

## UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., &amp;c., &amp;c., &amp;c., M.W. GRAND MASTER.

Report presented to Grand Lodge on Wednesday, the 6th March, 1878 :—

The Committee appointed at the last Grand Lodge on Wednesday, the 5th December, 1877, to consider the recent action of the Grand Orient of France, beg to report that the Grand Lodge of England has received information that the Grand Orient of France has resolved, by a considerable majority, to rescind the 1st and 2nd paragraphs of its Constitution, and to substitute for them the following laws :—

The laws as they formerly stood read thus :—

La Franc-Maçonnerie, Institution essentiellement philanthropique, philosophique, et progressive, a pour objet la recherche de la vérité, l'étude de la morale universelle, des sciences et des arts, et l'exercice de la bienfaisance.

1. Elle a pour principes l'existence de Dieu, l'immortalité de l'âme, et la solidarité humaine.

2. Elle regarde la liberté de conscience comme un droit propre à chaque homme et n'exclut personne pour ses croyances.

3. Elle a pour devise : Liberté, Égalité, Fraternité.

As they now stand they are as follow :—

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1. Elle a pour principes la liberté absolue de conscience et la solidarité humaine.

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The Committee have carefully considered this action on the part of the Grand Orient of France, and having regard to all the circumstances of the case they have unanimously agreed to recommend the following Resolutions for the adoption of Grand Lodge :—

1st RESOLUTION.—That this Grand Lodge views with profound regret the step taken by the Grand Orient of France in thus removing from its Constitution those paragraphs which assert a belief in the existence of T.G.A.O.T.U., because such an alteration is opposed to the traditions, practice, and feelings of all "true and genuine" Masons from the earliest to the present time.

2nd RESOLUTION.—That this Grand Lodge, whilst always anxious to receive in the most fraternal spirit the Brethren of any Foreign Grand Lodge whose proceedings are conducted according to the Ancient Landmarks of the Order, of which a belief in T.G.A.O.T.U. is the first and most important, cannot recognize as "true and genuine" Brethren any who have been initiated in lodges which either deny or ignore that belief.

3rd RESOLUTION.—That in view of the foregoing Resolutions the W. Masters of all Lodges holding under the Grand Lodge of England be directed not to admit any foreign Brother as a Visitor unless—

1st. He is duly vouched for or unless his Certificate shows that he has been initiated according to the Ancient rites and ceremonies in a Lodge professing belief in T.G.A.O.T.U., and

2ndly. Not unless he himself shall acknowledge that this belief is an essential Landmark of the Order.

4th RESOLUTION.—That a copy of the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted to the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland, to each Grand Lodge with which this Grand Lodge is in communication, and to the W. Masters of all Lodges holding under the Grand Lodge of England, and that it be an instruction to the W. Master of each Lodge to read these Resolutions at the first meeting of his Lodge after the reception thereof, and to direct that they shall be entered upon the minutes.

London, 22nd February, 1878.

At the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, holden at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday, the 6th of March, 1878, the Right Honourable the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master, on the Throne,

It was moved by the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, and seconded by the Right Honourable Lord Sherborne, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master for Gloucestershire,

"That the foregoing Report, and the Resolutions therein contained, be received, adopted, and entered on the Minutes," which was carried unanimously.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., 6th March, 1878.

(The above Copy of a Report, and Resolutions passed thereon, at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge on Wednesday, the 6th inst., has been forwarded to the W.M.'s of lodges with a request that the Communication be read in open lodge, and entered upon the minutes.)

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## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

## Craft Masonry.

PHENIX LODGE (No. 173) held their regular lodge meeting on Saturday, 9th inst., Bro. S. Phillips, W.M., presiding; Bros. Finch, S.W.; Allen, J.W.; Blyth, S.D.; Andrews, J.D.; Mathews, Secretary; and Burford, Treasurer. The following brethren were present: Filmer, Holcombe, C. Hutter, F. R. Vine, P.M.; G. Wilson, P.M.; Salmon, P.M.; Foxley, Millier, F. D. Vine, D.C.; C. H. Mabey, J. Russell, Tatham, Houghton, Pearce, Garrett, Guterbock, W. H. Davie, C. S. Gekyll, Gilbert, Stanham, Viney, Lorenz, Wood, Mott, Bennett, Kearley, New, Hill, Bolding, Kinmont, Williams and Ferguson. The Worshipful Master opened lodge punctually at 3.45. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. then read letters of resignation from Bros. Dunlop, N. Parker, and Colwill, W.S., all of which were ordered to be accepted by the Secretary with the expressions of regret upon the part of the brethren at the loss the lodge would sustain by the absence of those brethren. The W.M. then announced Bro. Mitton's resignation from the office of I.G., from ill-

health, which was accepted by the lodge with regret, the W.M. expressing on the part of the lodge the sincere hope that the change Bro. Mitton was about to take would fully restore him to perfect health, and bring him back amongst his brethren of the Phoenix ready and able to accept office again. Bro. Foxley was then invested by the W.M. with the collar of I.G., the latter remarking that he was sure Bro. Foxley's zeal for and ability in Masonry would make him a valuable addition to the lodge working. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and the questions before raising being put from the chair, the lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and Bros. Kinmont, Williams, and Ferguson were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, the W.M. impressively giving the charge, exhortation, and traditional history. Lodge was then resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Jones, late of Harmonic Lodge, St. Thomas, West Indies, was introduced to the lodge as a visitor, and was proposed as a joining member for ballot at next lodge meeting. Mr. Henry Conolly was then balloted for, and the ballot being unanimous in his favour, he was initiated into Freemasonry, the working of the officers generally being a marked improvement upon former meetings. Some minor business being disposed of, the lodge was closed in due form, and the W.M., officers, and brethren adjourned, with several visitors, to banquet, the service of which gave general satisfaction. The W.M. gave a long list of toasts, and the evening was most thoroughly enjoyed by the brethren the vocal talent of Bro. Maybrick, a visitor introduced by Bro. Blyth, and the instrumental and vocal talents of Bros. Henry Parker, Tremere, E. V. New, and G. Wilson, considerably enhancing the enjoyment of the evening.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—The last meeting of this lodge was held at the Surrey Club House, Kennington Oval, on Tuesday, the 5th instant, when there were present amongst others Bros. Reeves, W.M.; T. C. Walls, P.G.O. Middlesex, S.W. (Freemason); Kohler, J.W.; Speedy, S.D.; Webb, J.D.; Higgins I.P.M.; G. Everett, P.M.; W. Stuart, P.M. 141, &c., Secretary; Koch, P.M.; Drysdale, P.M.; Marston, I.G.; Stokes, W.S.; Stranger, A.W.S. The minutes of the installation meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. with the assistance of his officers raised Bro. Martin in a very careful and able manner. This being his first effort every praise was due for the great ability he displayed in the carrying out of the arduous ceremony. A sum of ten guineas having been added to the list of Bro. Everett, one of the Stewards for the forthcoming Festival of the Girls' School, the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. This being an "off night," the W.M. stated that he should not occupy the short time at the brethren's disposal by dilating upon the toasts more than was absolutely necessary. "The Queen and Craft," "The M.W.G.M.," "The Pro. and D.G. Masters and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present," having been duly proposed and drank, the I.P.M. gave "The W.M." in which he congratulated the lodge upon possessing at their head one who had in so short a time succeeded in mastering the masonic ritual. This had been evidenced that evening by the manner he had performed the difficult ceremony of the Third Degree. This toast having been received with excellent "fire" the W.M. modestly replied. "The

Past Masters" followed, and gave the W.M. an opportunity of expressing his obligations to those worthy brethren. This toast was acknowledged by the I.P.M. and Bro. Everett, the latter's speech being exceedingly humorous. "The Secretary and Treasurer" and "The Officers" brought the programme to a close. During the proceedings Bros. Barry, Walls, and others entertained the brethren. The next and last meeting of the season will be held on the 1st Tuesday in the ensuing month.

LION AND LAMB LODGE (No. 192).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Thursday, March 7th, when there were present Bros. E. Jones, W.M.; George Abbott, P.M.; Thomas Cohu, P.M.; George Newman, P.M.; Edward King, P.M.; Henry Legge, S.W.; Francis Fellows, J.W.; George Kenning, P.M., Treas.; John George Marsh, Sec.; W. T. Rickwood, S.D.; S. T. Lucas, J.D.; Henry Child, I.G.; E. J. Kellaway, Steward; W. H. Lee Davies, Org.; R. H. Goddard, Thomas Fisher, John Quy, W. F. Poulton, Thomas Parker, J. Cook, G. Borer, R. J. Dart, W. Hampton, C. G. Sparrow, W. L. Darnell, James Chillingworth, jun., R. Clark, H. A. Carter, H. Pratt, R. J. Sutherland, Henry Davis, B. Perkins, Charles Cann, I. hos. Agutter, W. Figs, T. M. Coleman, R. E. Bright, Charles Arkell, A. Lewis, W. Waring, James Copelin, J. W. Bel-frage, G. F. Quinton, and John Kent. There was a very large attendance of visitors, including the following brethren: P. Morrison, 90; C. Burley, 733; Arthur E. Taylor, W.M. 1201; Charles G. Hill, P.M. 1366; George Everett, P.M. 177 and 1381; W. Fychee, 1288; W. While, 1693; E. S. Foot, 1260; George Levick, P.M. 1421; Thomas Knott, P.M. 73; S. Carrington, 1314; A. F. Rowley, P.M. 917; W. Vickers, 217; Walter Downing, P.M. 20; E. Mayes, 51; W. C. Hallam, P.M. 134; Samuel H. Atkins, P.M. 212; A. Austin, 1227; C. W. Ashdown, P.M. 1421; Samuel Crawford, 192; C. Denton, W.M. 169; James H. Webster, 1309; Walter Lipscombe, 15; J. Abrams, 177; G. A. Williams, 511; P. Pierpoint, 177; W. Cottle, 1604; E. E. Croucher, 1287; J. F. Van Raalte, 917; William Hallett, W.M. 781; G. Clarke, W.M. 177; W. Harris, 177; James H. Wilkin, 1261; M. Hornsey, 73; J. C. Burgare, 1622; E. W. Collins, 25; James Clench, 453; W. Morrison, 548. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Quy and Parker were passed to the Second Degree, after which the ballot was taken for Mr. Thomas Coleman, and was declared to be unanimous in his favour, he was then regularly initiated into Freemasonry. The report of the Audit Committee was read, and the same was received and adopted nem. dis. The W.M. expressed the great regret he felt in being obliged to notify to the lodge that Bro. Marsh, who had so long and zealously discharged the duties of Secretary, had placed in his hands his resignation of that office. The W.M. said that in retiring from the office he was sure Bro. Marsh would carry with him the best wishes of every member. A resolution was then formally moved, expressing regret at Bro. Marsh's resignation, and directing the same to be entered on the minutes. The installation was then proceeded with. After the W.M. had put the usual questions to the lodge, Bro. G. New-

man, P.M., who acted as M.C., presented Bro. Henry Legge, S.W., who had been unanimously elected to the office. The W.M. installed his successor, according to ancient custom, and worked the whole of the ceremony in such an admirable manner throughout that at its conclusion he had well earned the general manifestations of applause which greeted him. The newly-elected Master then in suitable terms presented to Bro. E. Jones a P.M. jewel value ten guineas, in recognition of the valuable services rendered by him to the lodge during the past year. Bro. Jones, in thanking the brethren for the same, took the opportunity also of thanking Bros. P.M.'s Newman and Cohu for the assistance they had been to him in working up the installation ceremony. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows. Bro. E. Jones, I.P.M., on investing each officer, delivered most impressively the several addresses:—Bros. F. Fellows, S.W.; W. T. Rickwood, J.W.; George Kenning, P.M. Treasurer; George Abbott, P.M., Secretary; S. J. Lucas, S.D.; J. Child, J.P.; E. J. Kellaway, I.G.; J. Chillingworth, jun., D.C.; Edward King, P.M., Steward; W. H. Lee Davies, Organist. The re-election of Bro. J. Smith, as Tyler, was then proposed by Bro. Newman, P.M., and seconded by Bro. Cohu, P.M. The same having been carried unanimously, Bro. Smith was re-appointed in the usual manner. The W.M. having risen for the first time, the following resolution was proposed by Bro. Cohu, P.M., seconded by Bro. T. Fisher, "That the best thanks of the lodge are due, and are hereby tendered, to Bro. E. Jones, I.P.M., for his great kindness and generosity in presenting the lodge with a harmonium; that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Bro. Jones and also recorded upon the minutes of this meeting." The same was carried with acclamation. Bro. Jones thanked the brethren for the kind reception they had given to the resolution, and expressed the pleasure it had been to him to present the lodge with a useful piece of furniture, more especially as the gift was so thoroughly appreciated. Two gentlemen were proposed for initiation at the next meeting, and the lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned until the first Thursday in October, emergencies excepted. At the banquet, which was afterwards held, a cordial reception was given to the whole of the toasts. In proposing "The Health of the Visitors," the W.M. remarked that they were upon the present occasion not only exceedingly numerous but distinguished, and expressed the pleasure he himself felt at being so well supported upon his entry to office. He ventured to hope that it augured well for the prosperity of the lodge during the year it would be his privilege to preside over it. A selection of vocal music was performed, under the direction of Bro. W. H. Lee Davies, Organist to the lodge. Some excellent glees and solos were sung, and Bro. E. W. Collins also contributed a couple of pretty ballads, which met with an appreciative reception. The Tyler's toast brought the pleasures of the evening to an agreeable close.

**ST. ANDREW'S LODGE (No. 231).**—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge, was held on Thursday, the 7th instant at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. James Mitchell, W.M. The other brethren present were Bros. E. Roger Cutler, S.W.; C. J. Edwards, J.W.; John Messent, P.M., Treasurer; Henry Cutler, Hon. Sec.; Calkin Lewis, S.D.; E. D. Hoblyn, I.G.; J. H. Paul, M.D., P.M.; A. Rickards, P.M.; W. S. Webster, P.M.; John Robbins, P.M.; H. Bridger, P.M.; Major Charles Harding, P.M., D.C.; Western, P.M., A.D.C.; Ibbetson, P.M.; Gregson, I.P.M.; Pierce Egan, P.M.; W. J. Hollebhone, Vernon Heath, F. G. Bailey, T. Parker Dixon, F. S. Hoblyn, H. B. Mason, Whitfield Perkins, George Purser, H. Squire, N. Sherwood, James Lee, C. J. Percival, F. Hollebhone, F. S. Bouilly, and A. Blumenthal. The visitors were Bros. Charles S. Lascelles (Good Hope); A. Madell, 1201; W. Maybrick, 1491; E. O. Day, 1139; Monckton, 1150; J. Myer, 1150; Frank Richardson, P.M. 14; H. Massey, P.M. 619 (*Freemason*); Francis Webb, 1118; W. F. Nettleship, P.G.S.B. 14; H. Alcock, 162; Barrington Trevelyan, late 582; Chubb, P.M., late 231; and Henry Thorne, 165. The W.M. initiated Mr. Frederick Strobel Bouilly, and passed Bro. James Lee. The next business was the presentation of a P.M. jewel to Bro. Gregson, I.P.M., and in making the presentation the W.M. said that it was a great pleasure to him that he was entrusted with this duty. The jewel was presented to Bro. Gregson as a mark of the esteem of the brethren, and to record their sense of the ability with which he had performed his duties in the past year. Bro. Gregson, in acknowledging the gift, said he was extremely obliged to the brethren for the honour they had conferred upon him in recognising his endeavours to fill his office satisfactorily while he was in the chair of the lodge. The W.M. then rose to present a testimonial to Bro. John Messent, P.M. and Treasurer. He said he had now to perform another pleasing duty, and he greatly regretted it had not been placed in more efficient hands than his own. However, his feelings were none the less hearty for that. On behalf of the lodge he was empowered to present their worthy P.M. Messent with a jewel, as well as a more substantial testimonial, as some slight recognition by the brethren of his labours as Treasurer of the lodge for the past fourteen years. The lodge had deputed him (the W.M.) to present to Bro. Messent a handsome silver candelabra, with the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. John Messent, P.M., by the brethren of St. Andrew's Lodge, 231, in grateful recognition of the amount of valuable services rendered by him to the lodge as Treasurer during the past fourteen years. March 7th, 1878. Bro. James Mitchell, W.M., Bro. Henry Cutler, Hon. Secretary." "St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 231—Freemasons' Hall. Bro. John Messent, P.M., was initiated into Masonry in this lodge in 1854, appointed J.W. 1857; appointed S.W. 1858; elected W.M. 1859; elected Treasurer 1864. Arms and Crest. Motto, 'Nie temire nec timide.' He was happy indeed, to be the humble means of presenting this testimonial to Bro. Mes-

sent, and he hoped he would receive it with the same kind feeling as that with which it was presented. He was sure he only spoke of all the brethren present when he said that the testimonial carried with it the heartfelt feelings of the brethren. He might mention that Bro. E. R. Cutler, the S.W., was the prime mover in originating the testimonial, and no doubt he would like to say a few words upon it. Bro. E. R. Cutler, S.W., said that after the W.M.'s remarks it was impossible for him to say much; but it had been his pleasing duty to introduce this matter before the lodge, and it was responded to so universally and heartily that that must make the testimonial of still more value to Bro. Messent. The testimonial which they had presented to him was for his kindness and urbanity to the brethren in the performance of his duties in the lodge; but there were others who knew him outside the lodge, in his private capacity, and in his official duties. In his official duties no one could be more beloved than Bro. Messent. He was beloved by the chairman and directors of his company, for he was distinguished there by the same goodness and kind feeling that he had displayed to the brethren of the lodge. In the outer world he (Bro. Cutler) had known him for many years; he had always found his conduct what he had described; and he hoped to have the pleasure of his friendship for many years to come. Bro. Messent in reply said he never approached a task with greater hesitation, or with a stronger feeling in his mind that he should fail in accomplishing his task, than he did in attempting to return thanks for the very great honour and kindness they had bestowed upon him. This movement very much astonished him, for he had been the recipient of so much kindness and so many compliments from this lodge that if there was anything like a balance due on either side it was from him to the lodge, and not from the lodge to him. And this he was sure had been the case, not only during the existence of the membership of those brethren whom he now saw around him, but also of brethren who were not now here. Some had left the country; many had left the world. His connection with this lodge was not one of yesterday. He had the pleasure of being elected a member in the year 1854; he had the honour of occupying the chair in 1859; he had the distinction of holding the Treasurership for over fifteen years; and also ever since he had left the chair he had had the honour of installing every Master. He had also received the great compliment paid to him of being allowed to deliver the centenary address on the occasion of the centenary meeting of the lodge. Therefore, he said again—and he said it with all sincerity—that if there was a balance on one side, it was due from him, and not from the members of the lodge. But, at the same time, he assured the brethren he fully appreciated their kindness, and felt that all of them had been so kind over this matter that no one could be otherwise than deeply flattered by such a presentation as he had had that evening. He sincerely trusted that he might be spared to be a member of the St. Andrew's Lodge for many years to come, and that he might always enjoy the confidence and esteem of all the brethren, as he had had the honour of enjoying it so many years. He could only repeat what he had said on former occasions, that if he could in any way contribute to the prosperity and welfare of the lodge, or to the pleasure of the brethren, whether by working the ceremonies or to the comfort of the members either in the lodge or out of it, if they would only let him understand what it was he could do for them he would do it, and would only be too glad of having an opportunity of doing it. He could not allow this opportunity to pass without tendering his thanks to Bro. Cutler (he ought to say to the Bros. Cutler) for what they had done in the matter of this testimonial. The suggestion was no sooner made by Bro. Edward Cutler, the esteemed S.W., than it was taken up readily by Bro. Henry Cutler, the excellent Secretary. It was then carried out by them with that determination, energy, and polite consideration for those with whom they were dealing that always characterised their conduct. He begged to return his sincere thanks to those brethren for the way in which they had acted in this matter. He also thanked the Committee and the brethren for the beautiful present they had given him. The W.M. had referred to the value of the brethren's esteem but he (Bro. Messent), although he greatly valued the two presentations for their inherent worth, would be sorry indeed to place the value of the gold or the silver ornament in anything like juxtaposition with the value the esteem and good wishes of the brethren. The brethren then adjourned to the Freemasons' Tavern, where an excellent banquet awaited them; after partaking of which they were entertained with some charming singing by Bro. Charles Lascelles, Major Harding, Bros. Charles Hoblyn, and W. Maybrick, in the intervals between the toasts, Bro. W. F. Nettleship, P.G.S.B., responded for the Grand Officers, Bro. Calkin Lewis, the initiate, responded to the toast of his health; Bros. Frank Richardson and Trevelyan, replied for "The Visitors." The latter brother said he could only account for being called on because he was a P.M. of one of the most easternmost lodges of the empire, a lodge bordering on Afghanistan. When his company went there they took the lodge with them, and when they were in the front of the enemy the lodge met. It was a very satisfactory thing to be able to do such a thing, and that the Grand Lodge of England supported them, by giving them every information that was necessary; There was not a Mason out there who did not rejoice as much as he did at fraternising with other Masons. There were different creeds, Mussulmans, Mahomedans, and Parsees. Masonry was doing a great work out there, and he knew that this information would be highly satisfactory to the brethren. As Bro. Richardson had already replied to this toast, he (Bro. Trevelyan) would not detain the brethren longer than to say that he thanked the lodge for the very kind and hospitable manner in which it had entertained its visitors, and to express the great pleasure it had afforded the visitors to see such a worthy Mason as Bro. Messent presented with

the valuable testimonial, in recognition of his services to the lodge. Bro. Messent was a personal friend of his own; he had been in lodge and chapter with him, and he deserved the most valuable testimonial that could be given him, for the work he did in chapter as well as in lodge. Dr. Paul and Bro. Pierce Egan replied for the P.M.'s; Bro. Messent for the Treasurer; and Bro. H. Cutler for the Secretary; Bro. Edward Cutler replied for the Officers, and the Tyler having given his toast, the brethren separated after spending a most enjoyable evening.

**ROYAL OAK LODGE (No. 871).**—The eighteenth installation meeting was held at the White Swan Hotel, 217, High-street, Deptford, on Thursday, February 28th. Dr. J. J. Pakes, W.M., opened the lodge. He in a correct, impressive style raised Bros. John Stanley and George Hill to the Third Degree; completing his good working by installing his successor, Bro. G. T. Limn, as W.M., who appointed and invested as his officers Bros. J. J. Pakes, I.P.M.; R. Harman, S.W.; J. G. Vohmann, J.W.; W. Andrews, P.M., Treasurer (re-invested for the eighth time); F. Walters, P.P.G.D. Middlesex, P.M., Secretary (the father of the lodge, re-invested for the seventeenth time); G. Harvey, S.D.; W. A. R. Harris, J.D.; E. Good, I.G.; H. J. Fisher, Organist (re-invested for fourth time); G. Andrews, P.M., D.C. (re-invested for fifth time); H. J. Tuson, P.M., W.S.; J. Bavin, P.M. 147, Tyler (re-invested). By desire of the members and the father of the lodge, Bro. George Andrews, P.M., gave the addresses. On the motion of Bro. F. Walters, P.M., Secretary, seconded by Bro. H. J. Turner, P.M., W.S., it was unanimously resolved, "That a vote of thanks be given to Bros. J. J. Pakes, I.P.M., and G. Andrews, P.M., D.C., for their admirable rendering of the ceremony of installation." On behalf of the members the W.M., Bro. G. T. Limn, presented Bro. J. J. Pakes, I.P.M., with the five-guinea Past Master's jewel, which had been voted to him from the lodge funds. The lodge was closed and adjourned. In consequence of the illness of the landlady, Mrs. Porter (since dead), the banquet was held at the Yacht Tavern, Greenwich. Visitors: Bros. J. Terry, Secretary R.M.B. Inst., P.G.D.C. Herts, P.M. 228, &c.; W. H. Farnfield, W.M. 1716, &c.; G. Payne, P.G.S., P.M. 1; B. Brown, I.G. 1; B. J. Deacon, 1382; C. Graham, 1540; G. Butler, 217, and others.

**STAR LODGE (No. 1275).**—The regular meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, on Friday, March 1st. Bro. R. W. Williams, P.P.G. Organist Middlesex, W.M., presided, and did all the work in an admirable manner. He raised Bro. Dovan as M.M., and initiated Messrs. David Moss (and his friend, whom he introduced), Richard Cowling Edmonds, into Freemasonry. Some important notices of motion were given by a P.M. to alter bye-laws. The usual routine business was gone through, and the lodge closed, and adjourned to meet on Friday, June 1st, at four p.m. Banquet followed. There were present Bros. Past Masters H. J. Green, J. Smith, P.G.P., Treas.; F. Walters, P.P.G.D. Middlesex, Sec.; W. E. Williams, S.D.; C. W. Williams, S.W.; W. Kipps, P.G. Org. Kent, J.W.; Rev. G. R. P. Colles, P.P.G.C. Oxon, Chaplain; E. W. Chetwynd, J.D.; A. Tisley, I.G.; S. Marketis, D.C.; G. S. Elliott, C.S.; L. Van Bollen, J. Turnbull, and many others. The visitors were Bros. General P. D. Roddey, 1538; F. B. Williams S.W. 1538; J. Cherry, 749, and others.

**ROYAL STANDARD LODGE (No. 1298).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 5th instant, at the Wellington Club, when there was a good attendance of members and visitors. Among the latter were Bros. E. Albert, P.G.P.; Samuel Moss, P.M. Tranquillity; Linton R. Rogers, P.M. Burgoyne; John W. Myers, P.M. 276; Craven P. Cobham, P.M. Loyal Lodge; D. Myers, of Lodge 310; Joel Myers, of Lodge Graffreinet; Frank D. Myers, of Lodge Semper Fidelis; Alfred Ginger, of the City of London Lodge, and Sparrow, of the Lion and Lamb Lodge. After the usual routine business the report of the auditors for the past year was read and confirmed. Bro. W. H. Cohen was then presented to the lodge to receive from his predecessor, Bro. Dickenson, the benefits of installation—a ceremony which we never saw better performed in any lodge, and it augurs well for the future of this lodge when outgoing Masters can instal their successors with the accuracy, vigour, and eloquence of Bro. Dickenson. After the installation, a vote of thanks was unanimously accorded by the lodge, accompanied by a very handsome Past Master's jewel, which had been voted to him on the previous lodge night. The brethren then sat down to an excellent banquet, supplied by Bro. Wheable, of the Camden-road. The following is the list of officers appointed for the ensuing year:—Bros. H. W. Gladwell, S.W.; G. H. Hunter, J.W.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., Chaplain; Allison, Treasurer; Rigley, Secretary; Buderus, S.D.; Stevens, J.D. Baldwin, I.G.; Watford, D.G.; Streat and A. Wilson, Stewards; Gilchrist, Tyler. Bro. E. Halbert returned thanks for the Grand Lodge; Bro. Rogers for the visitors; Bro. Dickenson, I.P.M., for the Past Masters; Bro. Gladwell for the Officers.

**ST. CLEMENTS DANE'S LODGE (No. 1351).** The last meeting of this prosperous and influential lodge was held, as usual, the first Thursday in the month. The chair was taken by Bro. Geo. Wilson, the W.M., and the various degrees were worked. Bros. Porter, S.W.; Wigg, J.W.; Perryman, J.D.; Barnes, I.G.; Hall, P.M.; Livett, I.P.M.; Hamilton, P.M.; D. Bells, P.M.; Hilton, P.M. (Sec.); Steward, P.M.; Tedbury, Hutton (2); W. H. Hall, (*Freemason*) J. W. Grieve, Arthur Betts, Wetherell, Belcher, Little, Child, (2), Lott, Brannan, Wiseman, Isaacson, Freeman, Butler, Walker, and Hodges were amongst those present. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been concluded, the officers for the ensuing year were elected. Bro Wigg, S.W., was unanimously chosen to fill the chair of K.S., and Bro. Parker was elected Treasurer. The show of hands for the Tyler was unanimous in favour of Bro. Gilbert, who has hitherto fulfilled his duties in a highly

commendable manner. Prior to the lodge adjourning to banquet, it was unanimously resolved to confer on the outgoing W.M. a jewel of the value of five guineas, as a token of appreciation for the manner in which he has ruled over the lodge during the past year. The banquet was excellently served, and everything in season was put on the table. The W.M. presided, and the Wardens were in their proper place. The usual loyal and Craft toasts were given and duly honoured with excellent Clements Dane's "fire" and the initiate, Mr. Romano, came in for a good share of the latter. A most happy and harmonious evening was spent, which was much enlivened by the excellent singing of some of the members of the lodge, notably, Bro. J. Child, jun. A pleasing fact transpired during the evening, that Bro. Wilson will have an excellent subscription list to present on behalf of our excellent Girls' Institution. The visitors at the lodge were Bro. H. Garrod, P.M. 749, and Bro. J. Dixon, 1567.

**THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).**—The last meeting of the season of this lodge was held on Saturday evening, March 9, at the Cannon-street Hotel, and was most numerous attended by members and visitors. Bro. Stannay, W.M., presided; Bros. Freeman, S.W., Blackie, J.W., and all the assistant officers were in their places, a very numerous attendance of members, and the following visitors:—Bros. John Boyd, P.G.P., and P.M. of numerous lodges; Dr. O'Connor, 636; Cain, 1157; J. Hammond, 1169; Patterson, 431; Eastgate, 1553; Baup, Vraie Union, Switzerland; Dewar, P.M., 1415; Soppet, W.M., 1627; Lamb, S.W., 1201; Phillips, 1563; Preston, 1669; Baker, 1305; E. White, W.M., 1593; Whitaker, P.M., 1572; Morgan, 211; Palmer, 337; Harrison, 73; Edmiston, S.W., 1659; E. J. Scott, S.C., 1563; Swallow, P.M., 1563; Greening, W.M., 1572; Wallis, S.W., 507; Poynter, P.M. and Treasurer, 902; J. Carpenter, 270, H. Thompson (*Freemason*), and some others whose names we were unable to ascertain. The lodge having been regularly opened, the Secretary read the minutes of the last lodge, which were unanimously confirmed. The lodge having been opened in the Second Degree, Bros. Oppenheimer and Metcham were introduced and questioned as to the progress they had made in the science since the time of their initiation, and their answers being deemed satisfactory they withdrew, and the lodge was opened in the Third Degree. On their re-introduction they were impressively raised to the Sublime Degree by the W.M., and in a manner that fully keeps up the prestige of the lodge for the excellence of its working. The next business was to pass Bro. D. T. Keene to the Second Degree, and this was gone through in the W.M.'s careful manner. The lodge having been resumed to the First Degree, the next item on the programme was to elect a W.M. for the ensuing year, and after a ballot the choice fell upon Bro. Freeman, S.W., who was congratulated by the W.M. on his being elected to that honourable position. Bro. Freeman acknowledged with gratitude the favours that the brethren had bestowed upon him, and hoped that during his year of office the high reputation of the lodge would be fully maintained, and he assured them, that he would do all in his power to promote happiness and welfare of the members. It was proposed and unanimously agreed to, that a jewel of the usual value be presented to Bro. Stannay, the retiring W.M., at the next meeting. The next business was to elect a Treasurer for the year, and the unanimous choice was the re-election of Bro. Headon, P.M. Steedman, P.M. was also re-elected Tyler. The Audit Committee having been appointed and some lodge business transacted, the lodge was closed in due form, and with solemn prayer, and the brethren adjourned to the large hall for refreshment, where 120 members and visitors sat down. The W.M. presided, supported on his right by the W.M. and officers of the City of Westminster lodge, and on the left by Bros. Boyd, P.G. Purs., and the Past Masters of the lodge. The cloth having been cleared, grace was sung by Bros. Frost, Bertram, Hooke, and Thornton. The W.M. in giving the first toast of the evening, "The Queen and the Craft," said that as Freemasons were proverbially a law-abiding body, they were always marked by loyalty to the Throne, and he was sure that this toast would be enthusiastically received. This was amply verified, followed by the National Anthem, sung by the professional singers. The W.M. said the next toast he had the honour to propose was "The Most Worshipful Grand Master, His Royal Highness, The Prince of Wales," and he said he thought it was a great privilege to them as Freemasons that they could claim as the chief head and ruler of the Craft, one who held so high and distinguished a position as the Prince of Wales, and who was so eminently qualified for the position he occupied. The W.M. said the next toast he had to propose, was that of "The Most Worshipful Pro-Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, K.G." and he said the brethren were well aware, that as there were so many claims made upon the presence of the Prince of Wales, he must necessarily have some one in his absence, to take the chair at the Grand Lodge, and those who had the privilege of attending the Grand Lodge, knew the quiet, calm, and dignified manner in which his Lordship had fulfilled the duties of the chair, in the place of the Grand Master, and it was from the Grand Lodge that brethren might receive that education which could not fail of being of benefit to private lodges. The toast was cordially received, followed by a song, by Bro. Thornton. The W.M. said the next was a long and most important Masonic toast, and that was "The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers, present and past." He said, that they were honoured that evening with the presence of Bro. Boyd, P. Grand Pursuivant, and he had pleasure in joining his name with the toast. He would be able to respond most ably for the toast, for he knew all the details of the Grand Lodge, and he felt sure that he was respected by every member of the Craft. The toast was enthusiastically

responded to, followed by a solo by Mr. T. Harper on the trumpet. Bro. Boyd said as this was the first toast on the list that required to be responded to, most heartily did he wish that it had fallen into abler hands than his own, but they must accept the will for the deed, and he trusted that they would do so in the kindly spirit of Freemasonry. As regarded Lord Skelmersdale, he was a most indefatigable worker, and was always at his post, but they did not know so much of him in London as they did in West Lancashire, where he was highly esteemed, and he believed that no better appointment could have been made. As to the rest of the Grand Officers, he believed that they had all done good suit and service to the Craft, and hence their appointments had been made. As regarded himself, he was a very humble member of the Grand Lodge, but he found himself that night in a more peculiar position than he had ever found himself placed before, for he might to a certain extent liken himself to Temple Bar. Temple Bar, as they knew, was likely to be removed. (A voice, "It has been removed.") Some of it, it was true had been removed, but a good deal of it remained there still. Temple Bar had for a great many years served to divide the City of London from the City of Westminster, and that he found himself in the position of Temple Bar, for he had the W.M. of the "Great City" on one hand, and the W. Master of "the City of Westminster" on the other, and therefore he felt that he was right in likening himself to Temple Bar. (Loud laughter and cheering.) And he hoped to have the pleasure of being with them on some future occasion. Bro. Seex, I.P.M., said the brethren would be aware when they saw the gavel placed in his hands the use that he should make of it, and that was to propose "The Health of the W. Master," and he was sure that they would show their appreciation of him by enthusiastically drinking the toast he had proposed. He thought that the members of the lodge knew and felt that a great deal of the honour, prestige, and benevolence of the lodge rested on those whom they selected to preside over them. They had the special privilege that evening of drinking to the health and prosperity of the W. Master, and to thank him for the kind and judicious government he had carried out for the benefit of the Craft. On the last occasion he was unable to be present, and now they had to thank him for his attendance. The toast was well received. The W.M. said he should only detain the brethren with a few remarks in reply to the toast, and although he felt a very great wish to say a great deal the power of doing so appeared to be taken away from him. Ever since the time when he was in the W. Master he had had a large amount of anxiety to devote himself to the best interests of the lodge, and as they had so cordially toasted him he felt sure that they were satisfied with their Master. The W. Master then said that they were that evening honoured by a very large number of visitors, and by special invitation the Worshipful Master and officers of the City of Westminster Lodge, an interchange of kindly feeling that was initiated some time ago by the City of Westminster Lodge; and to one and all they gave a hearty welcome. Bro. White, W.M. of the City of Westminster Lodge, in reply, said it was a great privilege and pleasure to them to see the work done in the Great City Lodge with such exactness, and he hoped to see it carried out in the same way in the Westminster Lodge. In visiting other lodges they were sure to learn something worth knowing, and he thanked them for the hospitality with which they had been received; and, in conclusion, invited the W.M. and officers of the Great City Lodge to visit them at Westminster. The W.M. said that the next toast he had to propose was that of "The Worshipful Master Elect of the Great City Lodge," and he hoped in undertaking that office he would bear in mind all the attributes of a man and a Mason, which might tend to cement a happy family and make the lodge more prosperous in the future. As it was they had had the honour to entertain the Lord Mayor of the City of London. He congratulated the W.M. Elect on the position in which he had been placed that evening, and that he would occupy the chair with the same pleasure as he (the W.M.) had done himself, and that he might be blessed with health and strength to enable him to maintain its high position, and carry on the duties of the chair to the pride of every member of the lodge. Bro. Freeman, S.W. and W.M. Elect, said he hoped to occupy the chair now filled by the W.M., and to do the work in a manner to receive their approbation, and nothing should be wanting on his part to promote the happiness of the brethren, and he would most carefully adhere to the great landmarks of the Order. He thanked the brethren for the high honour they had conferred upon him that night, and he hoped to go through his year of office in a manner becoming the W.M. of the Great City Lodge. He had a bright example before him, and he would endeavour to follow in his footsteps—to do as well as he had done, and if he was able to do that he should be well satisfied. The W.M. said the next toast he had to propose was that of "The Past Masters of the Great City Lodge," believing that they ought to speak with gratitude of the services of those who had gone before, and now occupied the quiet and dignified position of Past Masters. They had worked for it, and were well entitled to it. They were not very numerous, but the quality of men would amply make up for any deficiency in quantity. The installation ceremony had been performed by their Immediate Past Master, and when the time came he (the W.M.) hoped to be able to perform it with the same comfort and satisfaction to the brethren as Bro. Seex, their Immediate Past Master, did on that occasion. The toast was cordially received, followed by another solo by Mr. T. Harper on the trumpet, which was rapturously encored. Bro. Seex, I.P.M., said he had listened with pleasure to the encomiums which the W. Master had been pleased to pass upon the Past Masters. They had frequently been called upon to respond to this toast, but that night the hearty reception it had met with from every member sitting round their

festive board was almost too overpowering for them sufficiently to acknowledge it; but it was the earnest wish of the Past Masters to convey to the brethren their desire in every way to discharge their duties towards the lodge, and to promote its prosperity. Bro. Poynter, P.M. and Treasurer of the Burgoyne Lodge (one of the visitors), rose to propose "Prosperity to the Great City Lodge." He said he feared he might be accused of ingratitude in not proposing in sufficiently forcible terms the toast of success to the lodge which had been entrusted to him; but after the wonderful strains of harmony they had just heard, the power of doing so had been entirely taken out of him. He was something like the poor man in Hindostan, who prayed for rain and almost immediately afterwards the Ganges overflowed him. He had watched the growth and progress of the lodge, and in the Great City in which they were assembled in the widest sense their great and noble Order was connected with the growth of freedom all over the world; and wishing the lodge every prosperity, concluded by proposing the toast which had been placed in his hands. The toast was received with loud cheering. Some other toasts were given, and the proceedings were brought to a close. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bros. H. Frost and H. Bertram, assisted by Bro. Thornton, and Messrs. Harper, W. A. Frost, and Prestidge.

**ALDERSGATE LODGE (No. 1657).**—The last monthly meeting of the season, 1877-8, was held at the Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-street, on Monday, the 11th inst. The W.M., the Rev. Dr. Ernest Bretter, P.M. 1460, P.P.G.C. Middlesex, presided, supported by the following brethren:—John Derby Allcroft, I.P.M.; W. W. Landell, acting as S.W. in the unavoidable absence of Dr. Hogg; A. J. Altman, J.W.; George Kenning, Treas.; Thomas Jones, Hon. Sec.; W. H. Froom, S.D.; Rev. R. Lee, J.D.; Dr. Alder Smith, I.G.; E. J. Jolliffe, D.C.; W. S. Chapman, and Thomas Benskin, Stewards; John Jackson, Alfred Brookman, Dr. Samuel Benton, and the following visitors: George Watson, Emulation, 21; Edward Brookman, Lion and Lamb, 192; Thos. Fenn, P.G.D., Prince of Wales, 259; S. W. Hopwood, P.M. Bank of England, 263; J. W. Macartney, M.P. (Tyne Co.), and P.M. 12, Ireland; and Walter James Green, Prov. G.S. Hertford, 404. During the evening important business engaged the attention of the brethren. Having due regard to the Masonic charities, the lodge resolved, on the motion of Bro. Allcroft, and seconded by Bro. Landell, and supported by Bro. Altman, to increase the subscriptions of the brethren from five to seven guineas, and the initiation and joining fees from ten to twenty guineas. During the evening Bro. John Jackson was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in an impressive manner, by the W.M., Bro. Fenn, Past Grand Dragon, giving the explanation of the Tracing Board. This always grand and solemn ceremony was rendered additionally interesting by the fact of the acting Senior Warden, Bro. W. W. Landell, being the grandfather of the raised brother (Jackson). Bro. Landell was himself raised in 1821, and is regarded with much affection and veneration by the brethren of the Aldersgate Lodge. During the banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were ably given by the W.M., and responded to by Bros. Fenn, Macartney, Allcroft (Steward for the Benevolent Institution and Boys' School), Landell, and Altman (Steward for the Girls' School). Bro. Fenn complimented the lodge on the admirable arrangements made for a Fund of Benevolence, and the support of the Masonic Charities.

**MIZPAH LODGE (No. 1671).**—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C., on Saturday last, the 9th March, Bro. Nelson Reed, W.M., in the chair; Bros. David R. Still, S.W.; W. W. Medcalf, J.W.; J. J. Avery, Treasurer; H. G. Buss, Secretary; J. Bergmann, S.D.; C. Schmidt, J.D.; R. A. Morgan, I.G.; P. Alpter, D.C.; J. B. Tidmarsh, W.S.; H. Shaw, Tyler; and Warden, Wells, Klotgen, Wright, and Lewis. Visitors: Bros. Patten, P.M. 19; Rogers, P.M. 70 and 1570; Rogers, 1670; Adamson, P.M. 199 and 1208, P.P.G.D.C. Kent; Pendlebury, P.M. 1056. The business of the evening commenced at 2.30. The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, Mr. William Wilson and Mr. Charles W. Meiter having been regularly balloted for and approved as candidates, were separately admitted and initiated into Freemasonry, according to ancient custom, by the W. Master. Ballot was also taken for Bro. John Hill, Organist, Royal Brunswick Lodge, No. 732, to become a joining member, which was unanimous in his favour. The next business was the election of W. Master for the ensuing year, which proved unanimous in favour of the S.W., Bro. David R. Still, P.M. 1293, and P.Z. 1293. The election of Treasurer was also unanimous in favour of Bro. J. J. Avery, P.M. 70, P.P.G. Treasurer Devon. Bro. Shaw was re-elected Tyler. A P.M. jewel of the value of £10 10s. was unanimously voted to the outgoing W.M., Bro. Nelson Reed, for the valuable services he has rendered to the lodge as first W. Master. All Masonic business being ended the lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment. The W. Master proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Buss, Assist. G. Secretary, replied for the Grand Officers. "The Health of the Initiates" was responded to by Bros. Wilson and Meiter. Bro. Hill returned thanks as the first joining member of the lodge. Bro. Buss, in proposing "The Health of the W. Master," said it must be patent to the founders of the Mizpah Lodge as well as to the brethren of the lodge that they had selected the right brother to be the first Master, for he had performed every duty connected with his office, having initiated twelve gentlemen into the Order, and passed and raised ten brethren. That of itself was sufficient proof of how hard the first W. Master had worked during his year as Master. Bro. Buss said the lodge was an undoubted success, and in



a great measure owing to the ability of its first Master. The W. Master thanked Bro. Buss and the brethren for receiving the toast so cordially, also thanking the founders for proposing him as their first Master. He had worked hard for the welfare of the Mizpah Lodge and should continue to do so. He hoped and believed he had given satisfaction to the brethren or they would not have voted him a P.M.'s jewel. "The Health of the Visitors" was responded to by Bros. P.M. Rogers, Pendlebury, Adamson, and Patten. "The Health of the W.M. elect and Officers" brought a very agreeable evening to a close, having been enlivened by the artistic performance of Bros. Bergmann and Hill on the pianoforte, and the effective singing of Bros. Avery, Patten, Medcalf, Wilson, and Meiter, Bro. Pendlebury obliging the company with a recitation.

**BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41)** The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, March 7th, at the Masonic Hall, Bath, Bro. F. Wilkinson, W.M. in the chair, supported by F. J. Brown, I.P.M.; Capt. Peel Floyd, P.M.; R. Carey, P.M.; J. B. Moutrie, P.M.; Rubie, P.M.; J. S. Turner, P.M.; all the officers except the Jun. Steward being in their places: Bros. Geo. Falkner, S.W.; P. Braham, J.W.; T. P. Ashley, P.M.; Treas.; W. Hunt, S.D.; C. W. Radway, J.D.; Gummer, Sec.; T. Wilton, D.C.; Capt. Robinson, I.G.; Mercier; and Ames, Stewards; Bigwood, Tyler. There were also present Bros. J. W. Murlis, J. Wilton, W. Peach, C. Wilkinson, Baldwin, Cartmel, and several others. The visitors were Bros. Caldicott, Dutton, Shaw, Sumsion, 53. The lodge was opened at 7.40, the minutes read and confirmed. A letter was read from Bro. Dr. H. Hopkins, P.M., pleading illness as excuse for absence, the W.M. remarking how sorry he was to hear of the doctor's illness and absence, as his courteous manner and oftentimes useful counsel and advice were always very much missed; similar letter from Bro. Holmes; and to complete the disappointment, letters from the two candidates who were to have been passed, thus depriving the brethren of any working ceremony. The report of the permanent committee in reference to the disposal of a grant from Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge for the children of a deceased brother, also some slight alteration in one or two of the bye-laws, was considered satisfactory, and pending a few slight alterations and preliminaries was ordered to stand over for confirmation till the next meeting. A slight discussion took place on a motion as regards some small compliment, being paid to the W.M., in recognition of his taking the chair and its onerous duties for the second year; ordered to be entered as notice of motion for the next agenda paper. The W.M. announced he had received a request from Grand Lodge, that no Masons made by the Grand Orient of France should be admitted, unless they acknowledged their belief in the G.A.O.T.U., which was received with unanimous acclamation. He also informed the lodge that owing to the failure of a large banking firm in London, the funds of nearly all the Masonic charities were placed in some jeopardy. A vote of thanks was then proposed by Bro. J. S. Turner, P.M., to the visiting brethren, which being carried by acclamation, Bro. Caldicott returned thanks on his own and others' behalf, expressly alluding to the fact that he felt pleasure in returning to Bath, a city he had been intimately connected with, and that the Royal Cumberland was the first lodge he has entered since his return from abroad. The lodge was then closed in perfect harmony, at 9.15 p.m. There will be a lodge of instruction held on Thursday, March 21st.

**MIDDLETON.—Imperial George Lodge (No. 78).**—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, Jan. 24th, at the Assheton Arms Hotel, the W.M., Bro. W. Percival, in the chair, supported by the following officers: Bros. G. Bradbury, I.P.M.; F. Fothergill, S.W.; J. Hatton, J.W.; H. Heywood, P.M., Treas.; S. Hewitt, Secretary; P. Lawton, J.D.; J. Eckersley, I.G.; J. Wood, P.M., D.C., P.A.G.D.C. The lodge having been opened in the First Degree with solemn prayer, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the traditional history was given to Bros. Jowett and Titlow by Bro. J. Wood. The lodge was lowered to the First Degree. Bro. Yoxall having resigned the office of I.G., the W.M. appointed Bro. Eckersley, who was accordingly invested by P.M. Bro. J. Wood. Bro. J. Reid signed and received his Grand Lodge certificate. Bro. F. Hooper's resignation was read and accepted. "Hearty good wishes" were accorded from Lodges 467, 1011, 1034. The lodge was closed in peace and harmony, and the brethren retired from labour to refreshment.

**WINDSOR.—Etonian Lodge of St. John (No. 209).**—This lodge held its usual monthly meeting on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Windsor. The W.M., Bro. Schiemann, presided, supported by Bros. Roberts, P.G.S., S.W.; Wilson, P.M., Treasurer; Pears, S.D.; Cousins, J.D.; J. D. Dixon, P.P.G.D.C., P.M., Director of Ceremonies; Teoley, P.P.G.D., P.M., Organist; Evans, I.G.; Andrews, S.; Hume, P.G.S., I.P.M.; Stedwell P.M.; Bryett, P.M.; Reid, P.M.; Long, P.M.; Needham, P.M.; and others. Visitors, Bros. Tomlinson, P.P.G.S.D., Norfolk; Powell P.M. 771; Cole, 742; Pudnell, W.M., 1396, and Johnson, 771. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read, the W.M. raised Bros. Turton, Fairclough, and Harris, passed Bros. Wheeler and Hinkley, and initiated into Freemasonry Mr. Victor Emanuel Stevens. The initiation and joining fees of the lodge were both raised to ten guineas. After some other business had been transacted the lodge was closed in due form.

**BRIGHTON.—Royal York Lodge (No. 314).**—The annual installation of the officers of this lodge took place in the Masonic Room, Royal Pavilion. Among those present were Bros. John H. Scott, Dep. Prov. G.M. of Sussex; J. Dixon, P.M., 271, Prov. S.G.W.; Rev. H. M. Davey, J.W., 38, Prov. G. Chaplain; V. P. Freeman, P.M., 732, Prov. G. Secretary; T. S. Byass, P.M., 1465,

Prov. S.G.D.; T. H. Crouch, P.M., 851, Prov. J.G.D.; J. M. Kidd, P.M., 732, Prov. G.D. of C.; C. Sandeman, P.M., 315, G.A.D. of C.; A. King, 271, Prov. G. Organist; W. Read, P.M., 66, G. Pursuivant; J. Farncombe, P.M., 311, W. T. Nell, P.M., 315, W. G. Sharp, P.M., 1141, Prov. G. Stewards; S. T. Foat, W.M.; C. W. Hudson, J.W.; T. Packham, Secretary; R. Pope, S.D.; G. Nash, J.D.; T. Chandler, D.C.; W. H. Gibson, I.G.; H. Payne, Steward; James Curtis, P.M.; C. Wren, P.M.; J. Everall, P.M.; W. Hudson, P.M.; C. Lamb, P.M.; W. Cunningham, P.M.; J. Ridge, H. B. Robinson, Alexander Sinclair, A. Lawler, James Wood, H. Kent, W. J. Smith, W. Skeats, W. Anderson, G. C. Taylor, S. P. Weston, L. Grandel, J. Bradford, J. Baker, C. J. Carter, J. W. Wells, J. Simmonds, F. Downard, W. H. Hailey, W. G. Bayliss, R. Erridge, J. W. Staples, P. W. Taylor, R. Nicholson, F. Willard, T. Hughes (Tyler), A. W. McKellow, George R. Lockyer, G. Emery, R. T. Nye, W. Burrell, W. T. Evershed, C. Golding, and J. Newman. Among the remaining visitors were Bros. W. Kuhe, P.M., 271, P.M., 1636; J. Miller, W.M. 188; E. Bridges, 311; J. Hill, Organist, 732; J. S. Walters, 188; R. B. Highams, 217; D. Longrigg, 1572; H. F. Hauxwell, J.D., 732; F. Daniel, I.G., 732; W. Smithers, 1636; G. H. Clements, 1636; A. Campbell, 933; C. Pelger, 52, 304, 575, W.M.; F. T. Colwell, 56; H. S. Gates, 1636; H. Anderson, 1323; F. Perridge, 79, P.M.; T. Binsted, 657, P.M.; C. F. May, 730; G. J. Parkman, 8 (S.C.); F. Harrison, P.M., 804; J. Willing, P.M., 177, 1507; F. Carpenter, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., 732; Herbert Langton, 271; B. Bennett, S.W., 732; Frank Holford, W.M., 811; G. Smith, P.P.G.P., 732; H. E. Cox, 1636; R. Paig, 421; W. G. Thomson, 1348; H. Davy, W.M., 732; G. M. McWhinnie, W.M., 1466; T. Cunningham, 754; T. J. Sabine, P.M., 73, 1540, W.M., 1423, P.P.G.S.B., Middlesex; H. Freeman, P.M., 311; D. Roberts, P.M., 759; F. C. Petton, 299; G. Cole, Organist, 1636; H. Anscombe, 177; W. Smith, P.M., 732; G. D. Legge, 72; H. J. Jennings, 177; A. Henderson, P.M., 242; S. Ridley, Treasurer, 732; W. O. Chesman, 1636; J. Sayers, 1636; W. Roe, 1636; P. Wilkinson, 271; C. Ackland, 205; E. M. Hay, 1; Henry H. Hughes, 811, Assist. Tyler. An apology was tendered on behalf of the Rt. W. Bro. Sir Walter W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M. of Sussex, who was prevented by an attack of bronchitis from attending at the installation ceremony. The retiring W.M., Bro. Foat, was succeeded by Bro. J. J. Hawkes, who was most impressively installed into office by Bro. C. Sandeman, P.M., 315, Prov. G.A.D. of C. The newly-elected W.M. next proceeded to the installation of his officers, who were elected as follows:—Bro. C. W. Hudson, S.W.; Bro. T. Packham, J.W.; Bro. H. Saunders, Treasurer; Bro. R. J. Pope, Secretary; Bro. G. Nash, S.D.; Bro. W. H. Gibson, J.D.; Bro. T. Chandler, D.C.; Bro. W. J. Smith, I.G.; Bro. G. R. Locker, Steward; Bro. H. Payne, Steward; Bro. T. Hughes, Tyler. At the termination of the installation ceremonies the brethren adjourned to the banquetting room, where a splendid banquet was served by Bros. Sayer and Marks, who fairly excelled their previous efforts, and gave universal satisfaction. The chair was taken by the newly-elected W.M., Bro. A. J. Hawkes, who was supported by the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge already mentioned and the P. Masters of the Brighton and Provincial Lodges. Upwards of 130 sat down, the gathering of brethren being one of the largest ever held in Brighton or the county. The vice-chairs were occupied by Bros. C. W. Hudson, S.W.; R. J. Pope, Secretary; and T. Packham, J.W. After the banquet the Chairman gave "The Queen and the Craft;" "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England," and "The V.W. Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy-Provincial G.M., and the Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past." To the last toast Bro. W. Kuhe, P.G.O., and Bro. W. R. Wood responded. The Chairman, in proposing "The Health of The Rt. W. Bro. Sir Walter W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M. of Sussex," regretted that, through indisposition, the Provincial Grand Master of the county was absent. He and those present were much disappointed, and had anticipated that after a lapse of twenty years, during which no official visit had been made by the Prov. G.M. and his officers to the York Lodge, that they would have been honoured with Sir Walter's presence. All, however, were hopeful that he would soon be able to resume his Parliamentary and Masonic duties. The Chairman next proposed "The W. Bro. John H. Scott, Dep. Prov. G.M. of Sussex, and the Officers of the Prov. G. Lodge, Present and Past." Bro. Scott, in responding, remarked that he never experienced greater embarrassment, for although as D.P.G.M. he had at times to act for the Prov. G.M., and after 25 years' experience that was a comparatively easy task; he had never previously been called upon to represent him. He found it impossible, and others would also be similarly situated, to fill the place of the genial, kind old English gentleman whose absence they all deplored. The lot of the Prov. G. Officers had of late been cast in pleasant places; they had visited all parts of the county, and found Masonry flourishing. He hoped soon to find their Prov. G.M. again busy with them. Bro. J. W. Stride, P.M., 315, proposed the W.M., who, he remarked, was a good example to younger Masons. Bro. A. J. Hawkes on rising to respond was warmly received. He felt proud to think that after six years' membership of the York Lodge he had reached the highest post of honour the members could confer upon him. The W.M. next gave "The Visitors," to which Bros. H. Davey, Pelger, and Sabine responded. He next gave "The Past Masters," to which Bros. C. Lamb (ex-Mayor), and W. R. Wood responded. "The Officers of the Lodge," acknowledged by Bros. C. W. Hudson, P. Packham, and R. J. Pope. "The Initiates," to which Bros. C. J. Carter, Taylor, and Downam replied. The Tyler's toast completed the programme. During the evening some excellent songs were sung by Bros. J. Hill, R. Nicholson, G. Cole, W. Roe, J. Eberall, and C. J.

Carter. Bro. W. Kuhe contributed pianoforte solos in his usual artistic manner, while Bros. Roe and Gates gave a pianoforte duet. Bro. W. Roe was a most efficient accompanist. The pleasures of the evening were further enhanced by variations given in good style by Bros. C. W. Hudson and T. Binsted.

**NORTHAMPTON.—Pomfret Lodge (No. 360).**—There was a rather larger attendance than usual at this lodge on Thursday week. The W.M., Bro. T. Whitehouse; F. Gadsby, S.W.; H. W. Parker, J.W.; J. S. Norman, S.D.; T. K. Wood, J.D.; G. Eilan, I.G.; G. Robinson, (P.M.), Sec.; J. T. Green, (P.M.) D.C.; J. U. Stanton, (P.M.) and Jno. Bingley, Stewards, and Bros. B. Wilkins, M. A. Boemé and R. Winter, P.M.'s, with a good muster of brethren, were present at the time fixed for opening lodge. Mr. Edward Haynes and Mr. Joseph Sadler were balloted for, and were duly elected. The ceremony of installation was performed by the W.M., the various officers taking their parts in a very commendable manner. On the adjournment, the brethren did full justice to the Fourth Degree, and the remainder of the evening passed off most agreeably.

**FOLKESTONE.—Temple Lodge (No. 558).**—The annual meeting of this lodge for the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. F. H. Field, W.M. of 1436, was held on Tuesday, the 5th inst., in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall, the use of which was kindly granted by the Worshipful the Mayor. There was a large muster of the members and visiting brethren. The installation ceremony was ably performed by Bro. R. White, P.M. 1331, P.P.G. of Hampshire. The W.M. elect being already W.M. of 1436, a dispensation from the G.M., sanctioning his installation as W.M. of 558, was read. Previous to this Bro. W. Dunk was passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft, and two gentlemen, Messrs. Eldridge and Webster, were initiated into the "Entered Apprentice's" Degree, which ceremonies were performed by the Installing Master, the effect being greatly enhanced by the introduction of music, a very superb harmonium, valued at 40 guineas, having that day been presented to the lodge by Bro. P. J. Ashton and H. S. Roberts, who had contributed the handsome sum of 25 guineas towards it, the remainder being supplemented by individual subscriptions from the members present. A very handsome neatly designed new ballot box was also presented to the lodge by Bro. Holbein; in addition to a new Brussels carpet floor cloth by the W.M., and a new signature book for the members by Bro. Joseph. The W. M. having been duly installed, proceeded to appoint his officers for the ensuing year, viz:—Bros. Earnshaw, I.P.M.; Klatt, S.W.; R. Baker, J.W.; Joseph, Treas.; Stock, Sec.; W. H. Head, S.D.; Andrews, J.D.; Holbein, I.G.; H. S. Roberts, Organist; and J. Baker, Tyler. The lodge was then closed, and 39 of the brethren and visitors adjourned to the Royal Pavilion Hotel, where a *recherche* banquet was prepared. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. Lewis Crombie, P.M. 33, P.P.G.D., P.P.G.M. of Aberdeen (who had that day become a joining member of the lodge); Bro. F. Sladden, W.M. 125; Bro. E. Nichols, P.M. 1046; Bro. E. Ashdown, P.M. 125; Bro. C. Gosby, P.M. 1436; T. J. Pulley, S.D. 349, 1714; Bros. H. W. Duncan, Alfred Taylor, H. Brett, and A. Keeler, 1436; Bro. J. K. Miller, S.D.; 125; and Bro. H. T. Cobay, J.W. 125; Bro. S. R. Elms, jun., 199. On the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. Bro. L. Crombie responded for the M.W.G.M. and Officers of the Grand Lodge. "The Health of the P.G.M., D.P.G.M., and Provincial Officers, Past and Present," were given and responded to. "The Health of the W.M." was next given by Bro. Earnshaw, P.M., and briefly but ably acknowledged by him. The healths of the "Installing Master," Bro. R. White, "the Past Masters and Officers of the Lodge," the "Visitors" (responded to Bro. Ashdown, P.M., 125); and the "Masonic Charities," with the Tyler's toast, concluded one of the most successful meetings the Temple Lodge has some years past had the good fortune to record. The evening's entertainment was well sustained by the admirable singing of Bros. Carter, Lawler, and Large (of London) accompanied on the harmonium and pianoforte by Bro. H. S. Roberts, Organist. During the evening the sum of five guineas was collected for the "Masonic Charities," with which it was proposed to purchase a life governorship in the Boys' School, to be invested in the name of Bro. Earnshaw, the retiring P.M.

**PLUMSTEAD.—Pattison Lodge (No. 913).**—The regular monthly meeting of the above lodge took place on Thursday, the 7th inst., at the Lord Raglan, Burrage-road, and as these meetings are looked upon as most enjoyable reunions, a goodly number of the brethren and visitors gathered round the esteemed W.M., Bro. Butler, when he ascended the chair for the purpose of opening the lodge. The officers were as usual punctual, and present, and took their proper places as follows:—T. D. Hayes, S.W.; W. B. Lloyd, J.W.; A. Jessup, Treasurer; Jas. Chapman, S.D.; R. J. Cook, J.D.; H. Mason, I.G.; H. Pryce, D.C.; C. Cooke, Organist. The following Past Masters were also present: Bros. C. Coupland, P.P.G.J.W. Kent; W. Tongue, P.P.G.J.D. Kent; W. T. Vincent, I.P.M.; and A. Penfold. Among the company were F. J. Dawson, P.M. 700; G. Crawford, P.M. 700; H. Bickerstaff, P.M. 1329; W. Musto, P.M. 1349; A. Woodley, S.W. 700; E. B. Buer, 1349; T. E. Hassell, D.C. 13; O. Weiss, 1076; C. Jolly, (Freemason), and others. The business before the lodge consisted of the balloting and approval of Mr. W. Agate and Mr. R. Turrell, which was happily and unanimously effected. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. C. W. Russell was examined and entrusted, and after the lodge had been opened in the Third Degree, that brother was raised to the Sublime Degree in the most devout and impressive manner by the W.M. The lodge was then resumed, and the candidates initiated into Freemasonry in proper form, and then the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were

honoured in due form, and then "The Provincial Grand Master, Lord Homesdale," who with our esteemed and popular Bro. Eastes, D.G.M., is highly honoured and esteemed at the Pattison, received with the respect of the Grand Officers of the province of Kent, an ovation when in eloquent terms the W.M. gave their health respectively. With this toast the name of Bro. Coupland was coupled, who, in reply, regretted that there were not present some past or present officer who was more able to do honour to it than himself. It was a toast that he always felt gratified in having his name associated with. He need not repeat what he had said about their Grand Master and Bro. Eastes so many times in that room. Their excellent Masonry was known and appreciated by every member of the Pattison Lodge. He then spoke of the presentation to Bro. Hill, Grand Provincial Chaplain, and thanked the brethren for their great aid, saying that the 20 guineas subscribed by the brethren of the Pattison would not be beaten by many lodges in the province. (Cheers.) It showed the esteem in which Bro. Hill was held by them, and was an honour to the lodge. (Applause.) Bro. Vincent, I.P.M., then rose to propose the health of the W.M., and said he had nothing new to say about him. It was a toast that had to be given every time they met, and it depended very much upon whether or not their W.M. had done anything more than ordinary that there was anything to be said more than had been said of him, and justly so, since he took the position that he now occupies. Their W.M. was one of whom they ought to be proud, notwithstanding what he had done, with the rest of the officials of the Royal Arsenal, in spending a portion of the six millions that Lord Beaconsfield had given them. (Cheers and laughter.) Well, notwithstanding the arduous and responsible duties that claimed every moment of their esteemed W.M.'s time and attention, in the carrying out of his responsible duties in Her Majesty's Royal Arsenal, he every meeting night was among them, fresh and able to do his duties in the splendid manner they had seen and heard him do it on that night. (Cheers.) He was like his predecessors, an honour to the lodge, and when he left that chair he would leave it with that esteem and glory that had ever been the meed of every master of the Pattison Lodge, who, like him, had nobly sustained its lofty prestige among the lodges of the province. (Loud cheers.) The W.M., in reply, thanked them for the reception given to the toast so eloquently proposed by Bro. Vincent; he was afraid that it was more complimentary than he deserved. (No, no.) All he could tell them was, that nothing gave him more pleasure than in keeping up the credit and character of the Pattison Lodge. (Cheers.) When he joined the lodge Bro. Ellis was in the chair, and he found it in his hands a grand institution, and that brother's working of the ceremonies would never be forgotten by him. He had visited many lodges, and he could safely say that the working of their lodge, more particularly as he had seen it under the hands of some of his predecessors, was certainly not surpassed by any of them, and he had determined to do his duty in such a manner that would not reflect upon or dim the lustre of those who had been relegated to the left of the chair. As Bro. Vincent had said, his time was fully occupied with responsible duties elsewhere, but he should always endeavour to carry out their intention to the end, and do all that laid in his to sustain the honour and interest of the lodge, and conduct it on the true principles of brotherly love and harmony with all. He then concluded by again thanking them heartily for their kind wishes, and resumed his seat amid applause. The W.M. then, in felicitous terms, proposed "The Initiates, who, he said, from the welcome they had received from so many of the prominent members of the lodge, would no doubt be an accession to it. They were told that they were only to take good and worthy men, and from what he had heard and seen of them he felt sure they would be true and loving brothers. Bros. Agate and Turrell having replied, the W.M. said there were two more toasts to propose, "The Past Masters and "The Visitors." It had been suggested to him that one of them was a most "important" toast, and the other a most "unimportant" one, and could easily be left out (cheers and laughter), but he had a sort of feeling that he should some day have to sit among them, and should be like a piece of old china, not of much use, but to be taken down and dusted and shown to strangers now and then as a curiosity (laughter) so he thought he had better not leave them out, but would call upon them to drink to "The Past Masters of the Pattison Lodge" with a hearty good fire. (Cheers.) In reply, Bro. Vincent having left the toast in his hands, Bro. Penfold averred that he hardly knew what to say that was new in relation to that toast; but it was a grand and glorious institution that they belonged to, and few could estimate the immense amount of good their Order was doing. It had in its ranks some glorious names, good men and true. He was pleased to see two new members, personal friends of his own, who were so well worthy to join their society, and he felt sure the more they saw of Freemasonry the better they would like it. (Cheers.) The next toast was that of "The Visitors," and the W.M., in putting it, regretted very much that there were not more. Usually there were a great many visitors, but during his year of office there had been a great paucity, perhaps it was some fault of his. (No, no.) He had not visited the neighbouring lodges so much as he should like to do, but he was exceedingly pleased to see two distinguished brethren of the Nelson Lodge present, Bros. Past Masters Dawson and Crawford. (Cheers.) There had always been a close connection between the Nelson and the Pattison that he hoped would long continue. Bro. Crawford said it was a pleasing thing to see the manner in which they had been received that night. It was more gratifying to them as well to see the manner in which the W.M. had worked the ceremonies, for years he had not heard such

good work done as had been done that night in the Pattison Lodge. (Cheers.) He then spoke of a Bro. Kingcade, who was a teacher of Masonry some years ago in Woolwich, and who he declared to be a most excellent preceptor and worker, and who, had he been living, could not have worked better than the W.M. had that night. He then cordially gave to such of them who chose to visit the Nelson Lodge a hearty welcome. Bro. Dawson, who was not evidently in the best of health, said he had made a struggle to be present that evening. Unfortunately, through pressure of business and illness, he had not been able to visit his own lodge, the Nelson, since the last installation meeting, so that they could be sure how much he was pleased at all times to attend the Pattison by the struggle he had made in coming that night. (Applause.) But he took an interest in Masonry, and was always glad to see it properly carried out, and especially pleased with what he had seen that night. As Bro. Crawford had mentioned the name of Bro. Kingcade, all he could say was, that he (Bro. Dawson) was a slave to him, and if he had been present he would have seen the same working that he used to teach almost word for word. He congratulated the lodge upon its excellent officers, and especially their S.W., and spoke of his being present at the consecration of the Pattison Lodge, with their late Bro. Graden, who in some little way he had assisted in the ceremony, so that they could see he had always taken a little interest in the Pattison Lodge. (Cheers.) In proposing the toast of "The Officers," the W.M. asked Bro. Hayes to tell them something that took place on Wednesday at Grand Lodge, and Bro. Hayes, after thanking Bro. Dawson for his praise of the officers, and more particularly for himself, said that however good or imperfect their work they felt it as an honour and a privilege, and whatever they had to do it was worth doing well, if at all. (Applause.) With respect to Grand Lodge, he should like to hear Bro. Coupland tell the brethren what took place, but as the W.M. wished him to do so he would obey. The Grand Lodge was a very large and full one, and the brethren were as one man and one heart over the Grand Orient of France question, and the conclusion came to was, that they should not admit to their lodges a Mason who did not acknowledge the G.A.O.T.U. (Loud cheers.) He trusted that the Masons of France would soon see the error of their ways, and again acknowledge the Creator and Preserver of the Universe. (Continued applause.) The next thing was the loss that the charities had sustained by the suspension of the bank that held their funds, about £8000. Bro. Harrison, P.P.S. G.W. E. Lancashire, had sent 200 guineas to help the fund, and many others had determined to do so towards making up the sum jeopardised. (Cheers.) The next thing happily effected was the election of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to the position of their Grand Master, who in his goodness of heart did so much to extend the fundamental principles of Freemasonry. (Cheers.) Bro. Coupland then, by permission of the W.M., proposed the health of Bro. Denton, P.M. and Secretary to the lodge, who, on account of his duties in the Royal Arsenal, was unable to be present, and in the course of an earnest address bore testimony to the energy and zeal of that brother in the discharge of his duties, and said the time would soon come when it would be necessary to show their esteem for him in a more practical form. (Cheers.) The Tyler's toast then concluded the pleasures of the evening.

**COCKERMOUTH.—Skiddaw Lodge. (No. 1002).**—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 5th inst. There were present Bros. Jas. Black, W.M.; R. Robinson, P.M. and Treas.; W. Shilton, P.M.; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M. and Org.; W. F. Lamony, P.M. (Freemason); Rev. E. M. Rice, M.A., P.M.; Capt. F. R. Sewell, S.W.; T. Bird, J.W.; T. C. Robinson, Sec., as S.D.; H. Peacock, I.G.; J. Pearson, J. Raine, I. Evening, R. Harrison, J. Towers, R. Bailey, Jas. Bolton, Jos. Kerr, and H. Moncrieff. The minutes of the preceding ordinary and committee meetings having been read and confirmed. Bro. L. F. B. Dykes, J.P., was ballotted for as an affiliating member from Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, and he was unanimously accepted. Mr. Jos. Borrowdale, builder, was also balloted for and approved as a candidate for initiation by a unanimous vote. The lodge was then opened in the Second degree, when Bros. R. Harrison and J. Towers, having given proofs of their proficiency, they retired, and on being re-admitted, in the Third Degree, were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by the W.M., who, for the second time only in the chair, performed the ceremony in a very correct and impressive manner. The explanation of the Tracing Board and presentation of the working tools were given by the S.W., who has already given ample promise of some day proving one of the most expert workmen in the province. The lodge having been reduced to the First Degree. Bro. Capt. Sewell proposed, and Bro. Shilton seconded, Mr. Edward Lamb Waugh, as a candidate for initiation, Bro. Lamony also proposed, and Bro. Evening seconded, Mr. Jos. Hewson as another candidate for initiation. The sum of five pounds was unanimously voted from the funds of the lodge, towards defraying the funeral expenses of the late Tyler of the lodge, Bro. W. Potts, who had filled that office for seven years. A petition was presented from a sick and distressed brother, one of the first members of Skiddaw lodge, and a subscribing member from then till now. The lodge unanimously voted the sum of six guineas to assist him. Nothing further remaining to be done, the lodge was closed in form. An emergency meeting was held on the following Thursday evening, when there were present. Bros. J. Black, W.M.; Capt. Sewell, S.W.; J. Bird, J.W.; R. Robinson, P.M. and Treas.; W. Shilton, P.M.; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M. and Org.; W. F. Lamony, P.M.; T. C. Robinson, Sec., as S.D.; H. Peacock, I.G.; R. Harrison, T. Armstrong, and

J. Fearon. Bro. A. Taylor, P.M. Union Lodge, No. 310, Carlisle, was also present, as a visitor. The business was confined to raising Bros. Armstrong and Fearon, the ceremony being again admirably performed by the W.M., assisted by Bro. A. Taylor, and the S.W., Bro. Lamony, also gave the introduction to the third lecture, after which the lodge was closed in form.

**ALTRINCHAM.—Stamford Lodge (No. 1045).**—The annual meeting of this lodge was held in the Town Hall on Monday last, on which occasion Bro. W. Agar Renshaw was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was most impressively performed by Bro. J. A. Birch, P.M., P.P.S.C.D., and the following officers were invested:—Bro. W. Alcock, I.P.M.; Bro. A. H. Gilbody, S.W.; Bro. A. C. Coote, J. W.; Bro. the Rev. R. Hodgson, P.M., Chaplain; Bro. J. Siddeley, P.M., Treasurer; Bro. R. Newhouse, P.M., P.P.A.D.C., Secretary; Bro. J. Hamilton, S.D.; Bro. S. Thompson, J.D.; Bro. T. H. Kirk, P.M., P.P.G.O., Organist; Bro. J. Ambler, I.G.; Bro. J. Worthington, Tyler. After the ceremony of installation, &c., a goodly number of the brethren sat down to a banquet, served in Bro. Harvey's admirable style. The new W.M. presided, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, interspersed with harmony, brought the day's proceedings to a close.

**HALLIFORD.—The Thames Valley Lodge (No. 1460).**—This lodge met for the first time this year on Saturday, the 2nd inst., at the Ship Hotel, Halliford, the W.M., Bro. W. T. Howe, A.G.P. and P.P.G.S., in the chair, supported by the following officers: Bros. G. Townsend, P.M., as S.W.; W. Sweetland, J.W.; J. G. Marsh, P.G.P., Secretary; E. C. Hislop, I.G. The Audit Committee submitted their report, which was unanimously adopted, the financial statement being highly satisfactory for a new lodge, which is only in its fifth year. At this meeting it was intended to instal the Master elect (Bro. T. B. Yeoman, S.W.), whom it is regretted was unable to attend through severe illness, his installation was therefore, at his own request, adjourned till the next meeting of the lodge, which will be in May. During the evening the handsome gold jewel of the lodge was presented to Bro. W. T. Howe, W.M., for having so ably presided over the lodge, and performed the duties of the chair so much to the satisfaction of the members. The remaining members were Bros. Colonel James Peters, W.M., P.M. and P.G.D.; J. L. Jones, P.M.; The Rev. W. W. Martin, P.M., 53, P.G. Chaplain, Somerset; M. Davis, H. H. Barrows, P. Dunn, E. F. Thomas, and Robert Stone. The visitors present were Bros. T. Cunningham, P.M., 754; and E. W. Windus, 263. The members were entertained after the duties of the lodge, at an excellent dinner, provided by Bro. Stone, for which the Ship is held in high reputation, the W.M., Bro. Howe, presiding and performing the usual duties of the table, in his usual good style. The brethren returned to London by an early train.

**NORTH WOOLWICH.—Henley Lodge (No. 1472).**—Bro. Manning, the newly installed Master of the above pretty little lodge, which is held at Bro. West's, the Three Crowns, must have felt exceedingly gratified at the cordial reception he met with on Tuesday week, when, in the presence of a large and distinguished gathering of the brethren of the lodge and district he was proclaimed W.M. for the ensuing year, or until such time as his successor was appointed in his stead. The ceremony was worked by Bro. W. Steele, the retiring W.M., and it is worthy of remark that in this excellent lodge, the installation of his successor has been the rule with every W.M. since its consecration some four years ago, and upon this occasion it is but justice to Bro. Steele to say, that his earnest and eloquent discharge of the important duties entrusted to him made a deep and visible impression upon all present. The lodge having been opened and Bro. Morgan passed to the Second Degree, Bro. Manning was presented by Bro. J. Ives, I.P.M., for installation, and having been duly obligated, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and he, with the usual rites was placed in the chair of K.S. Having been saluted, he proceeded to invest his officers as follows:—Bro. W. T. Turner, S.W.; J. Plume, J.W.; F. Geller, Treas.; J. Henderson, Sec.; Dr. W. Vance, S.D.; E. J. Lloyd, J.D.; Jas. Elder, I.G.; R. Hawkes, D.C.; J. Palmer, Steward; and A. W. Page, P.M. 1076, D.C. The charges were then splendidly executed by Bro. Steele, and after that brother had been presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel of the value of ten guineas, and it being further resolved that a testimonial should be presented to him for the excellent manner in which he had carried out the duties of Installing Officer, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. Among the visitors were Bros. T. S. Day, P.M. 1076, and W.M. 1437; J. Gaskell, P.M. 1076; J. Hogarth, 1107; E. Ayres, 742; A. C. Woodley, S.W. 700; C. Cooke, 13 and 913; C. Jolly, 913 (Freemason); and others. Past Masters West, Ives, and Graham were also present. The banquet was one of Bro. West's inimitable efforts, the accessories necessary to its perfect enjoyment being specially attended to, and the result therefore, was a great success. "The Queen and the Craft," was followed by a verse of the "National Anthem," and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.M. Grand Master of England," was right loyally responded to. In giving the toast of the "Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon," the W.M. said that to those who had the opportunity of seeing him at Grand Lodge, and hearing him upon such questions as came before that august assembly, would agree with him, that their Grand Master could not have placed any one in that exalted position who could have better carried out its duties. To those who had not that opportunity he could assure them that their esteemed Pro Grand Master took a deep interest in the progress and welfare of their Order, and he (the W.M.) trusted that their Pro G.M. would long be spared to be a pillar in the structure of their glorious Craft. (Loud ap

plause.) "The Health of Lord Skelmersdale and the rest of the Grand Officers" followed, and then the I.P.M., Bro. Steele, briefly proposed "The W.M.," who in reply thanked them for their warm reception of the toast, and said that from the first moment of his entering that lodge as an initiate, his ambition had been to arrive at the position he felt proud to have achieved that day. It was the highest honour that a lodge could confer upon its most favoured and prominent member, and so it should be held by him, so that, if it was possible, at the end of his year of office, there should not be one voice to say that it had been improperly placed in his hands, but rather that under his earnest endeavours the lodge had increased in prosperity and in the individual happiness of every one of its members (applause.) He trusted to receive the hearty co-operation of his officers, without which it was impossible to carry out the duties with credit and dignity to the lodge. He wanted them to be actuated with the same desire for good results as he had been, and then, nothing could prevent a good year for the Henley Lodge. (Cheers.) In proposing the toast of the "Past Master" the W.M. said there was a word or two to be said about them that was well worth his while to tell, and them to listen to. (Hear, hear.) The example set before them by the Past Master was worthy of following. In the first place, they had filled the highest office in the lodge, and in the next they were good, kind teachers to the brethren, and led them along the paths of knowledge and advancement in Masonic lore, and were by their position, eminently calculated to smooth any little difficulties that might otherwise lead to ill-feeling, and set them right on every matter connected with the well ruling and governing of the lodge. (Cheers.) And in the next place, because if they endeavoured to imitate the Past Masters they would surely some day be numbered amongst their honoured ranks. (Applause.) Bro. Steele in reply thanked them as their I.P.M. for the many favours received by him during his year of office, and especially for the magnificent jewel placed upon his breast that day. He had strove hard to obtain his position among their ranks, and now that he had attained it he hoped to be spared long to enjoy it. (Cheers.) Bro. Lee believed that the Past Masters deserved every word that had been said in their favour. Bro. Graham bore testimony to the pleasure he had in being a member, and consequently a Past Master belonging to the Henley Lodge. Every Past Master of every lodge he belonged to always did his best to impart knowledge to any aspiring brother. They had heard that evening that knowledge was the sure road to position, and nothing he knew of gave greater pleasure to himself and to the rest of the Past Masters than to take a young aspirant in hand and safely land him at the head of his lodge. (Cheers.) He then spoke highly of Bro. West as an excellent, willing, and zealous Preceptor, and concluded a brilliant address by advising every young man so to work, that if ever he should be placed in such a position, he might be able to work the beautiful installation ceremony in such a manner as they had seen it worked that day. (Cheers.) The P.M., Bro. West, said he felt it great pleasure to see Bro. Manning in the chair, as he had the honour of introducing him into Freemasonry, and in the unavoidable absence of the then W.M., Bro. Lisle, through illness, of initiating him, and he had hoped to have had the honour of installing him, but through the obstinacy of the I.P.M., Bro. Steele, who would not fall ill, he had to forego that honour. (Cheers and laughter.) The visitors followed, coupled with the names of Bros. Gaskell, Woodley, Ayres, Hogarth, and our representative, Bro. Jolly, who received a warm welcome, and responded severally. To that of the "Officers" Bro. Turner and others responded. The health of the host and hostess was then received with enthusiasm, and the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

**SWANSEA.—Caradoc Lodge (No. 1573).**—The annual meeting of this lodge took place in the Masonic Hall on Monday, the W.M. elect being Bro. Wm. Mitchell, of the Swansea Bank. There was a large attendance of the brethren, the proceedings being honoured with the presence of Bro. Marmaduke Tennant, of Aberavon, the Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, together with a number of brethren from various lodges in the province, and from a distance. The lodge was opened at four o'clock, the following being present:—Bro. James Livingston, W.M. of the lodge; Bro. John Rogers, Immediate Past Master of the lodge and Prov. J.W.; Lawrence Tulloch, P.M.; W. H. Tucker, P.M.; W. E. Brown, P.M.; W. Mitchell, S.W. and W.M. elect; Rev. Thomas Walters, Chaplain of the lodge; J. L. White, Secretary; William Dobbs, S.D.; D. C. Jones, J.D.; William Watkins, Dir. Cers.; C. F. Cryer, Organist; David Rosser, I.G.; J. L. Perrin, Steward; George Bullerwell, Tyler; J. R. Davies, W. H. Rosser, D. Issacs, Jenkin Jones, Thomas Sandbrook, John Bowen, James Hughes, G. W. Clare, Walter Evans, R. H. Welch, Evan Roberts, Lewis Lewis, David Glasbrook, David Owen, and William Morgan, members of the lodge. The following visitors were also present:—C. J. Brock, Talbot Lodge, 1325; W. T. Canton, W.M. Indefatigable Lodge, 237; Geo. Allen, Talbot Lodge; Charles Bath, Talbot Lodge; David S. Davies, Immediate P.M. Harmonic Lodge, 216, Liverpool; J. G. Hall, P.M., Talbot Lodge; J. Jenkyn Jones, W.M. Carmarthen Lodge, 476; Joseph Mann, John W. Lloyd; Wm. Sambrook, S.W. 1258; Austin H. Parsons, Neath, 374; Wm. Harry Rees, Neath; J. Western Neath; E. Roberts P.M. 192; W. G. Davies, P.M. 364; W. R. G. Conway, 707; Thos. John Poolley, 493; Robert Maine, 237; John B. Richards, Talbot Lodge; E. Sidney Hartland, W.M. Talbot Lodge; John Jones Jenkins, P.M. Talbot Lodge; D. R. David, W.M., 83; Thomas Powell, P.M. Indefatigable Lodge; G. C. Dyke, and D. Meehan, W.M., 110. The W.M. elect was introduced for installation by Bro. Rogers who has the distinction for being the first W.M. of the Caradoc, having been installed at the consecration of the lodge two years ago by the late Right Worshipful

Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Theodore Mansel Talbot. The usual preliminaries having been gone through, the installation ceremony was proceeded with. The Installing Master was the retiring W.M. of the lodge, Bro. Livingston who performed the elaborate and intricate ceremonial with an excellence as near Masonic perfection as possible, and received the deserved commendation of the lodge at the close. The W.M. having received fraternal congratulation from the representing brethren at a distance, on behalf of their lodges, then proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—Bro. J. C. Sladen, S.W. (who being absent from severe illness, was represented by Bro. Tulloch); Bro. W. Dobbs, J. W.; Bro. Rev. Thomas Walters, Chaplain; Bro. W. E. Brown, P.M., Treasurer; Bro. D. C. Jones, Secretary; Bro. David Rosser, S.D.; Bro. W. Watkins, J.D.; Bro. J. L. Perrin, D.C.; Bro. F. Roberts, I.G.; Bro. C. F. Cryer, Organist; Bro. G. W. Clare and A. R. Philp, Stewards; Bro. Bullerwell, Tyler. Two Past Masters were then elected to serve on the Provincial Grand Lodge Committee, the brethren elected being Bros. Livingston and Tulloch. A Past Master's jewel was afterwards presented to the Immediate Past Master, Bro. Livingston, with every expression of appreciation as to the marked ability with which he had fulfilled the duties pertaining to the chair during his year of office. The retiring Past Master then presented to Bro. White, the retiring Secretary of the lodge, a beautifully illuminated address, appropriately framed. The address was as follows:—"Caradoc Lodge, Swansea, No. 1573. To Brother John Lloyd White. The W.M., Past Masters, officers, and brethren of this lodge desire hereby to express their sense of the valuable services rendered by you during your two years of office as Secretary, and to thank you for the zeal and ability which you have displayed in assisting the working of the lodge. They further take this opportunity of expressing their regret at losing the assistance of one who is so greatly esteemed and respected by every member of the lodge, and most fraternally wish you every success in the future. Signed on behalf of the Caradoc Lodge, James Livingston, W.M. February, 1878." Bro. Livingston, in making the presentation, spoke of the zeal and ability which had marked Bro. White's Masonic career as a member of the Caradoc Lodge, and trusted he would be prosperous in the new sphere of action to which he had been called. Bro. White, who for some time past had held a position at Swansea under the London and North-Western Railway Company, and who leaves for Crew, where he will be under the same company, responded in suitable terms, stating that he should regard his connection with the Caradoc as one of the pleasantest episodes of his life, and should look upon the unexpected presentation just made to him as one of his most cherished recollections of it. The lodge then closed in due form, after which the brethren sat down to a banquet at the Cameron Arms Hotel, served up by Bro. Clare with his usual regard for taste, excellence, and profusion. There was a large attendance, the Worshipful the Deputy Provincial Grand Master honouring the banquet with his presence.

**HAMPTON WICK.—Wolsey Lodge (No. 1656).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was to have been held on the 4th instant, but in consequence of the severe illness of Bro. B. Sharp, S.W., and W.M. elect, that interesting ceremony had to be postponed. There were present during the proceedings Bros. W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. of Middlesex, W.M.; Baldwin, P.G.P. of Middlesex, acting S.W.; Bond, P.M.; Dobie, P.G.P. of Surrey, J.W.; the Rev. C. De Crespigny, P.P.G.C. of Middlesex, Chaplain; J. Hammond, Hon. I.P.M.; Nuthall, Treas.; Ockendon, Secretary; Aston, S.D.; Hurst, P.M. 1512, J.D.; Walls, P.G.O. Middlesex, I.G. (Freemason); Marvin, D.C.; Scott, W.S. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed and some necessary business transacted, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was catered for by Bro. Andrews. The preliminary toasts having been duly honoured, the W.M. proposed "The Health of the R.W. P.G.M. and the rest of the P.G.O.'s, Past and Present." He said that Colonel Burdett commanded their esteem because he entered heart and soul into all Masonic undertakings. The R.W. had been prevented from taking part in their proceedings that day in consequence of having to attend a prior Masonic engagement. The W.M. further said that their P.G.M. took an interest in all matters and pursuits that were good and great, and he had succeeded in making the province of Middlesex second to none, not only in respectability but influence. In speaking of "The D.P.G.M.," he said that he had been a most excellent lieutenant to their gallant chief, for without his assistance he believed that the province would not have made such rapid strides in the Masonic world. He was sorry that Bro. Little was so very ill, but he hoped that his health would improve during the approaching fine weather. He had been present at the consecration of the lodge, and had taken a great interest in its foundation. Of the other provincial officers he could only say that they were all good, energetic, and deserving Masons. The toast was acknowledged by the Rev. Bro. De Crespigny, and who immediately afterwards proposed "The W.M." In the course of his speech he said that the theme would, he was confident, have all their sympathies. He said that Bro. Hammond's year had been a very prosperous one, although it had entailed a vast amount of labour upon him. He then expressed his sorrow that the S.W. had been prevented from attending to be installed in consequence of severe illness, but he felt sure that "the spirit was willing although the flesh was weak," and he hoped his induction into the chair was only a pleasure deferred. In conclusion, he charged them to receive and drink Bro. Hammond's health in bumpers. The W.M. having replied, proposed "The Visitors," in a very kind and complimentary speech. The visiting brethren were Bros. Buckland, P.M. Dobie; A. Tisley, I.G. British, and Secretary 1589; Morgan, sen.,

211; Tagg, Murphy, and H. Jones, all of 1512. This toast having been acknowledged by the brethren above enumerated, the W.M. gave in quick succession "The Chaplain, Treasurer, and Secretary," "The Masonic Charities," and "The Officers," which toasts were duly responded to. During the proceedings Bros. Hurst, Walls, Morgan, and others entertained the brethren. The next regular meeting of the lodge will be held on the first Monday in November next, but in order to clear up some arrears of work there is every reason to believe that the W.M. will have several emergency meetings.

#### INSTRUCTION.

**THE EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE** (No. 1642).—A meeting of the above lodge was held at the Mitre Hotel, Goulbourne-road, Notting Hill, on Friday, the 8th March: Bro. Penn, W.M.; Parkhouse, S.W.; Smout, sen., J.W.; Smout, jun., S.D.; Lander, J.D.; Adkins, I.G. Present: Bros. Savage, P.M.; Muris, P.M.; Woodmason, Webster, Oldrey, Crabbe, Hutton, Gabb, Newland, H. Dehane, Spiegel, Buckland, Poulter, Lyons. This being officers' night, all the officers from the mother lodge attended. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Oldrey being candidate; the ceremony of passing and raising, Bro. Crabbe being candidate. All three degrees were worked with the W.M.'s usual style, and it was a pleasure to see all the officers discharge their respective duties. Before closing the lodge, Bro. Muris, P.M., rose to announce the result of the last Earl of Carnarvon ball, and said: It is my pleasant duty to inform the brethren that after paying all the expenses we have already handed over to Bro. Stephens, P.M., the Steward for the Girls' Institution the sum of £21, and we have still a balance in hand to be carried forward to the next year's ball. This announcement was received with great cheering. Bro. Adkins will be W.M. next Friday.

#### Royal Arch.

**WARRINGTON.—Chapter of Elias Ashmole (No. 148).**—The annual convocation of this chapter was held on Monday last. The chapter was opened by the M.E.Z., assisted by E. Comp. Brierley, H., M.E.Z. elect John Bowes, P.Z.; Prov. G.S.N. Cumberland and Westmoreland, as J. and H. elect; H. S. Allpass, P.Z., Prov. G.S.E.; D. W. Finney, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S.; and W. S. Hawkins, P.Z. When the rest of the companions were admitted, and the minutes read and confirmed, E. Comp. Finney presented the M.E.Z. elect for the benefit of installation, and he was duly placed in the chair of Z. according to ancient custom. E. Comp. Allpass presented E. Comp. Bowes, who was duly installed, and E. Comp. Finney presented Comp. Thomas Tunstall, J. elect. After the ceremony the chiefs were saluted, the chapter closed, and the companions adjourned to refreshment, when a very pleasant evening was spent under the genial guidance of the M.E.Z. The proceedings were enlivened by some excellent singing.

#### Red Cross of Constantine.

**COCKERMOUTH.—Dykes Conclave (No. 36).**—The quarterly assembly of this flourishing conclave was held at Workington, on Friday, the 1st inst., in the Masonic Hall, Portland Square, by permission of the W.M. of Sun and Sector Lodge, No. 962. The following were present:—Em. Sir Knights Edward Tyson, M.P.S.; W. Shilton, P.S.; Sir Knights R. Bailey, S.G., as Prelate; T. Bird, J.G.; W. H. Lewthwaite, Treasurer and Org., as V.E.; J. Evening, Rec.; Jas. Gardiner, Pref.; Jas. Quay, Herald, and G. Fitzgerald. Several officers and Sir Knights were unavoidably absent. The minutes of the previous assembly, held at Cockermouth, were read and confirmed, after which two candidates were regularly installed, proclaimed, and invested Knights of the Order, viz., Bros. T. Dixon, P.M. Lodge 1400, Harrington, and G. J. McKay, W.M. Lodge 129, Kendal. Two other candidates on the agenda paper were not present. The ceremony was performed by the M.P.S. with a completeness worthy of all praise, considering the absence of the majority of his officers. A hearty vote of thanks having been then passed to the W.M. and brethren of Sun and Sector Lodge for the use of their rooms, the conclave was closed in F.U.Z.

The *Whitehall Review* states that Lieutenant-General H.S.H. Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, was offered, but refused, the Governorship of Malta.

Lord Ashley, commanding the London Brigade of Royal Naval Artillery Volunteers, has informed the Admiral superintending the Naval Reserves that the brigade is ready for any duty whenever and wherever its services may be required.

On leaving England his Imperial Highness the Crown Prince of Austria sent a donation of £20 to the Dreadnought Seamen's Hospital, Greenwich, "in recognition of the humanitarian and cosmopolitan aims of the institution, and the energetic endeavours of the committee to achieve the noble purposes in view."

**NORTH-EASTERN HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN.**—We are informed that the donations to the Building Fund of this Hospital, in connection with which a special public appeal was made on the 12th inst. at the Mansion House, amount to £1098.

The Directors of the Bank of England met on Thursday as usual, but made no alteration in the rate of discount.



## ST. JOHN'S DAY IN INDIA.

## LAHORE.

The brethren of the mystic tie held high festival in Lahore on the "Eve of sweet St. John." To "do good by stealth and blush to find it fame" is from year to year characteristic of the brotherhood; but on this day of installations, proclamations, and salutations, the Masons, with a pardonable pride, let their light shine before men, by formally proceeding to a place of worship, and listening to a public exhortation; after which slight labour, refreshments followed in the evening. On the present occasion the gathering was a large one. From east and west and north and south, the Masons hurried in. From Umballa whose "Charity," first in the Punjab, sees the light of the rising sun; from deserted Simla and frozen Dalhousie, where the "Light of the North" glimmers on her peaks of snow; from far Peshawur, where the Grand Sword Bearer stands in the "Khyber" to keep off all Jowakis from Masonry, and, if they do come, to see that we are properly prepared; "but why should we tell their separate style?" All within length of their cable tow feel a tug at it on the memorable 27th, and act as lambs would do under similar circumstances.

This year, as we noted, the gathering was a very considerable one. Early in the morning the lodges were opened in the Masonic Hall, and the new Masters of the local lodges installed: Wor. Bro. H. L. Jones in "Hope and Perseverance," Wor. Bro. J. J. Davies in "Ravee," Wor. Bro. Carroll in "Industry," and Wor. Bro. Colonel Brown in "St. John the Evangelist." These then appointed their officers. Afterwards the District Grand Lodge was opened with an attendance of over fifty brethren, and arrangements made for the march to church. The lodges were then arranged under their respective banners, the band struck up an unknown tune, the brethren put on a variety of hats, aprons, and jewels, and strode out manfully for the church of St. James. What more appropriate place of worship could Masons have? The tomb of ancient vice and heathenism, taken possession of by our Western pioneers of progress, converted into a shrine for the most crystalized form of religious guidance, and dedicated, as if in amity to that brotherhood which includes all who worship the Great Architect, to St. James, the brother of the patron saint of Masonry, "the loved apostle John." The brotherhood well filled the body of the church, and it was a distinguishing feature of the assembly that the Parsee, Mohammedan, and Bramo-Somaj brethren showed that enlightened spirit which their education and social standing authorise their friends to expect of them, by entering with the Masons, and although not quite comprehending the English service, yet listening attentively and intelligently to the eloquent exhortations of the Chaplain, the Rev. Mr. Tribe. It is not usual to give reports of sermons, suffice it to say that the discourse they listened to was both interesting and appropriate, referring with peculiar point to the secrets of Masonry, the power the unknown ever has over our imaginations and springs of action, and directing our attention, whether as men or Masons, to the secret of Nature, the secret of humanity, and those wonderful and awful secrets which we contemplate in a life beyond the grave. Before dismissal, a subscription for the poor was taken, the Masons subscribing liberally, and also making the usual grants from the lodges for this purpose.

Service over, the Masons returned to the Hall:

Big drums in front of them,  
Phaetons to right of them,  
Tomtoms to left of them,  
Hurried and thundered;  
Flashed all their jewels rare,  
Waved all their aprons fair;  
With all their flags in air  
Marched the half hundred.

On arriving at the hall they were immediately grouped on the steps by a worthy brother, who artistically brought them "into light" by taking a first-rate photograph of all assembled.

After which came, as they say in the bills, an interval of six hours.

In the evening the brethren met in the Lawrence Hall for the usual symposium. The tables occupied the length of the hall, the walls of which were neatly decorated with Masonic emblems. Then, after all had agreed to be thankful for what we were about to receive, a most magnificent dinner "a la Noor Khan" was placed on the table, and like the Boojum, "softly and silently vanished away."

We cannot undertake to give a full report of the post-prandial speeches; most of them were of a purely formal character, although all of them contained some little point which elicited much enthusiasm and hearty reception and response.

The toasts on the programme were "The Queen," "The Grand Master Mason," "H. H. the Lieutenant-Governor" (a worthy Mason himself), "The Army and Navy," responded to by Colonel Medley. "The new Wor. Masters," responded to by W. Bro. H. C. Jones, to the tune of "My love is like a red, red rose" from the band; "The Guests," replied to by Colonel Davidson, the band suddenly remembering "Auld Lang Syne;" "The Lodges of the District," proposed by Wor. Bro. Major Gorham, in an eloquent speech, in which he detailed the progress of the lodges for the past few years, and replied to by Bro. Lord Ossulston, of "Khyber," whom the band thought deserving of another dose of the "Red, red rose," and administered it accordingly. "The District Grand Lodge," proposed by Colonel Davidson, followed, responded to in very hearty terms by our popular R.W.D.G. Master, who throughout the day, and at the festive board, carried out his arduous and responsible duties with that accuracy, suavity, and

geniality which have invariably distinguished his incumbency.

The toasts not on the programme were "The Ladies" and "The I.P.M." The first was really a great surprise, for when the W. Junior Warden called the brethren to order for the toast of "The Ladies," by Bro. Jussawalla, there were suspicions of its being one of his accustomed jokes. But when our Parsee brother got on his legs, and began boldly and forcibly to pay compliments to our English sisters, which could not have occurred to any but a true-hearted man, and followed up these by the most eloquent allusions to their influence for good, and morality and truth, upon the English race as compared with the ladies of other races, his strong common sense and excellent feeling elicited such a storm of enthusiastic applause as certainly no man of Oriental race ever received in the Lawrence Hall. He nominated W. Bro. Fenwick to reply, who however, in a few humorous remarks, skillfully shifted the onus of responding on to W. Bro. G. Davies, as a brother of less experience and therefore probably of more enthusiasm than himself. "The Punjab Masonic Institution" was then proposed by Bro. Lord Ossulston, of Lodge "Khyber," and replied to by its hard-working Secretary, Wor. Bro. G. Davies, who gave full particulars of its working, and intimated that there were now over Rs. 20,000 invested in the Institution.

After the speeches, various songs and recitations enlivened the proceedings, and the brethren finally dispersed about one in the morning, having fully enjoyed every phase of Masonic occupation, whether labour, when the sun was at its meridian, or in the 'noon of night,' the refreshment which is every true Mason's due. "So mote it be!"

## ALLAHABAD.

The Masonic service took place at Trinity Church. Over fifty Masons walked in procession from a tent in the compound to their places in the church, under the banners of Lodges Unity and Allegiance, the oldest lodge, viz, Independence with Philanthropy, holding aloof from this festal service as a lodge, though several of its members were present, either with the other lodges or among the people in church. There were a good many of the Masons' friends also present, forming altogether quite a large congregation. The church had been decorated, in addition to the Christmas decorations, with Masonic banners and flags, and the lodges were preceded each by its banner as they marched up the church. The volume of the Sacred Law preceded the Master of each lodge, and was placed on a desk, open and surmounted by the square and compasses, as is the custom in lodge. The service, morning prayer, was said by the Rev. A. H. Etty, Past District Grand Chaplain of Bengal and of British Burmah, assisted by the civil Chaplain, Mr. Stephenson, and by an excellent choir, composed of the 15th Fusiliers' bandmen, conducted by Sergeant James, and accompanied by their band instruments. They performed their part exceedingly well, the "Te Deum" (Jackson's) being particularly well rendered. We should not omit to mention that Mrs. Corbett, wife of the W.M. of Lodge Unity, also assisted in the choir, and took a leading part in the "Te Deum." The same lady also made and presented to her husband's lodge the very elegant banner which was used for the first time on this occasion. This is, we believe, the second time that she has herself worked a banner for a Masonic lodge. The sermon was by Mr. Etty, who spoke from St. Matthew v., 16, and specially directed his remarks to the points that Masonry and Christianity had always been, and were now, perfectly in accord as to principles, and that secrecy as a part of the Masonic system was not inconsistent with light, the light of knowledge and of well-doing. He also briefly noticed the absence of a few of the members of one lodge, regretting it, and hoping that another year every Mason in the place would join in their festal celebration. A collection at the end of the sermon for the St. John's Fund of Benevolence (to be divided between Lodges Unity and Allegiance) amounted to Rs. 150. This first, at least for a long time, of special Masonic services may be regarded, as many present were heard to remark, as a very successful revival of a general and old custom.

## ADEN.

An emergency meeting of Lodge Felix, No. 355, (S. C.), was held on Wednesday, the 21st November, 1877, at which the following brethren were present: W. Bro. Campbell, R.W.M.; Bros. Hunter, (Honorary) D.M.; Hay, S.W.; Gallop, J.W.; Duke, S.D.; Ferguson, J.D.; Ganzlandt, I.C.; Todman, Secretary; Massey, Tyler. Members: Bros. White, Wade, and Owen. Visitor: Bro. A. Wickham, No. 415, Orion in the West. W. Bro. Campbell said his reason for convening this meeting was to elect a W. Master for the ensuing year on account of his being about to leave the station, as he was anxious to hand the lodge over to some trustworthy brother and have the lodge in good working order before leaving. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree. Ballot was then taken for a W.M. for the ensuing year, which proved unanimous for Bro. Wade. Bro. Wade was then called to the dais, when the charge was read to him by Bro. Campbell. A vote of thanks was proposed by W. Bro. Hay, P.M. and Secretary, seconded by Bro. Ganzlandt, to our retiring W.M., Bro. Campbell, for the pains he had taken in getting the lodge up to its present very prosperous condition and for the able manner in which he had held the position of W.M. of Lodge Felix for the past twelve months. Bro. Campbell returned his sincere thanks. The lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 8 p.m.

[We see this lodge is under the Scottish Constitution, and we suppose that it is legal. Such a proceeding would be utterly illegal under the English Constitution, and it appears to us to be very irregular.]

## NOTES ON ART, &amp;c.

**THE ROYAL INSTITUTION.**—Professor Dewar's recent lecture at the Royal Institution was occupied with experiments illustrating the movements of fluids in plants. The contact of two fluids of different surface-tensions leads to motion. This was illustrated by a drop of alcohol on water. Fragments of camphor dropped on water, as they dissolve, originate a solution of different surface-tension from water, and rapid movement follows from the alterations of elasticity. Charcoal soaked with ether produces a similar result. The passage of fluids through membranes was illustrated in a simple way, and the electric currents set up by decomposition and the formation of salts were shown with a very delicate galvanometer. It is not possible to demonstrate the decompositions themselves. Clay electrodes were used with portions of a stalk of a cabbage. The effects of different surface-tensions, the Professor said, deserves more attention than it has received.

The coming Paris Salon is now being busily prepared for by French artists. Among the most prominent paintings will be a picture of Louis XIV. receiving the "Great Condé," by M. Gérôme, while M. Henner will, as usual, furnish a sacred subject—"Mary Magdalene at the Sepulchre kissing the Hand of Christ"—and the three war painters, MM. Detaille, Neuville, and Berne-Bellecour, will contribute military scenes, the subjects being respectively "Napoleon I. in Egypt," the "Capture of Bourget Church by the Prussians," and "A Bivouac of Chasseurs."

**UNIVERSITY COLLEGE HOSPITAL GOWER-STREET.**—Mr. Justice Denman has presented £900 to this charity, that being his share (less expenses) of the amount realised by the sale of Serjeant's Inn.

New Year's Day in Japan is noted by the tasteful ornamentation of the native houses, we learn from the *Japan Times*, an interesting weekly journal, which, after having been incorporated with the *Japan Mail*, has reappeared in its original form of eight years ago. The public buildings are gay with straw and paper devices, flags and evergreens, green arches ornamented with flowers and berries, cross the streets, and the private houses are decked out with plumes of bamboo and wreaths of straw and fir branches.

**HOSPITAL FOR HEART DISEASE AND PARALYSIS.**—The annual meeting of governors of the National Hospital for the Diseases of the Heart and Paralysis, was held at the hospital, Soho-Square, on Tuesday. Major-General the Hon. Percy Feilding, C.B., occupied the chair. The report and balance-sheet for the past year were read and adopted. The prospects of the hospital were reported as encouraging, the receipts, notwithstanding the financial depression of last year, being larger than those recorded on any former occasion. The number of attendances (7564) had also increased, including patients sent from all parts of the world.

The amateur performers who recently appeared at the "Gaiety" in the pantomime written expressly for the occasion by Messrs. Gilbert, Burnand, Byron, and Reece, are to repeat their performance to-day at Brighton—Mr. Gilbert appearing, as before, in the character of harlequin.

"OURS."—An annual bearing this title is announced to appear next month, edited by Annie Thomas (Mrs. Pender Cudlip), Messrs. G. A. Sala, F. C. Burnand, Clement Scott, the author of "Hogan, M.P.," H. S. Leigh, R. S. Francillon, &c.

Mr. Hollingshead has purchased the English rights over the new play of M.M. Meilhac and Halévy before its production in Paris. Its French title is "Le Mari de la Débutante."

At the sale, in Vienna, of the late Herbeck's valuable collection the pianoforte belonging to Haydn was not exhibited, having been disposed of in advance by Herbeck's widow for the miserable consideration of twelve hundred florins in favour of an amateur, who made a present of it to the Musikverein. It might and ought to have fetched five times the sum.—*The Times*.

**THE PARIS EXHIBITION.**—Another fine new steamer named the Victoria, which the Brighton and Western of France Railway Companies have had constructed for the Paris Exhibition traffic, has been successfully launched from the yard of Messrs. John Elder and Co. at Glasgow. This new paddle-wheel steamer is steel-built under a special survey of the Board of Trade and of Lloyd's, and is expected to be a vessel of great power and speed. The fittings in respect to cabin accommodation for this new steamer have also been carefully considered and provided for. The Brighton, new paddle steamer, which is a sister vessel to the Victoria, and is also built of steel, was launched on the Clyde about a month ago, and both vessels will be ready for the service between Newhaven and Dieppe in the course of a few weeks.

The old Palace of Meudon, inhabited by Prince Napoleon, and much injured during the war of 1870, is to be converted into a Government Observatory, where an enormous and powerful telescope will be installed.

Herr Wagner has determined that the first performance of his next work shall not be marred by the untoward presence and criticisms of unappreciative musicians, as was the case at the production of the "Nibelungen Ring." He promises his adherents that he will bring out "Parsifal" in the summer of 1880 at Bayreuth, and significantly remarks that this time the performance shall be "strictly between ourselves." The "Wagner Tetralogy," by the way, is to be played this summer at Munich.

On Saturday, the 16th inst., the Grosvenor Gallery will be open to the public free, after which date the present exhibition will be closed.

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## Answers to Correspondents.

W. W. AUSTIN.—1. They are brothers and sons of the lady you mention. 2. The *Rosierucian* is delayed owing to the unfortunate illness of the Editor.

## BOOKS, &amp;c., RECEIVED.

"Medical Examiner;" "Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, 1877;" "Bauhutte;" "The Hebrew Leader;" "The Pantiles Papers (second edition);" "La Chaine D'Union;" "The Broad Arrow;" "Bulletin du Grand Orient de France;" "The Record, and Emerald Hill, and Sandridge Advertiser;" "Folkestone Chronicle;" "Corner Stone;" "The Masonic Herald;" "La Voz de Hiram;" "The Advocate;" "Der Triangel;" "Voice of Masonry;" "Keystone;" "Night and Day."

## IMPORTANT NOTICE.

COLONIAL and FOREIGN SUBSCRIBERS are informed that acknowledgments of remittances received are published in the first number of every month.

It is very necessary for our readers to advise us of all money orders they remit, more especially those from the United States of America and India; otherwise we cannot tell where to credit them.

Several P.O.O.'s are now in hand, but having received no advice we cannot credit them.

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements, not exceeding four lines, under this heading.]

## BIRTHS.

CRESSWELL.—On the 9th inst., at Cadogan-place, the wife of G. B. Cresswell, of a son.

FIELD.—On the 7th inst., at Heathside, Firgrove, Weybridge, the wife of J. K. Field, of a daughter.

MAGGS.—On the 10th inst., at Nether Wallop, Hampshire, the wife of P. H. Maggs, of a son.

YOUNG.—On the 11th inst., at 29, Binfield-road, Clapham, the wife of Douglas Young, of a son.

## MARRIAGE.

DOWCH.—WAGHORN.—On the 4th inst., at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, John Dowch, late of Southampton, to Louisa Helena, only daughter of Bro. W. H. Waghorn.

## DEATHS.

JENKINSON.—On the 8th inst., at 118, Wellington-road, Heaton Norris, Lancashire, Elias Jenkinson, aged 54. Deeply mourned and regretted.

TAYLOR.—On the 9th inst., at Hazarebagh, India, Villiers Thomas Taylor, Esq., aged 43.

WORTHINGTON.—On the 6th inst., from disease of the lungs, Dr. J. V. Worthington, of Garston, near Liverpool. Aged 35.

WRAY.—On the 10th inst., at Woolwich, Mary, widow of C. Wray, Esq., aged 87.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 1878.

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

We are requested by our distinguished Bro. Col. Creaton, Chairman of the Building Committee of the Girls' School, to announce to the subscribers to the Institution, that, owing to the appearance of measles at the School, the Royal visit to the Institution is for the present postponed. We are also requested to state that the pleasure of such a visit is only deferred, and that later in the year, if all goes well, their Royal Highnesses will pay their promised visit to the Girls' School, to inspect it and the new buildings, and at the proper time due announcement will be made of the time and arrangements.

## THE LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The decision of Grand Lodge on Wednesday week last must be regarded as final. It is quite clear, that the "rulers of the Craft," the Masters of our Lodges, distinctly decline to surrender their "jus privilegii." It is therefore useless, and would be impertinent, to continue a discussion on abstract principles, when the concrete application of them has been all but unanimously decided upon by Grand Lodge. While, then, we agree on principle entirely with Bro. Clabon and Bro. Monckton, and believe that the administration of our Charity would be more effective if carefully enrolled by a smaller or a rather less unwieldy body, yet, as we feel that the W. Masters have a right to be heard, and to have their opinions respected, we bow to their decision, and consider it for the time a conclusive reply to any immediate proposals of change or reform. To say the truth, as we ourselves once upon a time shared in all the common objections to the change fully and entirely, we are not at all surprised to find that, to very many, their theoretical and practical importance appears to be still so overwhelming, as to preclude any hope of the surrender of the privileges, which are alike great and valued. In one of Bro. Binckes's arguments, in his undoubtedly able speech, we concur, namely, that the possibility of canvassing is increased by the election of a given number. We have always considered that a weak point—the only weak point in the proposed reform, but we think that Bro. Binckes overlooked the one strong point in favour of the proposed change—namely, the uniformity of administration of our Charity. At the present moment it is not too much to say, that a good deal depends on the speeches of the brother who "mentions" the case. Some brethren give their vote with larger or lesser liberality, according to whether the brother has done anything for the Charities, whether he died in or out of Masonry; whether he was single or married, whether he had children or was childless, whether he had ever been in office in his lodge, or a W.M.; and or all these grounds, and others to boot, very often they govern their votes entirely. Some also consider that the grants are meant for those in "dire distress," others for those in "comparative poverty;" while some even of late have carried votes for a brother in receipt of a known income of £120 a year, on the ground, well put by an eloquent "counsel," that he had a wife and children, and owing to embarrassed circumstances was in great want. Such a case of a "suffering sister" and "pining children," effectively handled, "drew down the house." This, then, is one point of needful reform, uniformity of administration on some distinct principles of absolute limitation. We are not, however, in favour of any approach, even by implication, to Masonic red tape. But as the W.M.'s think that it is better to leave well alone, we are not so rash or so presumptuous as to canvass the decision of the "wise men" of our "Gotham," and so we admit, (as we have always done), that there are two sides to the question. We agree with our distinguished Bro. Clabon, that the meetings of the Lodge of

Benevolence, like all lodge meetings, should begin and end with prayer, and we hope that he will initiate so good a movement on the next occasion, as it is clearly in his power to do; and he will have the support of all his brethren.

## THE ENGLISH GRAND LODGE AND THE FRENCH GRAND ORIENT.

The English Grand Lodge has spoken with that dignity and impressiveness belonging to it, and becoming the occasion, and has (as we always felt sure it would do), emphatically condemned the revolution, effected by a restless faction, in the avowed teaching of French Freemasonry. Of what worth, then, are all the prophecies and all the assurances of the movement party to the French Freemasons? At last they see, (and they must do us the justice to say we have consistently warned them of the pitfall before them), where their folly and perversity have placed them, namely, in complete isolation, "*hors de la Maçonnerie cosmopolitaine et contemporaine*"—outside of cosmopolitan and contemporaneous Freemasonry. The views of the English Grand Lodge will have more effect on other bodies, inasmuch as it is well known how moderate, how courteous, and how conservative, (in no party sense), the Grand Lodge of England always is. That is to say, we all of us are well aware how properly unwilling Grand Lodge is, and always has been, to "travel beyond its record,"—to go out of its way, to make a deliverance on affairs in general, and, above all, how averse to interference with the rights of other Grand Lodges in particular. When, then, under the leadership of one of its most distinguished chiefs, and with the concurrence of a most carefully chosen committee, it speaks, it will be listened to, because its utterance is the utterance of the entire body of English Freemasonry. If words could have any effect now, we would ask our Bro. St. Jean, and the more moderate members of the French Grand Orient, to consider carefully the position in which they are placed by the abject folly of an extreme section, and if it be possible, ere it be too late to retrace their steps, before, in fact, the breach widens, and the gap between English and French Freemasonry becomes impassable. We have been censured both by Bros. Caubet and Findel for writing as we have done, but from our utterly independent position, which it seems they cannot comprehend abroad, we fancied that we knew, (and the result proved that we were right "*ab initio*,")—the unanimous feeling of the whole body in England, and that of a large and most respectable body of the Order in France. We wish to express to that minority our heartfelt sympathy again to-day, and to assure them that in England and among English Freemasons they will receive every support possible in their legitimate defence and adherence to the unchanging teaching of French as well as cosmopolitan Freemasonry. What the French Freemasons will and can do, we know not. We fear that there can be but one reply, which is, in fact, that they cannot stop where they are, and must go farther and fare worse. But we are willing to wait and hope for the best, and glad shall we be if our prognostications are unfounded. Our apprehensions unfulfilled. Bro. Hubert, in the *Chaine d'Union*, says that so long as the ascription to the "Grand Architecte de l'Univers" remains at the head of their official documents, as long as their ritual remains practically unchanged, he is bound to adhere to the Grand Orient. He also, and most properly, lays much stress on the high character of Bro. St. Jean, and on his declaration that the Grand Orient does not wish to make profession of either Materialism or Atheism. We have every confidence in Bro. St. Jean, and gladly recognise his honesty and sincerity, and his loyal adherence to Freemasonry. But for many reasons, we cannot shut our eyes to the dangerous and suicidal step which the Grand Orient has taken, and we, therefore, heartily approve of the position taken up by our Grand Lodge in reference to this untoward recent act of the Grand Orient of France, which has convulsed the whole Masonic world.



## UNIFORMITY OF RITUAL.

There is a good deal at first sight taking and pleasant in the idea of Uniformity of Ritual, but when we come carefully to look into the arguments pro and con, we see how specious rather than important, shallow rather than deep, all of them are, and that on the whole the evils clearly counterbalance the advantages, the proposed "remedy" might be worse actually than the alleged "disease." In the first place, to the student and archæologist the slight discrepancies of rituals are proofs of the antiquity of Freemasonry, and point alike to its early date, and to the wide-spread net-work of its system and its lodges. For it is quite clear that these very differences, altogether unimportant really as they are, not only agree with the known facts of history, but seem to demonstrate the existence of a common origin, if slightly divergent usages. What the condition or the system of the lodges which Ashmole was initiated in and attended was, is not at present known to us, but the earliest traces we have of rituals bespeak in our opinion a pre-18th-century existence. What the exact working of the Grand Lodge of York was, is also not quite clear yet, for Dermott's system had nothing to do with York, and therefore, we may assume that in the last century there were three great systems in use, in England, with provincial modifications, the York, the Ancient, and that of the Grand Lodge of 1717. We do not fancy that there was any very material difference, except that the system of Dermott seems to have been more definitely Christian in teaching and symbolism. The successive emendations of the ritual by Desaguliers, Anderson, Dunckerley, Clare, Preston, Hemmings, Williams, left us in 1813 with one system for the United Grand Lodge. But, as we know, that very system has still provincial modifications, and two slightly varied systems are presented by the Lodge of Emulation and the Lodge of Stability in London. One or two private lodges have slight peculiarities of their own, and we therefore are prepared to contend to-day that on the whole, the present system is wisely tolerant, and that we had better allow those slight differences, inasmuch as they do no harm, and are very interesting to the Masonic antiquary. But there is one great objection to an uniformity of ritual, namely, that it must lead to the weakening of the oral system. We say this advisedly, that whenever the oral system is departed from, then Freemasonry seems to deviate also from its real end, and the energy of the brethren becomes expended on hurtful topics and unmasonic questions. Masonry is well worth a little labour, a little self-sacrifice, a little personal exertion, and no system is good for anything, or can long endure, about which its members take no trouble, or repeat, parrot-like, certain stereotyped formulae without heart, without dignity, and without effect. And if it be true, that in all oral systems, owing to the weakness of the individual memory, certain accretions and substitutions occur in the lapse of time, these can always be rectified by "bright," by expert Masons, who, as we often hear, lend to their delivery of our admirable ritual, everything that chastened dignity can impart, or fervent appreciation of its beauty and meaning can suggest. On all these grounds we do resist, and always shall resist, any interference with the slight actual discrepancies and independent coincidences of our ritual, believing that under the present system, far better than under an iron rule of stern uniformity, Freemasonry flourishes amongst us in England, in power, in proficiency, and in life.

## WHAT NEXT, INDEED?

Many are the prejudices against Freemasonry, many the false estimates of its meaning and work. Among the most absurd of any such similar hindrances and injustice to our good order, we have to call attention to the recent unwise words and acts of the Poplar District Board, which appear in another column. We could hardly believe our eyes, when we read the following passage, in the report of the proceedings of the Board, in the *Tower Hamlets Independent* of March 2nd:—

"The General Purposes Committee recom-

mend that the use of the hall belonging to the Board, be granted, pursuant to certain conditions, for the purpose of the meetings of the All Saint's Poplar, Lodge of Freemasons.

"Mr. Edgecumbe opposed the recommendation, on the ground that it would be opening the door to a reprehensible practice, and if the use of it were granted to Masons, why not to Odd Fellows, Buffaloes, &c.?" (Laughter.)

"Mr. Langdon seconded the motion, observing that the offices of the Board were different to the Town Hall. The latter might be said to be for the purposes of the ratepayers, but the former was for the use of the representatives of the district and should, in his opinion, be kept for that purpose. If the Board's offices were let to the Freemasons he feared that it would be the means of giving the members of that body a preponderating influence on the board."

Can it be believed that in 1878 any such ignorance exists of the real aims and great benefits of Freemasonry exists, even in the mind of a Poplar vestryman? It is simply a ridiculous libel on the efforts and teaching of our benevolent Order. In fact, the matter is beneath contempt, and we can well afford to laugh at it, but that a public board, by fifteen votes to ten, on such ridiculous grounds, can refuse the hall for the meeting of the All Saints Lodge, is a burlesque on every profession of liberal-mindedness and fair play amongst us, and is alike discreditable to the common sense and kindly feeling of an English vestry.

## 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.]

## KENNING'S MASONIC CYCLOPÆDIA.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

As complaints are repeated, and little blots are found in respect of your publication and my editorial labours, I beg to remind my critics, once for all, that from the letters S to Z we had, in consequence of many letters to make up our minds to hurry the work to a close, and depart from our original programme. It will be seen that the system adopted under these letters is altogether different, and far less satisfactory, than under the preceding ones. For instance, few Masonic books are mentioned, hardly any Masonic authors.

This defect we can only hope to remedy in a second edition, but the fault is not ours, but that of many of our kind and impatient friends. To the great bulk of our subscribers we tender once again our best thanks.

I had it not been for the kindness of Bro. W. J. Hughan, who proffered his invaluable help, we should not now have had the Cyclopædia ready.

When the great Doering issued his invaluable edition of Horace, the third, in 1824 (the original edition was of 1803) he uses these most effective words, which I, too, can truly make my own to-day, in all their fullness of meaning and application, as addressed to Masonic and fraternal critics:—

"Cæterum noli quæso, humanissime lector, peccata, quibus obnoxia est humana imbecillitas, oculis lyncæis, rimari, speculari, investigare et investigata mente, iniquè exagitare. Peccata veniam poscenti te dare fas est." "But be unwilling, I intreat thee, O most humane reader, to pry into with lyncæ eyes, to note, to investigate the faults for which human weakness is responsible, and when investigated to discuss with unjust mind. It is lawful for thee to grant pardon for his offences to one asking it of thee."

Let numerous friendly writers lay these pleasant words to heart. At the same time I heartily welcome all kindly criticism and timely suggestions.

I am, dear Bro. Kenning, yours fraternally,

THE EDITOR OF YOUR CYCLOPÆDIA.

## THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have been reading the proceedings in Grand Lodge, and I heartily concur in the result of the last Quarterly Communication, the report of the Committee, and the result arrived at. I am one of those who know a little of what has been going on in Paris, and I have no hesitation in saying that the recent foolish and puerile proceedings of the Grand Orient of France are inspired by a political faction, those who sympathize, secretly or openly, with the detestable acts of the Commune. One should have thought that Freemasonry had been degraded sufficiently by its temporary connection with those savage barbarians. For though it is true that the Grand Orient had nothing to do with the disgraceful exhibition made by a large body of the Masons of Paris, in fact, it practically collapsed in a sort of Masonic revolution, yet the stigma of those disgraceful doings still adheres to French Freemasonry. No wonder, then, that the whole civilized Masonic world looks aghast at proceedings, which under the jesuitical cry of toleration are but the completion of the revolutionary programme of Massol, the development of the inflated egotism of some fifth rate agitators.

Bro. Caubet has threatened us with French Charters in England. So be it. It will simply lead to the entire ex-

clusion of the followers of the Grand Orient, (which will then be identified with a mischievous revolutionary party, the fomentors of disturbance, the friends of barbarism, and the agents of social anarchy,) from every Anglo-Saxon lodge. We have only to note the proceedings of the "Philadelphes" in London, knowing of whom it is composed, to realize the outcome of the violent words of Bro. Caubet, Grimaux, and others, to understand what it all means.

However, we may wish to palliate the fact, or disguise the truth, it is this "ruck" of a faction, as Bro. Hubert has it, which, as it disgraced humanity and degraded France, is now acting on French Freemasonry both to its present discredit and eventual destruction. Absolute toleration is the specious cry, the "entire animal" of revolution, the practical result. We in England have done as we always, thank God, do do—our duty.

To those of us, who are inclined to take for instance a sentimental or careless view of the doings of the French Commune, and of the "dirt" into which French Freemasonry was dragged by it, we would recommend for their opportune consideration the following extract from "Les convulsions de Paris, par M. Maxime du Camp."

I have told only the truth, but I have not told the whole truth. The latter was occasionally so exceptionally monstrous, it revealed acts of ferocity, or debauchery, or perversion so frightful, that often I have been compelled to keep silence out of respect both for the reader and for myself. The whole menagerie of evil passions broke loose from the cage during the Commune, and, for two long months, wallowed in the full licence of bestiality amidst the most extravagant moral subversion history has ever had to record. There is no reproach to be cast at the Commune on the score of hypocrisy; it was no dissimulator; its frankness was unquestionable. Like a shameless person, it exposed everything, and left behind astonishment at the ulcers which gnawed into its vitals. What it was, it would be again; for it was the production of the vice which is that of humanity, par excellence—envy! Its date is far off, for it goes back to our very origin; its great ancestor was the elder son of the first man, and his name was Cain."

I am, dear Sir and Brother yours fraternally,

LOYAL.

## THE GRAND INSTALLATION ENGRAVING.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have much pleasure in adding my testimony to the many that have already been offered as to the merits of Bro. Harty's Installation Engraving. As yet only the ten guinea subscription copies have been issued, but I understand that the delivery of the seven guinea impressions will be commenced from the second week in March, and the five guinea impressions early in April, those in order of issue following soon afterwards, until the least in value will be ready in May. I have had a considerable correspondence with the artist about the date of issue of the different values, and the foregoing substantially conveys his reply. He also informs me that there are about eighty of the ten guineas, seventy of the seven guineas, 100 of the five guineas, 120 of the three guineas, and 200 of the two guineas still unsubscribed for of the total to be issued, after which the plate will positively be destroyed, and all orders will be refused.

There are several brethren who are desirous of knowing if they can have copies at the subscription prices, and the answer to this query is "Yes, so long as there are any of the series unissued." On the completion of the last quality it will then be a question whether the artist will allow the remaining copies to be sold at the present prices, because it is expected that by then, the engraving in either of the stages of printing will be at a premium. Bro. Harty would then be fully justified in asking an advance for copies, especially as he tells us the cost of production will be considerably over £2500.

Then comes the question of the "key," for which many of us are now looking forward to most anxiously, as, of course, few brethren can recognise over 100 of the many faces which greet them wherever the eye travels over the grand picture, and many, excepting by name, would be unknown to the most of us, who are able to attend Grand Lodge only occasionally. I suggest that a little extra expense be put about this valuable addenda to the picture, and that the list of subscribers be carefully compiled in alphabetical order, or according to rank, in a form admitting of binding, the frontispiece being the picture in reduced facsimile (skeleton). I do not think any subscriber would mind a few shillings for such a book, containing as it will nearly 700 names of brethren who took part in the proceedings.

As to the picture, I am more than pleased with it, and without an exception all my friends who have seen and examined it are lavish in their praises of the engraving. I saw it, first of all, unframed, a friend having sent his copy to be framed in my city, but when mine arrived, framed most artistically, according to Bro. Harty's design, the opinion that I had formed before was changed from pleasure to great admiration and positive delight. I failed, as I expected, out of so many hundreds of faces to recognise more than about fifty or so, but, doubtless, when the "key" arrives, and we have time to carefully study the various heads, I shall succeed in locating the positions of some hundreds of members of the Craft, the difficulty at present being that one is lost, so to speak, amidst such a numerous assembly, and the eye fails to concentrate on any one face for special study. The M.W. Grand Master on the throne is most happily depicted, but I do not think Lord Carnarvon, as Pro G.M., is quite so successful. Sir Albert W. Woods, as G.D.C., is proclaiming the many titles of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and near him are the Grand Secretary, Grand Registrar, Grand Chaplain, and other prominent officers well known to us all. Bro. Joshua

Nunn, P.G.S.B., and Bro. Colonel Burdett, Prov. G.M. Middx., make as good pictures as any, I think, on the dais, and amongst provincial brethren the first to catch my eye was Bro. Richard Rodd, P. Prov. G. Reg. of Devon, who is seated next the artist, from whence the sketch of the installation was taken. Then I noticed Bro. James Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and quite close to him our Bro. Binckes, Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. I fancy I have discerned Bro. R. W. Little, the Secretary for the "Girls," but, if so, it is not equal to the other two of the well-known trio. Then I looked around, and fraternally greeted Bro. J. E. Curteis, P. Prov. S.G.W. of Devon, and some other friends. But I must not stay to say more now, save to declare my belief that the "good words" of the Editor of the *Freemason* as to the special merits of the picture are thoroughly deserved, and also the appreciative sketch by Bro. "H. W. S." in the *Freemason* for Feb. 9th, the fact being that the engraving is alike worthy of the subject and the artist, and I believe that by judicious advertisements, and a speedy issue of the engravings, the whole issue will soon be subscribed for. WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

#### THE INSTALLATION ENGRAVING.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

A little reflection ought to convince "Disappointed" that it is to my interest to supply all subscribers as quickly as possible. Therefore delay in accomplishing that desirable result must be unavoidable on my part. I hope in about six weeks from this date to satisfy him with the possession of the print he has subscribed for.

With regard to the other matters alluded to by "Disappointed," I beg to assure him that it was simply impossible to adopt any other course but that used to complete the work.

I am dear Sir and Brother, fraternally and truly yours,  
March 13th, 1878. EDWARD J. HARTY.

#### COINCIDENCE OR DESIGN,—WHICH?

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The very interesting letter of "S. P." will I hope, lead to other investigations of a similar character to his own. Any M.M. looking attentively at the great picture in the National Gallery, of the Raising of Lazarus, by Sebastian del Piombo, the figures in which are said to have been designed by Michael Angelo, will not fail to notice the vivid presentment of the emotions that were aroused when the livid corpse came forth from the tomb, only half resuscitated.

Perhaps Raphael and Michael Angelo belonged to the same lodge.

Was there ever a lodge of operative Masons at St. Peter's at Rome, similar to that at Strasburg, which exists to the present day? If so, the painters and architects may have been initiated in it.

Yours fraternally, H. H. B., P.M. 14.

(Communiqué.)

#### THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE MODIFICATION OF THE FRENCH CONSTITUTIONS.

There is in the *Chaine d'Union* for March a very interesting letter from Bro. Denis, of Tours, which we should have liked to have translated in extenso for our pages, but unfortunately must content ourselves with one or two extracts.

Bro. Denis seems to ascribe the recent movement to the "Positivistes," more or less and, which, as he says, has resulted in the "moral impotence and sterility of French Freemasonry." Bro. Denis, the Orator, and Bro. Aubert, the W. Master of the Lodge "Demophilos," resigned their positions, and had almost determined to leave French Freemasonry, but decided to remain, if grieving, attached to it.

It seems that Bro. Denis really sees, as we do, Bro. Desmon's absurd argument, (untrue as a fact), in respect of the adhesion of other Grand Lodges to this revolutionary change. He visited the Lodge "Dante Alighieri de Turin," and conversed with its members, and was informed by them that the Grand Orient of Italy (exactly as our distinguished Bro. J. C. Parkinson told us), always affirms in its Constitutions the "Belief in God and the immortality of the Soul," and that nothing was likely to change such declaration. No wonder then that Bro. Denis was startled at such a commentary on Bro. Desmon's last statement in the Grand Orient of France, a statement utterly at variance with the facts of the case.

As Bro. Denis truly puts it, what is the worth of Bro. Desmon's assertions? We quite agree with Bro. Denis when he says:—"When one considers how the discussion of the 'vœu' was shortened, with what haste the vote itself was taken, one can affirm with reason that the decisions of the Convent on this point have neither been sufficiently enlightened, nor sufficiently matured. It is then under the effect of erroneous appreciation that the Masonic Assembly has voted the constitutional modifications, and nevertheless, such decisions have never been more full of danger to our Order."

These have always been our ideas, but our readers will remember that Bro. Caubert found fault with our view of the proceedings of the Convent.

Bro. Denis concluded his able letter with this aspiration, in which we heartily join:—"Let us hope that the members of the Council will know how to uphold the true interests of Freemasonry, and that instead of precipitating matters, and following out all the logical consequences of the vote of September, they will await the resolutions of the next Convent, which, less excited, and more enlightened by the facts than that of 1877, will know how to restore to our Institution its interior unity and its external prestige." We shall probably recur to this able letter of Bro. Denis, of Tours, in our next.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE SUNBURY LODGE, No. 1733,

The Sunbury Lodge, No. 1773, was consecrated on Saturday last at the Magpie Hotel, Sunbury, Middlesex, by Col. Burdett, Prov. G.M. for Middlesex. The arrangements at the hotel were admirable, and the room in which the new lodge was consecrated was most commodious and elegant. The efforts of the proprietor, Mr. Freeman, to render the brethren comfortable, and to make the lodge a desirable one to enter, were deserving of the greatest praise. There was a very nice party assembled to perform the ceremonies, and everything seemed to combine to render the day a success. The brethren present on the occasion were Bros. Col. Burdett, Prov. G.M., Middlesex; H. C. Levander, Prov. G. Secretary; Frederick Keily, Past Prov. G. Treas.; Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, Prov. G. Chaplain, Surrey; W. T. Howe, A.G.P.; W. H. Stephens, Adam Leigh, Joseph Harris, J. Llewellyn Jones, H. Whaley, William Clifton Crick, Rumston Dunn, F. C. Raggett, J.W., 181, 788; G. McArthur Low, J.D., 1670, I.G., 1589; Edmund G. Hislop, I.G., 1460; L. B. Pillin, W.M., 180; George P. Gillard, J.D., 657; Charles A. Potter, 657; H. Brette, P.M., 231; Henry Macdonald, 637; W. Boswall, 1622; E. F. Thomas, 1466; G. Townsend, 1460; R. Stone, 1460; G. Powell; Wm. S. Webster, P.M., 231; F. W. Levander, 231; Walter W. Martin, P.M., 53, 1460; James Boor, P.M., 370, 1460; Charles B. Payne, P.M., 27, G.T.; H. Wiles (Burdett), Wm. Hammond, P.M., 201, 1326, 1512, 1656, P.P.G.D., Middlesex; G. H. Powell, 771, P.M., 209, P.P.G.D.; H. Massey (Freemason), P.M., 619, and R. Gallar, S.W., 1670, Organist. Col. Burdett presided as W.M.; Bro. W. T. Howe was S.W.; Bro. F. Keily, J.W.; the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, Chaplain; Bro. W. Clifton Trick, Secretary; Bro. H. C. Levander, D.C.; and Bro. G. McArthur Low, I.G. After the lodge had been opened in due form, and the customary ceremonies performed, the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall delivered the oration. He said,—W.M. and brethren, at a ceremony like this I think the words addressed by the Chaplain are not unimportant, but that they are worthy of forethought and of digest as well. It was only a few days back that I was aware of the honour that would be paid me to assist in the consecration of this new lodge. I must, therefore, ask your indulgence, and that you will bear with me in any shortcomings that you may discover in my address to you this evening. When I look around this room and see the many excellent and worthy Masons who are here it seems unnecessary for me to say anything to them with regard to their duties. Yet it is an old custom, and a time-honoured one, that the Chaplain at a consecration should say a few words upon the nature and principles of our Order, so that the brethren may be reminded of the duties and responsibilities that will devolve on them and the great privileges that will be theirs. You are about now, so to speak, to launch your Masonic barque upon an ocean where you will oftentimes find darkness, dreariness, shoals, and quicksands in the way; but it will be yours to steer that vessel safely through all, and see that it bears aloft those great principles of our Order that have so many years afforded consolation to the brethren, and so that all may see in it the children of sorrow, especially the children of our common faith may see in it an ark of refuge. This, brethren, the great principles of our Order teach us, and this should be the feeling of every honest Mason's heart. When first God made this beautiful world he said, as you may remember, "Let there be light; and there was light"—light on all creation; light permeating on all around—light from God, the life of Heaven. And yet for years and years that light had no fixed dwelling place until "Solomon built him a house," and then the light of God, the divine Schechinalah, entered there and took its place between the cherubims. And then King Solomon sent for Hiram of Tyre, who was cunning in the working of metals; and he, as you know, made two large pillars of the Temple—"one on the right he called Jachin, and the other on the left he called Boaz." And then arose the light of Freemasonry. That light has been handed down from them to us in all its purity, and that light it is your duty, brethren of the new lodge, to carry on pure and unsullied, and to cause its "bright beams," one of which is in your lodge shining on you, to spread on all both far and near. And remember, too, the obligation that you have taken, that your hand given to a brother Mason should be a sure pledge of brotherhood, that your feet should go long distances to unite with his and preserve him from danger; that the posture of your daily supplications should remind you of his wants; and that your breast should be the repository of his secrets, and that you would at all times preserve his character harmless from calumny. That was your obligation, your vow; and that vow, mind you, was registered in heaven. And then, again, think of what you represent, the officers of your new lodge—the ages of man. The W.M., when at sunrise he opens his lodge prefigures the happy time of childhood when all seems bright and beautiful and wears a roscate hue. The J.W., when he marks the sun's meridian, points to the meridian of our days, that time when we had health and strength; and, remember, you should dedicate some portion of that to the glory of the Great Architect, the God of our common race. And when at eve the S.W. closes the lodge at the W.M.'s command, he is a type of that time when the aged Mason, worn with infirmity and years, sinking down to his rest, feels that he is about to be transferred from his lodge on earth, we trust, to God's great lodge above. Brethren, I will not keep you longer, as time presses, but I will now merely thank you for the attention you have paid to the few words that I have been permitted to address to you. If ought that I have said has fallen "upon good ground," if but one word of mine has entered a brother Mason's heart, there to lie dormant it may be for days, or months,

or years, but yet at last to fructify for the glory of his Maker and the good of our noble Order, my little work this day has been ably done, and to the Great Architect be all the glory and the thanks. Brethren, you have my hearty good wishes for all that success to attend you which I feel that you will so justly merit. May the Great Architect shed upon you the influences of His gracious presence, "and guide your feet into the way of peace;" and if even you should feel your brotherly love and harmony grow cold, look to Him, and ask him that it may be revived, and that those affections which may seem so cold and feeble now may burst into a brighter flame till all your hearts—all our hearts—are united in one sacred bond of love to man and harmony with each other. Col. Burdett then said he should like to say a few words to the brethren, as was customary at the formation of a new lodge. In the present case he thought the W.M. and Wardens had been well selected, for they were brethren who were very efficient. The brethren present knew them pretty well, and were aware that they were thoroughly acquainted with the rules and regulations of the Order. Still it might be as well to remind them that it was not advisable in any case whatever to endeavour to get as large a body together as possible, but to keep the number under control, and answerable to all the laws of the lodge and the Order in general. By getting a great number of members into a lodge they might often find a lodge become unwieldy; and, therefore, it would be as well for the bye-laws to restrict the number. There were a great many things to be considered on this subject, and, of course, it would be necessary to be very particular as to whom they admitted into the lodge. It was not advisable that every gentleman in the neighbourhood who sought admission should be admitted; but due enquiry should be made about him before he was admitted, and the proposer and the seconder should be able to state positively that they were in a position to say he would be a credit to the lodge. If an indifferent gentleman was admitted—some one of an unruly temper—he might create a great deal of dissension and ill-feeling in the lodge. As far as the ballot went, he thought there might be opportunities when the exercise of it disadvantageously to a candidate might be avoided altogether. If a brother had an objection to a candidate, it was a very simple course for him to adopt, to state to the Secretary that he did not think it advisable that such a candidate should be admitted. It would then be for the Secretary to recommend the proposer and seconder to withdraw their candidate, and so avoid the necessity of blackballing him. He merely threw this out as a hint as to how the blackball might be avoided. It was a very disagreeable thing to use the blackball when a candidate was brought forward, and a little judgment would obviate the difficulty. The consecration ceremony was then proceeded with, and concluded; after which Col. Burdett requested Bro. W. Clifton Crick to assume the chair, and instal the W.M. Bro. Crick having taken Col. Burdett's place, afterwards installed Bro. W. H. Stevens as W.M., and the following brethren were appointed and invested:—Bro. Adam Leigh, S.W.; Bro. Joseph Harris, J.W.; Bro. J. Llewellyn Jones, Treasurer; Bro. H. Whaley, S.D.; and Bro. Longstaff, Tyler. Bro. Crick delivered the addresses, and the lodge then elected Col. Burdett, Bro. the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, Bro. W. T. Howe, Bro. F. Keily, and Bro. Levander honorary members of the lodge, and passed a vote of thanks to them for having consecrated the lodge. Lodge was closed after these brethren had acknowledged the compliment, and the brethren partook of a first-rate banquet. The loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured; but the speeches in which they were proposed were very short, in order that the brethren might not miss the last train. Bro. W. T. Howe, A.G.P., replied for "The Pro and Deputy Grand Masters and Grand Officers," and expressed the great pleasure it gave him to assist at the consecration of this lodge, or whenever he was called upon to be of any service to Freemasonry. Col. Burdett replied to the toast of "The Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex." He had held, he said, the position of Provincial Grand Master for a considerable number of years, and he had found that, if it was not for the support he had received from the Provincial Grand Officers and the brethren of the province in general, he should not have been able to carry on his duties. He felt confident that the addition to the Order which had been made by this new lodge would not render him less assistance. He was grateful for the manner in which he had been supported, and he could not omit to mention, now that he was on the subject of support, that the assistance he had received from the Provincial Grand Secretary (Bro. Levander) very much relieved him of his burden. He would do everything he could for the benefit of the brethren of the Order, and when he found what excellent brethren they had in the province of Middlesex, he felt that they deserved encouragement. Bro. Burdett next proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and complimented him on the admirable manner in which he had that evening performed his duties. The W.M., in reply, said he should not have attempted to put himself forward as the W.M. of a new lodge if he had not felt he was able to perform the duties of the office. All the officers were actuated by the same feeling. The lodge started under very favourable circumstances. It was honoured by being consecrated by the Provincial Grand Master, and it started out of debt. That to a great extent was due to the great kindness of Bro. Rumston Dunn, who had contributed the furniture to the lodge. The W.M. next gave "The Consecrating Officers," and the toast was replied to by Bro. H. C. Levander, who regretted that the Rev. Bro. A. W. Hall had been obliged to leave before this toast was reached. He (Bro. Levander) was pleased to have assisted at the ceremony that evening, and it gave all the Prov. Grand Officers pleasure to see another lodge added to the already long roll of lodges which were under the care of Col. Burdett. He felt quite certain the lodge

would go on and be a credit to itself and to the province in which it had been consecrated.

Bro. W. S. Webster replied for "The Visitors," and Bro. W. Clifton Crick for "The Treasurer and Secretary." The S. W. replied for "The Officers," and the brethren then left for town.

Bro. Hislop, Bro. Gallar and other brethren entertained the company with some excellent music.

### THE POPLAR BOARD OF WORKS AND THE FREEMASONS.

Extract of proceedings at a meeting of the Poplar Board of Works on the 26th February 1878:—

The General Purposes Committee recommended that the use of the hall belonging to the Board be granted, pursuant to certain conditions, for the purposes of the meetings of the All Saints, Poplar, Lodge of Freemasons.

Mr. Edgcombe opposed the recommendation, on the ground that it would be opening the door to a reprehensible practice, and if the use of it were granted to Masons, why not to Odd Fellows, Buffaloes, &c.? (Laughter.)

Mr. Langdon seconded the motion, observing that the offices of the Board were different to the Town Hall. The latter might be said to be for the purposes of the ratepayers, but the former was for the use of the representatives of the district, and should in his opinion, be kept for that purpose. If the Board's offices were let to the Freemasons he feared that it would be the means of giving the members of that body a preponderating influence on the Board.

Mr. Edinger regretted that Freemasonry had been spoken of in the way that it had been, as he claimed for it that it was one of the most religious bodies in the world, and, as a charitable institution alone, it was most valuable. Therefore he thought that the district ought to be proud to have a lodge in the hall, and those who opposed it did so because they were unenlightened and did not know better. (Laughter.)

Mr. Burney was at first inclined to support the motion, but, upon looking at the matter again, he feared it would be opening the door to other societies.

Mr. Gibbon asked if there were any other applications? The Clerk said he had received two, one of which was evidently a joke, and the other purported to come from a gentleman who, he was informed, had not written it.

Mr. Bracebridge spoke in favour of the committee's recommendation.

Mr. Gibbon said he was informed that there was an application for the use of the hall for a Buffalo Lodge—(laughter)—and that he believed was a very worthy organization. According to the rules, the committee had power to enter every meeting held in the hall, and they might determine to enter the lodge.

Mr. Edinger: They would never come out again. (Laughter.)

Mr. Cook asked whether the lodge would dine at the hall, and being answered in the negative, observed that he had always associated the meetings of a lodge with dining. There were, however, two scales of terms for the use of the hall, and he should not object if the higher fee of four guineas was charged.

Mr. Fenner and Mr. Bradshaw spoke in favour of the granting of the hall, and after observations from Messrs. Rugg, Nock, Sherrard, and Symmons, the last of whom said the Shoreditch Vestry had acceded to a like application, a vote was taken and the recommendation to allow the use of the hall was negatived by 15 to 10.—*Eastern Post*.

The application by the Freemasons of Poplar for the use of the hall of the Poplar Board of Works for the meetings of their lodge, has been refused. Without entering with Mr. Edinger into the "religiousness" or "charitable-ness" of the order, we cannot but think that the advocates for the letting of the hall to the Freemasons had the best of the argument. For all that the opponents of the application could urge in support of their position was that if the privilege was granted to the Freemasons other orders, such as the Oddfellows, Foresters, and Buffaloes, would claim the same privilege. And why not? Surely a better use could not be made of such places than in permitting the use of them to bodies of men who enrol themselves in such societies for the sake of benefiting themselves and fellow men. Such buildings as that in which the Poplar Board hold their meetings have been erected at the expense of the ratepayers; and it is surely not asking too much, when a Craft like that of the Freemasons seek for the use of a single room for a few hours every month, and for which accommodation they are perfectly prepared to pay. Many persons refrain from joining benefit societies simply because they are held at public-houses; but it is certain that if applications from such societies are treated in the same spirit by other parish authorities as the one that emanated from the All Saints Lodge of Freemasons was by the Poplar Board of Works on Tuesday, the ratepayers of London, who are largely interested in charitable and benefit societies, will take care to find some means whereby they may have some share in the management of parochial buildings, which have been built, and are maintained out of the rates. These Vestry and Town Halls are, as a rule, used for parish business but once a fortnight, and for any body of men to decide that they shall be barred and bolted except on these occasions is "a dog in the manger" proceeding which we are sure will be condemned by the ratepayers.—*Tower Hamlets Independent*

NOTE.—The application for the use of the Hall was signed by Bros. Fenner (Treasurer) Bracebridge (Secretary), and Turner (Junior Deacon) of All Saints Lodge, the Clerk to the Board, Bro. Farnfield, being W.M.; the Accountant, W. Potts, being Senior Deacon, the Medical Officer, Analyst, and Collector of the Board being members of the lodge.

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

#### PINE'S LIST OF LODGES, 1735.

We are indebted to Bro. Kenneth R. H. Mackenzie for a transcript of Pine's List of Lodges, as printed in Bernard Picart's celebrated work. The list is almost "verbatim et literatim" as Pine's List of 1734, which was transcribed for me most kindly by Bro. James Newton, from a copy in possession of Bro. John Tunnah (of Bolton), and reprinted in the *Masonic Magazine*. In early days, Bro. Matthew Cooke and others claimed that the list now transcribed by Bro. Mackenzie represented the lodges under the Grand Lodge of all England held at York, but that notion was exploded by me in my "Masonic Sketches and Reprints." The list is evidently of a later date than the 1734 by Pine, as No. 129, at Plymouth is in the transcript by Bro. Mackenzie and only to 128 is in mine, but else they are almost identical. I have just received with other kind notices an account of the constitution of No. 129 at Plymouth, from Bro. William Clarke, of Shepton Mallett, who has discovered the notice in a London paper of that period.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

#### COLE'S LIST OF LODGES.

Absence from home has prevented me replying promptly to Bro. Hughan's communication in your issue of the 23rd ult., and likewise thanking him for information so kindly tendered. I am glad to say, that through the kindness of one of our oldest Cumberland Craftsmen, Bro. Jos. Nicholson, P.M. 371, P.P.G.S.W., I have been favoured with some most valuable particulars and statistics as to extinct lodges in the two counties, which, with a perusal of old minute books, &c., I have no doubt will enable me to compile a history of Freemasonry in the two counties with greater facility than Bro. Hughan seems to be aware of; at the same time, I have especially to thank Bro. Hughan for the note about the Old Cockermouth Lodge, now No. 264, at Batley, and re-named Nelson of the Nile. This, of itself, has put me on the track of what will turn out invaluable and interesting in the object I have in view.

Bro. Hughan is quite correct as to the present lodge, numbered 119, at Whitehaven, the date on the warrant of which is May 16th, 1768. The centenary was held in 1868. This fact, however, is suggestive of an important discrepancy, viz., that Lodge 119 should have precedence over Lodge 129, Kendal, the date of whose warrant is 1764. Again, the "Cosmopolitan Calendar," ever since it was first published, has the date 1762, as the foundation of Lodge 119. As to the number on the gas globes and "firing glasses," Bro. Tyson, a member of Lodge 119, informs me it is 138, the designation of the lodge from 1832 to 1863. Bro. Tyson adds, however, that they have some old glasses with the figures 154, and he believes they belonged to what was called the Gentlemen's Lodge, the warrant of which he thinks is at Maryport. I am now endeavouring to make out the truth of the latter assumption.

W. F. LAMONBY.

#### LADY FREEMASONRY.

There has lately been a revival of the Lady Freemason question, and the following authentic advertisements may be amusing to your readers in relation to it.

KENNETH R. H. MACKENZIE.  
FOR FEMALE SATISFACTION.

Whereas the mystery of Freemasonry has been kept a profound secret for several ages, till at length some men assembled themselves at the Dover Castle, in the parish of Lambeth, under pretence of knowing the secret, and likewise in opposition to some gentlemen that are real Freemasons, and hold a lodge at the same house; therefore to prove that they are no more than pretenders, and as the ladies have sometimes been desirous of gaining knowledge of the noble art, several regular made Masons (both ancient and modern) members of constituted lodges in this metropolis, have thought proper to unite into a select body at Beau Silvester's, the sign of the Angel, Bull Stairs, Southwark, and style themselves Unions, think it highly expedient, and in justice to the fair sex, to initiate them therein, provided they are women of undeniable character; for though no lodge as yet (except the Free Union Masons) have thought proper to admit women into the fraternity, we, well knowing they have as much right to attain to the secrets as those Castle humbugs have thought proper so to do, not doubting but they will prove an honour to the Craft; and as we have had the honour to inculcate several worthy sisters therein, those that are desirous, and think themselves capable of having the secret conferred on them, by proper application, will be admitted, and the charges will not exceed the expenses of our lodge.—*Publick Advertiser*, March 7, 1759.

C. LOGE C.

Avertissement aux dames, etc.,—Pour venir que les Freres Massons ne sont par telles que le public les a representees en particulier la sexe feminine, cet loge juge a propos de recevoir des femmes aussi bien que des hommes.

N.B.—Des dames seront introduits dans la loge avec la ceremonie accoutumee ou le serment ordinaire et le real secret leur seront administrees. On commencera a recevoir des Dames, Jeudi, 11 de Mars, 1762, at Mrs. Maynard's, next door to the Lying Inn Hospital, Brownlow-street, Long Acre. La porte sera ouverte a 6 heures du Soir. Les Dames et Messieurs sont priees de ne pas venir apres Sept. Le prix est £1 1s.—*Newspaper*, 1762.

A new dramatic version of *The Vicar of Wakefield* is to be produced at the Court Theatre.

### Obituary.

BRO. DR. J. V. WORTHINGTON, P.M. 220.

No more solemn scene has probably ever been presented in the usually quiet town of Garston, about six miles from Liverpool, than was witnessed Saturday, the 9th instant, on the occasion of the funeral of our much lamented Bro. Dr. J. V. Worthington, P.M. of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 220, meeting at the Wellington Hotel, Garston. The suddenness of his death, his extreme popularity in the place, and his well recognised Masonic enthusiasm, combined to make the occasion one of extraordinary interest, and to elicit an amount of universal sympathy which has probably never been equalled here. He was only 35 years of age, and died on the previous Wednesday, from inflammation of the lungs, after only two days' illness, leaving a widow and four children. The deceased had resided for 14 years in Garston, and his professional practice may be said to have grown with the place, there being scarcely a public medical office in the place which he did not fill at the time of his death. As a result of this extensive professional connection, he became well acquainted with nearly every resident, from whom he received, as he merited, "golden opinions;" and the general sorrow at the loss sustained by his death was clearly shown on Saturday afternoon in the sad and becoming demeanour of the thousands who thronged the streets through which the solemn funeral procession passed, as well as in the closed shops and the curtained windows of every house on the line of route. At the time of his death Bro. Dr. Worthington held the posts of medical officer to the guardians of the Garston district, the surgeoncy of the local board the surgeoncies of the L. A. V. (Garston contingent), of the police force, of the Cheshire Lines Railway servants, the Garston Friendly Society, and of the orders of Oddfellows, Foresters, and Druids. The deep respect felt for him by these various sections of the public was cherished in even a higher sense by the Masonic fraternity, of which he was a valued member. He was one of the P.M.'s of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 220, which now meets at the Wellington Hotel, Garston, and also P.Z. of the chapter attached to the lodge, besides occupying the proud position of being one of the past officers of the Provincial Grand Chapter. His zeal for the Masonic order was well known, and in token of respect felt for his memory there was an attendance of between 60 and 70 brethren from various lodges in Liverpool, as well as those belonging to the "Harmony" at Garston. These brethren assembled at the Wellington Hotel (Bro. J. Wood's), and, having formed in procession four deep, they marched to the late residence of their deceased brother, each wearing a sprig of acacia. The Masonic arrangements were most satisfactorily conducted by Bro. S. Tickle, W.M. 220, and Bro. James Wood, 220; and amongst others of the Masonic fraternity present were Bros. J. Hughes, I.P.M.; W. Vines, P.M., Treasurer, W.M. 1299, P.D.G.C.; C. Leedham, P.M.; R. Jones, P.M.; G. Price, S.W.; T. F. Hill, J.W.; J. Carter, Secretary; J. Tewkesbury, S.D.; H. Hatch, J.D.; A. Sharples, I.G.; T. Wainwright, S.; J. N. Clarke, Organist; T. B. Tellet, J. W. Pickering, W. Peck, C. Sayer, W. H. Lovelady, E. O. C. Rothwell, P. M. 1356, H. 220; T. B. Myers, P.M. 1182, J. 220; Captain T. Berry, P.M. 155; R. Martin, jun., P.M. 1182; J. Neill, 1356; F. J. Jeffery, 1094; T. Roberts, P.M. 673; E. Kyle, P.M. 673, P.Z. 220; W. P. Vines, S.S. 1570; D. Taylor, J. Blair, S. Chambers, H. W. Paine, G. E. Clampit, W. G. Sharpe, W. Jones, P.M. 1299; J. Clarke, R. Clark, J. Binns, Dr. E. Bellis, J. Birchall, D. Wainwright, W. Oliver, W. Gore, J. Phillips, J. Robinson, Captain Gray, P. Askew, &c. Arrived at the late residence of the deceased, the brethren opened to the right and left of the road, and a detachment of the 15th L.A.V. shortly afterwards took up their position. There were altogether about 180 officers and men present, including the band. The officers were Major Shirley, Major Hawkes, Captain Sutton (in charge of a firing party of 100 men); and the pall-bearers were Captain Gilbey, Captain J. J. Glitherow, Captain Williams, Lieutenant Walker, Lieutenant Biggs, Lieutenant Croft, and Surgeon Casper. There were also present members of the orders of Druids, Oddfellows, and Foresters wearing mourning scarfs, and about a dozen men of the local fire brigade. A strong detachment of police were under the direction of Mr. Inspector Johnston. The coffin, containing the body of the deceased, on being removed from the house, was placed on trestles in the street, where it was enveloped in the Union Jack, and his volunteer hat and sword were placed on the top. Preceded by the band of the corps playing the "Dead March" in "Saul," the body was borne, shoulder high, by members of the corps, immediately followed on foot by Mr. F. Warne, Mr. W. Postlethwaite, Mr. H. W. Crosby, Mr. T. Dodgson (relatives of the deceased), Mr. S. Ross, Mr. F. Toft, and Mr. H. Coleman (intimate friends of the family). Then came the volunteers, with arms reversed, followed by the Freemasons, then the members of the other orders, and a large body of the general public. The streets were lined on either side by throngs of spectators, and the numerous tearful faces, closed shops, and lowered window blinds testified to the universal respect for the departed and to the sympathy for his widow and family. The interment took place in the churchyard of St. Michael's Church, of which the deceased was the vicar's warden. As the body was being taken into the sacred edifice, which was crowded by an evidently deeply impressed congregation, a minor voluntary was played by the organist, Mr. J. Williams, and as the body was being taken out to its last resting place the "Dead March" was played. The funeral service in church and at the grave was conducted by the Rev. J. F. Hewson, B. A., assisted by the Rev. Orrill, M.A. A surprised choir sang in church the 288th Hymn, "A few more years shall pass," and at the grave side the 165th Hymn. The whole of the Masonic brotherhood present threw sprigs of acacia into the grave, and, three volleys having been fired by the



volunteers, the impressive burial service came to a close. The Freemasons accompanied the friends and relatives of the deceased back to his late residence in Russel-road. Bro. S. Tickle, W.M. of the Lodge of Harmony, in subsequently addressing the brethren at the Wellington Hotel, referred to the solemn nature of the gathering that day, to pay a last tribute of respect to a dear and worthy brother, whose valuable advice they had often sought, and whose counsel was always given most kindly. All who knew Dr. Worthington would revere his memory; and while, as Masons, they deeply regretted his loss, they most heartily sympathised with his widow and family in their sad and sudden bereavement.

#### THE PRINCE OF WALES IN PARIS.

As our readers will have seen by the daily papers, our Royal Grand Master has been presiding at several meetings of the commissioners of the Exhibition at Paris, and so we take this interesting extract with respect to the subject from our contemporary the *Graphic*. It will probably much interest many of our brethren.

The vast but somewhat unbecoming building in the Champ de Mars, wherein it is intended to display during the present year a World's Fair of art and manufactures, is divided longitudinally into two sections. The eastern section appertains to France, the western section to foreign countries, and of this space, as befits the "nation boutique," more than one fourth is occupied by England and her Colonies. Part of the vestibule is devoted to the Indian works brought home by the Prince of Wales, and the hall at the end to products from the colonies. The Prince, it may be observed, is by no means content to be an Honorary President of the English Commission. He works hard at his duties, diligently informs himself daily concerning the work, and fairly surprises the officials of the Exhibition by the extent and correctness of his knowledge.

The various longitudinal galleries of the Exhibition building are divided from each other by open-air passages, and that which in the foreign department divides the art gallery from the manufacturing gallery is to have a *facade* illustrating the various styles of national architecture. It was originally intended to occupy the British portion of this interior *facade* with a *fasci-rile* of the river front of the Houses of Parliament, but the space would not admit of it (all the better, say we, for the nation need not feel very proud of that most costly specimen of gingerbread work), and there will be instead a collection of the various styles of domestic architecture, from the Elizabethan down to the modern model labourer's cottage. Behind a portion of this *facade*, which represents the architecture of the fifteenth century, are a set of rooms which are being constructed for the use of the Prince and the Princess of Wales, comprising reception rooms, a study, and a spacious dining saloon. The decorations, which are of the most costly character, are being carried out under the superintendence of Messrs. Gillow, of Oxford Street.

The principal part of the building faces the river, and is divided from the galleries by a huge vestibule, with a large dome in the centre and two small domes at the sides. Half this vestibule has been made over to us, and is devoted to the exhibition of the Prince of Wales's Indian presents. On Saturday last the Prince paid a visit of two hours to the Exhibition buildings, and made a close inspection of the British and Colonial Departments. His Royal Highness paid a second visit on Monday. The Indian section is now almost complete. The immense rose windows of the ceiling, the side columns, and the floor are ready, and the glass is waiting to be painted. The exhibition cases are continually arriving, and everything shows that the British Commission has been very active. "The real co-operation," says the *Times*, "which the Prince of Wales has given to the enterprise, shows that France has in him a very powerful auxiliary in the rather venturesome work she has undertaken."

#### A PRAISEWORTHY EFFORT.

The Yorkshire brethren have been long famed for their Masonic enthusiasm, and the establishment of a Masonic Institution for the education of the children of deceased members of the Fraternity is a step in the right direction. With the view of helping the charity which is called the West Yorkshire Masonic Educational Institution, concerts were given at the Albert Hall, Leeds, on the 25th and 26th ult., by what is termed the "Leeds Amateur Minstrel Troupe," the members of which are nearly all brethren of the Godrich and Excelsior Lodges. The hall was crowded on each occasion by fashionable audiences, and as a result of this praiseworthy effort it is expected that over £100 will be handed over to the funds of the Institution. The "Brother Minstrel's" performances were exceedingly good, valuable assistance being given by Bro. Blagro, a very promising tenor, and Bro. H. Gill, of Liverpool, whose performance on the "Fairy Bells" again proved a musical treat of the most delightful kind, evoking great enthusiasm. The Leeds press was unanimous in its verdict, in saying that this was undoubtedly the best amateur troupe which has ever been heard in Yorkshire, and great praise is due to Bros. W. B. Townend, Broughton, Winn, Calverley, Cox, and others, for securing a result which is so creditable and worthy of imitation, and in providing two concerts which were an honour to the Masonic Fraternity.

**HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.**—Rheumatism or Neuralgic Affections.—No diseases are more frequent, painful, or difficult to cure than these. From their attacks no tissue of the human body is exempt—no age, sex, or calling secure. It is a blessing, however, to know that all these sufferings may be completely and expeditiously subdued by Holloway's remedies. The Pills must assist in banishing the tendency to rheumatism and similar painful disorders; whilst the Ointment cures the local ailments, the Pills remove the constitutional disturbance and regulate the impaired function of every organ throughout the human body.—A D.V.

#### ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this institution was held on Wednesday, at the Freemasons' Hall. Col. Creton, V.P. and Trustee, presided, and there were also present Bros. S. Rawson, Hyde Pullen, A. H. Tattershall, J. A. Farnfield, Charles H. Hill, J. Newton, James Brett, Benj. Head, Edgar Bowyer, C. A. Cottebrune, Capt. N. G. Philips, Joseph Smith, W. Hilton, A. J. Duff Filer, Thos. W. White, W. Stephens, Thos. Cubitt, William F. Nettleship, and James Terry, Secretary.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Terry read the letter from Messrs. Lawrance, Plews, and Baker announcing the stoppage of Messrs. Willis, Percival, and Co., the late bankers to the institution. He then said the brethren would perhaps like to be informed of the amount of indebtedness of Messrs. Willis and Co. to the institution. On the 1st January, 1878, the institution had a balance at the bankers of £1245 1s. 7d. To this had to be added dividends received by the bankers, £347 10s. 10d.; subscriptions paid in direct, £2; Grand Chapter, £37 10s.; donations and subscriptions, £829 6s. 6d.; making a total of £2461 8s. 11d. From this had to be deducted sums expended, £1478 0s. 4d.; but out of this cheques for £78 12s. were still in the office, so that the balance remaining due was £1062 0s. 7d. To this, however, remained to be added interest on £3000 placed at call, from the 1st of January to the 28th of February, inclusive, £10 10s.; making the total indebtedness of the bank to the institution £1072 10s. 7d. Following on the failure, he had not sufficient money to pay the annuitants, £1300 being drawn on the morning of the day the bankers stopped, and he had to pay £1010 more to the widows. He then consulted Col. Creton, and, on his advice, paid in a sufficient number of cheques to the London and Westminster Bank (Bloomsbury Branch), and against that account would have to draw cheques to pay the widows. He, therefore, had to ask the Committee's consent to these cheques being drawn.

Bro. Joseph Smith, P.G.P., said that Bro. Terry could not have done better than go to the London and Westminster Bank. Grand Lodge had gone there, on the authority of the last meeting, for three months, and from all he could see and hear, he thought they were very likely to keep the account there. He would move, "That the London and Westminster Bank (Bloomsbury Branch) be the bankers of the institution."

Bro. Benjamin Head seconded the motion, which was thereupon put and carried.

Bro. Terry said he had now to ask for the authority of the Committee to the cheques that had to be drawn being signed by the Chairman of the day, and countersigned by the Secretary.

Bro. Joseph Smith moved, and Bro. Head seconded the proposition.

The motion was carried.

Bro. Terry then reported the death of three annuitants. The Warden's report, which was next read, was to the effect that on the 28th Feb., 1878, Bros. Col. Creton, R. W. Stewart, S. Rawson, and Dr. Strong visited the Institution with the Secretary, who paid the annuities. Bro. Matthew Pratt, No. 7, and Bro. G. Jeffery visited the Institution. Bro. Pratt kindly presented a fine marble bust of the late Grand Master, the Earl of Zetland, and a quantity of books to the Institution.

The report of the House Committee, which was next read, was as follows:—

The House Committee have to report that in conjunction with the Secretary they visited the Institution at Croydon on the 28th February last, being the day for payment of annuitants, who expressed themselves exceedingly grateful for all the comforts bestowed upon them.

That John Rhodes, the late gardener, was informed by them that he had been granted a pension of 10s. per week from the 1st March inst., and that he was no longer in the employ of the committee. That they have not yet engaged another gardener, but have had the grounds attended to temporarily by a person in the neighbourhood until they succeed in obtaining one permanently. That the building is in a thorough state of repair; your committee have much pleasure in reporting upon the greatly improved appearance of the rooms of the residents compared with what they were when the House Committee was first appointed, attributable in a great degree to the increased payment made them, and also to the circumstance that the visitation of the committee has imbued them with a greater amount of pride in their homes. This report was ordered to be received and entered on the minutes. Authority was then given to sign cheques for £1010, the Women's Annuities.

Bro. Terry said he had already paid into the London and Westminster Branch £3,000, and another £1,000 would be paid in on Thursday morning. For the information of the brethren, he begged to say that it had been suggested by friends of the Institution throughout the country that consequent upon the loss which this institution and the Boys' School would sustain by the failure of Messrs. Willis, Percival and Co., it would only require a small sum to be contributed by each locality to recover these two institutions. He would mention as a practical illustration of this suggestion, that a gentleman (a brother) came the day before to his office and said he was sorry the institution should sustain a loss; that he thought the Craft would make it up, and that he would wish to contribute his mite towards the amount. The brother then gave him a cheque in his own name for £100. Another gentleman, Bro. Gordon Robins, of the University Lodge, felt that the institution had lost the cheque for £39 contributed by his lodge to the late festival, thought that the institution might be in straits for money thereby, and presented him with his own cheque for £100 to help the institution out of any pressure.

Bro. A. J. Duff Filer wished to know what dividend might be expected out of the failure.

The Chairman said the question perhaps had better be postponed till the next meeting, by which time the brethren would probably be in possession of fuller information than they now had. The meeting of creditors had already been postponed. As to the suggested appeal to the Craft, that might stand for three months.

Bro. Terry said that all the London lodges were meeting now, and in three months they would be closing, and not meeting again till October.

Bro. Filer said the lodges which were asked to contribute would want to know how much was wanted.

Bro. Terry said that when the lodges met in October they would be preparing for the next year's festival. He thought while the feeling was warm it was a good time to make the appeal. There was nothing like doing it at the proper time. If the question was allowed to die out, the feelings of the brethren would have to be worked upon again. In answer to Bro. Filer, he said there might be a dividend of 3s. in the pound.

Bro. J. A. Farnfield thought it would be unfair to the festivals of the other Institutions to make an appeal on behalf of the Benevolent Institution now.

Bro. Terry said, it was proposed to be a joint appeal of this Institution and the Boys' School.

Bro. J. A. Farnfield said, surely it would militate against the success of the two other Institutions at their festivals.

Bro. Terry observed that the Girls' School had not sustained any loss.

It was then resolved to postpone this question for a month.

Bro. Terry asked whether the Stewards of the late festival were to be invited down to a view of the Asylum at Croydon. It was a course that had been pursued for the last three or four years, and had been attended with great success, and therefore he asked permission that the same thing might be done again.

The Chairman said, certainly. It had been a great success, and he thought they might repeat the course.

Bro. Joseph Smith said, yes, and after the late disaster at the bankers the visit might be productive of great good. He would move that the Stewards be invited to visit the institution.

Bro. Benjamin Head seconded the motion, which was put and carried.

Bro. Terry having retired from the room, Bro. Joseph Smith, P.G.P., pursuant to notice, moved, "That considering the great exertions of the Secretary, Bro. James Terry, at the last two festivals of the Institution, resulting in £24,000 being raised, he be presented with a gratuity of £50 from its funds." He said he was quite sure that all the brethren had but one object in view—the prosperity of the Institution. That prosperity, he need hardly say, depended very much on the exertions of the Secretary. All the brethren knew that the Institution had in Bro. Terry a very energetic Secretary. Since he had held that office the institution had been going on increasing in prosperity, and at the last two festivals they had seen what good he had done. That good could not have been done without great personal exertions. Some said his exertions were too great; but it was better that they should be too great than too small. At former festivals the Stewards' fee was three guineas, and out of that there was generally a balance which they could hand to the secretary. It was now, however, reduced to two guineas, and no balance remained over. As an encouragement then to the Secretary, who had worked very hard, he thought they should present him with some slight token of their appreciation. Even to-day he had mentioned the subject of making up the loss they had sustained, and as it was in a good cause the brethren would have no objection to it. No doubt they would get up all the money they wanted, and with a Secretary like Bro. Terry the success of the Institution was assured.

The motion having been seconded was carried unanimously.

Bro. Terry having been called in, the carrying of the motion was communicated to him by the Chairman. Bro. Terry, in acknowledging the compliment, said no exertions would be wanting on his part to conduct the business of the Institution in the best possible way. He thought it right to inform the brethren that the Chairman had had a great deal to do through the failure of the bankers, advising and planning, and to him great thanks were due.

The brethren then separated.

#### MASONIC BALL IN LIVERPOOL.

The sixth annual subscription ball, organised principally by brethren attached and belonging to the Alliance Lodge, No. 667, meeting in Liverpool, was held at the Royal Assembly Rooms, Great George-street, Liverpool, on Thursday evening, the 7th inst., and again proved a regular happy family gathering. The attendance numbered about eighty ladies and gentlemen, and as the whole of the arrangements were "At Lloyd's," there was nothing but general enjoyment by those who were present. The committee consisted of Bro. A. Bucknall, I.G. 667 (chairman); Bro. H. Firth, S.W. 667 (vice-chairman); Bro. Carter, 667; Bro. J. E. Jackson, P.M. 667; Bro. H. Eve, 667; Bro. Wm. Coates, 1356 and 1609; Bro. T. B. Myers, P.M. 1182; Bro. Sam. Bushell, 667; Bro. T. Benson, D.C.; and Bro. Archie Morrison, W.M. 1570 (the indefatigable Honorary Secretary and Treasurer). The supper and refreshments were in Bro. H. Eve's best style. Dancing was kept up until the "wee hours," to the music of Mr. Martin's quadrille band.

London General Omnibus Company (Limited). Traffic receipts, week ending March 10, 1878, 10,296l. 8s. 1d.; 1877, 9,505l. 10s. 3d.

## Masonic and General Tidings.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, has most kindly consented to preside at the 90th Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, which will take place on Friday, the 10th of May. The date has been altered from the 8th to suit his lordship.

The R.W. Bro. Capt. Hunter, F.R.S.E. and P.P.G.M. Aberdeenshire East, has been appointed at Grand Lodge of Scotland representative from the West India Islands. He has also received from the 33° Supreme Council of Scotland the 32°, for which he was elected last year.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Wellington Lodge of Instruction, 548, at the White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, by Bro. C. Nash, P.M. 79, on Monday next. The lodge will be opened at 7.30 precisely.

The well-known hippopotamus at the Zoological Gardens died on Monday night. He was caught while quite a baby, in 1849, on the island of Obayisch on the White Nile, and created an immense public excitement on his arrival at the "Zoo" in 1850, when the number of visitors rose from 168,895 in the preceding year to 360,402. Down to the time of his death he continued to be a prime favourite with the public, the arrival of his more juvenile mate "Adhel," in 1853, having in no degree lessened his attractiveness.

Her Majesty the Queen has forwarded through General Sir Thomas Biddulph her annual subscription of £50 to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

The Gazette states that Her Majesty's birthday will be kept on Saturday, May 25.

Baron Pollock has presented to Charing Cross Hospital £100, being part of his share of the proceeds of the sale of Serjeants'-in.

Mr. S. Morley, M.P., addressed a meeting at Nottingham on Tuesday in advocacy of the claims of the recently-established Cavendish College at Cambridge, which, he explained, it was intended to make self-supporting. Mr. Morley said everything taught by the ordinary colleges of Cambridge and Oxford would be secured by the new college, of the complete success of which he had no doubt. What the country required was a higher and better education, and parents must not be content with taking their sons away from school at the age of fifteen or sixteen. Higher intellectual culture must be aimed at.

In consequence of the Prince of Wales's visit to Liverpool, which will take place about the 29th inst., a portion of the quarterly wool sales will be held this week, in order that the sales may be concluded before His Royal Highness's arrival.

Bro. Captain Boyton has left Lisbon for Gibraltar. He will cross the Straits from Tangier to Gibraltar. This is considered a most dangerous undertaking, it being the season when sharks frequent the water.

The Obstetrical Museum belonging to the late Dr. Blundell has been purchased for the London School of Medicine for Women.

It is estimated that there are two thousand four hundred disorders to which the human frame is liable. When a man is laid up with rheumatism, he is apt to think that the entire number has struck him in concert.—*City Press*.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint E. Y. W. Henderson, Chief Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, Companion of the Order of the Bath, to be a Knight Commander of that Order.

The next meeting of The Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge, No. 1602, will be held on Friday next at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, N., on which occasion the election of W.M. and Treasurer for the ensuing year will take place. Both the night and place of meeting of the instruction lodge have been altered. It met for the last time on Friday at the King Edward VI., King Edward Street, Liverpool Road. The meetings for the future will be held on Tuesday evenings at 8 o'clock, at the Crown and Woolpack, St. John Street Road. Bro. J. R. Percy (J.W., United Strength), Preceptor.

Bro. J. S. Brown (862) will work the Fifteen Sections at the Constitutional Lodge of Instruction on Tuesday, April 23. A great treat is expected owing to the well known abilities of our esteemed brother.

A complimentary dinner was given to Bro. F. B. Chatterton, the lessee of Drury-lane Theatre, at Willis's Rooms, on Monday evening, Lord W. Lennox presiding. The dinner was given to mark the sense of the members of the theatrical profession at the manner in which Bro. Chatterton has managed the theatre during the term which is now approaching its close.

**THE HORSE GUARDS AND THE VOLUNTEERS.**—With reference to the recent attempt to induce the volunteers to assemble in Hyde Park to pass a resolution on the Eastern Question, the following district order has been issued from the Horse Guards:—The Major-general (commanding home district) desires that commanding officers of volunteer regiments will explain clearly to their men that volunteers, equally with her Majesty's other troops are forbidden to take part in any meetings, demonstrations or processions for party or political purposes.—By order (Signed) H. Blondell, Lieutenant-Colonel, Assistant Adjutant-General.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Prov. G.M., has been elected a Vice-President of the Royal Livery Fund.

The following stand over: Letters from Arthur Taylor, "P.G. Steward," "A Freemason," "P.M." reports of Lodges 1088, 1536.

The Consecration of the Gordon Lodge, No. 1726, took place on Wednesday afternoon. Bro. J. H. Scott, D.G.M. for Sussex, was the consecrating officer. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

Special services during Lent are held at the church of St. Anne, Westminster, every Friday evening at eight o'clock, when Bach's Passion St. John is sung with full orchestral accompaniment, under the direction of Mr. Barnby. Admission can be obtained only by tickets, to be had (free) of the churchwardens, Bro. S. Webb, 432, Oxford-street, W., and Bro. J. E. Shand, 2, Albert Mansions, Victoria-street, S.W.

A return as to penny banks established in the schools of the London School Board for the year ended 31st December last, shows that banks were established in connection with 40 schools; that the number of depositors was 9611; and that the deposits in the course of the year amounted to £3007 1s. 10d., the amount of withdrawals being £2527 13s. 4d.

With a view of promoting the holding of a great agricultural exhibition next year, under the direction of the Royal Agricultural Society, a public meeting was held at the Mansion House, the Lord Mayor presiding. The Duke of Richmond and Gordon, the Duke of Bedford, Lord Skelmersdale, the Hon. G. Waldegrave Leslie, Sir Thomas Dakin, Sir C. Whitham, and Mr. John Holms, M.P., were amongst the speakers.

The Prince of Wales presided on Wednesday evening at a dinner at Willis's Rooms, given in aid of the funds of the National Orphan Home for Girls. Lord Suffield, Lieutenant-General Sir Dighton Probyn, and Major Russell were in attendance on his Royal Highness.

The Berlin correspondent of the *Morning Post* states that the Shah will start for Europe on the 5th of April.

The Wanderers' Chapter, No. 1604, will be consecrated on Tuesday next, at Freemasons' Hall, by Lieut.-Gen. J. S. Brownrigg, C.B., G. Sup. Surrey, assisted by the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P. Asst. Soj. The Principals Designate are Comp. T. H. Meredith, M.E.Z.; Comp. W. J. Parish, H.; and Comp. T. R. Mellisham, J. A full report will appear in our next.

The Council of the Royal Institute of British Architects recommended that, subject to her Majesty's sanction, the Royal Gold Medal for 1877-78 shall be awarded to Mr. Alfred Waterhouse, A.R.A.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS  
For the Week ending Friday, March 22, 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, MARCH 16.

Lodge 715, Panmure, Cannon-st. Hot.  
" 1329, Sphinx, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.  
" 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.  
" 1597, Musgrave, Angel and Crown Hot., Staines.

## 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, MARCH 18.

Lodge 1, Grand Masters, F.M. Tav.  
" 8, British, F.M.H.  
" 21, Emulation, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 58, Felicity, 101, Queen Victoria-st.  
" 185, Tranquillity, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 720, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.  
" 862, Whittington, F.M.H.  
" 901, City of London, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
" 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, F.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, MARCH 19.

Board of General Purposes, at 3.  
Lodge 30, United Mariners', Guildhall Tav.  
" 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot.  
" 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 162, Cadogan, F.M.H.  
" 194, St. Paul's, Cannon-st. Hot.  
" 435, Salisbury, F.M.H.  
" 704, Camden, Bull and Gate, Kentish Town.  
" 857, St. Mark's, S.M.H.  
" 1635, Canterbury, 33, Golden-sq.  
Chap. 46, Old Union, Albion, Aldersgate-st.  
" 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-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 Bldgs., 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 Edgcumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20.

Lodge of Benevolence.  
Grand Stewards  
" 140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich.  
" 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
" 190, Oak, F.M.H.  
" 700, Nelson, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.  
" 969, Maybury, Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's Inn.  
" 1044, Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hot.  
" 1150, Buckingham and Chandos, F.M.H.  
" 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutchedfriars.  
" 1382, Corinthian, George Hot., Glengall-rd., E.  
" 1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 1624, Eccleston, Grosvenor Hall, Ebury-st., S.W.  
" 1629, United, F.M.H.  
" 1673, Langton, 101, Queen Victoria-st.  
Mark 144, Grosvenor, 68, Regent-st., W.  
" 181, Francis Burdett, Albany Hot., Twickenham.

## 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.  
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters-rd.  
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.  
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.  
United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.  
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.  
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.  
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.  
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 21.

House Com. Girls' School, at 4.  
Lodge 23, Globe, F.M.H.  
" 49, Giltan, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
" 55, Constitutional, Inns of Court Hot.  
" 63, St. Mary's, F.M.H.  
" 169, Temperance, White Swan, High-st, Deptford.  
" 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 181, Universal, F.M.H.  
" 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.  
" 813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch, Hoxton.  
" 1139, South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.  
" 1278, Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Approach-rd.  
" 1287, Great Northern, F.M.H.  
" 1365, Clapton, White Hart Tav., Clapton.  
" 1475, Peckham, S.M.H.  
" 1512, Hemming, Lion Hot., Hampton.  
" 1623, West Smithfield, New Market Hot., Kings-Encamp. E., Obscure, 14, Bedford-row.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

## FRIDAY, MARCH 22.

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

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., at 6 p.m.  
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.  
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.  
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.  
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.  
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.  
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.  
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.  
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penners-fields, Poplar.  
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 8.  
Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.  
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.  
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.

Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-rd.  
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.  
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.  
Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.  
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Ho., Goulborne-rd., Notting-hill.  
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot. London-st., Greenwich

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##### MONDAY, MARCH 18.

Lodge 613, Unity, Palatine Buildings, Southport.  
" 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool.  
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

##### TUESDAY, MARCH 19.

Lodge 178, Antiquity, Royal Hot., Wigan.  
" 667, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hot., Barrow.  
" 1276, Warren, Stanley Arms, Seacombe.  
" 1325, Stanley, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1384, Equity, Pulford Chambers, Widnes.  
" 1570, Prince Arthur, M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.  
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
Bootle L. of I., 146, Berry-st., Bootle.

##### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20.

Lodge 537, Zetland, M.H., Birkenhead.  
" 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1061, Triumph, M.H., Lytham.  
" 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale Hall, Kirkdale.  
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys Hot., Eccles.  
" 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.  
" 1403, West Lancashire, Commercial Hot., Ormskirk.  
Chap. 580, Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.  
De Grey and Ripon L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.  
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

##### THURSDAY, MARCH 21.

Lodge 203, Ancient Union, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 343, Concord, Militia Rooms, Preston.  
" 425, Cestrian, Eastgate-row, Chester.  
" 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.  
" 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hotel., W. Derby.  
Chap. 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.  
Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

##### FRIDAY, MARCH 22.

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

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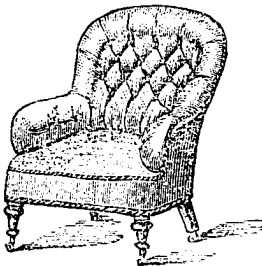
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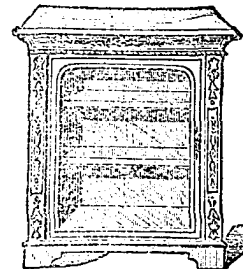
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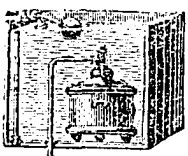
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