Hill, opened the lodge in the three degrees, and Bro. Smith, who had passed the first and second, was duly raised. The minutes having been unanimously confirmed in a lodge resumed to the First Degree, the officers were released from duty. Bros. Hillhouse and While were placed in the Wardens' chairs, and Bro. Hill, assisted by Past Master Griggs, proceeded to install his successor. Bro. Halford accepted the office and its duties in customary form in the Fellow Craft Lodge, and gave the usual pledges. The Board of Installed Masters was then formed, and the new Master was inducted into the chair according to ancient rites, and when there was greeted with rites "ancient and modern." When the brethren generally were re-admitted the new W.M. was proclaimed, and the processions were enlivened by the organ accompaniment by one of the visiting brethren. The addresses were delivered by Bro. Robert Griggs, with perfect elocution, and the visitors had thus a good opportunity of judging of the attention given by the workers of the lodge to Masonic ceremonies. The new Master then appointed his officers, and invested those elected by the lodge, the Treasurer and Tyler. All the brethren were rejoiced to see Bro. Snare again appointed to the S.W. chair. Bro. Pearcey amid plaudits received the jewel of office, and was invested with the dignity of J.W. Bro. Hickman, a young Mason, made a flight to the position of S.D.; Bro. Patmore had for the first time the wand of J.D. placed in his hands, and having with grace and ability discharged all the duties of office from Steward, received the emblematic jewel of this honourable position; Bro. Killick, the W.M. of the Kingsland Lodge, established in the far north of London, near the famous fishery of Ball's Pond, by the junior members of the lodge, received his initial step in his mother lodge by being placed as I.G. Bro. Holmes was made D.C., and Bro. Alford his assistant, Bro. J. Terry, P.M., again kindly occupied the responsible duties of W.S., and Bro. Currey, received the position of Assistant W.S. The Treasurer

Bro. Winsland, was unfortunately absent. Bro. Crump was received with loud rejoicing when re-invested with the office of Secretary, as was Bro. P.M. Davies, the Assistant Secretary. In all these selections of officers, the new W.M., acting under the guidance and with the assistance of the Past Masters, proceeded upon the old lines of the Constitution of the Craft, "merit before seniority." In the olden time in the lodge—back we mean, in the very olden time—so tradition has it, the appointment of officers used to be on the principle, ignored by the Constitution, of seniority. A change somehow occurred, and the principle of merit was supposed to govern, but for a long time the system prevailing was only a half-way house between the old and the true system, for if an officer was unpunctual and inattentive to his duties he was generally, notwithstanding his lack of interest in the duties, promoted year by year, the guiding principle being found in the abnegation of personal responsibility—"Let the lodge decide;" and so it used to be thrown upon the lodge to reject perhaps a very worthy brother, and so offend him, or to elect one who, whatever else he might be, could only discharge the duties of his office with continual promptings, and whose government formed a year of trial and shame. "Nous avons changé toute cela." The example was set by a W.M. of insisting, as far as he was able then, upon having a competent discharge of duties by those accepting office, and now the lodge, by an extension of the principle, can look forward to a succession of Masters not only willing but able to discharge with credit the responsible duties of W. Master, and to sustain in after years the dignity of P.M. Before the lodge closed, Bro. Mosley, on behalf of a brother visitor of another lodge, presented No. 228 with a case for the ivory gavel presented by Bros. Heinrich and Mosley. The first work of the new W.M. was the initiation of Mr. R. N. Stockwell and Mr. Henry Reeves, the latter gentleman holding a responsible position in one of our London governing boards. The duty was discharged by the W.M. and officers in a perfect manner in all respects. The lodge closed, the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, and the usual speeches were made of congratulation to the Master. The I.P.M., Bro. Hill, made his earnest endeavours to discharge the duties of his office recognised by being presented with the P.M. jewel of the lodge and a P.M. collar and silver pendant by the brethren, and Bro. Terry, in responding for the Masonic Charities, spoke of the duty thrown upon the Craft of supporting them, and thanked the lodge for the good it had done to his own institution. He expressed his great regret that a Past Grand Chaplain should have taken occasion to attack the work being thus done, and defended the institutions. The initiates and visitors also responded.

**LEWIS LODGE (No. 1185).**—This lodge held an emergency meeting on Saturday, the 16th inst., at the King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, for the purpose of raising Bro. Coombe, when the following gentlemen, having been duly balloted for, were initiated:—Messrs Black, Harris, and Pearson. Both ceremonies were admirably worked by Bro. William Sayer, W.M., who on this his first night of office proved himself to be a thorough working Mason. After the closing of the lodge the brethren sat down to a capital dinner. The working at this country lodge, which can boast of its Chaplain and Organist, is quite up to many of the larger and more pretentious town lodges.

**METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).**—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, the 20th inst. The lodge was opened at half-past four o'clock by the W.M., Bro. R. T. Kingham, assisted by Bros. J. J. Michael, P.M.; T. A. Adams, P.G.P., as acting I.P.M.; W. M. Stiles, Sec. and J.D.; J. Douglass, S.W.; C. J. Scales, J.W.; W. Side, S.D.; Colls, I.G.; H. Stiles, D.C.; G. Clarke, W.S.; H. Lovegrove, Steward. There were present Bros. Raney, Gilbert, jun., Edmonds, Brummell, Saintsbury, Hatch, Hewison, H. Clark, J. J. Steele, Cruikshanks, Holden, Lea, Beattie, Channing, Killingback, Grant, Kearns, Tombs, and a number of brethren, including visitors Bros. Dwarber, P.M. 55, 1589; Meyer, 1621; Fisk, 212; Baker, P.M. 753; Pickard, J.W. 753; Poulton, 192, 1604; Urlick, P.M. 144; and Hancock. The minutes having been read and confirmed, Bros. Holden, Lea, Channing, Steele, Ward, Kearns, Grant, and Cruikshanks, were raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. Bros. F. W. Dimsdale, H. A. Dimsdale, and W. E. Smith were passed to the Second Degree. Messrs. E. R. Freebody, A. Gemmell, C. Turner, and C. W. Blake were elected after ballot, and the first three were duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. It was unanimously resolved that an application should be made for a chapter to be attached to the lodge, Bros. J. Willing, P.M., Treasurer; T. Williams, I.P.M.; and Fergusson, P.M. 177, three Principals designate. After the transaction of some routine business, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, provided by Bro. F. H. Clemow in his usual excellent style. Fifty-five members of the lodge were present and eleven visitors. The usual toasts were given, and the proceedings were enlivened by the vocal efforts of Bros. Cruikshanks, Michael, Hewison, and Hatch.

**ST. DUNSTAN'S LODGE (No. 1589).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 15th inst., when there were present Bros. Wellsman, W.M.; Dalwood, S.W., W.M. elect; Dodson, J.W.; Turner, S.D.; Woodbridge, J.D.; Manners, I.G.; Low, D.C.; Bull, W.S.; Dwarber, I.P.M.; and the following honorary members: Bros. J. Smith, P.G.P.; Albert, P.G.P.; Maxwell, P.G.S.; Terry, P.G.D.C. of Herts, Sec. Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; Capt. R. Williams, P.P.G. Organist of Middlesex. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Coward, P.G.S.; Baxter, P.G.S.; Probert, G.S.; Batty, W.M. 171; Singleton, W.M. 858; Brodie, W.M. 1254; Jardine, P.M. 140; Robbins, P.M. 276; Lee, I.P.M. 975; Green, S.W. 108; T. C. Walls, 141, P.G.O. of Middlesex (*Freemason*); Yaxley, J.W. 434;

Dekins, J.D., (Dalhousie); Jardine, 56; Fowler, 96; Moore, 198; Preston, 1669; De Keyser, Sadler, and Whaley, 1676. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. raised Bros. Robinson and A. N. Clemow, to the degree of M.M. most ably. The ceremony of inducting Bro. Dalwood in the chair of K.S. was then commenced by Bro. Wellsman, who appointed Bros. Smith as S.W.; Albert, as J.W.; Lee, as I.G.; and Dwarber, as D.C. to assist him in the work, and Bro. Williams officiated as Organist. The whole of the beautiful ceremony was carried out by the I.P.M. in a manner that left nothing to be desired. The officers invested were Bros. Dolson, S.W.; Turner, J.W.; Praed, Treasurer (by deputy), A. Tisley, Secretary (by deputy); Woodbridge, S.D.; Manners, J.D.; Low, I.G.; Bull, D.C.; Clemow, W.S. The lodge having been duly closed the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, which was well catered for by Bro. Clemow, and assistants. The preliminary Royal and Craft toasts were duly honoured. Bro. J. Smith, P.G.P., responded on behalf of "The Officers of Grand Lodge" in his usually happy manner. In proposing "The Health of the W.M.," the I.P.M. took occasion to mention that Bro. Dalwood, as P.M. of a very old lodge, would bring a matured experience to bear upon his responsibilities in the chair of the St. Dunstan's Lodge. He would also find that the rough edges of the work had been taken off by the Masters that had preceded him. The brethren who knew him and were aware of his capabilities would agree with him (the I.P.M.) that he (the W.M.) would guide their ship thoroughly well to the end of his twelvemonth's voyage. In conclusion the speaker said that Bro. Dalwood was the very man they wanted, and one that would not only look after their interests and comforts, but would see that the discipline of the lodge was well carried out. The W.M. in reply briefly said that he hoped during his year of office to give every satisfaction. He had—as they were well aware—filled the position before, and therefore they might rely that the responsibilities of the position would not suffer at his hands. He was proud to preside over such a lodge, because it was founded as a parish lodge, and it was moreover gratifying to him to see amongst their members so many occupying present and past official rank in the good old precinct of St. Dunstan. "The Visitors" followed, and was acknowledged at length and in very flattering terms by Bros. Batty, 171; Brodie, 1254; and Jardine, 56. The next toast was the "The I.P.M.," which was given by the W.M. in very felicitous terms. He said that Bro. Wellsman was a most worthy brother. He had carried out the duties of the chair from first to last most ably. He (the W.M.) had been connected with him as a vestryman for many years, and he could unhesitatingly say that no man was more highly esteemed in the parish than their I.P.M. In conclusion, the W.M. presented Bro. Wellsman with the very handsome and distinctive jewel of the lodge, and at the same time expressed a hope that he would live many years to wear it. This toast having been most warmly received, the I.P.M. made an excellent reply. Some brethren, he said, were under the impression that after having passed the chair they had nothing more to do than to rest and be thankful, but he was of a different opinion, as he considered that a P.M. should be always at his post, and should invariably endeavour to study to improve the interests of his lodge. He said that it having occurred to several of the inhabitants to found a parish lodge, they had laid their heads together, and the results proved that they had not erred in establishing one. He, personally, was proud of the position he occupied as a founder and second Master of the good Masonic ship "The St. Dunstan," and long might it enjoy fair weather. The remaining toasts, in consequence of the advanced hour, were but briefly given. They were "The Past Masters;" "The Hon. Members;" "The Treasurer and Secretary;" and "The Officers." In the course of the latter toast the W.M. mentioned feelingly the illness that had suddenly overtaken their worthy and excellent Secretary, Bro. Tisley. During the evening Bros. Dodson, Wellsman, Clemow, and Walls vocally entertained the brethren, and Bro. Taunton, professionally known as Mr. Walter Pelham, created great amusement in his imitations of public readers and street itinerants. The next and last meeting of the season will be held on the third Friday in the ensuing month.

**PRESCOT.—Lodge of Loyalty (No. 86).**—The postponed installation meeting of this very ancient lodge took place at the Crown Hotel, Prescott, near Liverpool, on Wednesday, the 13th inst. There was a large gathering of the fraternity on this occasion, amongst the visitors being Bros. H. S. Alpass, Prov. G. Sec.; H. W. Collins, P.P.G.J.W.; J. R. Goepel, P.M. 155, 823, P.P.G.D.C.; and W. Newsome, W.M. elect 1384. Amongst the brethren of the lodge present were Bros. W. Tyrer, I.P.M. and P.G. Supt. of Wks.; John Twist, P.M.; H. Scott, P.M.; J. T. Hall, P.M., and others. The lodge was duly opened by Bro. W. Tyrer, I.P.M., who proceeded to install Bro. John Twist, P.M., as W.M. for the ensuing year, in a most efficient manner. The newly installed Master invested his officers as follows: Bros. Frederick Smith, S.W.; E. J. Brown, J.W.; W. Tyrer, Treas.; Henry Fogg, Sec.; Alexander Fraser, S.D.; James Mawdsley, J.D.; John Bamford, I.G.; John Yapp, Org.; Thomas Cowherd, Tyler. The brethren subsequently dined together, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

**SOUTHAMPTON.—Royal Gloucester Lodge (No. 130).**—Bro. Robert Sharpe, the I.P.M. of this lodge, was at its last meeting presented by the lodge with a Past Master's jewel, in recognition of his services during the past year. The presentation was made in open lodge by the W.M., Bro. C. J. Phillips, following a raising and two initiations, and in the presence of a full attendance of brethren, including nearly a dozen visitors from the Shirley Lodge, with which Bro. Sharpe has been associated as Treasurer since its foundation. The W.M.,

having in a few appropriate sentences placed the jewel, which is handsomely chased and bore a suitable inscription, on the breast of Bro. Sharpe, he gracefully acknowledged the compliment. Upwards of thirty brethren subsequently supped together, and a most fraternal meeting was spent, the toast of the visitors being acknowledged by representatives of the Shirley Lodge, Bros. Aslett, P.M. (Southampton); P.M. John Adams (Peace and Harmony); and Bro. Burchett (Economy, Winchester).

**MANCHESTER.**—Caledonian Lodge (No. 204).—The usual monthly meeting of this ancient and well known lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Wednesday, the 14th inst., and was made the occasion of recognising the merits and services of an old and much esteemed member. The W.M. (Bro. Robert Eldershaw) took the chair shortly after six o'clock; the other chairs being occupied by Bros. John Roberts, S.W., and G. T. Mullock, J.W. There were also present P.M.'s Clay, Timperley, Battye, Humphreys, Hains, Hind; Bros. H. T. Robberds, P.M. 993, and T. Shorrocks, W.M. 350, and a goodly muster of members and friends. Amongst the latter were Bros. Yates, P.M. 993; Allison, P.M. 993; Sharp, W.M. 993; Pritchard, P.M. 581; Hardy, P.M. 1045; Slack, Peak, and Wright, 993; and Baldwin, 1357. After the usual preliminaries, Bro. William Percival was passed to the Second Degree by the W.M., and Bro. Samuel Lawton was raised to the Third Degree by Bro. A. Humphreys, I. P.M.; both ceremonies being performed in a creditable manner. The most interesting event of the evening then took place, which was the presentation of a silver claret jug to Bro. John C. Hind, P.M., Treasurer, in recognition of of past services. The idea of this testimonial originated with the P.M., who, fearing from Bro. Hind's retiring and modest disposition that he might thwart their desires if he heard of it, decided to keep the matter from him until the moment of presentation; and so faithfully was the secret kept that he was quite taken by surprise, although several of his most intimate friends had been invited to be present. The presentation was made by the Rev. Bro. Philip Hains, P.M., Chaplain, on behalf of the members, in an eloquent and impressive speech, in which he said:—"Masonry has its duties, its privileges, and its pleasures. Amongst its pleasures, I know none more pleasing than the presentations which we make from time to time to those amongst our brethren who, by their zeal and industry, recognised ability, and gentle demeanour, have distinguished themselves amongst us, and have won the esteem of all Masons. The brethren of this lodge, upon this occasion, have made two selections; one, in my opinion, a happy and suitable one, the other, if I will not say unhappy and unsuitable, yet characterised with less wisdom than the former. They have selected you, sir, to be the recipient of this valuable gift, and they have selected me to present it to you. I must say that, in the latter case, the brethren might have made a more fortunate and happy selection, and might have delegated the duty to a more worthy and distinguished brother—not that I yield to any of the brethren in my feeling of fraternal regard to Bro. Hind, nor to any with regard to those sentiments of sincere respect which I entertain for him. But there are other Masons whose acquaintance with him has extended over very many more years, and whose friendship for him has been for longer standing; but as the mouthpiece and spokesman of the brethren present, I ask of your acceptance of this gift, as an earnest and pledge that they look upon you as a credit and honour to the lodge. They regard the assistance which you have always given as one of their main supports, and the manner in which you have conducted yourself in all the offices which you have filled, as an example to younger Masons both within and without the lodge. Whatsoever offices you may have filled—whether it be that of a simple member, a Master of the lodge, a Past Master, or during the time you have filled the distinguished post of Treasurer—they consider that you have acted with credit to yourself, and that you have reflected honour on the body of which you are a member. During the many years that you have been a Mason, you must have witnessed many changes in the Caledonian Lodge. Many brethren have passed away from amongst us—I will not say because they were not all of us—but some have gone to foreign lands, some have gone away to form other lodges of which now they are the illustrious members; and some have gone to that undiscovered country, "that bourne from whence no traveller returns" to tell us what is doing on the other side. But amongst all the brethren, I will venture to affirm that you have not created one single enemy, but that you have made troops of friends. But what has been the secret of this success? Our Grand Master, Solomon, in a Masonic precept, gives us the solution to the mystery, "He that would win friends must show himself friendly"—he must love who would be beloved. It is with such feelings as these, sir, that we, a band of brothers, brethren of the mystic tie, ask your acceptance of this claret jug as a gift of friendship. Receive it as a token of our sincere and warm-hearted regard, the regard of your companions of many pleasant hours. May you be long spared to help your friends from it, and when you look upon it in years to come, may strong memory write upon your heart bright visions of those happy scenes when we all met together as brethren, and when Providence permitted you to make so many friends." Bro. J. C. Hind was evidently taken by surprise, and much moved by this expression of his brethren's good good will; but he accepted the gift in suitable terms, and referred to the past history of the lodge and his connection with it. He mentioned that she had been the mother of many lodges, which had taken somewhat of her past strength away, but she was looking up again, and he sincerely hoped she would continue to increase and prosper. The lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren afterwards, to the number of 40, repaired to the refreshment-room, where an enjoyable evening was spent, the W.M. vacating the chair at 11 p.m.

**LANCASTER.**—Lodge of Fortitude (No.

281).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 13th inst., in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, St. Leonard Gate, under the presidency of Bro. J. Jowitt. There was a good attendance. The lodge having been opened in the First and Second Degrees with the usual formalities, Bro. Shepherd answered the necessary questions in respect to the F.C. Degree, and was entrusted and retired. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Shepherd re-admitted and raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, the working being carefully and efficiently performed by the W.M., who also presented the working tools. The lodge was then resumed in the First Degree, and the sum of ten guineas voted for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and their Widows, on the motion of Bro. E. Simpson, P.M., P.G.S., seconded by Bro. R. Taylor, I.P.M., the former of whom stated that the Steward, Bro. Dr. Moore, had received about £80 from the lodges and members of the Craft in Lancaster for that charitable institution, a statement which was greeted with applause. The usual proclamations were then made, which elicited "heartly good wishes" from the visiting brethren, and the lodge closed with the usual formalities.

**PRESTON.**—Concord Lodge (No. 343).—The installation ceremony of this lodge took place in the Assembly Room of the Bull Hotel. Bro. A. Beattie was duly installed by Bro. Nevett, P.M. Unanimity, 113, as Worshipful Master for the ensuing twelve months. The following brethren were also invested as officers of the lodge, viz: Bros. Elton, I.P.M.; Hall, S.W.; Ree, J.W.; Robinson, P.M., P.G.A.D.C., Treasurer; Fazackerley, Secretary; Cowell, S.D.; Thompson, J.D.; Brown, I.G.; Hayes, Organist; Moss, P.M., Tyler. After the ceremony a banquet was held in celebration of the festival of St. John the Evangelist, to which a large number of brethren and invited guests sat down. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were proposed and aptly responded to. The harmony of the evening was much enjoyed, and ably contributed to by Bros. Holland, Cowell, Goulborne, Hayes, and others.

**DERBY.**—Arboretum Lodge (No. 731).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Gower-street, on Wednesday, the 13th inst., when there was a large muster of the brethren, the following being present: Bros. Brown, W.M.; G. T. Wright, P.M., P.P. J.G.W.; R. Bennett, I.P.M.; J. Taylor, P.M.; H. Burn, P.M.; T. L. Gee, P.M.; Worsnop, P.M.; J. C. Merry, P.M.; and Bros. T. Merry, S.W.; W. Cooper, J.W.; W. H. Burton, Treas.; Whittaker, Sec.; A. Frazer, S.D.; G. Cay, J.D.; Vincent, D.C.; Bower, I.G.; Bland and King, Stewards; and Day, Tyler; also Bros. Drewitt, Webster, Copestick, Hobson, Knight, Fone, Holloway, Carter, Wigg, Robinson, Johnson, Barnett, Wilton, A. Smith, Humber, F. L. Smith, Coulhurst. Visitors: Bros. Wood, 1399; Harvey, 100; Pipes, W.M. 1085; Bliss, 1410; and Biggs, W.M. 802. After the lodge had been opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last lodge read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, and Bro. T. Merry, S.W., was elected; Bro. Burton was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Holden, Tyler. The ballot was then taken for Mr. R. S. Crossby as a candidate for Freemasonry, and he was elected. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Johnson, having answered the usual questions, retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Johnson was raised to the Sublime Degree by the W.M. The lodge was resumed in the Second and First Degree, and in answer to an application from the Secretary of the Girls' School, Bro. King was appointed to represent the lodge as Steward at the forthcoming festival. The W.M. then presented a handsome gold watch and chain to Bro. Burton, Treasurer, asking him to accept it as a token of respect and esteem entertained for him by the members of the lodge, and he hoped that he would be spared many years to wear it. Bro. Burton briefly returned thanks, it being understood that the subject would be again referred to afterwards. The lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall, where a comfortable supper awaited them, and to which they did justice. The usual Masonic toasts having been disposed of, the W.M. gave the toast of "Bro. Burton's Health," and in referring to what had taken place in lodge, said that Bro. Burton had been associated with the members of the Arboretum Lodge for many years, and during that period he had filled various offices, notably, that of Treasurer for the long time of ten years, and had always laboured diligently and unselfishly in promoting the prosperity of the lodge, ever willing to make himself useful—indeed, he had become almost indispensable, and his cheerful indisposition was well known to all the brethren, who universally respected him as a friend, a brother, and a Mason in the truest sense of the word. In making him the present of a watch and chain that evening they did not for a moment—wish it to be understood to be a monetary consideration, such services as Bro. Burton's could not be met in that way; but he did wish it to be understood thoroughly as being truly what the inscription implied it to be, a pledge of the great brotherly affection and respect they had for their brother, and he hoped that he would be spared very many years to wear this watch, and when he looked on its honest face (for he believed it had a very honest face—he had worn it for some days, and it had proved very honest) he would consider it as emblematical of the honesty of purpose that had prompted the gift, which he was quite sure would be esteemed as such by their brother, as also by his wife and family, who would thus be told of the respect in which their husband and father was held by his brother Masons. He would wish, in conclusion, that when Nature's dark shadow fell upon their brother, as it must fall upon all of us, he would be taken to that other lodge above, and they might all meet him there again in that blest abode where

the World's Great Architect rules and reigns for ever. Several other toasts having been disposed of, the W.M. again rose to make another presentation to their Tyler, Bro. Day.—He said that some three years ago, it was well known that they were in some difficulty through the resignation of their Tyler, and Bro. Day, who had not long before become a joining member, at once volunteered to take the post as a temporary arrangement, but circumstances had prevented their appointing any one else, and Bro. Day had since continued to occupy that thankless office of Outer Guard, and when the brethren came to think what that meant, that their brother had sat outside all these years, taking no part in the lodge ceremonies, waiting often for a long time with scarcely a sign of what was going on, wondering what kept them so long; they would agree with him that the duty was rather monotonous and not one that would be selected from choice by most men. It could, therefore, scarcely be an ordinary wish to make himself useful that had prompted Bro. Day to take this post, but it must have been a true spirit of Masonry to do anything that he could, or that the brethren wished him to do, for the love of the cause. They had often thought that they were taxing Bro. Day's good nature too much, but if they did he never showed it; he had gone on uncomplainingly, and apparently quite satisfied if his services were giving satisfaction. Therefore, he would say that Bro. Day's unselfish conduct merited some acknowledgment from them, and he had great pleasure in presenting him with a marble timepiece, which he hoped he would accept as a simple tribute of respect from them for the way he had helped them in their difficulties, and he hoped that he would consider it as such, and that it would be valued more for the feeling it represented than its intrinsic value; indeed, he was quite sure that the inscription plate would be considered as by far the most valuable portion of the gift. He hoped that Bro. Day would long be spared to meet with them and enjoy the good feeling evinced by the brethren of the Arboretum Lodge. Bros. Merry and Bennett, the two P.M.'s, fully concurred in the remarks of the W.M. Bro. Day, in returning thanks, said that the W.M. had attached far more value to the small services it had been his happiness to render the lodge than they merited; he had no previous knowledge of what was to take place, and therefore was quite taken aback by the flattering way the W.M. had spoken of him. He had been pleased to be of service to them, and he should value their present very highly, as being what it had been stated to be, an expression of goodwill and friendship from the brethren of his lodge. He thanked them very much for their appreciation of his services. The proceedings were then brought to a close, all present having acknowledged that a very profitable and enjoyable evening had been spent.

**CREWKERNE.**—Parrot and Axe Lodge (No. 814).—The annual installation and banquet of this lodge took place at the lodge-room, George Hotel, on Tuesday, the 12th inst. Bro. G. Summers was installed as the W.M., the ceremony being most impressively rendered by the W.D.P.G.M. of Somerset. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Tompsett, S.W.; Dr. Hughes, J.W.; M. C. J. Harris, P.P.J.G.W., Treasurer; Josh. Ireland, P.P.G.P., Secretary; Coombes, S.D.; Hussey, J.D.; Nosworthy, P.P.G.O., Organist; Budge, P.P.J.G.D., M.C.; Bennett, I.G.; Lacey, Tyler; Batten, P.G.D.C., officiated as Director of Ceremonies. The banquet was afterwards held in the lodge-room, under the presidency of the W.M., supported by the W.D.P.G.M., and several officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, brethren from Torquay, Yeovil, and other lodges in the province. The banquet was served by Bro. Baker in his ever generous style. The usual Masonic and other toasts were given, interspersed by some excellent songs sung by the brethren, and accompanied on the pianoforte by Bro. Milborn, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

**KNUTSFORD.**—De Tabley Lodge (No. 941).—The annual festival of St. John the Evangelist of this flourishing lodge was held in their splendid lodge room, at the Royal George Hotel, on Monday, the 18th inst., for the installation of the Worshipful Master elect, and the appointment of the officers for the ensuing year. Besides the brethren of the De Tabley, the Stamford, the Cope, the Lodge of Sincerity, the Prince of Wales's Lodge, and the Urnston New Lodge were represented by distinguished brethren. Bro. W. Nicholls, P.M., having been unanimously elected, was duly installed and invested with the collar and jewel of his office. Bro. Goodacre, P.M., &c., was the Installing Master, and most ably and impressively performed that duty. The Worshipful Master then appointed the following officers:—Bros. J. Hodgkinson, I.P.M.; W. Leigh, S.W.; D. Kinsey, J.W.; Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, P.P.G.C., Chaplain; J. Siddley, P.M., P.J.G.D., Treasurer and Secretary; W. Taberer, S.D.; C. Sherwin, J.D.; J. Partington, I.G.; J. Twiss, P.M., Org.; W. Alcock, Tyler; and W. Fair, P.M.; J. Whitlow, P.M.; J. B. Cutter, P.M.; and J. Hodgkinson, P.M., Stewards. The business of the lodge being ended, the brethren sat down to a most excellent banquet, provided by the worthy hostess (Mrs. Caldecott), which reflected the highest credit upon her capability for catering upon such occasions. The Worshipful Master presided, and in truly loyal and Masonic spirit gave the usual toasts. There were some excellent speeches given upon the beauties of Masonry and its charities by Bros. Goodacre, Fair, Whitlow, and others, enlivened by a selection of harmony, vocal and instrumental, by Bros. Young, Whitlow, Burgess, and Alcock. A most enjoyable evening was spent, and the brethren separated in that fraternal bond of brotherhood known only to the Craft. It is worthy of note, and will afford encouragement to the newly initiated brethren and those desirous of making their mark in Freemasonry, to note the progress Bro. Nicholls has made in the Craft since his initiation. Bro. Nicholls was initiated

on the 17th February, 1865, in the De Tabley Lodge by the Worshipful Master, Bro. G. C. Legh, M.P., and R.W.P. G.S. Warden of England, Bro. Right Hon. Lord de Tabley, R.W.P.S.G.W., and Prov. Grand Master of Cheshire, being present, proposed "The Health of the newly-initiated Brother," expressing a hope that what he had seen and heard in the beautiful ceremony of his initiation he would duly appreciate, and become a worthy and distinguished brother amongst them. Bro. Nicholls first took office as I.G. in February, 1868; in 1869 was appointed J.D.; in 1870, S.D.; in 1871, J.W.; in 1872, S.W.; and in 1873 was unanimously elected and duly installed as the Worshipful Master of the De Tabley Lodge by Bro. J. A. Birch, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. The Installing Master, after a successful year of office, was succeeded by Bro. Reynolds, Bro. Nicholls being invested with collar and jewel of his office as I.P.M.; but before Bro. Reynolds' year of office had expired it pleased the Grand Architect of the Universe to remove our much-esteemed and lamented brother to that Grand Lodge above, when Bro. Nicholls was again called to the chair; in 1875 was again appointed I.P.M.; in 1876 Bro. the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., P.G.S.W., being unanimously elected and installed the Worshipful Master, appointed Bro. Nicholls, S.W., and Deputy W.M. during his unavoidable absence on Parliamentary duties, &c. On the occasion of the Right Worshipful Grand Master holding his Provincial Grand Lodge at Knutsford, in 1876, Bro. Nicholls was appointed one of the P.G.S., and took an active part in all its arrangements, and in 1877 was for the third time invested with the collar and jewel of his office as I.P.M., and in the same year was exalted to the degree of Royal Arch in the Chapter attached to the De Tabley Lodge, and on the 14th January, 1878, was nominated and unanimously elected the Worshipful Master of the De Tabley Lodge for the second time; and on this occasion was duly installed in the Chair of King Solomon by Bro. W. Goodacre, P.M. and W.M., Lodge 1730, Urmston, who most ably and impressively performed the duty of Installing Master. During the whole time Bro. Nicholls has been in office he has been a punctual and regular attendant at the lodge, and taking a deep interest in its working and prosperity; and we heartily wish Bro. Nicholls a happy and prosperous year of office.

**SOUTHEND.—Priory Lodge (No. 1000).**—The first monthly meeting of this lodge since the installation took place on Thursday, the 14th inst., at the Middleton Hotel. There were present Bros. N. Chaplin, W.M.; W. P. Belliss, S.W.; J. C. Johnstone, P.M. 20 (I.C.); J.W.; Rev. H. J. Hatch, P.M. 160, P.P.G. Chap., as Chaplain; J. A. Wardell, P.M. 160 and 1000, P.P.G.D., Sec.; G. F. Jones, S.D.; G. Berry, J.D.; T. Barrett, I.G.; G. F. Grayson, D.C.; Martin, as Tyler; W. S. Cox, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; H. Rowley, P.M., P.P.G.D.; A. Lucking, P.M. 160, P.M. and M.E.Z. 1000, Prov. G.D.C.; H. Luker, W. D. Merritt, W. Waterhouse, J. English, H. Beecher. Visitors—Bros. Major Lambert; Parr, 1536; Foster, 1679. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Alfred Martin as a serving brother (a dispensation having been obtained), which, being in his favour, the W.M. in an able manner initiated him into Freemasonry, and then passed Bros. C. Palmer, L. Boss, and W. Popplewell to the Second Degree. The lodge was then closed and adjourned.

**LANCASTER.—Rowley Lodge (No. 1051).**—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, on the 5th inst. Bro. A. Sheriff, the W.M., occupied the chair of K.S., and was supported by his several officers, there being also a fair attendance of members. The lodge was opened in the First Degree with solemn prayer, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was then raised to the Second Degree, and Bros. Palmer and Welch, having given proficiency as F.C.'s, were entrusted and retired. The lodge was then raised to the Third Degree, when they were separately re-admitted, and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Masons, Bro. Palmer being raised by the W.M., and Bro. Welch by Bro. Dr. Moore, P.G.S.B. of E., the working in both cases being impressively performed. The working tools were presented by the W.M. The lodge having resumed in the First Degree, a congratulatory vote was unanimously accorded to the brother who occupied the I.P.M. chair on his appointment as Prov. G.S.W. of Lancashire. The compliment having been duly acknowledged, a very cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Dr. Moore, P.G.S.B. of E., for his services as Secretary to the lodge (which office he has recently resigned); and the wish was expressed that the lodge would not lose his services in the future. Bro. Moore, in acknowledging the compliment, said it was his intention to keep up his connection with the lodge as heretofore, and that he should at all times be most happy to render every assistance in his power to promote the interests of the lodge in particular, and of Freemasonry in general. The usual proclamations were then made, and the lodge closed in peace, love, and harmony.

**MANCHESTER.—Lodge of St. David (No. 1147).**—(Festival of St. John).—The Installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 14th inst., and was of a very imposing character, being graced by the presence of Bro. W. Bulkeley Hughes, D.G.P.M. of North Wales and Shropshire, and member of Parliament for Carnarvonshire; and the following Provincial Officers:—Bros. J. A. Birch, P.P.G.J.W.; J. L. Hine, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Barker, P.P.G. Treasurer; T. A. Elliott, P.P.G.R.; E. B. Harding, P.P.S.G.D. Amongst the visitors we noticed the following:—Bros. Joseph Snape, 1055; William Aldred, 1387; R. W. Braithwaite, 1486; H. Elliott, 1087; T. Partington, 147; W. Nicholl, 317; and a Parsee brother from Calcutta, named Roostumjee Dhunjeethoy Mehta, 392. The lodge having been duly opened, Mr. Morris was initiated into the mysteries of

the Apprentice Degree of Freemasonry. The great event of the afternoon then followed, viz., the installation of Bro. Thomas Elliott into King Solomon's chair and the Mastership of St. David's Lodge for the ensuing twelve months. The Installing Master was Bro. Thomas R. Peel. Bro. Ellis Jones delivered the charge in a very effective manner to the Master of the lodge and the brethren. The new W.M. nominated the following officers:—Bros. I. Davies, S.W.; John Taylor, J.W.; R. Barlow, Treasurer; William Hadden, Secretary; J. O. Evans, S.D.; F. Griffin, J.D.; J. B. Steel, I.G.; T. R. Peel, P.M., D. of C.; A. Ehrenbach, Organist; J. T. Chappell, G. H. Hewardine, and M. Fairweather, Stewards; and J. Sly, Tyler. Bro. Gibson invested the S.W., J.W., and Treasurer; Bro. Edward Williams, the S.D. and J.D.; Bro. John Unsworth the Stewards, Organist, I.G., and Tyler; and Bro. Ellis Jones the D. of C. The lodge was closed in solemn form after which the brethren and visitors adjourned to the "Queen's Hotel," Piccadilly, to dine together. A most sumptuous banquet followed. Bro. Thomas Elliott, W.M., occupied the chair in a most efficient manner, and proposed in suitable terms the toasts of "The Queen," and "The Prince of Wales, the M.W.G.M. of England." Bro. Davies, S.W., proposed "The Earl of Carnarvon, M.W.P.G.M., and Bro. Taylor, J.W., proposed "Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers." "The Healths of Bros. Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, R.W.P.G.M. of E. L., and George Mellor, V.W.D.P.G.M. of E. were proposed and drunk in a very enthusiastic manner. The next toast on the list was "The Provincial Grand Officers of E. L., and other Provinces Past and Present." It was ably proposed by the W.M., and responded to in a most eloquent manner by Bro. J. A. Birch, P.P.G.J.W., and we are sorry to say that want of space prevents us giving a report of his remarks. Bro. E. Williams, I.P.M., next proposed the toast of the evening, viz., "The Worshipful Master of the Lodge of St. David, Bro. Thomas Elliott." Bro. Williams said it was a law of nature that some must command and others obey, and that in electing Bro. Elliott to the government of that lodge for the ensuing twelve months they felt sure, judging from his past conduct, that Bro. Elliott was fully competent to fulfil the duties that would devolve upon him. No doubt he would meet with difficulties and obstacles, for that was the lot of all, but he felt sure that Bro. Elliott was possessed with patience and perseverance, and that he would overcome them. He was satisfied that the members of the lodge would render him loyal service, and do all in their power to make his position comfortable. The toast was drunk with the greatest enthusiasm. Bro. Elliott, in responding, thanked them for the cordial manner in which they had drunk his health, and also for having placed him in the proud position of W.M. of the Lodge of St. David. He stated that when he was present, several years ago, at the installation of a W.M., he was so much influenced with the beauty of the service that he conceived the object of gaining the chair. He had patiently worked up to it, and he was very grateful that night at having achieved the object of his ambition. He was not one to promise too great things, for what he promised he liked to perform; but one thing he would promise them, and that was that he would do his best, not only for St. David's Lodge, but also for the welfare of Masonry in general. He should not be too anxious to encourage an accession of members irrespective of character, but would see that any initiated in his year of office should be thoroughly worthy to partake of their great privileges. He should do what lay in his power to get the members of that lodge to practise the glorious principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth. Bro. J. Williams, P.M., proposed "The Sister Lodges of Wales." Bro. Hughes (M.P. for Carnarvonshire), thanked the company for the honour they had done him in coupling his name with that toast, and stated that it had been a great pleasure to him to be present on that occasion. He had visited a great many lodges, but he had never seen the ceremony of installation rendered so impressively as it had been that afternoon by Bro. Peel. He was glad to inform them that the sister lodges of Wales were in a flourishing condition, and if any of the brethren would pay them a visit he was sure they would receive a hearty welcome. Bro. Gibson proposed "The Visiting Brethren," which was responded to by Bro. Roostumjee D. Mehta. Bro. Joseph Snape and several others also responded to this toast. The brethren then separated after a most enjoyable evening had been spent.

**BUXTON.—Phoenix Lodge of St. Ann (No. 1235).**—On Thursday, the 14th inst., the brethren of the above lodge celebrated their anniversary at the Court House, when there was a large muster of the brethren of the lodge, and of visiting brethren. There were present Bros. E. J. Sykes, W.M., P.G. Standard-Bearer; R. R. Duke, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; Josiah Taylor, P.M., Treas., P.P.G. Standard-Bearer; E. C. Milligan, P.M. P.P.J.G.D.; Thos. Bragg, P.M., P.P.G.S.W. Warwick; F. K. Dickson, P.M.; J. H. Lawson, S.W.; Phillip Le Gros, J.W.; Wm. Goodwin Sec., W. Boughen, S.D.; C. Adams, D.C.; Geo. Marsden, Org., P.P.G. Org.; Joseph Whalley, I.G.; C. Gurnnell and G. Goodwin, Stewards; J. H. Taylor, Jos. Gladwin, Chas. Wilkinson, H. Wint, John Oram, J. Morten, George Smedley, Robert Hulme, William Lees, William Needham, Robt. H. Lomas, James C. Hyde, J. Heathcote, J. C. Bates, and William Shawe. Visitors: Bros. Rev. A. A. Bagshawe, P.M. 1688, P.P.G.S.W.; Wm. Milligan, P.M., W.M. 884, P.P.G.D.C.; Wm. Thos. Flather, Zetland, 603; Chas. H. Hoyland, Phoenix, 904; G. W. Hodgkinson, Phoenix, 904; Chas. J. Bennett, 654; C. C. W. Ferguson, W.M. 654; S. W. Ready, P.M. 654; J. T. Wright, P.M. 654; Peter Bramwell, P.M. 654; Rev. Francis Duke, Canongate and Leith, 5; Alan Sandilands, 1688; B. W. Bentley, Moira. The lodge was opened in due form at 1.30. p.m., and the

usual business of the lodge transacted. The ballot for Mr. Oram was then proceeded with and found to be unanimously in his favour. The W.M. elect, Bro. J. H. Lawson, was then presented by Bros. E. J. Sykes, W.M., and E. C. Milligan, P.M. Having assented and solemnly promised to conform to the ancient charges in the usual form he was duly installed in the chair of K.S. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. Wm. Milligan, 31°, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., in his usual able and impressive manner and with an earnest elocution that did him credit. After the interesting ceremony the W.M. appointed and invested the following officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. P. Le Gros, S.W.; W. Boughen, J.W.; J. Taylor, P.M.; Fred. W. Lees, Sec.; W. D. Sutton, S.D.; C. Wilkinson, J.D.; Geo. Marsden, Org. and D.C.; W. Goodwin, I.G.; G. Smedley and R. Hulme, Stewards. The newly-installed W.M. then initiated Mr. Abel Oram into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry in a manner that elicited the commendations of all the brethren; three other proposals were received for initiation, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 4 o'clock p.m. The brethren then adjourned to "The Old Hall Hotel," where an elegant and sumptuous banquet had been prepared, which was served in a manner every way worthy of that ancient hostelry, and equally enjoyed by all the brethren. The usual toasts were given and responded to in a most hearty manner. A handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to the I.P.M., Bro. Sykes, as a souvenir of his year of office, and a novel and pleasing presentation was made—viz., a beautiful jewel to each of the Past Stewards, Bros. G. Goodwin and C. Guianell, on their retiring from office, which they have held for three years, to the comfort and pleasure of the brethren. The subject of the charities was placed before the brethren by Bro. Rev. F. Duke, supported by P.M.'s R. R. Duke and E. C. Milligan, and a handsome addition made to the funds of the Benevolent Institution, the special charity of the evening.

**TWICKENHAM.—Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1503).**—This lodge held its last meeting at the Albany Hotel, on the 13th inst. Amongst the brethren present were Bros. S. H. Knaggs, W.M.; H. Court, S.W.; W. Taylor, J.W.; W. Wigginton, P.P.G.S. of W. Middx., &c., &c., P.M. and Sec.; W. H. Saunders, I.P.M., P.G.S. of Middlesex; Vaughan, S.D.; Ashley, J.D.; the Rev. D'Orsey, Chap.; Walls, P.G.O. of Middx., D.C. (Freemason); Briggs, S.; Richnoll, W.S.; Court, jun., Asst. Org.; C. Horsley, P.M., P.P.G.R. of Middx., &c.; Harrison, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. Davis, P.M. 256; Powell, 165; Nuthall, J.D. (Dobie.) The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. raised Bro. T. Newton to the degree of M.M., so ably that at the conclusion of the ceremony the lodge, to mark their appreciation of his ability, and in consideration of its being his "maiden essay," passed a vote of thanks to him, and which vote was ordered to be recorded on the minutes. Two propositions for initiation having been taken, and there being no other business before the lodge, it was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to a collation, which was well served, and at its conclusion the W.M. gave the customary toasts. In proposing "The Health of the R.W.P.G.M. of Middx.," the W.M. touched upon the great services rendered to all degrees of Freemasonry by Bro. Col. Burdett, whom he (the W.M.) considered was "one of the best men, one of the best Masons, and one of the best specimens of an old English gentleman" that ever swayed over the Masonic destinies of a province. The toast of "The D.P.G.M. of Middlesex, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Past and Present," was acknowledged by Bros. Horsley, Wigginton, Walls, and Saunders. The latter brother then proposed "The W.M." He said that the brethren of the Francis Burdett were to be congratulated upon possessing a Master who, although only three years a Mason, performed the duties of the chair in a manner that left nothing to be desired. The W.M. having replied, gave "The Visitors," which pledge was responded to by Bros. Davis, Nuthall, and Powell. The remaining toasts were "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers." The rest of the evening having been spent most agreeably, the brethren adjourned until the second Wednesday in April.

**TONBRIDGE.—Tonbridge Lodge (No. 1678).**—The regular meeting of this young and prosperous lodge was held on Tuesday, Feb. 12th, at the Public Hall. There were present Bros. George Langridge, P.M. 874, W.M.; F. Spencer, P.M. 1063, S.W.; W. B. Bacon, J.W.; G. A. Augier, Sec.; Potter, S.D.; Allison, Tyler; and Bros. Bishop, Charlton, Irwin, Monckton, Peake, Stenning, Westbrook, and others. Visitors: Bros. J. J. Pattison and C. Graham, 1540 and 874. The W.M. opened the lodge, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Mr. Chas. Jones was initiated into the mysteries of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, the charge being given by the W.M. in an impressive manner. Several propositions were brought forward, and the lodge was closed in due form. The brethren subsequently dined at the Rose and Crown, and during the evening the loyal and Masonic toasts were given and cordially responded to. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to an end, the brethren having spent a very pleasant evening.

## INSTRUCTION.

**EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).**—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held on Friday, the 15th inst., at the Mitre Hotel, Golborne-road, Notting Hill, Bristol, sen., W.M.; Spiegel, S.W.; Tettenboro, J.W.; Woodman, J.D.; Bolton, I.G.; Bros. Murlis, P.M.; Penn, W.M.; Luhtwitz, Adkins, Hutton, Whitaker, Estell Oldrey, Chalford, and others. The lodge was opened in the First Degree and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed. Bro. Oldrey being the candidate. Bro. Penn then took the chair, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Adkins being the candidate. Bro. Spiegel was elected W.M. for Friday, 1st March, on account of the ball of the Mother Lodge, the instruction lodge was ad-



journed till that day, and Bro. Spiegel promised if the brethren will attend in good numbers he will give the Lecture on the First Tracing Board.

**FINSBURY PARK MASTER MASONS' LODGE** (No. 1288).—This lodge of instruction was held at the Finsbury Park Tavern, Holloway, on Friday, the 15th Feb., 1878. Present: Bros. P.M. L. R. Rogers, Preceptor; Jefferys, W.M.; Dunn, jun., S.W.; Press, J.W.; Frampton, S.D.; Thompson, J.D.; Cox, I.G.; and other brethren. Lodge opened in First Degree, and minutes of last lodge meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Edmunds, candidate for passing, examined, entrusted, and retired. Lodge opened in Second Degree, and ceremony of passing rehearsed. Bro. J. Walker, I.P.M. No. 27, was then presented as W.M. elect. A Board of Installed Masters having been formed Bro. Jefferys installed Bro. P.M. Walker into the chair of K.S., and after closing the lodge in the different degrees, Bro. Jefferys gave the addresses. Bro. Dunn, jun., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed officers in rotation. It was then proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Jefferys for the very able manner in which he had rehearsed the ceremony of installation. Lodge was then closed.

### Royal Arch.

**JERUSALEM CHAPTER** (No. 119).—The last meeting of this very old and flourishing chapter was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, on the 12th inst. Amongst those present were Comps. R. T. Elsam First Principal designate of the Dobie Chapter, M.E.Z.; P. Wagner, H.; Robinson, J.; Mander, S.N.; Davage, P.Z., S.E.; Harfeld, P.Z., Treasurer; T. C. Walls, (Freemason); Moss, 1st Assist.; Lewenstark, P.Z.; Whitley, Ellborn, Davis, Platt. The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the M.E.Z. with the assistance of his officers exalted Bro. Sebastian, Serra, (Leich. 957), to the Sublime Degree of the R.A. At the conclusion of the ceremony the election of officers for the ensuing year took place and resulted unanimously in favour of Comps. Wagner, M.E.Z.; Robinson, H.; Mander, J.; Walls, S.N.; Davage, S.E.; Harfeld, Treas.; and Comp. Moss was elected P.S. A proposition for exaltation at the next convocation having been taken and a jewel unanimously voted to the outgoing First Principal, the chapter was then duly closed and the companions adjourned to the banquet. As the toasts were not proposed until a very late hour, they were necessarily given but briefly. They were "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry," "H.R.H. the G.Z. of the Order," "The G.H. and G.J. and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present," "The M.E.Z.," "The Second and Third Principals," "The Exaltée," "The Treasurer and S.E.," and "The Officers." During the proceedings there were several vocal selections. The next convocation will be held on the second Tuesday in April next, when Comp. Wagner will be duly installed into the chair of First Principal.

**STONEHOUSE.**—Sincerity Chapter (No. 189).—The annual meeting of the Sincerity Chapter was held on Monday, 4th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse. The following officers presided *pro tem.*:—Ex. Comps. R. H. Rae, P.P.G.J., Z.; J. Baxter, P.P.G., 2nd A.S., H.; C. Watson, P.Z. 954, J.; Comps. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, S.E.; Col. Fitzgerald, S.N.; H. Horton, P.S. The Principals elect, Ex. Comps. I. Latimer, Z.; Lieut. the Hon. W. H. Jolliffe, R.N., H.; T. Waldo How, J.; were installed by the presiding Z., assisted by Ex. Comps. R. R. Rodd, P.P.G.N.; J. E. Curteis, P.P.G.B.B.; and supported by the presiding H. and J., and Ex-Comps. E. Aitken Davies, P.P.G. Reg.; J. Dampney, P.Z. At the close of the installation the following officers were invested:—Ex. Comps. J. E. Moon, S.N.; H. Horton, P.S.; C. Croydon, 1st A.S.; J. G. H. Evans, 2nd A.S.; Ex. Comp. T. S. Bayly, P.P.G. Reg., Treas.; John Rogers, Janitor.

**PANMURE CHAPTER** (No. 720).—A regular meeting of this chapter was held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, on Monday, the 11th instant, and was well attended. Chapter was opened by the M.E.Z., Comp. Bridges, and the present and past Principals and all officers were in their places. Bro. F. J. Burton, of the Panmure Lodge, No. 720, was exalted into the Sublime Degree with full ceremony, and the addresses from the chairs were ably delivered. The election of officers for the ensuing year then took place with the following result, viz.: Ex. Comp. Geo. Waterall, M.E.Z.; Ex. Comp. Mark S. Larham, H.; Comp. Thomas Poore, J.; Ex. Comp. James Stevens, P.Z., Scribe E. (tenth re-election); Comp. R. N. Field, Scribe N.; Comp. A. C. Burrell, P.S.; Ex. Comp. the Rev. W. B. Church, Treasurer; Comp. Thomas Meggy, D.C.; and Comp. J. Gilbert, Janitor. A cordial vote of thanks for past services was recorded in favour of Ex. Comp. H. C. Levander, on his resignation of the office of Treasurer. In addition to the above named there were present Ex. Comp. H. Smith, P.Z.; Comps. Poynter, F. W. Levander, T. Preston, E. Mitchell, and others, and visitors Ex. Comp. Thomas Perry, P.Z. 321, and P. Prov. Grand Standard Bearer, Devon, and Comp. W. J. Morphew. After disposing of some routine business the chapter was closed, and the companions dined together, and enjoyed the customary good fellowship so regularly displayed at each recurring meeting.

**BUXTON.**—Phoenix Chapter of Saint Ann (No. 1236).—The annual convocation of this chapter was held on the 1st inst., at the Court House. There were present Excellent Comps. Josiah Taylor, Z.; R. R. Duke, P.Z., P.G.R.; Wm. Smith, H.; Comps. E. C. Milligan, J.; E. J. Sykes, E.; J. H. Lawson, N.; P. Legros, P.S.; W. Boughen, A. K. Baines, W. C. Moore. Visitor: W. H. Sillitoe, 317, P.G.D.C. Lanc. The minutes

of the previous chapter having been read and confirmed, the Board of Installed Principals was formed, and the three Principals elect were duly installed by Excellent Comp. Sillitoe, P.Z., P.G.D.C., Lanc. The following companions were appointed and invested:—Excellent Comps. Wm. Smith, M.E.Z.; E. C. Milligan, H.; E. J. Sykes, J.; R. R. Duke, P.Z., P.G.R., Treasurer; Comps. J. H. Lawson, E.; W. Jendwine, H.; W. Boughen, P.S.; W. C. Moore, 1st A.S.; A. K. Baines, 2nd A.S. The chapter closed at 4.45 p.m., when the companions adjourned to the Old Hall Hotel to dinner. The usual Masonic toasts were given, and although the attendance of companions was confined to a limited number, a more enjoyable evening could not have been possibly spent.

### Mark Masonry.

**ERA LODGE** (No. 176).—The election meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Friday, 8th February, at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark. Bro. Rev. P. M. Holden, W.M., presided. The minutes of the previous lodge meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. The ballots, taken separately, were unanimous in favour of all the candidates for advancement. Bro. William Butler, 1526 being in attendance was in an impressive manner regularly advanced to the ancient and honourable degree of a Mark Master Mason. The entire ceremony was given, including the legend of the degree. Several brethren were proposed for advancement. The bye-laws were read. The ballots were unanimous in favour of Bro. Thomas Horton, S.W. being W.M., for the re-election of Bro. Henry Arthur Dubois, and also in favour of Bro. W. Y. Laing, P.M., being re-elected Tyler. On motion made it was unanimously resolved "That the usual five-guinea Past Master's Jewel be given to the W.M., Bro. Rev. P. M. Holden, for his distinguished services during his year of office," to be purchased from the lodge funds. Business ended, the lodge was closed and adjourned to Friday, July 12th, to meet at 6.0 p.m. The usual good banquet followed. There were present besides those named, Bros. W. Hammond, I.M., J.W.; F. Walters, P.G.I.G., P.M., Sec.; R. P. Tebb, B. Meyer, H. Meyer, David Smith, A. Sec.; A. F. Loos and many others. There were not any visitors.

### LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. J. M. Clabon, P.G.D., President of the Lodge of Benevolence, occupied the President's chair; Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., Senior Vice-President, held the Senior Vice-President's chair; and Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, was in the Junior Vice-President's chair. The other brethren present were Bros. S. Rawson, P.D.G.M. China; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; James Mason, P.G.S.B.; Col. H. Somerville Burney, P.M. 1615; John Boyd, P.G.P.; S. G. Foxall, G.P.; E. P. Albert, P.G.P.; Joseph Smith, P.G.P.; Rev. Dr. Brette, W.M. 1657; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; C. P. Cobham, H. Bartlett, John White, W.M. 1056; Arthur E. Taylor, W.M. 1201; Chas. J. St. Alphonse, W.M. 108; E. F. Storr, P.M. 22; W. Smeed, P.M. 946; H. Garrod, P.M.; Walter Hopekirk, W.M. 1586; W. Stevens, P.M. 1365; E. B. Grabham, P.M. 19; Thos. Cubitt, P.G.P.; Obed. Roberts, P.M. 188; John Constable, P.M. 185; H. C. Reeves, W.M. 1381; H. C. Levander, P.M. 142; R. F. Gould, P.M. 92; John Hervey, G.S.; Hugh Coalter, 854; H. G. Buss, Assist. G.S.; A. J. Creah, W.M. 157; A. A. Pendlebury, P.M. 1056; E. J. Cobby, W.M. 134; Griffiths Smith, P.G.S.; E. E. Cooper, W.M. 73; Alf. Moore, W.M. 862; S. B. Ellis, I.P.M. 1239; Herbert Dicketts, P.G.S.; G. States, P.G.S.; H. Massey, P.M. 619 (Freemason); Louis Beck, W.M. 1687; A. J. Ireton, W.M. 1348; Alex. Peether, W.M. 95; Charles Atkins, P.M. 27; H. Goulard, W.M. 458; Nelson Reed, W.M. 1771; A. Rixon, P.M. 34; W. R. Marsh, W.M. 1672; E. H. Hewitt, W.M. 355; J. M. Klenck, W.M. 1686; John Dixon, W.M. 1725; John Coutts, P.G.P.; G. M. Taylor, W.M. 917; S. Mallett, W.M. 141; Bernard Meyer, W.M. 1524; Edwin Harden, P.M. 1030; H. C. Soper, W.M. 704; C. B. Dybdock, W.M. 435; S. R. Speight, W.M. 147; G. Pitt Lewis, W.M. 1584; L. Stean, W.M. 1321; T. S. N. Greenwood, W.M. 749; Joseph Wright, W.M. 1446; G. M. Wohlgenuth, W.M. 946; Wm. Sayer, W.M. 1185; Mark E. Frost, P.M. 487; Joseph George Delfries, W.M. 45; Robert Perkins, W.M. 34; Edwin S. Barr, W.M. 1685; and C. B. Payne attended as G. Tyler.

The Board of Masters received the paper for next Grand Lodge, with notices of motion.

The lodge first confirmed grants to the amount of £335 made at last meeting. The brethren then proceeded with the new cases, of which there were only twelve on the list, a smaller number than has been known for a long time. The petitioners were relieved with a total sum of £335, which was made up as follows: one £100 (£100); one £50 (£50); four £30 (£120); two £20 (£40); two £10 (£20); and one £5 (£5). One case stood over.

The lodge was then closed.

Standing over—Lodges 643, 1044, Lodge of Instruction Eleanor.

Several men lately swam the Mississippi River above New Orleans on a wager. A reporter on the race says:—"None of them seemed to put forth much effort till it was found that an alligator had struck out from shore as a competitor, and then—well, every man did his best to keep the alligator from carrying off the stakes."—*Keystone* (U.S.A.)

### FREEMASONRY IN NEW ZEALAND.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of New Zealand, S.C., was held on the 12th December, 1877, at the Masonic Hall, Moray-place. Bro. Hisley, R.W.P.G.M. presided. The Treasurer, Bro. Moodie, read the statement of accounts, which showed a credit balance of £71 3s. 8d. On the motion of Bro. Finlayson, seconded by Bro. J. M. Brown, the financial statement was adopted. The R.W.P.G.M. then installed Bro. Court as P.G.S.W., vice Bro. J. M. Brown, resigned; and Bro. George Watson as P.G. Sec., vice Bro. G. S. Smith, retired.

The installation of the R.W.M. and officers of the Otago Kilwinning Lodge, No. 417, S.C., took place at the Masonic Hall, Moray-place, on December 12th. There was a very large attendance of brethren and visiting members. The sister lodges represented were the St. Andrew's and Celtic, S.C., Otago, Dunedin, Port Chalmers, Marine, St. George's, and Greymouth, E.C. The usual formalities having been gone through, the R.W.P.G.M., Bro. J. Hislop, and the officers of the Grand Lodge, were announced and received in due form. A Board of Installed Masters was afterwards formed, and the R.W. Bro. W. Caldwell formally installed Bro. E. Goldstein as R.W.M. for the ensuing year. The following brethren were afterwards invested with the distinguishing badges of their offices: Bro. R. Forrest, S.W.; W. Nees, J.W.; L. Court, Treas.; R. E. Graham, Sec.; J. Nisbet, S.D.; J. Eckhoff, J.D.; Cader, I.G.; C. Bode, W. H. Smith, and F. Krull, Stwds.; Chisholm, Org.; G. Smith, Tyler; L. Schalenberg and W. H. Smith, Auditors. After the usual ceremonies the lodge was duly closed at 10 p.m., and the brethren adjourned to celebrate the installation by the usual banquet at Bro. Krull's.

Bro. William Caldwell, Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, conducted the ceremonies incident to the erection and consecration of the Lodge Taieri, S.C., at Outram, on Monday evening. After the consecration the officers were duly installed: Bros. D. A. M. Nichol, R.W.M.; P. Dow, S.W.; W. H. Cox, J.W.; T. Broadway, Treas.; J. D. Grant, Sec.; W. Snow, S.D.; J. Gilmour, I.G.; J. S. Walker, Tyler; David Grant, D.M.; J. T. Douglas, S.M. Between fifty and sixty of the brethren afterwards adjourned to a banquet which had been provided by Bro. Broadway, and after the usual Masonic toasts had been duly honoured, thirty of the visiting brethren from Dunedin returned to town by special train.—*Otago Daily Times*, December 19th, 1877.

Colonel Baker, V.C., who was taken prisoner by the Russians, and was supposed to have died, is still alive at Sofia.

**DEATH OF A MISER.**—An eccentric individual named John Rhodes, of Piccola-terrace, Hounslow, was buried in Hounslow Cemetery on Monday. Although possessing immense wealth, he dressed like a tramp, and was exceedingly parsimonious, often denying himself the necessities of life. He has left the greater portion of his fortune, amounting to 100,000*l.* to various metropolitan charities. Mr. Rhodes, who was a chemist in early life, was nearly 80 years of age.—*Medical Examiner*.

**Tramway Receipts.**—London, £62 increase; Liverpool, £206 decrease; Glasgow, £79 decrease; Dublin, £110 decrease; North Metropolitan, £46 decrease; Hull, for the week, £228; Provincial, £3 increase; Belfast, £14 decrease.

The Prince of Wales has sold his celebrated schooner yacht "Hildegard," which has won several prizes in the Royal Yacht Squadron matches at Cowes during the last two seasons, to his brother, Prince Leopold, who intends to use her for summer cruising.

The *Liverpool Post* says:—Mr. Ralph Brocklebank has offered to bear the entire cost, estimated at about £3500, of a sanatorium in connection with the Seamen's Orphanage, Newsham Park.

The nineteenth annual general meeting of the London General Omnibus Company, was held on Tuesday, at the offices, No. 6, Finsbury-square, Mr. Thomas Lulham in the chair. The report of the directors showed that the number of passengers carried during the half-year ending December 31st, 1877, was 26,611,281, as against 26,150,145 in the corresponding half of 1876.

**Mayfair** hears on high clerical authority that Prince Leopold is determined to take holy orders, and that the Queen, after every effort to dissuade him, has at last reluctantly given her consent. Now that Bishoprics can no longer be held "in commendam," and all minor appointments are severely criticised, it will be difficult to find a suitable berth for the royal devotee. On the whole, the Deanery of Windsor seems open to the fewest objections.

**National Hospital for Diseases of the Heart and Paralysis, Soho-square.**—The number of patients under treatment for the week ending Feb. 16th, was 1160.

**ROYAL VISIT TO THE HUNGARIAN WINE VAULTS.**—An enthusiastic reception was given on Monday to His Imperial Highness the Crown Prince of Austria, on his visiting the extensive wine vaults of Mr. Max Greger, in St. Thomas's-street, Borough. The Crown Prince arrived with his suite about twelve o'clock, and was heartily received by Mr. Max Greger, whose premises were festively decorated with the flags of Austro-Hungary and England. An address of welcome was spoken in Hungarian by Mr. Max Greger, to which the Crown Prince replied. The Crown Prince then tasted some Hungarian wines, which he much approved of, and after having graciously accepted a memorial from Mr. Max Greger, giving the full history of his development of the Hungarian wine trade with England, his Imperial Highness left for Cottesbrooke, to visit the Empress of Austria.

## BOYS' SCHOOL COMMITTEE DINNER CLUB.

We have much pleasure in publishing the following :—  
4, Bishopsgate-street Within, London, E.C.  
February 14th, 1878.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Some of the old members of this club have thought that the time has now arrived when the good services rendered by our mutual friend, Bro. Binckes, should be acknowledged, he having fulfilled the duties of Honorary Secretary and Treasurer of this club for seventeen years past; and with this view Bros. J. G. Chancellor, Wm. Paas, Wm. Roebuck, and R. W. Stewart are the Committee formed to carry out this object, and to present to Bro. Binckes a testimonial, as a slight recognition for the valuable services rendered.

The subscription is limited to ten shillings each, thus giving every member an opportunity to contribute; and the Committee ask you to reply by return of post, so that the presentation may take place at our next meeting, if possible.

You can remit to me in postage stamps, or by P.O. Order, the amount you wish to subscribe.

Yours faithfully and fraternally, Wm. ROEBUCK.  
List of members who have already subscribed :—

Bro. Wm. Roebuck	...	...	...	0	10	0
" W. Paas	...	...	...	0	10	0
" J. G. Chancellor	...	...	...	0	10	0
" J. W. Dosell	...	...	...	0	10	0
" W. Thomson	...	...	...	0	10	0
" H. R. Perry	...	...	...	0	10	0
" Fredk Adlard	...	...	...	0	10	0
" D. M. Dewar	...	...	...	0	10	0
" Geo. Motion	...	...	...	0	10	0
" S. Rosenthal	...	...	...	0	10	0
" C. G. Rushworth	...	...	...	0	10	0
" George Palmer	...	...	...	0	10	0
" W. F. C. Moutrie	...	...	...	0	10	0
" W. Mann	...	...	...	0	10	0
" S. B. Wilson	...	...	...	0	10	0
" H. W. Hunt	...	...	...	0	10	0
" R. W. Stewart	...	...	...	0	10	0
" George Kenning	...	...	...	0	10	0

## FESTIVAL OF THE LEICESTER LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

On Friday week the annual festival of the Leicester Union Lodge of Instruction in Freemasonry was held in Masonic Hall, Halford-street, under the joint sanction of St. John's Lodge (No. 279), the John of Gaunt Lodge (No. 532), and the Commercial Lodge (No. 1391). The meeting was of a most enjoyable character, and was specially interesting to the younger members of the Craft, owing to the fact that arrangements had been made for the working of the whole of the Seven Sections of the First Lecture, and perhaps rarely if ever have they been more correctly or effectively worked at one time than upon this occasion. All were worked too, nearly equally well. There was a numerous gathering, the attendance of brethren who were not members of the lodge having been specially invited, and even those yet in the preliminary stages of the Craft were admitted. Amongst those present were Bros. W. Kelly, P.P.G.M.; George Toller, jun., P.M., 523 and 1560, G.S.B. of England; T. A. Wykes, W.M., 523, P.G. Trea; S. Cleaver, 279, P.G.D.C.; the Rev. C. H. Wood, Chaplain, 1560 (Albert Edward); T. Worthington, P.M., 50; J. Vaughan, W.M., 86 (Prescot, Lancashire); G. W. Statham, W.M., 279; C. E. Stretton, I.P.M.; J. M. M'Alister, P.M.; Thos. Colman, J.D., 279; L. P. Chamberlain, I.G., 279; J. Roadknight, S., 279; R. Taylor, S.W., 523; Edgar Taylor, 523; J. T. Thorp, P.M., 523; J. Read, S.D., 1491, &c. Bro. Geo. Toller, jun., occupied the chair, Bro. Thos. Colman acted as S.W., and Bro. Richard Taylor as J.W. The whole of the questions in all the sections were admirably put by Bro. Toller, and were worked by the following brethren :—1st, by T. Colman, 279; 2nd, T. A. Wykes, 523; 3rd, L. P. Chamberlain, 279; 4th, J. Read, 1391; 5th, T. Worthington, 50; 6th, John T. Thorp, 523; and 7th, Edgar Taylor, 523. At the conclusion of the interesting ceremony, a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Toller, on the motion of Bro. the Rev. C. H. Wood, seconded by Bro. M'Alister for the admirable manner in which he had presided and put the questions. On the motion of Bro. Toller, seconded by Bro. G. W. Statham, the thanks of the lodge were also voted to the seven other brethren who had so well acquitted themselves in the working of the various sections. In proposing the vote Bro. Toller remarked, nowhere out of London, and perhaps nowhere in the metropolis, could the sections have been better worked; and Bro. Statham expressed a hope that the festival, with a similar working of the sections, might be held annually, for he did not think they had been worked more than three times in Leicester during the last eight years. The brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent supper, and the usual loyal and complimentary toasts were interspersed with some capital songs by several of the brethren, accompanied on the piano by Bro. T. A. Wykes.

A WEDDING PRESENT.—There were great festivities in connection with the marriage of Bro. Clement E. Stretton, son of his worship the Mayor of Leicester, at Desford, on Thursday. Both the Mayor and his son are P.M.'s of the St. John's Lodge of Freemasons (No. 279), the latter having, in fact, only just completed his year of office and been presented with a P.M.'s jewel, as a mark of the esteem in which he is held by the brethren of the lodge. It was further felt by the members that the marriage of Bro. Stretton afforded them another and special opportunity of

testifying their respect for him. It was therefore resolved to present him with a wedding present, and a subscription for the purpose was at once started, Bro. J. M. M'Alister kindly undertaking the post of secretary. A good sum was readily raised, and a very large, handsome, solid silver cake basket was agreed upon as the form of present. The bottom of the inside of the basket bore the following inscription—"Presented to Bro. Clement E. Stretton, I.P.M., P.P.G. Superintendant of Works, with the fraternal congratulations of St. John's Lodge, No. 279, on his marriage day, February 14th, 1878." The testimonial was also accompanied by the following address :—"To Brother Clement Edwin Stretton, I.P.M., Past Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works. We, the undersigned brethren of St. John's Lodge of Freemasons, No. 272, tender to you our fraternal congratulations on your marriage, and hearty good wishes for your future happiness, we beg your acceptance of this silver cake basket in token of our esteem and regard. Brothers G. W. Statham, W.M., Wm. Kelly, P.M., P.P.G.M., George Toller, jun., G.S.B., S. S. Partidge, P.G.S., Robert Waite, P.M., J. W. Smith, P.M., S. Cleaver, S.W., Orlando Law, Sec., J. Jessop, S.D., Thos. Colman, J.D., E. Newton, jun., D.C., L. P. Chamberlain, I.G., Israel Hart, M. A. Cook, Steward; J. Roadknight, Steward; J. G. F. Richardson, S. A. Marris, F. W. Bottrill, H. Tarrat, W. R. Tomlin, C. Stevens, W. L. Coulson, J. Malcolm McAllister, P.M., Hon. Sec., Leicester, 14th February, 1878."

## Reviews.

"Cleopatra's Needle, &c.," by Bro. ERASMUS WILSON, F.R.S.: Brain & Co., 26, Paternoster-row.

We have read this work of our well-known and worthy brother with deep interest and pleasure. It is a great happiness for us to find ourselves once more in the "Goshen" of Egyptology, to wander on serenely and admiringly in that wonderful land of the Pyramid and the Hieroglyphic, the Sphinx and the Obelisk. We thank Bro. Wilson for again turning over for us the leaves of a book ever fresh, new, and captivating. In fact, we get young again to find ourselves upon the banks of the "King of Rivers," musing over the mighty past of a wondrous land, surveying its pitiable present, anticipating its possible future, and all the while satiating our minds and memories with the labours of old world civilization with the glorious aestheticism of faded greatness. Bro. Dr. Wilson gives us a most interesting account of the Obelisk, henceforth Britannic in our appreciation of it, and our remembrance of his munificent patriotism—and of Obelisks in general. It seems to us, that the Obelisk, though a development of Egyptian art and a memorial of Royal existence in the land of the Pharaohs and Ptolemies, is only, after all, the reproduction of earlier symbolism, and the original, may be, of later emblematology. It is in all probability the successor of the "Pillar" of the Bible; it is the precursor of the Runic stone.

In fact, it may be a question whether we do not find in these things traces of an earlier civilization, which like a wave of the sea, passing on from some favoured spot swept over Egypt, Greece, and Rome.

Egypt has filled the great centre portion of the world's picture of civilization, but it may perhaps be doubted, whether we have as yet paid sufficient attention to the possible existence of a Babylonian civilization, which in its turn has come from Hindostan. We admit, that we are here in the clime of nebula and hypothesis, but still much has occurred of late to weaken the theory of automatic Egyptian civilisation. It is a very wide question and deserves much study. If Bro. Rowbottom's theory be correct, that the Pyramids are pre-Tower of Babel, what a door is opened to the reveries, if you like, of the student, and the researches of the archaeologist? In the mean time, we have to thank our learned Bro. Erasmus Wilson for a most readable and remarkable work, and which we beg to commend to the notice of all our readers. Many of our Masonic brethren are students both in art and archaeology, and we commend this work to their immediate notice and careful perusal.

"Debrett's House of Commons," and "Debrett's Peerage and Baronetage."

These most useful works are before us again, and deserve our highest encomiums as well as our special notice. We can only call the attention of all our readers to them as most valuable books of reference for all, and deserving a place alike in our libraries and offices, both for occasional study and continual reference. They merit all that the reviewer can say or suggest.

"Scottish Masonic Calendar for 1878."

This is a neat and useful compilation, well printed and well arranged, and we trust will be most useful to the Craft in Scotland and out of Scotland. It deserves to be patronized and read by all.

[Several other reviews stand over unavoidably, owing to pressure of matter, which will appear in our next and subsequent impressions.—ED.]

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Coughs, Influenza.—The soothing properties of these medicaments render them well worthy of trial in all diseases of the respiratory organs. In common colds and influenza the Pills, taken internally, and the Ointment rubbed over the chest and throat, are exceedingly efficacious. When influenza is epidemic, this treatment is easiest, safest, and surest. Holloway's Pills purify the blood, remove all obstacles to its free circulation through the lungs, relieve the overworked air tubes, and render respiration free, without reducing the strength, irritating the nerves or depressing the spirits, such are the ready means of saving suffering when any one is afflicted with cold, coughs, bronchitis, and other complaints, by which so many persons are seriously and permanently afflicted in most countries.—ADVT.

## NOTES ON ART, &amp;c.

CLEOPATRA'S NEEDLE.—In view of the possible adoption of the proposal lately announced by Bro. Dixon, to place the Obelisk on the summit of one of the buttresses of the Thames Embankment opposite Somerset House, a wooden model has been erected on the intended site. Seen from the eastern end of the Embankment the Needle will have a very fine appearance, but from Westminster the view is decidedly spoilt by the railway bridge from Charing Cross. We are glad to learn that the immense blocks of stonework at present standing on either side of the model will be removed, should it be finally decided to make this the monolith's permanent resting-place.

H.R.H. THE PRINCESS OF WALES.—Messrs. Marion and Co., of Soho Square, have issued a very attractive photograph of this very attractive lady the Princess, who is, dressed in appropriate, yachting costume, is represented on board H.M.S. "Osborne," at Portsmouth, with a favourite dog at her side, another on a seat raised above her head. This photograph is printed by the carbon process, it is therefore, not liable to fade, and it possesses all the delicacy of an engraving.

The *Daily News* warns the public against a new fraud—greenfinches disguised and sold as curiosities from South America. On the bird's head is placed a flat wig neatly made of white ptarmigan feathers; under which are the hackle feathers of a woodcock so arranged that when the bird bobs his head down to feed or drink the feathers represent the rising crest of a cockatoo. In the middle of the back, curling upwards and outwards, are the black tail feathers of a wild drake. The tail is supplemented with the hackles from the neck of an ordinary fowl; and the breast, cheeks, and neck are painted with chrome or ultramarine. These "faked" birds are so artfully made up that they might occasionally deceive even connoisseurs in ornithology.

PICTURES AND LUNATIC ASYLUMS.—Any of our readers who have any stray prints, &c., to spare cannot do better than send them to an asylum for the insane. In a letter of acknowledgment which we have received for a parcel sent to the Asylum, Larbert, the writer remarks :—"I assure you there can be no greater charity than that which has for its object the lightening of the lot of the insane, for there is no bitterer pain than that which many of them are doomed to bear. The 'madman gay' is a comparatively rare object in asylums; dullness, depression, and brooding misery are by far the most prevalent conditions; therefore everything that can please the eye, bring a cheerful thought to the mind, or raise even for a moment the dark cloud of melancholy, is thrice welcome in an asylum. The pictures you have sent—bright, cheerful, and stirring as they are—could not be surpassed as admirable means of exciting interest and riveting too wandering attention." *The Graphic*.

Mr. Palliser announces at the Royal Observatory, Greenwich, the discovery of two minor planets—one of the tenth magnitude, on Friday, the 7th, in R.A., 10 hours 20 min., N. P. D., 77 deg. 15 min.; daily motion 6 min. north. The other of the twelfth magnitude, on February 8, in R.A., 9 hours 23 min., N. P. D., 77 deg. 37 min.; daily motion 16 min. north.

AN ENGLISH PICTURE FOR CHINA.—Mr. Walter Goodman has just completed a copy of Sassoferrato's "Madonna in Prayer" in the National Gallery, for his Excellency Liu Hsi-Nung, the Chinese Minister at the Court of Berlin. This is the first work of art of any kind ever ordered by a Chinese of an English artist. It is strange that such a subject should have been selected above all others, as Liu Hsi-Nung is exceedingly orthodox after the fashion of Chinese orthodoxy.—*Athenaeum*.

THE LATE POPE.—Mr. H. M'Dowell, of 29, St. Lawrence Road, North Kensington, has executed what appears to be, judging from photographs and other portraits, a faithful miniature bust of Pope Pius IX. It has been carefully modelled from personal recollection, the artist having had an audience with His Holiness at the Vatican a short time since.

SHORTSIGHTEDNESS IN GERMANY.—The alarming rapidity with which shortsightedness is increasing among German students formed the subject of a recent debate in the Prussian Parliament. From extended observations made in the gymnasia, it appears that the number of the shortsighted increases from 23 per cent. in the first year to 75 per cent. in the ninth or last year. The too-frequent custom in Germany of forcing lads to study during the evenings with insufficient light, in ill-ventilated rooms, is undoubtedly a main cause of this widespread evil.—*Nature*.

The *Statist* is the name of a new weekly journal which is to appear in March. It will contain a set of tables analysing and comparing the principal facts as to the state of trade and the money market in a new and comprehensive manner.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.—The usual Exhibitions, six in number, of from £50 to £20 in value, will be offered for competition in Easter week. Candidates must be between 12 and 14 years of age. A new boarding-house in the immediate vicinity of the school will be opened under the charge of the Rev. R. F. Dale after the Whitsuntide holidays. The numbers of the school are now larger than at any time during the last 40 years.

HARROW SCHOOL.—There will be an examination on Tuesday, April 16, for five or six scholarships, two or three of not less than £60, and the rest of not less than £30 a year each, open to all boys (not members of the school) who were under 14 years of age on the 1st ult. Further particulars can be obtained from the Head Master.

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## Answers to Correspondents.

Perez, J. de la C. The Freemason has been regularly sent you since the commencement of present year.

## BOOKS &amp;c., RECEIVED.

"Medical Examiner;" "Newspaper Press Directory;" "Hull Packet;" "Il Noto;" "Broad Arrow;" "Risorgimento;" "Scottish Freemason;" "The Pantiles Papers;" "The Scottish Masonic Calendar;" "The Freemasons' Calendar and Directory for the Province of Leicestershire and Rutland, 1878;" "Masonic Advocate;" "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Brunswick;" "The Australian Freemason;" "The Canadian Craftsman;" "Grand Lodge Records, Connecticut, Ninetieth Annual Report;" "El Cincel, (Habana);" "Night and Day;" "La Voz de Hiram;" "Memfi Risorta;" "Loomis' Musical and Masonic Journal."

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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## BIRTHS.

BLAND.—On the 16th inst., the wife of F. M. Bland, of a daughter.

JOHNSON.—On the 18th inst., at Hans-place, S.W., the wife of C. J. Johnson, of a son.

SMITH.—On the 14th inst., the wife of Dr. Alder Smith, of a son.

WILLIAMS.—On the 14th inst., at Tressillian-road, St. John's, S.E., the wife of W. Williams, of a son.

## DEATHS.

COX.—On the 17th inst., at Bedwardine, Upper Norwood, the Rev. John Cox, in his 76th year.

MOORE.—On the 16th inst., at St. John-street-road, Frances daughter of the late T. Moore, Esq., aged 36.

RICKMAN.—On the 15th inst., at Lee, Kent, William Reynolds Rickman, aged 57 years. Friends will kindly accept this intimation.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1878.

## THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES AND THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

We published in our last an announcement which came to us officially from the Secretary's office with reference to the opening of the new buildings of the Girls' School by their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, an announcement which will afford unqualified gratification to the subscribers to the School as well as to all English Freemasons. For all Masons, as patriotic Englishmen, as well as loyal members of our excellent fraternity, will be delighted to think that such a ceremonial will be graced by the presence of those august personages, giving not only éclat and prestige to the school, but the deepest and most heartfelt gratification to all who are permitted to be present. It will, in fact, be an "Alba Dies," a never-to-be-forgotten "Landmark" in the annals of that admirable Institution. By the terms of the official announcement a day in March is to be selected by his Royal Highness the Grand Master for the ceremony. Unless imperative and urgent requirements as regards the time at the disposal of our royal guests demanded that the ceremony should be fixed for March, we cannot (we honestly confess) deem it the most seasonable or the most comfortable time for the gathering. All the subscribers of the Institution will wish to pay to the Prince of Wales, and that charming and exalted lady, his Royal Consort, all that respect, all that honour which are their just due from us all, and will desire, moreover, that everything should minister alike to their personal convenience, and the gratification of an admiring and applauding assembly. We fear, from what we hear, that the matter has been arranged somewhat in a hurry, probably from inexperience and without the fullest consideration of what the position of Royalty demands, on the one hand, or the exigencies of the Institution call for on the other. If the gathering be in March the number must necessarily be very limited indeed, and we are informed that it will be impossible, owing to the contracted space and short time for preparation, to invite life governors, or the annual subscribers, or the Stewards for the year. We venture to think that any such resolution of the Building Committee is a grave mistake, and may cause serious damage to some of the best interests of the Institution. Had the gathering been a little later—say July—all the Life Governors and Annual Subscribers, as well as Patrons, Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, and Grand Officers might have been entertained, together with their wives, and the Stewards of the Festival could have aided the Building Committee as Stewards for the day. We might have such a "convocation" of Masons, and such a greeting for our Royal guests as, perhaps, will never occur again. It must be remembered that many exalted ladies are the wives of our brethren, and such an opportunity of enlisting some of the highest ladies in the land, together with countless fair sisters, to surround the Royal couple with admiration and respect is not often given to us, and ought not to be thrown away on any consideration, for it is not a question of this or that committee, but it is the question of the welfare of the Girls' School. We have said all this very deferentially, because we are anxious for the future of our noble Institution. It has been spending considerable sums lately, it requires increased expenditure, unless largely supported, it will have to have recourse to its funded property to supplement the receipts of the festival. Therefore, we think it well to sound a humble note of warning. As regards the presence of our Royal Grand Master and his admirable Consort, whenever they appear they will receive the heartiest welcome which our proverbially loyal Order is so glad, and so delighted to offer on all occasions to the members of that Royal Family given by a good Providence to preside over the destinies of a great people. We trust that the assembly will be a complete success, but we should not be honest journalists or loyal Freemasons, we should lose

our own self respect, if we did not deprecate haste or incompleteness, and above all, shortsightedness on the part of the Building Committee in a matter of so much interest to the Craft, and of so much present and future importance to the Girls' School.

## THE LAST FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

One fact will strike all who look down the figures which, thanks to Bro. Terry's special courtesy and thoughtful attention, we were enabled to print last week for the information of our readers. It is this, that the Provincial Returns exceed the Metropolitan Returns by about £300. A correspondent calls attention to the fact that a large proportion of London Lodges have done nothing this year, and we trust that so regrettable a position may be improved at the next festival. The London Lodges seem to have sent up £5907; the Provinces, £6217 in round numbers. In London the highest on the list are No. 554, Bro. J. S. Taylor, £260; No. 1383, Bro. Col. Clerke, £202; No. 1475, Bro. H. Vickery, £192; No. 83, Bro. C. A. Murton, £188; No. 1471, Bro. D. Holdness, £165; No. 781, Bro. William Hallett, £158 10s.; No. 1686, Bro. John M'Clench, £140; No. 1441, Bro. J. Cantle £133; Chapter 975, Comp. John Newton, £120; No. 73, G. J. Grace, £116; No. 174, C. J. Percival, £109; No. 228, J. Hill, £100. Among the Provinces, Hertfordshire leads the van with £633; and is closely followed by West Yorkshire, with £603; Cornwall sends up the goodly amount of £570; Lancashire, (Western Division), appears with £330; the Chairman's own province remits £300; Kent, £270; Middlesex, £183; Cheshire, £172; Wiltshire, £164; Berks. and Bucks. £157; Staffordshire, £155; Derbyshire, £155; Dorsetshire, £150; Bristol, £134; Gloucester, £118; Devonshire, £110. Of the amounts under £100, Suffolk is the highest with £92, which is followed by Somersetshire, £85, and Sussex with £84, and here we pause. The result is a very noble one, and is a fact of which Bro. Terry may well be proud. There is at first sight a falling off as between this year and the last, but it can easily be accounted for; it is, in fact, the difference of about sixty Stewards. When last year it was announced that H.R.H. Prince Leopold was to be the Chairman, it was to be his first public Masonic appearance in London, and feeling for him that deep interest which, in common with the nation, all loyal Masons always entertain for the Royal Family, the Craft rallied round him with a zeal and heartiness truly commendable under all circumstances; and though he was not able, unfortunately, to appear, the effect was the same. Bro. Terry's list headed all the charities last year, and we are inclined to think that when we see the total of 1878 he will not be very far from the first position again.

## THE INSTALLATION ENGRAVING.

By this time, this remarkable work of art is in the hands of many brethren, has been inspected by more, and we feel sure that the only verdict passed upon it is, that of admiration and praise. Indeed, we think it impossible that it should be otherwise. We hardly know of any similar production which so challenges, if we may so say, the approval of the artist and the amateur, the expert and the non-expert. The grouping is very wonderful, the finish most striking, and the "tout ensemble" most effective. Bro. Harty deserves the sympathy and commendation of all for having persevered so manfully, through difficulties many, and drawbacks great. Bro. Harty as is well known, has a good deal of the "old soldier" in him, and he has been identified with that great profession which difficulties cannot daunt, danger cannot alarm, and opposition does not hold back. "Onwards, Forwards," has been his motto, and he has at last achieved, in our opinion, a signal success, though we fear and fancy at no little cost to himself. Under these circumstances we would press upon our readers the advisability of endeavouring to



obtain copies of an engraving which is likely soon to be very scarce. As a work of art unique in itself, as a memorial of a never to be forgotten ceremony, as a wonderful contribution to contemporaneous Masonic engraving of the highest excellency, it ought to decorate every lodge in Great Britain, which has a lodge room, whether the result be achieved by payment from the lodge fund or by the subscriptions of several loyal brethren. We have said this honestly and sincerely because we think that Bro. Harty's efforts deserve acknowledgment from the Craft at large, and because we are truly glad to congratulate him to-day on the completion of a work of wondrous skill and power, which as a specimen of the cunning hand of the engraver, must long endure to the credit of Freemasonry and the benefit of art.

### A MENACE.

The *Monde Maconnique* is a well-known Masonic paper, edited and published by Bro. Caubet at Paris. It is a zealous supporter, as was to be expected, through Bro. Caubet, of the recent revolutionary change in the Grand Orient of France, which has set a stone rolling which it will take much time and care to stop, though alike destructive in its course and disastrous in its effects on Cosmopolitan Freemasonry. We have from time to time been struck by a tone of reckless menace and open bravado, which it assumed, according to our opinion, to cover the weakness of the position and the dangerous nature of the revolution effected. But we confess that we were not prepared for the violence and indecency which characterize the last deliverance entitled "Les Vœux," beginning at page 409, and ending at page 420, and signed "Caubet." There we are told, that it is proposed to alter Article 41 of the Constitution by practically giving to the Grand Orient of France power to grant a warrant to a new lodge in a jurisdiction, where the governing body is not in friendly relationship with the Grand Orient. Henceforth the article is to run as follows "Le Grand Orient de France ne constitue pas d'Ateliers dans les pays étrangers où il existe une puissance maconnique régulière et en relations fraternelles avec lui. "The Grand Orient of France does not constitute lodges in foreign countries where a Masonic authority exists and in fraternal relationship with it." So that if the foreign Masons be not in brotherly relations with it, it has the power to constitute such lodges. And at page 412 Bro. Caubet justifies this great and serious change in consequence of the present position of affairs of France:—"Un jour viendra où les principes de liberté de conscience que nous proclamons aujourd'hui seront généralement reconnus et acceptés par tous. Jusq'au-là, en vertu même de notre principe, nous respecterons l'opinion de ceux qui sont en opposition avec nous; mais nous exigerons de leur part qu'ils respectent également les nôtres. Si, égarés par un esprit d'intolérance, indigne de notre association, ils essayent de nous mettre en dehors de la Maçonnerie, nous affirmerons notre droit, et nous réparerons l'outrage qu'ils nous auront fait, en plantant la bannière du Grand Orient de France sur leur propre territoire. Ce sera là, incontestablement et uniquement, un acte de légitime défense, que personne ne saurait nous reprocher, à moins de prétendre que nous devons nous incliner devant les folles menaces et les excommunications encore plus folles de nos adversaires. Ce qu'aucun de nous ne saurait admettre. Sur ce point, tous les Maçons Français sont d'accord. Aussi sommes-nous assurés que le vœu qui nous occupe sera recommandé à l'adoption du prochain Couvent par toutes les Loges de l'Obédience." "A day will come when the principles of liberty of conscience which we proclaim to-day will be generally acknowledged and accepted by all. Until then, in virtue of our own principles, we shall respect the opinions of those who are in opposition to us, but we shall demand on their part that they equally respect ours. If, misled by a spirit of intolerance, unworthy of our Association, they seek to put us outside of Freemasonry, we shall affirm our right, and repair the outrage which they will have done us by planting the banner of the Grand Orient on

France on their proper territory. That will be incontestably and solely an act of legitimate defence, for which no one can reproach us, unless they mean to contend that we ought to bow ourselves down before the foolish menaces and the still more foolish excommunications of our adversaries. This not one of us could admit. On this point all French Masons are agreed. Therefore we feel assured that the view which is before us will be recommended for the adoption of the next Couvent by all the lodges of the obedience." This is a Masonic Revolutionary "Propaganda" with a vengeance, and we would advise Bro. Caubet to give us a Masonic "Ca Ira" to make the absurdity complete, and to represent in befitting colours the childish and discreditable position assumed by the "exaltés" and "irreconcilables" of the French Freemasons. Seriously, we regard the present aspect of affairs with much anxiety. Remembering the unjustifiable proceedings of the Grand Orient in the United States, most illegal and un-Masonic, and seeing now that we are menaced with the same in Great Britain, we are not disinclined to the idea of a conference of all Anglo-Saxon Grand Lodges, in order to form a Masonic league of mutual defence and counsel. It will represent something like 1,200,000 Freemasons, and perhaps may go for something in Cosmopolitan Freemasonry. We are inclined to think very badly of the prospects of the future for Masonic peace and union, as in the same number of the *Monde Maconnique* Bro. Caubet thinks well ostentatiously to publish the address of a body, in London, of French Freemason, calling itself "La Grande Loge des Philadelphes et de la Concorde Reunis," which he knows as well as we do is a spurious body, meeting in defiance of all Masonic authority, utterly illegal by the laws of England, and which can under the Secret Societies Act be proceeded against by the Government of the country. Probably its great insignificance shields it from the kindly attentions of the police. In France such a body would be shut up in twenty-four hours.

### THE "MONDE MACONNIQUE" AND THE "FREEMASON."

We think that we shall best be consulting our journalistic dignity, and the true temper and teaching of Freemasonry, if we decline to continue any further controversy with our contemporary on moot points, and above all on matters of fact. Not very long ago, our contemporary made some remarks to which we objected and called attention, but as now he declares he never made them at all, though the French cannot be misunderstood by the veriest Tyro in existence, we naturally recede from a discussion in which nothing is gained, but rather everything is lost by us. We are not in the habit of making either incorrect remarks or unfounded statements; we therefore take off our hats, and make our bow to the "Monde Maconnique."

### THE CONSECRATION OF THE BAYARD CHAPTER.

We are pleased to note the interesting report of this gathering elsewhere, which deserves the consideration of all, not only on account of the distinguished companions present, but for the principle involved in the granting of the charter by Grand Chapter. It is, in our opinion, quite time that the restriction as to three years' existence of a lodge should be removed. All lodges should have chapters attached to them if possible, and we congratulate the members of the Bayard Chapter, not only on their most successful inauguration of their new chapter, but on their having "fought a good fight," and won a valuable victory for the best interests of Royal Arch Masonry.

### BRO. THEVENOT'S LETTER.

We publish Bro. Thévenot's letter according to his special and urgent request, in our correspondence, with a translation of it. We shall call attention to it in our next.

### THE PRESENT STATE OF AFFAIRS IN FRANCE.

We direct our readers to a "Memorandum" on this subject, of grave interest to English Freemasons just now, which appears elsewhere.

### 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.]

### GRAND ORIENT DE FRANCE.

Paris ce 16 Fevrier, 1878.

A Monsieur George Kenning, Propriétaire Directeur du Journal *The Freemason*, de Londres.

Monsieur et Très cher frère,

Recevez tous mes remerciements pour les quatre numéros du *Freemason* qui manquaient à ma collection et que vous avez bien voulu m'adresser, à titre gracieux.

Permettez moi, en même temps, de vous présenter quelques observations sur deux articles que contient le No. 466, du 9 Fevrier courant, de votre estimable journal.

Dans le premier de ces articles intitulé le F. Hubert et la francmaçonnerie française, vous dites que ce frère "en refusant cette année le Vénéralat de la Loge qu'il présidait si bien depuis plusieurs années a protesté ouvertement contre la récente révolution effectuée par le Grand Orient; que ce fait est le plus important et un très énergique commentaire des téméraires déclarations de l'estimé F. Thévenot, qui ont été insérées dans *The Freemason* du 26 Janvier dernier; que le F. Marchal, de la Loge St. Jean de Jerusalem, de Nancy, a aussi décliné le Vénéralat de cette loge, etc., etc."

J'ai le regret, mais j'ai en même temps le devoir de vous dire, Monsieur et Très cher frère, qu'il y a dans ces allégations et dans ces appréciations presque autant d'erreurs que de mots.

Premièrement, et avant tout, j'affirme de nouveau, sans crainte d'être démenti, qu'à la date de ce jour aucune loge ne s'est séparée du Grand Orient de France, par suite de la modification apportée par l'Assemblée générale de 1877 à l'art. 1er. de notre constitution.

J'affirme, en outre, que le F. Marchal, de Nancy, dont personne plus que nous n'apprécie les qualités maconniques mieux éclairé sur la portée et sur les conséquences de la modification en question, a accepté et conservé le Vénéralat de la loge St. Jean de Jerusalem, c'est un fait sur lequel il est facile de vous renseigner et dont vous trouverez, du reste, la confirmation dans le prochain Calendrier du Grand Orient.

Quant au F. Hubert, dont vous présentez la non acceptation du Vénéralat de la Loge comme une protestation ouverte contre ce que vous appelez la récente révolution effectuée par le Grand Orient de France, il ne me serait pas difficile, en ma qualité de membre de cette loge, de vous démontrer tout ce qu'il y a d'erruer dans votre interprétation des motifs qui ont déterminé la résolution de ce frère: c'est un soin que je préfère laisser au F. Hubert lui même; mais ce que je puis affirmer, sans crainte d'être taxé de témérité, c'est que cet honorable frère n'a pas cessé de rester attaché au Grand Orient de France au quel il a prêté serment; et je ne doute pas, connaissant ses excellentes qualités et tout son dévouement à l'Ordre maconnique, qu'il ne soit le premier à regretter les conséquences que vous tirez de sa résolution.

Ainsi tombent les allégations contenue dans les articles du *Freemason*; et il me sera bien permis, Monsieur et très cher frère, de vous faire observer combien les appréciations de nos correspondents sur l'état actuel de la francmaçonnerie française sont hasardees, et combien il y a loin d'une expression de regrets que nous comprenons à une rupture et même à une protestation!

Dans un des articles signalés et intitulé La position actuelle du Grand Orient du France, on trouve une peinture si fantaisiste de l'état actuel de la Maçonnerie Française que je me garderai bien d'y répondre: chaque lecteur sérieux, chaque Maçon érudit saura parfaitement d'émêler la vérité au milieu de tant d'erreurs et faire justice d'aussi fausses appréciations. Mais le F. Maskeline, signataire de cet article, y pose cette question plus fantaisiste encore à laquelle je ne puis m'empêcher de répondre. Il dit: "Je me demande maintenant comment il faut considérer un Francmaçon Français, placé en ce moment sous la dictature du Grand Orient de France, après la sanglante injure infligée par le dit Grand Orient à la Maçonnerie Française."

Le F. Maskeline paraît ne pas se douter, on le voit, de ce que c'est que le Grand Orient de France. Il semble croire que c'est une personne ou, tout au moins, une commission, un conseil, une administration quelconque pesant tyranniquement sur les ateliers et les Maçons de l'obédience. J'apprends donc fraternellement à ce F., par la voie de votre estimable journal, que le Grand Orient de France se compose de tous les Vénérables des Loges, lesquels se réunissent tous les ans en assemblée générale pour faire les affaires de l'Ordre et pour nommer le conseil qui gère ces affaires en l'absence de l'assemblée générale ou couvent.

C'est cette assemblée et non une personnalité, par plus qu'un Pouvoir particulier quelconque, qui a voté la réforme incomprise qu'elle fait l'objet des critiques du F. Maskeline. En se conformant à cette décision, le Maçon Français que le F. Maskeline entoure de ses plus vives sollicitudes ne fait qu'obéir à la Maçonnerie Française elle-même dans l'expression de la très grande majorité de ses représentants; c'est à dire à la suprême loi de temps modernes; et dire que le Grand Orient de France a infligé une sanglante injure à la Maçonnerie Française, c'est employer une for-

mule qui n'a aucun sens, car c'est dire : Le Grand Orient de France a infligé une sanglante injure au Grand Orient de France.

Je voudrais être indiscret et abuser les colonnes de votre journal, Monsieur et très cher frère, si je prolongeais cette lettre, qui m'est dictée par mon profond amour de la vérité de la justice et de la paix. Je n'ajouterais donc qu'un mot : En 1877, la Maçonnerie Française est redevenue—dans le texte de ses lois, dans ses principes et dans ses pratiques—ce qu'elle était avant 1849, alors que les diverses Puissances maçonniques du Monde entretenaient avec elle les relations les plus fraternelles. Des esprits passionnés ont voulu voir, dans ce retour, un acte anti maçonnique au lieu d'y voir simplement un acte de tolérance et d'apaisement. Plaigions ces esprits sans nous détourner de notre devoir ; car Maçons Anglais et Maçons Français ont mieux à faire, au 19e siècle, qu'à se nuire, qu'à se proscrire mutuellement et qu'à se haïr.

Comptant sur votre impartialité pour insérer cette lettre dans le prochain numéro de votre estimable journal, je vous prie d'agréer, Monsieur et très cher frère, la nouvelle assurance de mes sentiments les plus distingués.

Le Chef du Secrétariat du Grand Orient de France.  
THEVENOT.

[TRANSLATION].

Paris, Feb. 16, 1878.

To Bro. Kenning, &c.

Sir and very dear Brother,—

Receive all my thanks for the four numbers of the *Freemason* which you have been so kind as to send to me and which were wanting to my collection.

Permit me at the same time to offer to you some observations on two articles which No. 466, (9th Feb.), of your estimable journal contains.

In the first of these articles, entitled "Bro. Hubert and French Freemasonry," you say that this brother by "refusing the unanimous election to the chair of the lodge he has served so well for years openly protested against the revolution recently effected by the French Grand Orient. This announcement serves as a very striking commentary on the somewhat rash declaration of our esteemed Bro. Thevenot which appeared in our columns the previous week. Bro. Marechal, of the Lodge St. Jean de Jerusalem, Nancy, has also resigned the chair of the lodge, &c." I regret, but I have at the same time the duty to say to you, Sir and very dear brother, that there are in these allegations and appreciations almost as many mistakes as words.

First and above all, I affirm again, without fear of any denial, that up to the date of this day no lodge has separated itself from the Grand Orient of France in consequence of the modification introduced by the General Assembly of 1877 in Art 1, of our Constitution.

I affirm, on the contrary, that Bro. Marechal, of Nancy, than whom nobody more appreciates the Masonic qualities than I do, better informed as to the bearing of the consequences of the modification in question, has accepted the Mastership of his lodge. That is a fact with respect to which it is so easy for you to inform yourself, and of which you will find the confirmation in the new "Calendrier" of the Grand Orient. As regards Bro. Hubert, whose non-acceptation of the Mastership you represent as an open protest against that which you call the recent revolution effected by the Grand Orient of France, it would not be difficult, in my quality of member of that lodge, to point out to you all that is erroneous in your interpretation of the motives which have determined the resolution of that brother—that is a duty which I prefer to leave to Bro. Hubert himself; but this I can affirm, without fear of being taxed with temerity, that that hon. brother has not ceased to remain attached to the Grand Orient of France, to which he has avowed obedience, and I do not doubt, knowing his excellent qualities and all his devotion to the Masonic Order, that he will be the first to regret the consequences that you have drawn from his resolution.

Thus far as to the allegations contained in the articles of the *Freemason*, and it will be permitted me, Sir and very dear brother, to observe to you how rash are the appreciations of your correspondents as regards the actual state of French Freemasonry, and how there is far from an expression of regret which we understand for a rupture, or even a protest.

In one of the articles entitled "Actual Position of the Grand Orient of France," we find a colouring so fantastic of the actual state of French Freemasonry that I shall refuse to reply to it.

Every serious reader, every learned Mason, will know how to find the truth in the midst of so much error, and to do justice to such false appreciation. The Bro. Maskelyne, who argues this question, puts forward this question, more fantastic still, which I cannot refrain myself from answering. "I ask myself, how can we henceforth consider a French Freemason placed at this moment under the dictation of the Grand Orient of France after the dreadful injury inflicted by the said Grand Orient on French Freemasonry?"

Bro. Maskelyne appears not to doubt, it seems, what is the Grand Orient of France. He appears to believe it is a person, or more or less a commission or council, an administration of some kind, weighing down heavily on the lodges and Masons of the Obedience. I then fraternally inform this brother, by means of your estimable journal, that the Grand Orient of France is composed of all the Masters of lodges, who unite themselves every year in general assembly to transact the business of the Order, and to elect the council which directs these affairs in the absence of the General Assembly or Convent. It is this assembly, and not a personality, much less a private power of any kind, which has voted the reform misunderstood, which is the object of the criticism of Bro. Maskelyne. In conforming himself to this decision, the French Mason, whom Bro. Maskelyne surrounds with his lively solicitude, only obeys French Freemasonry itself in the expression by the very great majority of its representatives, that is to say the

supreme law of modern times, and to say that the Grand Orient of France has inflicted a dreadful blow on French Freemasonry is to employ a formula which has no sense. The Grand Orient of France has inflicted a dreadful blow on the Grand Orient of France!

I should think myself indiscreet, and that I was abusing the columns of your journal, sir and very dear brother, if I prolonged this letter, which my love of truth, of justice, and of peace has dictated. I will only then add one word.

In 1877 French Freemasonry has come back to the text of its laws, both as to its principles and its practices, just as before 1849, when the different Masonic powers of the world kept up with us the most fraternal relations. Some impassioned speakers wish to see in this return an anti-Masonic act, instead of simply regarding it as an act of toleration and pacification. Let us regret this spirit without turning ourselves from our duty, for English Masons and French Masons have something better to do in this nineteenth century than to ignore each other, persecute each other, hate each other. Relying upon your impartiality for inserting this letter in the next number of your estimable journal, I beg you, Sir and dear brother, to receive the fresh assurance of my most distinguished sentiments.

THEVENOT.

[We publish these letters with pleasure, though we must very fraternally observe to our good Bro. Thevenot that our space is limited in the *Freemason*.—ED.]

#### A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Our bye-laws state that a brother visiting our lodge who has been excluded from a sister lodge, we must respect that decision by refusing admission. But supposing he has been excluded by a R.A. Chapter attached to his lodge for some offence committed in his chapter, confirmed by his blue lodge, and then sent to our blue lodge. Are we also to respect the decision, only some of the members being R.A. Masons. The charge originated in the chapter, and was brought down to the blue lodge.—Yours fraternally,

AN OLD P.G.P.

[Yes, certainly.—ED.]

#### LONDON LODGES AND THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In looking over the very able account you give of the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, I find only one third of the number of London lodges represented. Can you tell me why this is? Why should two-thirds of our London lodges be exempt from contributing to this most important Institution. Are they deferred, or have they no eyes or ears for their brethren who are looking to them for assistance?

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

VICE-PRESIDENT.

#### UNCLAIMED MONEY.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir,—

In your review of last week you suggest that I should re-publish the whole original list of unclaimed dividends. Permit me to say, that although such a republication would doubtless prove very valuable to many families, yet I venture to think a revised list by the Bank of England authorities would prove far more valuable, as, since the last list was published (forty years ago) many of the sums then unclaimed have long since been claimed by the representatives of deceased stockholders.

I may add, that last year a revised list of "Dormant Funds in Chancery" was published, pursuant to the Chancery Funds Act, 1872. Why should not a like course be taken by the Bank of England authorities? Too much publicity cannot be given to such lists.

I am, Sir, your obedient Servant,

EDWARD PRESTON.

(Proprietor of Chambers's Index to Next of Kin.)  
1, Great College-street, Westminster, Feb. 18th.

#### A CENTURY OF MASONRY.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In looking through the minute books of our lodge I find a number of items which, it has occurred to me, might prove of very great interest to many Masons, as illustrating the manners and customs of our forefathers, if you would kindly afford space for them. This I hope you may be the more readily disposed to do by reason of the fact that to mark the celebration of our centenary in 1872, the late Bro. Stebbing, D.P.G.M. of Hants and the Isle of Wight, spent much time and research in compiling a history of the lodge. At the celebration he read, and there appeared in the local papers, a report of what was evidently intended to form the basis of this history, and three months later, as appears by a letter in our possession, he obtained the consent of the then M.W. Grand Master, the Marquis of Ripon, who, with his Grand Officers, attended the celebration, to dedicate the history to him. An unexpected illness took him from us before the accomplishment of his purpose, and but a few sheets of the apparently intended introduction have been found with the lodge's books and papers. Of the information contained in these sheets and the newspaper report I hope to avail myself in presenting what I trust will prove an interesting story of the rise and progress of Masonry in this ancient town, so far as is to be gathered from the materials in our possession. As it will probably best suit your convenience, as it certainly will my own, to receive these interesting reminiscences in the form of chapters, I propose to send you the story in sections,

leaving you to give them insertion in the *Freemason* as space and opportunity offer.

Fraternally yours,

C. J. PHILLIPS,

W.M. Royal Gloucester Lodge, 130.  
Southampton, Feb. 1878

#### A CENTURY OF MASONRY.—I.

I can hardly suppose that the history of the Royal Gloucester Lodge, No. 130, differs very materially from that of the still older neighbouring lodges at West Cowes, No. 35, and Winchester, No. 76; or the almost equally aged Institutions at Ringwood, No. 132; Newport, No. 151; Ryde, No. 175; Bournemouth, No. 195; and Phoenix, Portsmouth, No. 257; all in this province. But as its minute books extend back to February, 1772, and give vivid details of the manners and customs of the Masons in those days, I have ventured to think some of these details may be considered worthy of relation in the *Freemason* for the benefit of young Masons, if they shall not happen to prove novel to the student of Masonry. To make clearer what follows, it may to some be necessary to explain that until 1717 there existed two great Masonic bodies, one, known as the Ancient or York Masons, and afterwards the Athol Masons, claiming to be the Grand Lodge of all England, and the other the Modern or London Masons, afterwards called the Sussex Masons, adopting the title of Grand Lodge of England. The last named body was in 1717 so far reconstituted as to admit as members of the Masonic body persons not practically associated with architecture. It was then for the first time that gentlemen, professional men, and persons of various occupations, were admitted into Masonry, provided they were of good repute in the outer world, were free of birth, and of the full age of twenty-one years, twenty-five years having at one time been the limit. Under the York or Athol and Ancient Masons, what is now the Royal Gloucester Lodge came into existence, without, however, any distinctive name, but simply recognised as "No. 174." Following some meetings held under dispensation, it was formally constituted on the 22nd of April 1772, under a warrant from John, Duke of Athol, as is thus extracted from the minute book of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Freemasons, from 1769 to 1773, and shown by the warrant still in the possession of the lodge:

Grand Lodge opened at 1 o'clock, at the Vine Tavern, Southampton, in the County of Hampshire, on the 22nd day of April, 1772-5772.

Grand Secretary Dickey in the Chair.

By an authority (for three hours only), from the Right Worshipful Lan. Dermott, Esq., D.G. Master, constituted.

Mr. Joseph Adams, Master.

Edwin Jones, Sen. Warden.

Thos. Widdell, Jun. Warden.

Warrant, No. 174; Registered in Vols. 7, Letter T.

Present Bernard Gillin, of Lodge 172.

Cash received for warrants ...	...	...	£1	2	6
Grand Charity ...	...	...	1	1	0
			£2	3	6

Closed at 3 o'clock, and adjourned to the next General Grand Lodge.

Warrants "for three hours only" were customary in those days, when brethren were deputed to hold Grand Lodges, the time being thus limited to prevent any misuse of their power and authority. The lodge thus formed and constituted was always an "ancient lodge" and for many years was faithful to the Athol Grand Lodge, but subsequently it became a modern lodge, and for many years kept two sets of books and corresponded with each Grand Lodge as a true and faithful ancient or modern lodge, as best suited the occasion. It is to be remembered that so severely did the ancient and modern Masons keep apart that, although the differences in their ceremonies were very trifling they were not allowed to visit each other's lodges unless re-made according to the form of the lodge they desired to join. Thus we read at a meeting recorded in the first Book of "Transactions," or minutes as we should now call it, "In order to strengthen the lodge rose Bro. Thos. Widdell to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason; also entered, passed, and raised Bro. Joseph Truelove, he being a modern Mason before, and appointed him the Tyler of the lodge."

By a memorandum of Bro. Slade's, a learned Mason, Past Master of the lodge, and for several years Prov. Grand Secretary, there appears to have been some kind of meeting of those interested in the formation of the lodge on the 12th of January, 1772, but the first entry recorded in the Transactions reads as follows:—"Feb. 4th. Called a lodge, it being our first time, by virtue of a dispensation from the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge in London, on Feb. 4th, 1772, Bros. Joseph Adams, Master; Wm. St. Barbe, S.W.; Edwin Jones, J.W."

This Joseph Adams, it seems, was a schoolmaster, and Edwin Jones, a sailmaker, and the Thomas Widdell, whose name was afterwards entered in the warrant as Junior Warden, was not a Mason at this time, for two days after the first meeting, viz., on February 6th, "a lodge of emergency was called to make Bro. Thos. Widdell; entered and passed him into the First and Second Degrees of Masonry." The names of the Wardens and the Tyler are given as on this occasion pro tem., the "Worshipful Master being in the chair," and it is added, "had a lecture in the Prentice and Craft; proposed that Bro. Joseph Truelove (the brother above referred to) should be made over again in this lodge . . . he was balloted for, and the lodge agreed to make him on the lodge night on condition of his being Tyler"—which, as we have seen, was done. In like manner, the minutes of the first meeting (February 14th) records that "In consideration of Bro. W. St. Barbe, (S.W. pro tem.) going to sea, and in order to keep up the lodge, entered, past, and raised Bro. John Blackman and Bro. J. Cox to the third stage of Masonry; had a lecture in Prentice and Craft; and closed the lodge at ten in good harmony"—a



formula recording the closing which prevailed for many years. The lodge appeared at once to take root, for before the warrant arrived meetings were held fortnightly, and at that of February 15th, there were proposed, balloted for, entered, and passed two brethren into the First and Second Degrees. It is of interest to note that among the papers of the late Bro. Slade, the lodge was called—evidently from some authority he had seen—the Holy Trinity, No. 174, and Bro. Stebbing remarks on this “nor can the designation be discarded from certain considerations that may present themselves, as many of the prayers and invocations in use at the time were specially of a Christian character.”

C. J. P.

#### KENNING'S CYCLOPEDIA. To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Will you kindly let us know in your next issue the date on which we can expect the Cyclopædia?

We had hoped to have it in our hands a month ago, and looking forward to a great treat in the perusal, are naturally disappointed.

Fraternally yours, AN IRISH SUBSCRIBER.

[Not only our Irish correspondent but a very large number of our readers will no doubt be much pleased to learn that the book is at last ready. No time will be lost in despatching copies to the original subscribers.—Ed.]

#### HOW THE WHOLE OF THE CANDIDATES FOR THE CHARITIES MAY BE PROVIDED FOR.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Here, my brethren, is a problem, the solution of which is as plain as A B C, and only wants moral honesty and fortitude on the part of the members to see the wrong and condemn it, to recognise the right and pursue it to the end.

"To consider the charities first and support them." This is Masonry; here rests the solution of the problem.

A case has recently come under my notice where £230 has been spent on the publican and £4 on the charities. I ask, is not this a sad state of things? 57 times as much to support a traffic that is ruining the trade and commerce of the country (upon which the fabulous sum of "a million sterling per day" is spent in the United Kingdom); and yet we recognise Masonry as based upon the purest principles of piety and virtue.

I ask, is it not time that the brethren, actuated by honourable and religious motives, should seek to reform this terrible abuse, by which so many hundreds of thousands of the funds of the lodges are prostituted to purposes as opposed to the sublime principles of Masonry as darkness to light?

Brothers you are in wealthy circumstances to-day, to-morrow you may lose your appointment, however lucrative, through indiscretion or enemies, your bank may break, your business fail, your life may be prematurely taken, and your widow, fatherless children, or orphans may be left on a cold world. Are not these natural questions and serious ones?

A case apropos is before the charities now.

The brother whose health is his capital, and who moves in a humble sphere, will plainly see that he stands on the edge of the precipice close to penury, and it behoves him to be provident.

I would say to him—seek to know the amount last year spent on refreshments and on the charities—you know not what day may make your wife a widow. Will the publican whose interests you may have been upholding in preference to the charities feed your fatherless children?

Of course my letter will be looked upon with disfavour by one class, but I feel assured the honest brother who looks to the interests of the charities will appreciate my motive, and I feel I am discharging a conscientious duty to God, the Craft, the charities, and by this protest, which I do with as much affection as earnestness.

Well, says a good brother, what would Bro. Darley have us do?

Let the brethren decide to meet every legitimate case, which may be done with the greatest ease, and by that means they will establish a precedent to meet their own cases should misfortune overtake them or theirs.

I feel perfectly satisfied that the Secretaries of the charities will be only too pleased to put their heads together and ascertain the amount necessary. The Grand Lodge Register will show lodges and the number in each, and it will be an easy matter for them to divide the amount needed, sending a return to every lodge.

It then rests with the lodges to vote the amount required for the charities from the surplus lodge funds.

I need not say a word more, seeing the case is so simple; it is not one of taxing the pocket of any one, but of limiting the refreshments to the requirements of the charities.

I have been looking over the list of subscribers and donors, and in the name of God and Providence I shall not appeal in vain to the brethren not to throw away the funds of their lodges on bacchanalianism, their own personal ruin, and in reckless indifference to the interests of their families, whilst the most munificent sums are flowing so spontaneously from her Most Gracious Majesty, His Royal Highness the Grand Master, and a numerous retinue of illustrious and benevolent personages and brethren.

Surely, whilst God is thus helping us we ought to help ourselves.

The Grand Officers, the Provincial Grand Officers, the clergy, and all who wish to reform the abuses and uphold the prestige and high character of Masonry, will not fail, I am sure to use their influence to discountenance a ruinous vice, to lay the axe at the root of improvidence and promote the exercise of that heaven-born charity which blesses him that gives as well as him that receives, and has the approbation of heaven and earth.

Brethren, the adoption of the course I commend to you will help to relieve your anxiety about us in your last hours, and your reflection shall be sweet of having left the world better than you found it.

For the honour of the Most High, for the good of those excellent institutions, and the interest of those most near and dear to you, be united, be guarded against the enemies of your homes and the Craft, persevere in that which you know to be right, and may God reward you.

Yours fraternally,

W. DARLEY.

#### OUR NON-ACCEPTANCE OF THE MASTER'S CHAIR.

By Bro. HUBERT.

Chaine d'Union for February, Page 33.

There are duties sometimes painful to fulfil, but which we are bound nevertheless to perform. Such is the case with regard to myself, and in which the unanimous re-election to the office of W.M. in the Lodge Temple des Amis de l'Honneur Français has placed me.

As such I had to sign the following declaration "To vow to obey the Masonic Constitution, and the Laws and General Regulations of the Order," this without restriction or reserve.

As, the declaration signed, the office accepted, I had to watch over its observance without restriction and reserve.

But I was one who did not wish to accept "Vœu IX," fearing that this was a restriction of the fertile principles large in morality and toleration, taught and practised in all time by all Masonic bodies, and without which there is no Masonry.

I am quite aware that the best assurances are given on this subject, I am quite aware, and I like to believe that it is true, that such will remain true, that the modification introduced into Article 1 of the Masonic Constitutions of the Grand Orient of France does not change anything of the ancient condition of affairs, that the adoption of "Vœu IX," has not had for the object to drive God out of the lodges, and will never remove from the head of documents and official letters emanating from the Grand Orient of France—"A la Gl. du Gr. Arch. de l'Univers."

But so formal an affirmation does not result from the new Article 1 of our Constitution—for one can easily derive from the words which form the said Article an altogether different sense to that I have just explained. It might suffice that the event might produce a president who is not Bro. St. Jean, who, if it was possible that he could be eternal at that post would re-assure and tranquillize all consciences. But there is no necessity for a new "vœu," coming from the initiative of a Mason to complete the change which has taken place for some years in France, in the conception of the Masonic Theory.

One cannot deny, in fact, that the breach is open, and that there only needs one step to fall entirely into "negation," and should we not have been there already, had it not been for the amendment proposed by Bro. St. Jean, and happily supported by the W.M. of the Lodge of Reconnaissance, Bro. Cauzard—and thanks also to the intervention above, all voted by the Couvent of 1872? It is necessary to see and accept the facts, such as they are. Therefore, this situation leaves something to desire.

It would be, perhaps, imprudent to engage oneself without having guarantees. It is not that I doubt the sentiments of those who form our "Conseil de l'Ordre." I know them all; I esteem them all; and many are my best friends among those charged with the interpretation and direction at this very hour in our Masonry of the Grand Orient.

They are there to-day? Who can assure me of to-morrow? There would then remain nothing but Article 1 of the Constitution of which as I have said we can explain the text, without any violence to it, differently from the way in which the present administration explains it. A commission has been named to place our rituals in accord with the letter and the spirit of the modified Constitution. I hope that the Masons honoured with that labour of revision, will honour themselves by bringing into the new text of our rituals that which can reassure all consciences and hinder the Grand Orient from falling into the "ruck" of a sect.

Such are the considerations which have induced me not to accept the Master's chair, and to take up a position of waiting. When the hour to definitely pronounce has arrived, when I have seen what our new rituals teach and maintain, nothing will hinder me in the position I ought to take up, in order to remain absolutely in the respect of my own liberty of conscience, and of the idea what I form of Freemasonry.

HUBERT.

#### MEMORANDUM AS REGARDS THE PRESENT POSITION OF THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

1. In order to ascertain what is the exact bearing of the recent change in the Constitutions of the French Grand Orient, it is necessary to advert to the precedent and concomitant facts which have been attendant upon it.

2. So far back as 1865, Bro. Massol, the founder of the "Morale Indépendante," and a politician of extreme views, proposed in the French Grand Orient the almost identical resolution which has recently been carried. This resolution was then rejected by 170 to 40. This a point to be noted. The "Morale Indépendante," as he propounded it, consists merely in ignoring the need and utility of all religion qua a "Religio" to man, in disavowing alike Revelation and a Personal God. It throws us back on an "individual perception of morality" on nihilism in life, on total annihilation in death. With such views

as these he commenced a crusade, and which dates even from before 1865, against the existing French Masonic formularies, which militated entirely with such peculiar teaching. But as he was a man of shrewdness, he found it necessary, to use his own words, to take "one step at a time," and "not to attempt to do all at once." He accordingly agitated, and succeeded in his agitation, for the final removal of the Bible from the lodges, which he declared had "nothing to do with Freemasonry," though the opposition to the Bible dates actually from an earlier period.

3. But such was the position of French Freemasonry until September, 1877, refusing to have the Bible in the lodge, though, at the same time, it avowed "Belief in God and the immortality of the soul" in the constitutions.

4. In September, 1877, the removal of these words from the Constitutions was carried in the French Grand Orient by 138 votes to 76, and a vague phrase was substituted, such expression of Universal Masonic Belief, in these words:—"Elle a pour principes la liberté absolue de conscience et la solidarité humaine. Elle n'exclut personne pour ses croyances."

It must strike every one that such a change is both very grave and very great in every respect, and has been effected, to use the words of the *Monde Maçonnique*, because the Grand Orient is coupable de vouloir ouvrir la portes de la Maçonnerie, aux savants et philosophes qui ne reconnaissent pas l'existence de Dieu."

5. This impetus to the movement for change, (suspended for some years) seems to have been given by the initiation of Professor Littré, when the ritual had to be modified, and much of it left out, to meet his scruples in respect of admitting the acknowledgment of T.G.A.O.T.U. This act was protested against at the time by many French Masons.

6. Thus it will be noted how the successive steps taken by the Grand Orient of France are apparently portions of a programme, all culminating in one great result. The Bible has been removed, acknowledgment of T.G.A.O.T.U. has been suppressed, and a commission is sitting to modify the ritual, and bring it in accordance with this recent and regrettable change. What such modification must portend is only too patent. The "Vœu" for the removal of the ascription "A la gloire du Grand Architecte de l'Univers," has been "pour le moment" withdrawn, though there is little doubt, but that Bro. Massol's proposals will eventually be carried out, as he said, "by patience and in time," and that though that formula is not yet gone, it is destined in turn to disappear from French Freemasonry.

The able antagonist of Freemasonry, the Bishop of Orleans in his "Etude de la Franc-maçonnerie," points out that French Freemasonry, according to his view "Deiste," cannot stop there, and must become "Atheiste" and by a singular perversity, the French Grand Orient, apparently bent on accomplishing his unfriendly prophecy, has by the course it has thought proper to pursue, played into the hands of the Ultramontane party in France, which has always sought unjustly to identify Freemasonry with revolution and irreligion, socialism and godlessness.

7. If such has been one object of the change avowedly so, namely, the admission of those who do not believe in God, and if such has been the method by which it has been brought about, it is needful now to consider, how such an alteration is defended. Bro. Desmons, (who is said to be a Protestant minister at Paris,) as the reporter of the commission, advocates the change, on the ground of "absolute toleration."

This argument stripped of all periphrasis appears to be this:—"Freemasonry is an humanitarian association, and separate from and above all religious institutions. Therefore, in the interests of pure and absolute toleration, we can no more admit the claim of Theism, than we can of Christianity, Judaism, Mohammedanism to dominate Freemasonry. We can have no dogmatic teaching of any kind. Freemasonry accepts all creeds, and as an acknowledgment of T.G.A.O.T.U. becomes, so to say, a *test* and a *stumbling block* to the 'libre penseur,' the 'positiviste,' the 'Morale Indépendante,' it infringes the law of absolute toleration, and we cannot admit any longer in our Constitutions an acknowledgment of belief in God. Freemasonry has no moral right to exclude even the 'atheos,' the philosopher, the 'savan' living without God in the world." It is impossible to read Bro. Desmon's report, able as it is, without being deeply struck by the scholastic subtlety and special pleading which characterise it, from first to last, and without also asking ourselves this question, "Does the writer positively believe in the hyper-tolerant views he propounds, which, if carried to a legitimate conclusion, must end in entire anarchy of religious credence, a positive negation of all belief among men?"

8. It is but fair to observe here, that it is not the mere protrusion of "Belief in God" from the Constitutions which the English Grand Lodge can object to, but it is the apparently and deliberate negation of T.G.A.O.T.U., which is henceforth to characterize French Freemasonry. We have, as it is well known, no acknowledgment of T.G.A.O.T.U. formally in the actual Book of Constitutions, but bound up with that wise code of laws are our "Ancient Charges," which may be said not improperly to represent the "Lex Inscripta," the common law of Freemasonry. Had the Grand Orient simply removed a profession of faith from a code of legislation, there would not have been any valid cause for complaint, but it has not done so, but it has simply suppressed the declaration altogether, and proposed to modify its ritual in accordance with such suppression.

9. Two points therefore necessarily come in here for consideration, (1) What is henceforth the authoritative teaching of French Freemasonry? and (2) how does that contrast with its earlier declarations? What the expression "la solidarité humaine" really means, it is somewhat difficult to say. The "International Society," in some of its manifestoes, talks of "la solidarité des nations," and the phrase "la solidarité humaine" appears to have, so

to say, a cant meaning for French Freemasons. The meaning of the French word "solidarité" by itself does not help us, and we can only arrive at it by implication. It seems to mean "The Humanitarian Entirety," or an "all-embracing humanity," as a distinct force, even a "Cultus" in the affairs of this world. The President of the Council of the Grand Orient, Bro. St. Jean, speaks quite recently: Talking of the Grand Orient, and French Freemasonry, he says: "travaillant en vue de perfectionnement et moral intellectuel des hommes et de leur bien être, elle demande à ceux qui veulent être admis dans son sein, des sentimens d'honnêteté et de l'amour du bien qui lui permettent de coopérer utilement à son œuvre de progrès et de civilisation."

Thus the phrase would imply apparently that French Freemasonry seeks the perfection of entire humanity qua humanity. But, as we said before, some doubt must exist as to the exact meaning of these words.

10. We may now here note how ill this accords with earlier French teaching. In the "Histoire &c. de la très Vénérable Confraternité," published by Varrentraap, at Frankfurt in 1732, we have a translation of the English Constitution Book of 1723, and under the head "Touchant Dieu et Religion," a Mason, exactly as with us, is declared "il ne sera jamais un Athée stupide ou un libertin sans religion." This declaration is repeated in the "Histoire des Franc-maçons," published at Paris in 1745, and plenty of evidence might be adduced to prove that French Freemasonry, until quite recently, has always professedly been *Theistic*. It is true that the "formula" recently expunged is not of ancient date, but the general teaching of French Freemasonry has incontestably been in accord with our English teaching, despite the struggle which has, more or less, been going on for years, and has culminated in the last vote of erasure of the French Grand Orient.

The just complaint against the French Grand Orient then seems to be this, that taking Belief in God, &c., out of the Constitutions, any acknowledgment of T.G.A.O.T.U. (a foundation truth of Freemasonry), is henceforth prohibited in French Freemasonry, and that, both abstractedly and avowedly, liberty of conscience and human solidarity are substituted for any profession of belief in T.G.A.O.T.U. If the ritual is now modified to meet this altered declaration, French Freemasonry departs both in profession and practice, "from the cosmopolitan teaching of Freemasonry."

It may be observed here, that Bro. Hubert, the able editor of the *Chaine d'Union*, has declined an unanimous election to the "Vénérabilité" or Master's chair of the lodge, in consequence of his dissatisfaction with past and present, and his fears for the future; that Bro. Marchal, of Nancy, has resigned the chair, and that his lodge only continues in obedience to the Grand Orient on the condition that the ritual is not altered; and that there are a large number of French Freemasons who deeply deplore the vote of the Grand Orient.

In Belgium the same unwise course has been followed, so that in France and Belgium all believers in God are, as it is known, discouraged and alarmed, and even as Bro. Behr stated in the Grand Orient itself, "blackballed." Profession of actual unbelief in God, on the contrary, is often applauded, and is a not uncommon thing in French and Belgian lodges.

It seems that by a "Vœu" to be shortly discussed, the Grand Orient proposes to claim to give warrants in all Masonic jurisdictions where the ruling body has not fraternal relations with it, not "en relations fraternelles." Nothing more is needed to point out the dangerous and revolutionary proceedings in every sense of the Grand Orient of France.

Such seems to be the actual position of affairs, from our English point of view, without exaggeration or misconception, as a matter of fact, and though to those who have followed the struggles of French Freemasonry it is neither surprising nor unexpected, it must create the greatest anxiety in the minds of all who, under the Grand Lodge of England, seek for and desiderate the peaceful, orderly, loyal, religious progress of Universal Freemasonry.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE BAYARD CHAPTER, No. 1615.

This new chapter was consecrated on Saturday last, at the Hall, 33, Golden Square, by the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Grand H., and Grand Superintendent of the Western Division of Lancashire. The companions present on the occasion were Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, Frank Richardson, Captain Richard P. Leeson, Captain Henry Andrews, Sir Thomas Dyer, Bart., W. Bezley Thorne, M.D.; Capt. T. Morris, P.Z. 784; G. H. D'Avigden, Captain Compton, Francis E. Compton, Col. Burdett, G. Supt. Midx.; Gen. Brownrigg, G. Supt. Surrey; J. M. P. Montagu, G. Supt. Dorset; Gen. H. Clerk, P.Z. 13; Col. A. W. Adair, 1383; Capt. N. G. Philips, G.S.N.; John Hervey, G.S.E.; John B. Monckton, P.G.P.S.; Hugh D. Sandeman, P.G. Supt. Bengal; S. Rawson, P.G. Supt. China; Col. Shadwell Clerke, P.Z. 19; Hyde Pullen, P.Z. 175, P.G.G.C.; Peter de L. Long, G.P.S.; J. Lewis Thomas, P.Z. &c.; R. J. Bristow, Capt. Francis Pavey, J. Muzio, Chevalier Habicht, Col. Randolph, Capt. A. N. Sherson, T. B. Purchase, Rev. Ambrose Hall, Henry Thorn, Col. L. H. Hamilton, A. F. Godson, Major Barlow, Rev. C. W. Arnold, Captain Wemyss, Walter B. Lethbridge, John Messent, J. E. McIntyre, G.C.; Sir Michael Costa, C. E. Willing, and H. Massey (*Freemason*), P.Z. 619.

The lodge to which the chapter is attached, the Bayard Lodge, No. 1615, has not yet been established two years, and the rule of Grand Chapter is that no charter for a chapter shall be granted to a lodge unless it has been established three years at least, the principle on which they proceed being that there shall be sufficient Masters or

Past Masters of the lodge to keep up a constant supply of Principals for the chapter. Of course until the third Master is installed there cannot be a brother eligible for the third chair, unless indeed the lodge starts with several P.M.'s. Grand Chapter has, therefore, with very few exceptions, constantly refused to grant a charter to a lodge less than three years old. The exception whenever it has been made has been under very special circumstances, and such circumstances were unanimously allowed to exist in the case of the Bayard Lodge, and at the Quarterly Convocation of Grand Chapter last November, after full discussion, a charter was granted for the Bayard Chapter, subject to the confirmation of the minutes which took place on the 6th inst. No time was lost in getting this chapter consecrated, and the ceremony, as we have said, was performed last Saturday. The Bayard Lodge derives its name from the Chevalier Bayard, whose picture in Hampton Court Palace must be familiar to many of our readers. The Bayard Lodge adopts the arms of the Chevalier, and his motto, *Sans peur et sans reproche*; and the name, arms, and motto are also taken by the Bayard Chapter. The ceremony of consecration was exceedingly impressive, all the arrangements having been previously made with the greatest care. Grand Chapter was formed, Lord Skelmersdale presiding as Z.; Colonel Burdett, as H.; General Brownrigg, as J.; Comp. John Hervey was S.E.; Captain N. G. Philips, S.N.; Comp. Peter de L. Long, P.S.; Sir Michael Costa, 1st A.; and Comp. Hyde Pullen, 2nd A.; Col. Shadwell Clerke was D.C. The principal portions of the ceremony were admirably performed by Lord Skelmersdale, General Brownrigg, and Col. Shadwell Clerke; and when the ceremony was completed Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, P.Z. 784, was placed in the chair of M.E.Z., and Comp. Frank Richardson, P.Z. 8, in the chair of H. Comp. John Hervey then installed Comp. Captain Richard P. Leeson as J. As soon as this ceremony was over the M.E.Z. said the first duty which devolved upon him was to propose for the acceptance of the companions the hearty thanks of the chapter to Lord Skelmersdale. He was aware that Lord Skelmersdale had come at great inconvenience to himself very kindly to consecrate the Bayard Chapter, and do the companions the honour to place the Principals in the chairs. He therefore proposed a vote of thanks first to Lord Skelmersdale, Grand H. of England, for so kindly presiding over the Grand Chapter that day. To save time he would also ask the companions to accord another vote of thanks to M.E. Comps. Col. Burdett, to Lieut. General Brownrigg, to the Excellent Scribes E. and N., and to the other Grand Officers who had also so kindly assisted in the consecration and installation, more especially he would name Comp. Hervey, G.S.E., who had undertaken at a short notice the installation of J. Comp. F. Richardson, H., seconded the motion, which was then put and carried by acclamation. The passing of the vote having been communicated by the M.E.Z. to Lord Skelmersdale, his Lordship said in his own name, and in the names of those who had been associated with him in the vote, he thanked the companions most heartily for the vote which had been passed, and he was sure he was only echoing their sentiments when he said that he was very much pleased to have consecrated the chapter, and hoped that it would last and go on prospering continually.

The M.E.Z. said he could not that evening appoint all the officers, as some would have to be balloted for; but he begged to propose that Comp. J. C. Ridgway be P.S.; Capt. Gilbert, 1st A.S.; and Capt. Andrews as 2nd A.S. The proposed S.E. was not yet a companion but he would ask Comp. F. Compton to take that office pro tem. Comp. Bristow he proposed as S.N.; and the Chevalier Habicht as Treasurer, and Comp. Austin as Janitor. The next duty was the election of honorary members, and he proposed the names of Lord Skelmersdale, Col. Burdett, General Brownrigg, John Hervey, Capt. Philips, J. M. P. Montagu, H. D. Sandeman, Major-Gen. Clerk, Capt. Dadson, Lieut.-Col. Shadwell Clerke, and Peter de L. Long, to be honorary members of the chapter, in commemoration of the assistance they had given that day, and also for signing the petition for a charter.

Comp. Frank Richardson also seconded this motion, which was likewise put and carried unanimously. A long list of joining members (15) was then proposed, and a numerous body of brethren (17) for exaltation. A committee was appointed to frame the bye-laws, and the alms bag was thereupon passed round the chapter by the Rev. Ambrose Hall, and realised £2 7s.

The M.E.Z. said there was yet one other duty they had to perform. There was one to whom personally—and he was sure all the other companions as well—he felt under such deep obligation, viz., Col. Shadwell Clerke, who had performed that evening the duties of D.C., and without whose assistance the ceremony could not have gone off so well. Comp. Frank Richardson seconded the motion, which being carried, another vote of thanks was passed to Comp. C. E. Willing for the very great service and assistance he had rendered by performing on the organ. A vote of thanks was also passed to the companion visitors, to whom the M.E.Z. wished a hearty welcome, hoping that he would often see them at the meetings of the chapter.

Letters were read from Ex. Comp. Lord de Tabley, G.J., who regretted that his absence from England prevented his attendance at the consecration, and from Comp. Col. Hutton Gregory, regretting that absence from London would prevent his attendance.

Chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the Grosvenor Gallery, New Bond-street, where an elegant banquet was served by the manager, F. C. Michels. After banquet the customary toasts were proposed. "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry," and "The Prince of Wales, the Grand Z.," having been proposed and honoured, the M.E.Z. proposed "Lord Carnarvon, Pro G.Z., Lord Skelmersdale, Grand H., and Lord de Tabley, Grand J."

In doing so he said he should especially couple with this toast the name of Lord Skelmersdale, who had so kindly come among the companions that evening to consecrate the Bayard Chapter, and had honoured them with his presence at the banquet table. When they remembered the great Masonic claims there were upon his lordship's time as Provincial Grand Master and Superintendent of West Lancashire, the most numerous province in England, where there were eighty lodges, and in addition to this office holding that of Deputy Grand Master of England, Grand H. of the Royal Arch, besides occupying several other positions in different degrees and Orders which he could not name then, his time was pretty fully taken up. The companions would therefore the more appreciate his kindness and goodness in attending the Bayard Chapter; and they esteemed it a very great honour. For this honour he (the M.E.Z.) returned Lord Skelmersdale his hearty personal thanks; and he esteemed it the greatest honour he could have that he had been invested as Z. of the Bayard Chapter by him. It was not only his kindness in coming among the companions at all times he could that drew the companions towards his lordship, but his kind manner, his true Masonic feeling, must always arouse in their hearts sentiments of esteem. (Hear, hear.)

Lord Skelmersdale, who on rising to reply was received with enthusiastic cheers, said it was most flattering to him to hear his health—for he must really put himself first just for the present—so kindly proposed by the M.E.Z. and so well received by all the companions. He only regretted that Lord Carnarvon had not been present to fulfil the duties of consecrating and installing at the Bayard Chapter. If he had been present no one would have been more gratified than he to see the great success that had attended the Bayard Lodge, which had resulted in the establishment of the Bayard Chapter. Lord de Tabley was abroad at present or he would have been there. The companions did not see much of his lordship in London, but there did not exist a more earnest Mason than he was in Cheshire. For his (Lord Skelmersdale's) own part it gave him infinite pleasure to be present at the consecration of the Bayard Chapter. It was not often that he was able to attend meetings of private lodges or private chapters, but he did so whenever he possibly could. If he might call them so, his public duties took up a certain amount of his time; but whenever it was in his power to meet a private lodge or chapter, or to be of any use to them, he was too happy to be called upon. Masonry had made such enormous strides during the past few years that it was no sinecure for a public man to hold high office in the Order. A man was wanted not one day only, but every day, and to do Masonry thoroughly you ought to do it five times a day, and if there were any shortcomings found either in Lord Carnarvon or any of the other Grand Officers it was not from want of goodwill to the Craft but from want of time. His lordship concluded by saying that he only hoped that the Bayard Chapter might have a long lease, a very successful career, and might redound to the honour of Masonry.

The M.E.Z. said the next toast he had to give was that of "The Present and Past Grand Officers of the Holy Royal Arch." That evening they were favoured with the presence of several of those companions. The Grand Superintendents of Middlesex, Surrey, and Dorsetshire were present, and the Past Superintendents of China and Bengal, and also with that of several of the working Grand Officers for the year; added to whom were some of the Past Grand Officers, as well as the Grand Scribe E., the Scribe N., the Principal Sojourner, and Comp. Monckton, and also Grand Registrar. These companions were a host in themselves—the Order would not be able to go on without the able exertions of Grand Registrar, to whom the Bayard Chapter was particularly indebted, for he strongly supported its cause in Grand Chapter. The companions would not consider it necessary that he should take up their time by entering into the merits of all the companions, and he should therefore simply propose "The Health of the Present and Past G. Officers," and with the former he should couple the name of Colonel Burdett, and with the latter that of Comp. J. B. Monckton.

Col. Burdett, replying for the Present Grand Officers, said there were several of these companions present who had for a long time been exercising the authority which had been delegated to them by the Grand Z.; and he trusted that they had exercised that authority to their utmost, at least he was confident they had to the best of their ability, and he hoped to the satisfaction of the companions. They trusted to do so for a long time to come, and if they were supported in the same kind way by the Order generally as they had been hitherto, their duties would be performed with happiness and pleasure, and with a great deal of benefit to their respective provinces. The Grand Officers exerted themselves to the best for the purpose of producing good to the whole body of Royal Arch Masons; and if they followed the excellent example of Lord Skelmersdale (and it was reasonable to suppose they would follow his lead), they would be approved by the provinces in general.

Comp. J. B. Monckton, replying for the Past Grand Officers, said: In the happy and prosperous present you will like to hear as little as possible of the gloomy and melancholy past. (Laughter.) Therefore, I thank you sincerely and sit down.

Lord Skelmersdale proposed "The Three Principals." He congratulated those companions who belonged to the new chapter on having selected three Principals so thoroughly worthy of the places they respectively occupied. He also congratulated the Craft and Royal Arch Masonry that men of the position of the three Principals were to be found to take the part they did in this particular degree, working it out, and teaching others to work it out. He could only repeat what he said before, and wish the utmost

prosperity to this new chapter, and in doing so he was sure the companions would all heartily join with him in drinking the toast he now proposed.

Col. Somerville Burney in replying, said, after again thanking Lord Skelmersdale for the high honour he had conferred on the chapter by attending, that he hoped that the companions would prove themselves worthy of that high honour by so working the Bayard Royal Arch Chapter that it might not reflect any discredit on the Order, or on those who attended that day and assisted in consecrating it.

Comp. Frank Richardson said that he had given up all hopes of advancement in Freemasonry; but when such a chapter was proposed as one to be attached to so eminent a lodge as the Bayard Lodge, he could not refuse to join it. He should be glad to see the chapter as prosperous in the future as the lodge had been in the past, and he should throw himself on the mercy of the companions to overlook any shortcomings of his during his year of office.

Capt. Lerson said that as the subject of promotion had been mentioned, if he were asked if he wanted promotion, the less he said upon the subject the better.

Col. Burney next proposed "The Visitors." There were, he said, two grand landmarks in Freemasonry, charity and hospitality, and he hoped the Bayard Chapter would exercise them. The members and visitors had done the first in the chapter, and he now asked the companions of the chapter to prove the second by drinking very good health and prosperity to those companions who had favoured the chapter with their presence. In starting a new chapter it was always done under great difficulties, because those who signed the petition were seldom those who became members of the chapter; but when he looked round the table and saw the visitors who were then present, when he saw the companions holding high and distinguished positions in the Order, when he saw one (Capt. Phillips) for whom they had so high a regard as the godfather of the lodge and therefore of the chapter, he must say he felt very much gratified. He wished all the visitors good health, everything they could desire, and such promotion in Masonry as they all deserved. He would join this toast with the name of one whom they were all very much pleased to see, the Grand Registrar. He would transgress from the ordinary routine and say a few words with regard to the formation of this chapter. The lodge having been a success, and there being a great number of candidates for the Royal Arch, it was considered desirable to apply for a charter. They were not aware at the time that it was contrary to the regulations to grant a charter for a chapter to be attached to a lodge which had not been three years in existence, for it was not laid down in the Regulations of the Arch, but was merely a custom. He only entered into this to explain why the companions tried to get a charter before they were entitled to it. On their application they received the greatest kindness from the Committee but were told by the Committee that they were not able to recommend the petition. He was sure the greater number of the members of the committee were desirous of doing so had it been in their power. The matter came before Grand Chapter, and he well remembered the kind manner in which the Grand Registrar of the Order spoke in favour of the charter being granted, and the compliments that were passed on the Bayard Lodge by those who spoke on that occasion. It was for these reasons he thought the companions could not do less now than join Grand Registrar's name with the toast of "The Visitors." But in doing this it must not be thought by the other visitors that they were being forgotten. The chapter was glad to see them all, and the oftener it saw them the better it would be pleased.

Comp. McIntyre responded. He said: M.E., on the part of the companions who are your guests on this occasion I beg to return my sincerest thanks for the very great kindness you have shown in inviting us, and in giving us this most bounteous and hospitable reception. You have been pleased to speak of myself as having had something to do with the granting of the charter of the Bayard Chapter. I must beg to decline having anything said on my behalf as to the charter being granted. In the Grand Chapter I have to do my duty as Grand Registrar, and to state my views of the laws of the Order to which we all belong, and I always take care that in stating those views there shall be nothing said against a lodge or a chapter that is striving to come into existence; but the great principle of our Order is to accept and not to reject, and upon the occasion when the question came before Grand Chapter I was there in my place, as I ought always to be—but as I am afraid I not always am, because it does happen sometimes that I am prevented. The question that came before Grand Chapter was this—ay or no?—Could this charter be granted according to the rules and regulations of our Order? It seemed to me to be clear and without doubt that we had the power to grant the charter. It seemed more than clear that by the wonderful power that the Bayard Lodge had shown, and by the great sense that we had that new members were coming into the Order, we ought to grant it, and that it was within our power to do it. There is not a doubt in my mind that we had the power, and I stated so in the Grand Chapter; and if I had not been there I am quite sure that there were those members of Grand Chapter there that were well versed in the usages, and would have taken care that this charter should be granted. Bear this in mind. The question was, could a lodge that had been in existence scarcely two years have a charter granted to it? A recommendation once came up from the Committee—it was merely a recommendation, that was all, because it was in the discretion of Grand Chapter of England—that they should not grant a charter unless a lodge had been in existence three years. What did it mean? Why, that if a lodge were strong enough to have a charter granted to it in less than three years, by all means grant it, that the whole

Order of Freemasonry should be carried out, and that the degree should be conferred upon all Master Masons who were qualified to receive it. That appeared to me to be the principle on which we ought to act. I ventured on that occasion to recommend it to Grand Chapter. Grand Chapter was pleased to accede to that recommendation, and that, and that only, have I done. And what is it? A man in the performance of his public duty states his own opinion. The M.E. said he thanked me for that. I am afraid it would be a very bad precedent to set for public men. Public men ought always to do their duty. They ought never to expect people would say "We thank you for doing it." The best thanks they have is the knowledge that they do what is right. That is what I have tried to carry in view during the many years I have held a responsible position in the Order; but I do thank the M.E. of this chapter for his calling the subject to the attention of the chapter. I thank him in my name, and in that of the visitors, and I assure him we wish God speed to the chapter, that it may become as successful as the lodge, and that it may become the most important of all chapters.

"The Health of the Officers" was then given, for which Chevalier Habicht replied, and the Janitor's toast concluded the evening.

#### ST. HELEN'S, BISHOPSGATE.

On Monday last an interesting ceremony was held in the ancient church of St. Helen's, Bishopsgate, the Lord Mayor attending in state, at the request of the vicar and churchwardens, to unveil a new stained glass window in commemoration of the many civic and other worthies buried in the church. With the Lord Mayor were the Lady Mayoress and the Misses Ouden, the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, Bishop Claughton, Archdeacon of London; the Master of the Haberdashers' Company, Alderman Sir Charles Whetham, the Rector of Bishopsgate, and many of the Common Council and leading inhabitants of the ward. St. Helen's is said to be the most ancient church in the city, and its associations are replete with interest. The original church of St. Helen in London was dedicated to the Empress Helena, and is said to have been erected to her memory by her son Constantine. In 1010 the remains of Edmund, king and martyr, were deposited in the church for three years. In 1212, in immediate connection with the church, a Priory of Black Nuns of the Benedictine Order was founded, and it flourished there until its suppression at the Reformation. The north aisle of St. Helen's Church was the nuns' choir, and was divided by a screen from the part appropriated to the parish. After the suppression King Henry VIII. gave the site of the Priory and its church to the parish. St. Helen's is a Gothic structure of the lighter kind, consisting of a plain body with large windows. The steeple was not built until 1669, and is wrought with rustic at the corners, with a turret and dome. The nun's hall was, after the dissolution, purchased by the Leathersellers' Company. To the south of the nave of the church are a transept and two chapels—one dedicated to the Holy Ghost and the other to the Virgin. The earliest portions of the church now remaining are of the 13th century. Within the Lady Chapel, upon a bracket, there is a small sitting statue, evidently a Roman sybil, although it is said in Dr. Cox's "Annals of St. Helen's" to represent the patron saint of the church. It is of rare alabaster and is of great value. The church contains specimens of almost every variety of the pointed style, from the thirteenth century downwards. The edifice was thoroughly restored in 1865. Among the worthies buried in St. Helen's are Sir Thomas Gresham; Sir John Crosby, Alderman of London and sometime Mayor of Calais; Sir Julius Caesar, Chancellor of the Exchequer and Master of the Rolls in the reign of King James I.; Sir Andrew Judd, Lord Mayor, 1551; Francis Bancroft, founder of Bancroft's Hospital; Albericus Gentilis, the jurist, and many more. The ceremony having been commenced with prayer, Bro. the Rev. Dr. Cox, the vicar of St. Helen's and chaplain to the Lord Mayor, welcomed his Lordship and the other civic authorities to the church for the purpose of inaugurating another memorial of those who had taken, in former times, so conspicuous a place in England's history. He gave an interesting résumé of the leading incidents in the history of the worthies portrayed in the window, all of whom were connected with St. Helen's—viz., Sir John Crosby, Sir Andrew Judd, Martin Bond, a former merchant prince; Sir William Pickering, an eminent ambassador; Sir Thomas Gresham, Sir John Spencer, Sir Julius Caesar, Albericus Gentilis, Robert Hooke, the discoverer of the chronometer and air-pump, and Francis Bancroft. To meet the cost of the window, which was executed by Mr. A. Gibbs, the Grocers', Skinners', Haberdashers', Drapers', and Mercers' Companies, the Marquis of Northampton, and Miss Cottrell Dormer had generously contributed, but there was still a deficiency of about £250. The Lord Mayor unveiled the window, and in a brief speech expressed the pleasure it gave him, especially as alderman of the ward of Bishopsgate, to take part in further beautifying a church of which all citizens were so justly proud. He congratulated his chaplain, Dr. Cox, on the success of his labours, and promised his aid in removing the debt in connection with the work. Bishop Claughton proposed a vote of thanks to the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs, which was carried, and the ceremony was closed with the Benediction. We wish our worthy brother all success in his efforts.

Miss. Braddon's "Henry Dunbar" has been translated into German, and brought out with great success at a Viennese Theatre.

#### Multum in Parbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

##### COLE'S LIST OF LODGES, 1763.

I have carefully perused the notes by Bro. Lamony, P.M. 1002, &c., as to Cole's List of Lodges, 1763, in Cumberland and Westmorland, and fraternally place the following at his disposal, premising that without more material than he appears to have at present he will not be able to fully and accurately write even a "little brochure on the history of the Craft and Royal Arch Masonry" in those two counties. It is, in fact, impossible to adequately deal with any such matters, without the authorised list of lodges of the two Grand Lodges up to the Union of Dec., 1813. But I will deal with Bro. Lamony's letter, and hope the information will prove useful to him.

1. "No. 120, Whitehaven," of 1740, is (as he says), extinct.

2. "No. 261, Whitehaven," he tells us, "celebrated its centenary in 1861." I beg to doubt this, though of course Bro. Lamony ought to know better than the writer. At all events, if the present No. 119, Whitehaven, celebrated a centenary in 1861, they did so in error, for their lodge belonged to the "Athol" Grand Lodge or "Ancients," and its warrant is dated May 18th, 1768. It was No. 157 under the "Ancients," according to my list of the "Union" lodges, No. 190 at the "Union," No. 138 from A.D. 1832, and No. 119 from A.D. 1863. No. 261, referred to by Bro. Lamony as being still in existence of date 1761, was struck off in 1786 for not conforming to the laws of the regular Grand Lodge; No. 143 on the "Firing glasses" must refer to some other lodge I should say.

3. No. 129, "Union," Kendal, is an old centenary lodge, having applied for a warrant to wear a "Centenary jewel" before the new regulations were made. It dates from 1764, as Bro. Lamony mentions, according to Cole of 1763.

4. Bro. D. Murray Lyon's reference to the lodge at Carlisle is well worth preservation in any history of Freemasonry in Cumberland.

5. There was a lodge warranted at Workington in 1775, No. 384, which became 315 A.D. 1792, and 398 at the "Union," soon after which it was struck off the roll. Its name was the "Sun and Sector" Lodge.

6. There seems also to have been another at Workington, No. 289, which was 232, A.D. 1770, but is absent from a list I have of 1779, as also from one of Cole's of 1777, just kindly sent me by Bro. Officer, P.M. No. 1, P.S.G.D. of Scotland.

7. The lodge Bro. Lamony desires to know about is still in existence. Chartered as the Lodge of Honour and Perseverance, at the "Ship," Cockermouth, in 1788 (was No. 436 from A.D. 1792), and was soon afterwards removed to the "Black Bull," Batley, Yorkshire, and was numbered 500 at the "Union." It was again changed in 1832 to 330, and from 1863 it has been registered as No. 264.

Bro. W. Clarke, P.M. 285, P. Prov. G.D.C., has again forwarded me the result of his valuable researches as to old lodges, which I shall shortly announce, and draw my attention to "Masonic Miscellanies" of 1797, which mentions six lodges in the counties named. I have a similar list.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

#### MASONIC BALL AT LIVERPOOL.

The third annual ball in connection with the Lodge of Israel, No. 1502, which meets at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, took place on Wednesday evening, the 13th inst., at the Adelphi Hotel. The well-known enthusiasm of the brethren connected with this section of the Masonic fraternity in West Lancashire was again conspicuously displayed, resulting in a festive gathering which was as enjoyable as it was successful. As on previous occasions, the proceeds of the ball will be devoted to the fund of benevolence, established as a part of the charitable working of the lodge, which has now no less a sum than £150 at its disposal. The arrangements for the third annual assembly were admirably carried out by the committee, which comprised Bros. A. Jones, W.M.; M. Hart, I.P.M.; A. J. Henochsberg, P.M.; R. Robinson, P.M.; S. Schonstadt, S.W.; S. Wareing, S.D.; S. J. Henochsberg, J.D.; H. F. Wright, S.S.; and J. Saber, J.S. There were about 160 ladies and brethren present, the latter wearing the clothing, jewels, and insignia of the various Masonic Orders to which they belonged; and a large number of distinguished visiting brethren from other lodges also gave their countenance to the praiseworthy effort. The duties of Masters of Ceremonies were efficiently performed by Bros. A. Hart, W.M. 724, and S. J. Henochsberg, 1502. Supper and refreshments were of the most recherche character, the purveying being superintended by Bro. Ludlow, No. 216, manager of the Adelphi Hotel.

A report of the meeting of the Eleanor Lodge of Instruction held at the Angel Hotel, Edmonton, on Wednesday, will appear in our next.

BRO. CAPTAIN BOYTON AT LISBON.—Captain Boyton arrived on Sunday, 17th inst., at four o'clock. He was enthusiastically greeted. A large number of boats, with music and flags and many thousand people, lined the river's bank. He has been everywhere well received through Portugal.

Bro. Pullen, P.M. 144, has been presented with a handsome silver loving cup by the members of the Manchester Lodge of Instruction, in token of their appreciation of his valuable services as Secretary for many years. The presentation took place at the anniversary Banquet of the above named lodge, which was held on Friday week, the 15th inst.



## Masonic and General Tidings.

**CONFIDENCE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 193.**—The Fifteen Sections will be worked in this favourite Lodge of Instruction at the Railway Tavern, London-street, Fenchurch-street, City, on Wednesday next, the 27th, at 6 p.m. precisely. Bros. J. E. Ives, 781, W.M.; T. J. Barnes, P.M. 933, and 554, S.W.; J. Andrews, J.D. 1227, J.W.; E. Gottheil, (Preceptor), I.P.M. The Sections will be worked as follows: 1st Lecture: Bros. Biddle, Hallam, Scheirboom, Ellis, C. H. Webb, Andrews, and W. Hogg. 2nd Lecture: Bros. W. J. Rawley, W. Muetto, Ould, T. J. Barnes, and J. Shepherd. 3rd Lecture: Bros. M. Clegg, J. Taylor, and Myers.

Bro. John Pearson, one of the Liverpool Town Councillors, was last Saturday unanimously elected an Alderman of the Seaport Borough. Bro. Pearson has occupied the proud positions of Mayor of Liverpool and High Sheriff of the county, and is held in great esteem by all sections of political parties.

We are informed that it is the intention of the brethren of the lodges in Canterbury, namely, United Industrious, No. 31, Saint Augustine, No. 972, and Royal Military, No. 1449, to invite the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent to hold their Annual Festival for 1878, in that fine old city during the ensuing summer. Twenty-one years have elapsed since P.G.L. assembled there, and several circumstances combine in making this a most fitting occasion for the visit to be repeated. The three lodges, amongst whom a most fraternal feeling exists, will send a joint invite, and it is intended that a right royal reception shall be accorded to the Craft. There is no place in Kent in which such conveniences exist, and which has such accommodation for large gatherings. Moreover, Canterbury is so easy of access from all parts of the county that in the event of the invitation being accepted the muster of brethren will be much larger than has ever taken place before in the Province of Kent.

The Worshipful Company of Leathersellers have given a donation of £10 10s. in aid of the funds of the Royal Albert Orphan Asylum.

The Queen accompanied by Princess Beatrice, left Osborne at eleven a.m. on Tuesday, and arrived at Windsor Castle at a quarter-past two p.m. Her Majesty crossed over to Gosport in her yacht the *Alberta*, Captain Thomson. The suite in attendance consisted of the Countess of Caledon, the Hon. Evelyn Paget, Mdlle. Norele, Lieutenant-General H. Ponsonby, Colonel Hon. H. Byng, Colonel G. Maude, C.B., Mr. Sahl, and Dr. Marshall. The same afternoon her Majesty's ship *Hector* left her moorings in Cowes Roads, the ship being dressed with masthead flags, and moved to Osborne Bay, where she fired a salute in honour of the marriage day of her Majesty's eldest granddaughter, Princess Charlotte of Prussia, and the Hereditary Prince of Saxe-Meiningen. In the evening the ship was illuminated, and a display of fireworks took place.

Bro. Kuhe commenced his annual musical festival on Tuesday evening at the Dome, Royal Pavilion Brighton by the performance of "Lalla Rookh" and the "May Queen." The vocalists were Mesdames Sherrington, A. Sinclair, and Alliteen, and Messieurs Edward Lloyd and George Fox. Bro. Kuhe conducted the choruses were rendered by the Festival Choir. There was a very crowded room.

The Lords of the Admiralty have awarded a grant of £10 to the Charity Organisation Society, in recognition of the services rendered by the society in making inquiries into cases referred to them during the past year by the Admiralty.

At a meeting of the Birmingham Town Council the Free Libraries committee were empowered to spend £11,000, in addition to the £11,000 recently granted.

The Duke of Abercorn, K.G., had an audience of the Queen on Wednesday, and kissed hands on his appointment as Special Envoy to invest the King of Italy with the Order of the Garter.

**LIVERPOOL AND THE PARIS EXHIBITION.**—The Liverpool Town Council recently agreed to allow pictures by Sir John Gilbert and Mr. A. D. Fripp, belonging to them, to be sent to the Paris Exhibition, and at the meeting of the Council on Saturday a letter was read from the Prince of Wales, the President of the English Commission, asking for the loan of "Self Emancipation," by Mr. E. Armitage, who has expressed his desire that it should appear in the Exhibition. The request of his Royal Highness was unanimously acceded to.

The Prince of Wales has sold his schooner yacht *Lilliegarde*, which has won several prizes in the Royal Yacht Squadron matches at Cowes during the last two seasons, to his brother Prince Leopold, who intends to use her for summer cruising.

Bro. H. Gill, of Lodge No. 1086, Liverpool, whose "Fairy Bells" performances are of the most unique and charming character, recently had the honour of being specially invited to play at Lathom House, the Lancashire residence of Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Dep. G.M. of England, and R.W.P.G.M. of West Lancashire, who was then entertaining a large and fashionable company. Bro. Gill's enchanting "Fairy Bells" effects gave a much delight to the distinguished circle as they have invariably done in our lodges and elsewhere.

**Constitution of the Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons**, containing the Charge, 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.

Lord Coleridge took his seat on the bench at Guildhall on Wednesday, the first time since the death of Lady Coleridge, and partly heard a case of disputed liability in connection with the payment of a solicitor's bill of costs.

A Grand Masonic Concert will be given in the Free Trade Hall, Manchester, on Tuesday evening, April the 9th inst., under the patronage of Bro. Lieut. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, R.W., Prov. G. Master of East Lancashire, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers. We hope to furnish our readers with further information in due course.

Bro. the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon presided at the biennial dinner of the National Hospital for Consumption, at Willis's Rooms on Wednesday.

The thousandth representation of *Our Boys* was given on Tuesday night at the Vaudeville Theatre. The Lord Mayor was present. It was decided that the receipts, which exceeded £300, should be divided between the Royal Theatrical Fund, the Metropolitan Free Hospital, the Great Northern Hospital, and the Charing-Cross Hospital.

**BIBLICAL REVISION.**—The New Testament Company of Revisers assembled on Tuesday in the ante-room of the Jerusalem Chamber for their seventy-seventh session. The Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol presided. The other members present were the Bishop of Salisbury, the Dean of Lichfield, the Dean of Rochester, the Master of the Temple, Archdeacon Palmer, Archdeacon Lee, Professor Milligan, Professor Newth, Dr. Angus, Dr. Hort, Dr. Scrivener, and Mr. Humphrey. The company proceeded to their second revision of the Second Epistle to Timothy.

**OLD BRANDY WITH A NEW BRAND.**—It is, perhaps, impossible to overate the danger of adulterated brandy, for the benefit sought to be derived from it, perhaps even life itself depends upon its purity, and it is used, and often efficacious in its effects, when medicine is of no avail, yet there is nothing which is more often, and we might almost say, more cruelly adulterated than this spirit. As a remedial agent, it is invaluable when good and pure, and to meet the large demand now made for such a spirit Messrs. Smith and Hayles, of Great Tower-street, have introduced to the public under a new brand a splendid old brandy, which they especially import in the wood from the best known firm at Cognac, and label the "No Star." This is guaranteed to be perfectly pure grape spirit, uncoloured and unsweetened, and the very highest testimony is paid to its worth by the reports of well known analytical chemists. To guard against spurious imitations being foisted off upon the public, every bottle of this brandy is branded the "No Star," and is now sold in all parts at a less price than any brandy in the market approaching it in value. This is due to the large sales effected, and to the doing away with the expenses of bottling on the other side, as, under their own superintendence, the proprietors, all the "No Star" brandy is bottled in this country.

The Emperor William directed that, in honour of the presence of the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Connaught, all persons invited over whom he has authority should appear in gala dress at the British Embassy ball the same as if attending a ball at Court.

The annual general meeting of the Newspaper Press Fund will be held at 55, Strand, this (Saturday) afternoon, at one o'clock. The Marquis of Salisbury will preside at the annual dinner, at Willis's Rooms, on Saturday, the 19th of May next.

**THE BANK RATE.**—The directors of the Bank of England met on Thursday, as usual, but made no alteration in the rate of discount.

The statement that Bro. the Earl of Bective had purchased the remainder of the lease of No. 20, Dover-street, is, we are informed, without foundation.

The Queen, accompanied by Princess Beatrice, and attended by the lords and ladies of the Court, is expected to visit the metropolis about the middle of next week. Her Majesty will probably reside at Buckingham Palace two or three days and return at the close of the week to Windsor Castle.

The annual select ball of the New Concord Lodge, No. 813, will take place at the Freemason's Tavern, Great Queen-street, London, on Monday week, the 4th prox., Bro. Adam's celebrated quadrille band will attend, the dancing to commence at 9 o'clock. Tickets and further information may be obtained of the Hon. Sec., Bro. W. H. Main, P.M. 171, Kingsland-road.

The Queen gave her granddaughter, the Princess Charlotte of Prussia, a pair of pearl and diamond earrings, and a dressed trimmed with Honiton lace, besides other presents, among which were stuffs of Scotch and Irish manufacture, and pocket-handkerchiefs embroidered in Ireland.

**THE LATE SIR CORDY BURROWS.**—A statue of the late Sir John Cordy Burrows, who was three times Mayor of Brighton, was publicly unveiled in that town on Thursday morning, by Mr. Alderman Mayall, the present Mayor. It is the work of Mr. E. B. Stephens, A.R.A.

Bro. His Grace the Duke of Abercorn and the other members of the mission appointed by the Queen to confer the Garter on the King of Italy, left the Charing-cross Station of the South-Eastern Railway, on Thursday morning, by special train at 10.15 for Paris, en route to Italy.

**MASONIC SONGS.**—A selection of Masonic Songs, set to popular airs, written by Bro. E. 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.

## METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, March 1, 1878.

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, FEBRUARY 23.

Lodge 1686, Paxton, Crystal Palace.  
" 1706, Orpheus, F.M.H.  
Chap. 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 1329, Sphinx, S.M.H.

## 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, FEBRUARY 25.

Lodge 4, Royal Somerset and Inverness, F.M.H.  
" 26, Castle L. of Harmony, Willis's R., St. James's.  
" 28, Old King's Arms, F.M.H.  
" 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.  
" 183, Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 1608, Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hot., Kilburn Gate.  
" 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq.  
" 1632, Stuart, S.M.H.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.  
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.  
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.  
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.  
London Masonic Club, at 101, Queen Victoria-st. E.C., 2nd and 4th Monday every month, at 6 o'clock.

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26.

Lodge 14, Tuscan, F.M.H.  
" 92, Moira, Mansion House Restaurant.  
" 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 145, Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.  
" 186, Industry, M.H., Basinghall-st.  
" 205, Israel, Cannon-st. Hot.  
" 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's R., St. James's.  
" 1158, Southern Star, Montpelier Tav., Walworth.  
" 1196, Urban, Old Jerusalem Tav., Clerkenwell.  
" 1348, Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.  
Chap. 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H.  
" 180, St. James's Union, F.M.H.  
Mark 3, Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

## 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., Southampton Bds., at 7.  
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.  
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.  
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.  
Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27.

Gen. Com. Grand Lodge, at 6.  
Lodge of Benevolence  
" 2, Antiquity, F.M.H.  
" 212, Euphrates, M.H. Basinghall-st.  
" 507, United Pilgrims, S.M.H.  
" 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters, Tottenham.  
" 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.  
" 1017, Montefiore, Regent M.H., 68, Regent-st., W.  
" 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.  
Chap. 13, Union of Waterloo, F.M.H., Woolwich.  
" 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tav., Railway-place, Fenchurch-st.  
Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road.  
Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-st., W., at 8.  
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.  
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.