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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

ST. MARK'S LODGE (No. 857).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on Tuesday, the 19th inst. at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell. There were present Bros. A. J. Adams, W.M.; Dr. Wynn Williams, W.M. elect; H. G. Green, S.W.; C. H. R. Harrison, P.M., Treas.; H. E. Frances, P.P.G.D., Sec.; W. Atkins, S.D.; E. Hamilton, I.G.; W. Harris, D.C.; Crouch, P.M.; Scaton, M.D., P.M.; King, P.M.; Bilton, E. Loyd Lavington, Armstrong, Winslow, Fox, Satchell, Corks, A. Thompson, M.D. Visitors: Bros. Wallace, P.M. 32; Vose, P.M. 170; V. Williams, 1509; Ramsay, M.D., P.M. 165; Trevelyan Knyster Lee, 975; Carter, 211; Burford, 173; Sanderson, 1360; Jeffs, 19; Mellor, 28; Bale, 538; Harrison, P.M. 227; Atkins, W.M. 890; Dr. E. Paswer, 82; Sewely, 167. After the opening of the lodge the confirmation of the minutes and the adoption of auditor's report, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Harrison, P.M., took the chair and proceeded to instal Bro. Wynn Williams, a ceremony he performed with his usual ability, and he was greeted with warm applause on its close. Bro. Harrison, is the father of the lodge, and the installation ceremony always receives an excellent rendering at his hands. Bro. Frances, P.M., P.P.G.D., officiated as Director of the Ceremonies. The following brethren were appointed to the various offices, viz., Bros. Green, S.W.; Atkins, J.W., Frances, Secretary; Harrison, Treasurer; Edwards, S.D.; Hamilton, J.D.; Harris, S.S.; Fryer, D.C. The brethren then adjourned to a recherche banquet, the menu had been specially selected by the W.M., Dr. Wynn Williams, and the menu cards had been tastefully and artistically decorated by the wife of the W.M., and were much admired. The usual toasts were given and duly responded to, the evening's enjoyment being much enhanced by the musical abilities of Bro. Fox.

IVY LODGE (No. 1441).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, at the Surrey Masonic Hall. The W.M., Bro. Chas. F. Poupard, presided, and was supported by a great number of brethren. Among the visitors were Bros. Groves, J.D. 749; Meredith, W.M. 1257; Parsons, P.M. 749; H. Massey (Freemason), P.M. 607; Farwig, S.W. 180; Clifford, W.S. 189; Nott, J.W. 87; Cruse, 1381; Russell, 1319; Townsend, 301; Pendell, 1319; Goodall, 1567; Watts, 1201; Carnes, P.M. 22; Chas. May, S.W. 780; Willis, 3; Drew, 749; and Dr. Farr, 1275 and 1351. Among the P.M.'s were Bros. Charles Smith, J. I. Cantle, and George Mattock, and Bro. Cottebrune, P.G.P., also attended, and among the lay members were Bros. J. H. Cox, George Skegg, J. Burgess, J. Seymour Lucas, Goodman, Mcrley, Powell, Wayre, C. R. Smith, W. Haycock, B. Cooper, W. E. Silcock, Thurkle, and Ashford. Mr. George Lewis Luker, and Mr. Robert Frost Smith, were initiated, one by the W.M., and the other by Bro. Cantle. The W.M. then installed Bro. Louis Cornelissen, S.W., as W.M. of the lodge, after which the following appointments and investitures were made,—Bros. Ashwell, S.W.; Knight Smith, J.W.; George Mattock, P.M., Treasurer; C. S. Jolly, Secretary; Foster, S.D.; S. Kegg, J.D.; Burgess, I.G.; Vernon, W.S.; Ashford, D.C.; A. Goodman, Organist; and Fox, Tyler. The I.P.M. then delivered the addresses, after which he was presented by the W.M. in the name of the lodge with a handsome P.M. jewel. Bro. Poupard having acknowledged the gift, Bro. Cox, for the Secretary, read the circular addressed to the lodge from Grand Secretary's office conveying the resolutions of Grand Lodge of 6th inst., with respect to the Grand Orient of France. The W.M. then addressed the brethren, approving of the action taken by Grand Lodge, and stating that as English Masons the brethren considered it essential that a belief in the G.A.O.T.U. should be acknowledged. Lodge was thereupon closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Grand Hall to banquet, which was admirably served. The

toasts were proposed in due course, and Bro. Cottebrune responded for "The Grand Officers." The W.M. in proposing "The Initiates," said that as initiates had only recently come into the Order he should advise them to attend lodge punctually, and also to attend lodges of instruction in order that they might find out how to get to the head of the tree. It was no use to be made a Mason only; they should pass on and obtain those preferments in the Order which were open to all Masons. Bro. Luker, in reply, said he was not given to much speaking; his profession was one (that of an architect) wherein men got on by doing, not by talking. He hoped in his connection with Masonry he should be able to do something useful to the Craft and creditable to himself. Bro. Smith said he considered it a great honour to be made a Mason. He trusted his future career would be such as not to cast discredit on the Order. Brother Poupard proposed "The W.M.," and said that though this was the first occasion he had presided over a lodge he had Freemasonry thoroughly at heart. They had heard in the lodge the remarks the W.M. made in reference to the step taken by the Grand Orient of France, and the brethren must be proud of him for the sentiments he then expressed. He (Bro. Poupard) trusted that the brethren would accord to the W.M., during his year of office, the same amount of generosity and good feeling, and assist him as much as they had during his (Bro. Poupard's) year of office. If they did so their W.M. would get on remarkably well. The W.M. said that he was so carried away by his feelings that he did not know what to say, and in this he felt the first difficulty of his position. He would try all that he felt was possible to be done to be a good Master, both by attending to his duties in lodge, and by attending Grand Lodge. In fact, as far as he was able to perform his duties aright, he would use his exertions in carrying out the duties of his office. The W.M. next proposed "The Visitors," of whom he gave a list. Bro. Peter Parsons, P.M. 749, in reply, said the brethren had had a most liberal entertainment and warm reception, and it had given him much pleasure to attend and see the installation ceremony so well performed as it had been by Bro. Poupard. Bro. Poupard was an initiate of his own six years ago, who had the audacity on that occasion to tell him that in twelve months he would occupy the W.M. chair. Well, he (Bro. Parsons) knew that that was impossible; but Bro. Poupard had done this—he had passed through the Master's chair of two lodges in six years. Bro. Watts also responded, and repeated the observations of Bro. Parsons on the way in which the ceremonies had been worked. He felt deeply gratified at what the I.P.M. had done, and was surprised at what had been done, knowing what hard work it was to accomplish a ceremony. Bro. Tomkins, in the course of his reply, said he was initiated in Freemasonry by a foreigner. Bro. Cornelissen had been called a foreigner; but if he was, the way in which he would execute his duty would give great satisfaction. A foreigner laboured under great difficulties in learning such a ceremony as the Masonic ceremony; but from what he had seen of Bro. Cornelissen he was sure that his year of office in the Ivy Lodge would be long remembered with pleasure by all the brethren. The W.M. proposed "The P.M.'s and Installing Master." Bro. Poupard in reply said that the P.M.'s were always ready to render the W.M. of a lodge all the services they possibly could, and although they were P.M.'s and had come out of the chair, they had not given up the duties they owed to the lodge. They had the interest of the lodge at heart, and would take the same interest in it as if they were in the chair—if anything, a little more. They looked after the W.M., and, to his comfort, and took care that everything worked well. He was very pleased that the W.M. looked on the P.M.'s as somebody in the lodge, and he hoped they would be of the same service to him as the other P.M.'s had been to him (Bro. Poupard) during his year of office. The W.M. proposed "The Charities." Charity, he said, was everything in Masonry. They could not do better than support the charities of Masonry. He should couple the name of Bro. Cantle with this toast, who at the last festival of the Benevolent Institution took up £35 from the Ivy Lodge. If every lodge did the same the charities would be well supported. Bro. J. I. Cantle, P.M., responded. It was through the kindness of the brethren that he had been enabled to take up £133 15s. altogether to February's festival for the Aged Freemasons. The Ivy Lodge stood seventh on the list, and he thought the brethren ought to be proud of the lodge. This lodge out of everything deducted something for the charities, and therefore they were able to make such a good figure. The brethren knew how deserving all the cases were, and how well they were sifted previous to receiving assistance. That ought to incite the brethren to do all they possibly could for them. The brethren had done well, and he hoped the charities might still see the name of this lodge figure as well upon their different lists, and to the same extent as it did last time. What was given was not missed, it was well disposed of, and this must be a great pride to the brethren. The toast of "The Officers" followed, and having been replied to, the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated. Some very good singing was given during the evening by Bros. Knight Smith, Cantle, and Watts, and some excellent recitations by Bros. Cooper, W. C. Reynolds, and Haycock.

METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).—The usual meeting of this lodge took place on Wednesday, the 20th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, Bro. R. T. Kingham, W.M., supported by Bros. J. Willing, P.M., Treasurer, acting I.P.M.; T. Adams, P.M., P.G.P.; J. J. Michael, P.M.; J. Douglass, S.W.; Scales, J.W.; Side, S.D.; W. M. Stiles, J.D. and Sec.; Colls, I.G.; H. Stiles, D.C.; G. Clarke, W.S.; I. Lovegrove, Steward. Bros. F. W. Dimsdale, H. A. Dimsdale, and W. Davey, having answered the usual questions, were raised to the Sublime

Degree of a Master Mason. Bros. Gemmell, Freebody, and Smith were passed to the Second Degree. The ballot having proved unanimous in favour of Mr. F. J. Perks, he was duly initiated, as was also Mr. C. W. Blake, who had been elected at a former meeting. The chief business of the evening was the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler. The ballot resulted in the election of the S.W., Bro. J. Douglas, as W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. Willing, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer, and Daley, Tyler. Three brethren were appointed to serve on the Audit Committee, and it having been decided to have a summer festival, five brethren were elected to serve as Stewards in conjunction with the officers of the lodge. The members present were Bros. Tuck, Van Camp, Edwards, Cox, Vanderpump, Tombs, Steele, Edmunds, Morgan, Hatch, Beattie, Cruikshanks, Gilbert, Kaney, Ovens, Fowler, W. B. Clarke, and others. Visitors: Bros. Hayes, 795; Purdon, 948; Coles, 228; Ducker, 1686; Jacob, 1732; Wilson, 1328; Wood, 1288; Cole Rees, 177, and others. The lodge was closed in due form and in perfect harmony, and the brethren, above seventy in number, adjourned to a banquet.

STUART LODGE, (No. 1632).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday evening, March 25, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, being the first anniversary meeting of the lodge since its consecration. It was numerously attended by members and visitors. Bro. C. Stuart Barker, W.M., presided; Bros. J. Walmsley, S.W. (W.M. elect); S. Browne, J.W.; T. Poore, P.M., Secretary; G. T. Thomas, S.D.; G. H. Gilham, J.D.; D. J. R. Clark, I.G.; G. W. Evans, Organist; G. Lilley, Steward; also Bros. Baldwin, Bannister, Barham, Weekes, Bessell, Renton, Gilham, jun.; Job, Johnson, Hammond, Cumner, Carron, &c., besides the following visitors:—Bros. W. Poore, W.M. 1306; D. H. Still, P.M. 1293 and 1671, P.Z., &c.; Charles Walker, P.M. 862; H. Martin, W.M. 1329; H. Thompson, P.M. 177 and 1158 (Freemason); W. Andrews, Hon. Sec. 1329; E. Morrish, 765; J. G. Loughborough, S.W. 140; S. Jones, S.D. 1624; J. C. Flatteley, S.W. 1624, and W.M. elect; W. H. Newson, 172; W. Downs, 1110; W. Chandler, 1677, and others. The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, the first business was the reading of the resolutions agreed to at the last Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge in reference to the proceedings of the Grand Orient of France. The report of the auditors was read, received, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. A ballot was taken for the admission of Bro. Emmanuel as a joining member, which was unanimously affirmative. Subsequently ballots were taken for Messrs. Linsey, Rule, and Barnes, candidates for initiation, and the result in their favour was unanimous. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bros. Weekes and Baldwin were introduced and questioned as to their proficiency in the science, and satisfactory replies being given, the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and they were most impressively raised to the Sublime Degree by the W.M., who seemed determined that the work done on the last night of his taking the chair should not easily be forgotten. The lodge was then lowered to the First Degree, and Messrs. Linsey and Rule were in due form initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. The next business on the agenda was to instal Bro. John Walmsley, W.M. elect, as Master of the lodge. The chair was taken by Bro. Thomas Poore, P.M. and Bro. Walmsley was presented by the W.M., Bro. Stuart Barker, to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. The usual proceedings having been gone through, all the brethren below the chair were requested to retire, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. Walmsley was installed into the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom. The brethren upon being re-admitted gave the newly-installed W.M. the customary salutes in the different degrees, and he then proceeded to invest his officers as follows:—Bros. Browne, S.W.; Thomas, J.W.; Barker, sen., was appointed treasurer, but in consequence of illness his investiture was deferred until the next meeting; Thomas Poore, P.M., Secretary; Gilham, S.D.; Clark, J.D.; Evans, Organist; Barker, jun., M.C.; Lilley, I.G.; Gilham, jun., Steward, and Steadman P.M., Tyler. Bro. Poore then delivered the addresses to the W.M., officers, and brethren, in a manner which elicited warm applause, and it is almost unnecessary to say that the ritual was accurately and strictly adhered to. Letters and telegrams were received from brethren excusing their absence from this meeting, and some formal business having been disposed of, the brethren adjourned to a well furnished banquet, at which the W.M. presided, and this gave general satisfaction. On the withdrawal of the cloth the W.M., in consequence of the lateness of the hour, gave the formal loyal and Masonic toasts in rapid succession, but all of them being cordially responded to. Bro. Stuart Barker, I.P.M., then rose and said that as the gavel had been placed in his hands the brethren knew for what purpose he would use it, which was to propose the health of the W.M., whom he was pleased to see placed in that position that night, for he was sure that no one better deserved it. During the past year the W.M. had done all that lay in his power to assist him (the I.P.M.), in reference to the Stuart Lodge, and as far as he was concerned he had no feeling of envy of his promotion, for it had been well earned, well won, and well merited. He (Bro. Barker) felt that he was placed in a very proud position as one of the founders of the lodge, and he could assure the brethren that as he had acted in the past, as there was an indissoluble bond of union between them, so he would continue to act during the future, and assist the W. Master by every means during his year of office. The toast was cordially responded to. The W. Master in replying, said he did not know how sufficiently to thank them for the very kind manner in which they had drank his

health, and he believed that if they were in his position they would feel in much the same difficulty as he did. He had been placed in a very proud position, and he could assure them that he would by diligent working in the Craft do everything that he could to further the interests of the lodge. He had now a very important toast to propose and that was "The Health of Bro. Stuart Barker, the Immediate Past Master"—a toast which gave him great pleasure to propose—and at the same time to present him with a jewel, which had been voted to him by the members as a recognition of his services as W. Master of the Stuart Lodge during his year of office, and he hoped he might live many years to wear it. He then attached the jewel to his breast, and asked the brethren to drink to the health of Bro. Stuart Barker, I.P.M., and with a good "quick fire," a request that was energetically responded to. (The jewel is a very handsome one, the 47th problem being in the centre; with an enamelled lion rampant on one side, and the cross of St. Andrew on the other, with a gold border, in which the thistle is a conspicuous ornament. It has two clasps on the suspending ribbon on which are delineated the Royal Stuart plaid, and in raised gold letters Stuart Lodge, No. 1632. On the back of the jewel is the following inscription:—"Presented by the Stuart Lodge, No. 1632, to Bro. C. Stuart Barker, junior, on the completion of his year of office as first W.M., March 25th, 1878.") Bro. Barker, I.P.M., said that was one of the peculiar moments which occurred but once in a man's life. It was something to become a Past Master, and it seemed but a short time when twelve months ago he was placed in the chair as W. Master. He felt that he ought to be very grateful, although his position seemed to be very new to him, for he was something like a young bride who had just changed her name. It was a most honourable position, and one that all Masons should endeavour to obtain. Some might say that it was one they could not obtain, but he said it only wanted an ordinary application of the mind, and that result could be easily secured. He had been six years a Mason, and for five years having persevered in the same course—he did not say this boastfully or egotistically, but the result was that in that period he had attained the Master's chair. During the past year they had all worked unanimously together, and their one great object, which was the success of the Stuart Lodge, had been obtained, and he had also seen his successor installed into the chair. He had often thought it must be a proud moment for the soldier who had fought on the battle field to come home after success and receive from his chief the medal that adorned his breast, but his was a prouder moment for him when he received their jewel, as it was a proof of the good-fellowship which existed between him and the members of the lodge on his passing the chair. It was the sealing of a bond for the future, and he sincerely hoped that the value of that jewel would never deteriorate while in his keeping. Looking at the tenets laid down in the Sacred Volume, and depending on the assistance of T.G.A.O.T.U., he assured them that whenever the lodge required his services they would most willingly and ungrudgingly be given. He hoped for many years to wear their jewel at all Masonic meetings, and if the time should arrive when he was unworthy to wear it it should no longer adorn his breast. (Cheers.) The W.M. said the next toast he had to propose was "The Health of Bro. Thomas Poore, the Installing Master," who was the Preceptor of a lodge he was in the habit of attending, and no better Preceptor could be found. Bro. Poore said he begged to thank the W.M. most sincerely for the very kind manner in which he had proposed his health, and the brethren for having so enthusiastically responded to it. He had spent some years in Freemasonry, and it was to him a labour of love. He was initiated by their lamented and worthy Bro. Thomas, and from whom he received a large amount of his instruction. He was glad to see present his esteemed friend Bro. Thompson, who was a labourer in the same vineyard and from whom also he had derived some of his Masonic knowledge. He had that night conducted the ceremony of the installation as he had learned it from Bro. Thomas, and he had endeavoured to follow in his footsteps. He again thanked the brethren, and said he felt deeply grateful at the compliment that had been paid him. The W. Master next proposed "The Initiates," for which they severally returned thanks. The W. Master said the next toast was a particularly pleasing one to him, as it was "The Health of the Visitors," of which they had several distinguished members present that evening, and they gave them all hearty welcome. Bro. H. Thompson was requested by his brother visitors to return thanks on their behalf, and he said he wished that the task had fallen into the hands of some one better able adequately to return thanks for the toast, but as he had been called upon, and as obedience was a characteristic of a good Freemason he felt bound to obey. He very sincerely thanked the lodge for the great Masonic treat they had experienced in the working of the lodge, and especially the installation ceremony, which had been so ably rendered by their worthy Past Master Bro. Poore, who had closely followed the teaching of their late Bro. Thomas, and as long as he lived the teachings of Bro. Thomas would never be forgotten. He also thanked the lodge for the hospitality with which they had been received, and congratulated them on the success which the lodge had achieved since its consecration only twelve months ago, and at which he had the privilege and pleasure of being present. He trusted that the same success they had met with in the past would attend them in the future, and if that should be so, the Stuart Lodge would then become one of the most influential and well-worked lodges the southern part of London could produce, and additional glory would form a halo round its name. Some other toasts were given, and the evening was passed in complete harmony, interspersed with songs and recitations, and the Tyler's toast having been given, the brethren separated soon after eleven o'clock.

**SHEERNESS.**—Adam's Lodge (No. 158).—The annual festival and installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held in the board room of the Sheerness Local Board of Health (kindly lent for the occasion), on Friday, the 22nd March. The meeting was well attended, there being about 80 members and visiting brethren to listen to the excellent working of the installation ceremony by Bro. Alexander Spears, P.M. and Treasurer of the lodge, who has for so many years performed that important duty, much to the gratification of the members of, and the visitors to the lodge. At 5.45 p.m. the W.M., Bro. Joseph R. Brett, ascended the chair of K.S., when having raised the lodge to the Third Degree, he informed the brethren that before vacating the high and exalted position which he had held for the last 12 months, he was desired to perform a duty which, to himself, was one of the most pleasing, that had occurred during his year of office. He was very pleased to inform the Brother visitors that the brethren of his lodge had placed in his hands, for presentation, to Bro. A. Spears, the treasurer, and to Bro. John Bagshaw, the secretary of the lodge, a pair each of gold-mounted reading glasses as a memento of the esteem and respect borne to them by the brethren. The brethren of the lodge were well aware of the indefatigable and unwearied exertions Bro. Spears and Bagshaw had always put forth for the benefit of the lodge. It might be well said of them that they were "instant in season and out of season," always to the fore when their services were required; and, in making the presentation, he (the W.M.) sincerely hoped, and he knew it was also the hope of every brother belonging to the lodge, that they might be long spared to derive great advantage from the use of the glasses in the transaction of their own private business and in their efforts for the benefit of the Craft, in general, and the advancement of 158 in particular. Bro. Spears and Bagshaw, in a few appropriate words, expressed the gratification they felt in knowing that the brethren of the lodge considered their services worthy of so handsome a recognition and assured them that as in the past they would in the future exert all their powers for the benefit of the lodge and to merit the approbation of their brethren. At the conclusion of this pleasing episode, the S.W. and W.M. elect, Bro. James Pechell Watts, was duly presented by Bro. Bagshaw for the benefit of installation, when, after the necessary and preliminary questions had been answered by Bro. Watts, a Board of Installing Masters was formed, consisting of Bro. Thomas M. Rigg, P.M. 1089, P.P.G. Reg., Kent; Wm. Pannel, P.M. and Secretary, 1089, P.P.G.S. of W., Kent; Wm. Hicks, P.M. 482, P.P.G.S.B., Kent; Alexander Spears, P.M. and Treasurer, 158, P.P.G.O., Kent; John Bagshaw, P.M. and Secretary, 158, P.P.G.O., Kent; Plant, W.M. 31; J. W. Penton, W.M. 133; Secra, W.M. 972; J. P. Griffin, W.M. 1050; E. J. Penney, W.M. 1089; Naylor, W.M. 1449; R. French, P.M. 483; Morris W. West, P.M.; John Hancock, P.M. and Treas.; A. Bourne, I.P.M. 1089; W. Carpenter, P.M.; F. Firmin, P.M.; and Joseph R. Brett, I.P.M. 158. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. A. Spears, in his usual most impressive manner, and Bro. James P. Watts having been placed in the Master's chair and saluted with full honours in the different degrees, according to ancient custom, proceeded to appoint and invest the officers of the lodge, Bro. J. R. Brett, I.P.M.; Robt. Derry, S.W.; Charles Austin, J.W.; Alexander Spears, P.M., P.P.G.G., Treasurer; John Bagshaw, P.M., P.P.G.O., Secretary (fifth time); Geo. Thos. Green, S.D.; Michael Jas. Sullivan, J.D.; and Edward Stutely, I.G. and Steward. After which the lodge being duly closed with solemn prayer, the brethren numbering about seventy, adjourned to the lodge room at the Victoria Hall, where a most excellent banquet had been provided in the usual praiseworthy style, in which the worthy hostess of the Britannia Hotel is accustomed to cater for the members of the Craft, the *menacarte* embracing all the delicacies of the season. When having bountifully indulged in the "good the Gods hrd sent them," under the presidency of the W.M., they proceeded to the Masonic and patriotic toasts of the evening. These were given in a very pleasing manner by the W.M., and were most heartily received by the brethren. Several very excellent songs were well rendered by Bro. W. Butler, G. Green, Secra, and others, notably, the one sung and composed by Bro. Nelson for the occasion, entitled "Brother's Yet," which gave great satisfaction. This very pleasant and enjoyable festival was brought to a close about 10 p.m.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Ancient Union Lodge (No. 203).—The brethren of this lodge, which has enjoyed more than a century's existence, met on Thursday evening, the 21st inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, for the purpose of assisting at the annual celebration of the festival of St. John. For some time the financial and working year has not ended at the same time, and to remedy this Bro. Thomas W. Serjeant, P.M., P.G.S., was elected to the Master's office for a period of ten months. The lodge was opened by Bro. Julius Frank, W.M., and amongst an attendance of nearly 100 members and visitors there were, Bro. J. Winsor, I.P.M.; H. James, P.M.; B. W. Rowson, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; T. W. Serjeant, P.M.; E. Johnston, P.M.; W. A. Wilson, P.M.; C. Birch, S.D.; J. Japha, J.D.; T. Hatton, I.G.; C. Bromley, P.M., Treasurer; J. T. Alston, Secretary; E. Cottrell, S.; W. Gick, S.; J. P. Bryan, Organist; H. S. Alpass, P.G., Secretary; J. W. Ballard, P.M. 724; J. C. Robinson, W.M. 249; F. J. Bailey, J.W. 786; S. Jacobs, I.G. 241; J. O. Rea 1182, and others. Bro. T. W. Serjeant was presented for the benefits of installation by Bro. Rowson, P.P.G.S. of W., and Bro. Bromley, P.M., Treasurer, and the ceremony was most effectively performed by Bro. J. Frank, the retiring Master. The following officers were subsequently appointed and invested.—Bro. J. Frank, I.P.M.; C. Alston, S.W.; C. Birch, J.W.; C. Bromley, P.M., Treasurer (re-

lected for the eighteenth time); E. M. McCabe, Secretary; J. Japha, S.D.; T. Hatton, J.D.; W. Gick, I.G.; J. Cottrell, S.S.; J. Walker, J.S.; E. Donnelly, A.S., and P. Ball, Tyler. The W.M. subsequently presided at the banquet, which was held in the large dining hall, and during the evening he proposed the loyal toasts. In responding to the toast of "Brother the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M., P.G.M. of West Lancashire, and the P.G. Officers," Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Secretary, gave interesting details with regard to the older lodges in the province, and stated that, with 2000 Masons resident in this town, there ought to be some effort made towards securing the decoration of the hall in which that meeting took place. After what he had seen in other towns he was ashamed to bring any visitors to that building, as it was in such a condition. The decoration might be secured by a little effort on the part of the brethren. It would probably cost about £1000, and if each of the 2000 Masons in Liverpool was to subscribe 10s. the sum would be secured. He hoped the Masons of the present day would vie with their predecessors in being liberal in their contributions, and concluded by thanking the brethren for the honour of coupling his name with the toast, and gave his hearty wishes for their prosperity. The "W.M." was proposed by Bro. Frank, I.P.M., in eulogistic terms. Bro. Serjeant, in reply, stated that nothing should be wanting on his part to forward the work of the lodge, and that from what he knew of the abilities of his officers he was sure of their efficient working during the coming term, and of the lodge keeping up its well-known high standard. Bro. J. Winsor proposed the health of Bro. Frank, I.P.M., and, on behalf of the lodge, presented him with a handsome Past Master's jewel. Bro. Frank acknowledged the toast and gift in suitable terms. Several other toasts followed, and a very pleasant evening was spent. The enjoyment was heightened by the contributions of the musical brethren—viz., Bro. Barlow, 440; Bro. J. P. Bryan, Organist; Bro. Thomas Hatton, Bro. J. Twiss, 1325; Bro. R. N. Hobart, 1505; and Bro. Donnelly.

**NORWICH.**—Perseverance Lodge (No. 213).—A new era seems to have dawned on Freemasonry in Norfolk since H.R.H. the G.M. of all England invested Lord Suffield as R.W.P.G.M. of the Province, and the erection of a Masonic Hall in St. Giles'-street is looked forward to with much interest, not only as a temple wherein the mysteries of the Craft may be worked, but where it is hoped the wives of Masons may occasionally join them and enjoy a social evening in the mazy dance or otherwise. It is a pleasure to witness the working of our city lodges of late: admirable was that at the Perseverance the other evening at the Rampant Horse Hotel, where that ardent and truly "persevering" W.M. (Bro. J. A. Gooch) was surrounded by the largest board of P.M.'s and visitors from all quarters we have seen for years. Two county gentlemen were admitted to the First Degree, whilst others passed the Second and Third; after which the atheistical action of the Grand Orient of France was freely discussed and condemned, and the brethren adjourned to "refreshment," which was served in Host Coleman's best style. Then a merry crowd assembled round the social board, and an extra hour having been granted by the magistrates, song, toast, and sentiment were indulged in till the clock pointed to high twelve.—*Norwich Argus.*

**ST. AUSTELL.**—Peace and Harmony (No. 496).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 12th inst., at the Masonic Hall. The lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. W. Mason, assisted by Bro. T. J. Smith, I.P.M.; Giles, P.M.; T. H. Lukes, P.M.; A. J. White, S.W.; H. Lovegrove, (visitor), acting J.W.; W. Guy, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treasurer; C. Tozer, Secretary; R. F. Stephens, S.D.; A. Lake, J.D.; C. Boggs, I.G.; W. Neal, Tyler; A. Hodge, E. W. P. Kitt. Visitors: Bro. Walkey, Harmony, 156; H. Lovegrove, Metropolitan, 1507. After the confirmation of the minutes, some routine business was transacted, and the lodge was closed in due form and in perfect harmony.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Alliance Lodge, (No. 667).—It will perhaps be remembered that in consequence of the death of the late Bro. William Doyle, P.P.G.J.D., one of the most esteemed Past Masters of the above lodge, the usual banquet in connection with the annual installation in January of W.M. was postponed for two months. This accordingly took place at the usual monthly meeting on Tuesday, the 19th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, where there was an attendance of nearly 100 brethren. Bro. John Ellis, W.M., presided, and amongst those present were Bro. G. S. Willings, I.P.M.; G. W. Phillips, P.M.; A. Winkup, P.M.; J. Bolton, P.M.; John E. Jackson, P.M., P.G.S.; J. Devaynes, P.M.; W. P. Witter, P.M.; W. Bulman, P.M.; E. Skillicorn, P.M.; H. Firth, S.W.; J. H. Gregory, J.W.; T. Ockleshaw, P.M., Treasurer; T. Peake, Secretary; D. Lloyd, S.D.; A. Bucknall, J.D.; R. Foulds, I.G.; J. Bailey, S.S.; P. L. Craghill, J.S.; W. J. Chapman, W.M. 1609; F. J. Luya, A. P. Ramage, T. Hook, H. Formby, A. Salt, T. Hall, S. Williams, T. Rose, R. J. Hudson, S. Bushell, J. Lees, J. Titterton, W. Bramley, B. C. Catlow, J. Bond, R. Elliman, J. Bowyer, W. H. Jones, T. Yeatman, T. G. Gregory, J. Mellon, A. H. Brookes, J. F. Rogers, G. W. Webster, T. M. Crook, R. Ellery, J. H. Taylor, T. Mason, J. Archdeacon, J. Bentham, R. Wright, J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; J. Goldie, D. Fowler, J. Buchanan, W. T. Berry, T. Hervey, J. Heggie, R. Black, J. Norminton, R. Darwin, J. Queen, and others. The visitors present were Bro. H. Burrows, W.M. 673; B. B. Marson, P.G.S.B.; J. T. Callow, P.M. 673; A. Cotter, P.M., 1264; J. C. Fish, 1264; E. Paull, 1182; J. T. Pugmire, 241; J. Fogg, P.M., 580; W. Braithwaite, 673; R. Jones, P.M. 220; W. Coates, 1356; S. E. Ibbes, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Brackenbury, J.W. 673; W. T. May, P.M. 673; T. Clark, P.M. 673; P. B. Gee, P.M. 1264

J. Gallagher, P.M. 1011; H. Morris, P.M.; and J. E. Reeve. The ceremony of initiation was very ably performed by the W.M. and his principal officers. The brethren and visitors afterwards banqueted under the presidency of the W.M., supported by a large representation of P.M.'s and distinguished visitors. The toast of "Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M. of England, R.W.P.G.M. W. Lancashire, and the Provincial Grand Officers of West Lancashire," proposed by the W.M., was responded to by Bro. J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; Bro. B. B. Marson, P.G.S.B.; and Bro. J. E. Jackson, P.G. S. Bro. G. S. Willings, I.P.M. in giving the toast of "The Worshipful Master," passed a high eulogium on his well-known Masonic zeal and ability. The toast was suitably acknowledged by Bro. Ellis, W.M., who afterwards gave "The Health of Bro. G. S. Willings, I.P.M." (received with immense enthusiasm), and in so doing he presented the subject of the toast with a valuable and unique P.M.'s jewel, set with brilliants, and embracing the recipient's monogram as a mark of the esteem and regard of the brethren for his Masonic abilities during his year of office. It may be stated that the jewel was purchased by the voluntary contributions of the brethren connected with the lodge. The gift was acknowledged by Bro. Willings in most telling and eloquent terms. Bro. Marson responded to the toast of "The Installing Master;" Bros. Firth, S.W.; Gregory, J.W.; and Ockleshaw, P.M., Treasurer, to that of "The Officers of 667;" Bro. Skeaf, P.G.O., to "The P.G. Organist and the Musical Brethren;" and Bro. P. B. Gee, P.M. 1264; Bro. Gallagher, P.M. 580, East Lancashire; Bro. W. T. May, P.M. 673; and Bro. H. Morris, P.M. 1505, to the toast of "The Visitors." An excellent musical programme was provided by Bros. Child, Pugmire, Queen, Hobart, Willings, and Skeaf, who presided at the piano-forte.

**TUNBRIDGE WELLS.**—Holmesdale Lodge (No. 874).—The annual festival of this prosperous lodge was held at the Royal Sussex Hotel, on Wednesday, the 20th, when Bro. William Beadel Bacon was regularly installed W.M. for the ensuing year, in the presence of a large and distinguished gathering of the brethren of the lodge and district. The following members were present: P.M.'s W. Delves, F. W. Stone, J. Read, W. S. Elers, J. W. Roper, and Geo. Langridge; Bros. Cripps, Farrer, Burton, Dunkley, Deadman, Elliott, Graham, Spencer, Waterman, A. D. Williams, M. Williams, R. W. Delves, Hodgkin, F. Bates, Sec.; A. Dowden, F. Ramsbottom, J. G. Whitehead, and others. The ceremony was worked by Bro. B. S. Wilmot, the retiring W.M., and the eloquent and able manner in which he discharged the important duties was a source of great gratification to all present. The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting and the report of the Audit Committee having been read and confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Bacon was presented by Bro. Geo. Langridge, P.M., 874, P.P.G.R. Kent, for installation, and having been duly obligated the lodge was raised to the Third Degree, when a Board of Installed Masters was formed and he was placed in the chair of K.S. Having been saluted in the three degrees he proceeded to invest his officers as follows: H. D. M. Williams, S.W.; W. H. Hodgkin, J.W., W.M. elect 1678; W. S. Elers, P.M., Treasurer; J. F. Bates, Secretary; J. Burton, S.D.; E. Dunkley, J.D.; R. W. Delves, I.G.; G. Deadman, Org.; T. Waterman, M.C.; G. Strange, Tylr. The addresses having been given by Bro. Wilmot in his usual faultless manner, a P.M. jewel was unanimously voted to him, and it was also further resolved that a testimonial should be presented to him for the indefatigable manner he had carried out the duties of W.M. during the past year. A gentleman was proposed for initiation, and hearty good wishes having been given by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed in due form and the brethren adjourned to banquet. Among the visitors we noticed Bros. F. Spencer, P.M. 1063, P.G.S. Kt.; C. Peake, 1678; Westbrook, 1678; Monckton, 1678; Pattison, Moira Lodge, 212; Edward Durrant, R. Ross Brown, 1020; J. S. Dethick, P.M. 993; Wilkinson, 1449; R. B. Lye, 413, and others. At the conclusion of the banquet the W.M. gave the royal and Craft Toasts briefly but pertinently. Bro. P. M. Delves warmly proposed "The Health of the Installing Master," and eulogised the excellent way the work had been done during his year of office. (Applause.) Bro. Wilmot in thanking the brethren as their I.P.M. for the cordial manner in which they had drunk his health and the kind manner in which they had supported him during the time he occupied the chair of the Holmesdale Lodge, said: If I have done my duty, I am pleased you appreciate it, and as to a testimonial in addition to the P.M. jewel being presented to me, signed by all the brethren, it will be most gratifying, and will recall the many happy hours I spent with you as the Master of this lodge. In conclusion I beg to propose "The Health of the W.M.," and ask you to render him the same support as I have received from you. The W.M. having briefly responded, proposed "The Officers of the Lodge," which was severally responded to. "The Visitors," followed, which was warmly responded to by Bro. Durrant, and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close, the brethren having spent a very enjoyable evening.

**WEST DERBY.**—Pembroke Lodge (No. 1299).—The annual installation meeting of the members belonging to this excellent suburban lodge took place and passed off with the greatest éclat, on Thursday, the 21st inst., at Rawlinson's Hotel, West Derby, one of the most pleasantly situated out-townships of Liverpool. There was a very large attendance of members and visitors from other lodges, and the whole of the proceedings were of a most enjoyable and satisfactory character. Bro. P. Macmurdrow, P.M., P.G.S.D., presided at the opening of the lodge, and efficiently performed the ceremony of initiation. Bro. W. S. Vines, P.G.D.C., the W.M. of the lodge, afterwards took the chair, and after some formal business, the position of Installing Master was taken by Bro. Dr. G. G. S. Taylor, P.M. 786, who proceeded to

place Bro. John Capell in the position of W.M. for the ensuing year, the presentation being made by Bro. W. S. Vines, P.G.D.C., and Bro. P. Macmurdrow, P.G.S.D. The whole of the ceremony was most efficiently performed by Bro. Dr. Taylor, and the appointments afterwards made were as follow: Bros. W. S. Vines, P.G.D.C., I.P.M.; John H. Townley, S.W.; F. B. Bramham, J.W.; P. Macmurdrow, P.M., P.G.S.D., Treasurer (re-elected); T. G. Fisher, Secretary (re-appointed); W. S. Bennett, S.D.; W. Hiles, J.D.; W. Jones, P.M., D.C.; T. W. Rudd, Organist; W. Avis, I.G.; J. Bramham, jun., S.S.; L. Bramwell, J.S.; and J. Robinson, Tyler. Besides the brethren already named there were present during the afternoon Bros. J. P. Bradford, H. S. Bloomer, J. Lonsdale, W. Brown, R. W. Crosby, T. Baxter, L. Affolter, C. W. Baker (members); Bros. H. Gill, S.S. 1086; H. Nelson, P.M. 1505; R. Brown, 1620; T. Sammons, W.M. 1393; Captain T. Berry, P.M. 155; W. R. Hughes, P.M. 1013; H. B. Saunders, 1505; J. R. Bottomley, J.W. 1675; J. J. Durant, 1473; W. J. Chapman, W.M. 1609; L. Courtenay, S.W. 1609; J. B. MacKenzie, J.W. 1609; W. Savage, junior, J.S. 1609; R. C. Yelland, W.M. 1094; J. Worthington, 823; R. C. Mellor, P.P.G.J.D.; H. Morris, P.M. 1505; Major G. Turner, P.G. Treasurer; and J. Busfield, 216 (visitors). Bro. John Capell, W.M., whose elevation to the highest rank in Craft Masonry gave universal pleasure, afterwards presided at the banquet, at which nearly the whole of the above named brethren were present. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were generally and happily proposed by the W.M. Bro. Major Turner, P.G. Treasurer, responded to the toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers." Bro. Vines, I.P.M., proposed the toast of "The Worshipful Master," referring in terms of high commendation to the Masonic zeal and ability which he had displayed in connection with the lodge. Bro. Capell, W.M., responded in appropriate terms, stating that the honour which had been conferred on him that evening was one which he estimated more highly than any he had ever received. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of Bro. W. S. Vines, I.P.M.," and in doing so presented him with a valuable diamond ring in recognition of the excellent manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of the chair for the second time. Bro. Vines acknowledged the toast and presentation in suitable terms. An excellent programme was given by Bros. J. Busfield, W. Hiles, J.D.; W. J. Chapman, W.M. 1609, and others; and a pleasant variety was given to the evening's proceedings by the "Fairy Bells" performance of Bro. H. Gill, S.S. 1086, whose efforts were again much appreciated.

**BIRMINGHAM.**—Lodge of Israel (No. 1474).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 11th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Severn-street. The W.M., Bro. J. Silverston, opened the lodge at 5 o'clock, and having disposed of the usual business at once proceeded to instal Bro. Lavenstein, the J.W., who had been unanimously elected into the chair of K.S., in the presence of a large and distinguished number of Masons. The W.M. having been proclaimed and saluted, appointed and invested the officers as follows:—Bros. J. Silverston, I.P.M.; W. H. Wood, S.W.; P. Roberts, J.W.; Rev. G. J. Emanuel, B.A., Chaplain; M. Davis, P.M., Treasurer; T. Waterhouse, Secretary; A. Silverston, S.D.; E. Woolf, J.D.; S. Lyon, D.C.; J. Cohen, I.G.; A. B. Viggus, Organist; H. Creamer, Steward; J. Coates, Tyler. Bro. J. Silverston, I.P.M., then delivered the charges, the whole of the ceremony being rendered in a most impressive and perfect manner, after which the W.M. rose and presented to Bro. J. Silverston, I.P.M., a very handsome P.M.'s jewel, expressing the pleasure it afforded him of conveying the thanks of the members of the lodge for the excellent working he had always given them, the kindly and courteous manner in which he had presided over them during the past year. Bro. J. Silverston, I.P.M., in returning thanks, said he should ever value the handsome jewel presented to him, as it would call to his mind the fraternal and good feeling always extended to him by the members of the lodge. He assured them his interest would always be with them, and his delight would be to further the well-being and prosperity of the lodge. Afterwards the W.M. also presented a Past Secretary's jewel to Bro. E. Marks from some of the brethren, in recognition of his services as S.D. and Secretary in the year 1875. Bro. E. Marks having acknowledged the gift, the W.M. received the hearty good wishes of the visiting brethren. The W.M. closed the lodge in perfect harmony and brotherly love, when an adjournment was made to the banquet room, where a sumptuous repast was prepared, upwards of eighty being present. The W.M., Bro. David Lavenstein, presided, and was supported by the following visitors:—Bros. Lieut. Colonel Machen, D.P.G.M.; J. Pursall, P.P.G.S.W.; G. Beech, P.G. Sec.; Rev. Rigby, P.G.C.; Rev. Nicholson, P.G.C.; H. Sander-son, P.G.R.; J. R. Chirus, P.P.G.O.; B. Taylor, P.M. 935; Samuel Burghope, W.M. 74; Thomas Hands, P.M. 1116 and 1551; G. P. Gabrielsen and D. Gabrielsen, Lodge of Israel, Liverpool; E. Levetus, Canada; Thomas E. Shaw, P.M. No. 1163; Philip Howse, W.M. 1163; J. W. Matthews, P.M. 925; W. Moody, W.M. 1246; G. Glossop, and others. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received with enthusiasm, and the brethren separated after having witnessed a splendid ceremony and enjoyed a pleasant evening.

**HAMPTON.**—Hemming Lodge.—(No. 1512). This lodge met at the Lion Hotel on the 21st inst., when there were present the R.W.P.G.M. of Middlesex, Colonel Burdett, J. Hammond, W.M.; Fox, S.W.; Jessell, J.W.; E. Hopwood, P.G.S. Bearer of Middlesex; Treasurer; W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. of Middlesex, Secretary; Ockenden, S. D.; Walls, P.G.O. Middlesex, J.D.; (Freemason.) Kent, J. W.; Hiscox, W.S.; Moody, A.W.S.; Rawe, P.M. hon. member. The visitors were Bros. Wilson, P.M. Etonian; Scott, S.W. 1656. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. initiated Mr. W.

Beauchamp into the Craft mysteries, passed Bro. Papworth and raised Bro. Davey, the whole of the ceremonies being well performed. The ballot was also taken as a joining member upon behalf of Bro. Charles Worthington, of No. 1656, and proved to be unanimous. The election of W.M. resulted in favour of Bro. Fox, the W.M. of the Lebanon; Bro. Hopwood was re-elected Treasurer; and Bro. Gilbert, P.G.T. of Middlesex, was re-appointed Tyler, and sum of ten guineas having been voted to Bro. Hurst as the representative of the Lodge at the forthcoming Festival of the Girls School and several propositions having been taken the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to a collation, which was served by Mr. Murphey and assistants. Upon the removal of the cloth "The Queen and Craft" "The M.W.G.M." and "The Pro G.M. and the rest of the G.O.'s Past and Present" were warmly proposed and heartily received. In introducing the latter toast the W.M. availed himself of the opportunity of congratulating the members of the lodge upon having received a visit that evening, for the first time since its consecration, from the R.W.P.G.M. and P.G.S.W. of England, Bro. Colonel Francis Burdett. They were all so thoroughly acquainted with the genial qualities and Masonic abilities of their Right Worshipful Brother that it would be superfluous for him—the W.M., to say anything in his praise. This toast having been received with excellent fire the distinguished subject of the toast made a very interesting reply. He touched briefly but feelingly upon the relative merits of the various officers holding grand rank, and expressed his personal thanks for the complimentary terms used by the W.M. in proposing their respective healths. With regard to the province of Middlesex, he said he gratefully and sincerely thanked them for the hearty manner in which his name had been associated with the toast. He also expressed himself highly gratified for the honour they had done him in electing him a honorary member of the lodge. When the lodge was consecrated he was at Dieppe, in France, but although separated by many miles of land and sea their then W.M. had telegraphed to him, that his health had been proposed and drank at the festive board, and which compliment he had acknowledged and esteemed most highly. In conclusion he stated that in the capacity of P.G.M. he had visited many lodges, but he could say, and that without flattery, that as a whole he had never seen better working than he had witnessed that evening in the Hemming Lodge, from the W.M. down to the I.G. He then gave, in flattering terms, the health of "The W.M." and hoped that the W.M. elect, during his year, would carry out the multifarious and onerous duties of the chair equally as well. Bro. J. Hammond having briefly acknowledged the toast, immediately proposed "The Initiate." Bro. Beauchamp having replied to the toasts of "The Visitors," "The W.M. elect," "The Masonic Charities," and "The Officers" brought the programme to a close. During the proceedings Bros. Knowles, Jesse, Walls, and others entertained the brethren, who separated at an early hour until the third Thursday in October next.

#### INSTRUCTION.

**CAMDEN LODGE (No. 704).**—The members of this lodge of instruction met at the Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, on Monday, 25th inst., Bro. P.M. L. R. Rogers, Preceptor. Present: Bros. H. B. D. Dunn, W.M.; Collier, S.W.; Carter, J.W.; Sterne, S.D.; Kemp, J.D.; Blank, I.G.; Pringle, Pogson, Robart, Soper, Walton, and others. The lodge was opened and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Robart being the candidate for initiation. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Kemp being the candidate. Bro. Carter was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, officers appointed in rotation, and the lodge was closed.

**FINSBURY PARK LODGE (No. 1288).**—A meeting of this lodge of instruction for Master Masons was held at the Finsbury Park Tavern, Holloway, on Friday, 22nd inst. Bro. L. R. Rogers, P.M., Preceptor; Bros. Pottle, W.M.; Dunn, junior, S.W.; Press, J.W.; Edmunds, S.D.; Bee, J.D.; Cuthbertson, I.G.; H. B. D. Dunn, Secretary. The lodge was opened and the minutes read. The ceremony of initiation and passing were rehearsed, Bro. Beattie being the candidate. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree, when Bro. L. R. Rogers, P.M., worked the 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture. Bro. Dunn, junior, was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the officers were appointed in rotation. Bro. Dr. Pottle, of No. 869, Gresham, was elected joining member. A vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M. for the able manner in which he had performed the duties of the chair. The lodge was then closed.

**EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).**—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held on Friday, March 22, at the Mitre Hotel, Goulbourne-road, Notting-hill. Bros. Spiegel, W.M.; Penn, S.W.; Smout, sen., J.W.; Smout, jun., S.D.; Adkins, J.D.; Webster, I.G.; Savage, P.M., Preceptor; Murlis, P.M.; Eskell, Oldrey, Wood, Pockock, Hatton, Robarts, Williams, Wise, &c. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Dr. Pockock being the candidate, after which the W.M. worked the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sections of the lecture, ably assisted by Bro. Savage, P.M. Bro. Williams, of the Phoenix Lodge, and Bro. Wise, of New Cross Lodge, 1559, were elected members of this lodge of instruction. Next Friday Bro. Penn, W.M., will take the chair, and, according to the by-laws, the installation ceremony will be worked, when a large meeting is expected.

**SOUTHAMPTON.**—Royal Gloucester Lodge (No. 150).—The bye-laws of this lodge of instruction providing that the Fifteen Sections shall be worked every March and April, previous to the break up for the summer months, the seven sections of the First Lecture

have been worked this month, under Bro. J. Blount Thomas, P.M. 130, who had as his officers the Senior and Junior Wardens, and other brethren of the respective lodges Peace and Harmony, and Southampton. Otherwise the work on this occasion was performed entirely by Royal Gloucester brethren, as follows: 1st section, Bro. Morgan Stiles; 2nd section, Bro. Baird; 3rd section, Bro. Sidney Myer, S.D.; 4th section, Bro. R. Sharpe, P.M., Secretary of the lodge of instruction; 5th section, Bro. Phillips, W.M.; 6th section, Bro. Marshall; and 7th section, Bro. James Cole, J.W. The remaining eight sections will be worked next month.

**EALING.**—West Middlesex Lodge (No. 1612).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Feathers Hotel on Thursday evening, the 21st inst. Present: Bros. A. Jones, W.M.; Porter, S.W.; Seward, J.W.; A. J. Burr, Secretary; Johnson, S.D.; Pooley, J.D.; Owen, I.G.; Wright, Steward; also Bros. Stephens, Tucker, Sink, Brown, Edmeston, and others. The lodge having been regularly opened, and the minutes confirmed, was advanced to the Second Degree, when the W.M. placed the gavel in the hands of Bro. Tucker, who rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Edmeston, candidate. Bro. Tucker then delivered in an able manner the lecture on the tracing board, and having opened in the Third Degree, Bro. Clark was duly raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. The lodge was then closed down, and after the transaction of some formal business was adjourned until the 28th inst. at 7.30 p.m.

### Royal Arch.

**THE CHAPTER OF UNITED STRENGTH** (No. 228).—This flourishing graft upon a sound old tree, the new chapter of an old lodge, held its third regular meeting on Tuesday the 26th inst, at the Guildhall Tavern. Companion James Terry, the M.E.Z., John A. Winsland, H., Robert Griggs, J., and the other companions were punctual, and companions under the rank of Installed Principals were admitted to the opened chapter a few minutes after the hour named on the summons for the chapter to meet. Companion J. Hillhouse held his position of Scribe E., J. White (*Freemason*) that of Scribe N., Companion Halford (W.M. of the Mother Lodge) was P.S., assisted by Companions Pearey and Davis. There were also present, Companions Cook, Stock, Woodman, Joseph Crump (father of the old Lodge), T. Goode, and A. W. Fenner, as well as Comp. Harris of 859, and W. Clarke, P. J., of 959. The work of the chapter was confined to the exaltation of two brothers of the United Strength Lodge, Bro. J. R. Green, and Bro. W. J. Randall. It need scarcely be said that, with workers so efficient as the United Strength Lodge supplies in members of the Order like James Terry, Robert Griggs, Winsland, Hillhouse, and Halford, without mentioning hosts of others, the ceremony was perfectly worked. The M.E.Z. has no fresh laurels to win, and his usual style of working gave its accustomed delight to those who had the pleasure of witnessing it, while Comp. Halford made a great impression by his excellent rendering of the narrative which falls to the part of the P.S. The chapter having closed, the companions enjoyed a little supper, and the M.E.Z. gave, with his usual point and eloquence, the loyal toasts. In giving the health of the exaltees, he dwelt upon the high character these companions had attained in the lodge, and congratulated them and the chapter upon the fact of their exaltation. He gave a short history of the events which led to the R.A. degree being given in a separate chapter, and not as a part of the M.M. degree, and in conclusion wished the newly exalted companions a long association in the pleasant toils of the Royal Arch. Both exaltees responded, and expressed themselves as delighted with their new experiences. They congratulated the chapter upon being very ably presided over, and upon having efficient officers. The M.E.Z., in proposing the visitors, expressed his regret that Comp. Harris, from Cambridge, should have melted away like a roll of Cambridge butter, and, in reference to Comp. Clarke, of Ipswich, spoke in high terms of his great interest in Masonic work. Comp. Clarke in responding dwelt upon the deep solemnity of the ceremonial all had witnessed, and hoped that the lessons taught in the chapter would not pass out of mind in daily life. Comp. Winsland then toasted the M.E.Z., who, in responding, said that though he had been First Master of many lodges, yet that it had been reserved for the chapter of his mother lodge to place him in the position of First Principal of a new chapter. He felt proud of the distinction thus conferred upon him, and he assured them that his aid would always be given to the work of the chapter. Comps. Winsland, Griggs, White and Halford also responded to toasts given in their honour.

**NORWICH.**—Royal George Chapter (No. 52).—The annual convocation of the chapter was held at the Norfolk Hotel on Friday, the 15th inst. The chapter was opened by the M.E.Z., Colonel Lestrangle, Ex. Comp. Colonel Duff, M.P., H. and M.E.Z. elect, and E. Comp. Colonel Bignold, J.; W. A. Bowler, P.Z.; James Dunsford, P.Z.; Edwin Baldwin, P.Z. When the companions were admitted, and the minutes read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bros. H. Burgess and J. Bridgman as candidates for exaltation, which proving unanimous in both cases, they were admitted, and exalted to this supreme degree by the M.E.Z. The companions having retired, a convocation of Installed Principals was duly formed—Ex. Comp. James Dunsford as the M.E.Z.—when Ex. Comp. Colonel Duff, M.P., was presented in due form by Ex. Comp. Edwin Baldwin, P.Z., and installed as M.E.Z. Ex. Comp. Edwin Baldwin, P.Z., then occupied the chair of H. Comp. W. A. Tyssen-Amhurst was then duly presented by Ex. Comp. Dunsford, P.Z., and installed in the chair of J. by Ex. Comp. C. H. Capon. The whole ceremony of installation of the Principals was beautifully rendered by

each of the installing officers. The companions having been re-admitted, several candidates for exaltation were proposed, and the chapter closed in solemn form. The appearance of the chapter on this occasion was exceedingly effective, owing to the complete renovation of the chapter furniture. The companions then retired to refreshment, and after the usual toasts the M.E.Z. announced to the companions that it was proposed to establish a Provincial Grand Chapter in Norfolk, which statement was received with much cheering. After considerable discussion it was resolved that the First Principals and Past First Principals should form the committee for the purpose of arranging the necessary preliminaries. The companions separated, after having spent a very pleasant evening.

### Knights Templar.

**PLYMOUTH.**—Royal Veterans' Encampment.—The annual meeting of this encampment was held at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princess-place, Plymouth. The E.P. elect, S.K. Samuel Tew, P.P.G.T., was installed as E.P. for the ensuing year. S.K. C. Godtschalk, P.P.G.Ex., assisted by S.K. J. B. Gover, P.P.G.T., conducted the installation, supported by the following Board of Installed E.C. and E.P. Fraters:—I. Watts, P.P.G.T.; Colonel Fitzgerald, P.G. 1st C. and Past G., 2nd P.C. of England; R. R. Rodd, Past G. St. B. of England; E. Aitken Davies, P.P.G.V. Chan.; V. Bird, P.P.G.B.B.; J. Austin, P.P.G. Exp.; Admiral F. H. H. Glasse, C.B., E.C. Holy Cross; and the Rev. T. W. Lemon, P.G. Preb. At the close of the installation the following fraters were invested the officers for the ensuing year:—J. B. Gover, I.P.E.C.; J. H. Keats, 1st Cap.; T. Heath, 2nd Cap.; V. Bird, Prel.; Jos. Austin, Treasurer; J. B. Gover, Registrar; S. M. R. Templar, Exp.; John James, C.L.; E. Aitken Davies, P.E.C., 1st H.; John Pearce Sawyer, 2nd H. In the evening the fraters dined together at the Globe Hotel, the E.C., S.K. Samuel Tew, presiding.

**STONEHOUSE.**—Loyal Brunswick Encampment.—The annual meeting of this Encampment was held in the Masonic Chapter Room, St. George's Hall. The E.P.-elect, S.K., J. J. Dawe, was installed by the retiring E.P., Colonel Fitzgerald, Past G. 2nd Cap., and P.P.G. 1st C., assisted by Fraters R. H. Rodda, P.G.St.B.; R. Rodda, Past G. Almoner and P.P.G. Chan.; and J. Watts, P.P.G.T.; with the following board of Past E.C. and E.P. Fraters:—J. E. Curteis, Arch. Treas., P.P.G. Reg.; E. Aitken Davies, P.P.G.V. Chan.; Jos. Matthews, P.P.G.A.; F. P. Tomes, P.P.G.A.; J. P. Gover, P.P.G. Treas. At the close of the installation the following Fraters were invested as officers for the ensuing year:—Colonel Fitzgerald, I.P.E.P.; the Rev. T. W. Lemon, P.G. Prel., 1st C.; the Hon. W. Hylton-Jolliffe, P.G.P. of Malta, 2nd C.; the Rev. J. E. Risk, Prel.; Elliot Square, Sub-M.; J. H. Square, C.G.; I. Watts, Treas.; J. E. Curteis, Reg.; W. M. St. Aubyn, 1st H.; H. Bartlett, 2nd H.; T. W. Coffin, 1st St. B.; J. P. Matthews, 2nd St. B.; R. R. Rodd, A.; J. Rogers, Guard. In the evening the Fraters dined together at the Globe Hotel.

### FREEMASONRY IN NEW ZEALAND.

As an item of Masonic news of some interest, we are informed that Mr. Malcolm Murray Irving, 33deg., by dispensation from the Supreme Council of Scotland, admitted Mr. Robert Paterson to the same degree, in the Masonic Hall, Moray-place. The proposed initiation of Mr. Paterson to this degree had for some time previously been the subject of much discussion among the fraternity, and a protest as to the illegality of the proceeding has been sent home. Copies of this protest have also been sent to the individual members of the Rose Croix Degree in New Zealand. Referring to a report of the proceedings in May last of what is termed the "spurious body," known as the Supreme Council of Scotland, in which the elevation of Bro. Malcolm Murray Irving to the 33rd degree in the previous February, and the elevation of Bro. Robert Paterson to 31deg., 32deg., and 33deg., were chronicled, the protest we have alluded to, signed by the G.G.S.H.E., has the following:—"In connection with these, I beg to point out that this attempted action is a gross infringement upon the well-known and fundamental principle on which all Supreme Councils rest, viz., that only one Supreme Council can exist in one State—ours having been already, to the full knowledge of the Home Masonic Bodies, established here for nearly 18 months by charter from a regular constituted and well recognised power—the Grand Orient of Egypt—you will see there is no excuse for the improper conduct already alluded to. Though managed so secretly, I am happy to inform you that the Supreme Council of England (having got wind of the affair), with a due respect for observing the principles before quoted, intercepted Bro. Irving, and succeeded in explaining to and showing him the breach of faith committed; upon which he at once strongly remonstrated by correspondence with the Supreme Council of Scotland upon the subject, and our Council has no doubt but he will show that common respect for himself as a Mason to ultimately decline having anything to do with such irregular proceedings, in the carrying out of which he would be only the tool of a purely antagonistic body. It is my duty, therefore, to warn you against the Bros. Paterson and Irving named in the Reporter paragraphs, both of whom are unknown to Masonic fame, and until this unwarrantable showering upon them of Masonic honours, possessed of no standing in the Craft whatever. Any chapters formed by them as delegates cannot of course be recognised by our Supreme Council, nor by the individual members of the Rose Croix Degree, established under it throughout New Zealand. You will be duly advised by me from time to time of their proceedings. I have hitherto spoken of the Masonic Power at

fault as the Supreme Council of Scotland, but regret to inform you that it is 'a spurious body' in its formation." [We shall be obliged to any Scottish High Grade brethren who can explain this matter.—Ed.]

### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The general meeting of Subscribers to this Institution was held on Thursday afternoon at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Thomas W. White, V.P., in the chair. There were also present Bros. A. H. Tattershall, Major Finney, R. B. Webster, H. T. Thompson, Griffiths Smith, Col. Peters, J. M. P. Montagu, S. Rawson, John Boyd, H. Massey (*Freemason*), and F. R. W. Hedges (for Secretary).

Four petitions were received, and the candidates were placed on the list.

Bro. Hedges read the letter from Messrs. Lawrance, Plem, and Baker, announcing the stoppage of Messrs. Willis, Percival and Co., the bankers of the Institution, which occurred on the day the Committee last met.

Bro. S. Rawson enquired what had been done by the Institution in consequence of this occurrence.

The Chairman said that temporary accounts had been opened by Col. Creation and the officers of the Institution with the Holborn branch of the London and Westminster Bank.

Bro. Hedges said there would be a meeting of creditors of Messrs. Willis and Co., on the 11th of April; but beyond that nothing is known by the Institution.

Bro. S. Rawson observed that there had been a notice in the papers that the business of Messrs. Willis, Percival and Co. would be taken over by the Haunts and North Wilts Banking Company.

Bro. H. T. Thompson said that had been brought before the Bankruptcy Court, but that proposition had fallen through.

Bro. S. Rawson did not know that the Institution were creditors at all.

Bro. R. B. Webster said no; the Institution was indebted to the bank he thought.

The Chairman said this was the case to the extent of £3200 odd; the account having been overdrawn.

Bro. S. Rawson and several other brethren thought that the brethren ought to open an account with the Bank of England.

Bro. Webster on the contrary, said the Institution required a Bank that was handy, and the London and Westminster Bank was handy. Besides the Institution has got better terms there than it would at the Bank of England.

Bro. Griffiths Smith proposing and Bro. S. Rawson seconding that the account be kept at the London and Westminster Bank as a temporary measure, the same was put and carried, the chairman observed that if the Trustees thought it satisfactory to join with it they could.

Authority was given to them to sign cheques for £477 18s. for salaries &c., for £41 2s. 2d. for water rate, and for £7 7s. 6d. for fire insurance.

The Chairman said he had now to report that Bro. Henry Browse had resigned from the House Committee, in consequence of increasing age and infirmities. The vacancy could not be filled up unless there were two vacancies. The next period of election was very close at hand. The nomination would be made next month, and the election would take place in May. He had a notice of motion for the Quarterly Court to give for Col. Creation—"That the funded property of the Institution be transferred to the names of the present Trustees." Also by the same brother—"That upon the recommendation of the Building Committee, authority be given for the necessary expenditure in laying out the grounds of the Institution." Also another motion by Col. Creation—"That nineteen girls be elected instead of eighteen as previously arranged, by which the number of girls in the Institution will be increased to 200." The Chairman said he himself would give notice "That Bro. John B. Cabbell, &c., be requested and authorised to execute the necessary documents to vest the property of the Institution to the present Trustees, Lord Carnarvon, Lord Leigh, Lord Skelmersdale, and Col. Creation.

Bro. Griffiths Smith asked whether anything had been done as to appointing a Treasurer in the place of Bro. Samuel Tomkins. He supposed it ought to be moved.

The subject, however, was not pursued, and the meeting separated, after passing a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF KENT.

On Tuesday last Bros. the Rev. W. A. Hill, vicar of Throwley, Provincial Grand Chaplain, the Rev. P. J. Syree, P.A.P.C.C., J. Plant, W.M. 31, Dr. Longhurst, S.D. 31, and J. R. Hall, P.M., the hon. sec. to the P.G.L. Reception Committee, waited upon the Very Rev. the Dean, as a deputation from the Canterbury Lodges, with the view of obtaining the use of the chapter house for the purpose of the forthcoming annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and also for arranging for a special service in the cathedral. The Dean received the deputation very courteously and informed them that he would willingly accord the use of the chapter house and would, moreover, be happy to render them any assistance. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Hort, one of the deputation, was unavoidably absent, in consequence of his suffering from an attack of bronchitis.

The directors of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company have decided to recommend to the shareholders at the meeting to be held on Friday, April 12, a dividend of £1 10s. per share for the half-year ended Dec. 31 last, free of income tax.

## Reviews.

## HISTOIRE D'UNE CRIME (HISTORY OF A CRIME).

By VICTOR HUGO.

We confess that, except as a "piece d'occasion," a political manifesto, with which we have nothing to do, we cannot understand why this work was written. As a history of a remarkable episode it is utterly worthless; as a record of a momentous epoch in the annals of France it is utterly unreliable. As some careful and unimpassioned reviewers, both in the *Times* and *Guardian*, have pointed out, it deals too much with "pure imagination," too little with stern reality, too often with positive fictions, too seldom with positive truth. It gives us neither a safe nor trustworthy account of persons or events, of the motives of the actors, of the causes of the scenes which that ornate writer depicts in such a flowing style and with such a decorative pen. In fact, the work is the personification, the idealization of the writer himself, Victor Hugo.

As we read it, we learn much we never knew before—of acts, of words, of doughty deeds, of magnificent speeches, which contemporaneous literature, coldly critical, or austere neglectful, has left in the "poussiere" of the Boulevards, or the callous neglect of unpardonable silence. We think of a poetic refrain which runs thus—

"Is it true, think you?"—*Winter's Tale*.

"Aye here such valorous deeds were done  
As ne'er was done before,  
Aye here the reddest wreath was won  
That ever Gallia wore."

The poetic and imaginative words of Victor Hugo are much too transcendental for us sober-minded, practical, commonplace Englishmen, and we can hardly enter at all into the grandeur of his conceptions, much less the expansive and wondrous power of his language and his descriptions.

We cannot recommend his work either to the admiration of the old, or the contentment of the young. It is far too sensational and, to say the truth, too grotesque for us. It is in fact only Victor Hugo's idea and view, and romantic description of persons and events, and cannot be accepted, either as realistic or authoritative in any particular. We fancy that posterity, far more fair and critical, less excited and prejudiced, will pass a more lenient judgment over the principal character in the transactions thus recorded, despite all that word-painting of incrimination and disparagement with which he is surrounded from first to last in the latest romance of Victor Hugo. That Victor Hugo always writes grandly and poetically we all know, and those who admire his style of writing will find much to applaud and commend, which the sterner critic must condemn, the true historiographer must conscientiously disavow.

THE EXPORTERS' DIRECTORY, Australian-avenue, E.C., is a very useful work for those who are interested in the export trade. We commend its use to all our brethren who are engaged in commerce, especially with our colonies and foreign parts. This work ought to be in every counting-house.

## THE LION OF ENGLAND AND THE TURKISH WOLF, &amp;c. W. H. Guest, 30, Paternoster-row.

This is one of a very numerous class of books just now, proceeding on the assumption that we Anglo-Saxons are descendants of the lost tribes of Israel. As we cannot admit such an assumption on any ground, ethnological, philological, or in fact any "ology" at all, we regret to say that we neither see its meaning, or discover its opportuneness.

The improved relations of France and Germany are likely to be shown in music as well as art, for M. Escudier of the Paris Italiens is in treaty for Herr Wagner's *Lohengrin*. It is to be hoped that the manager's efforts to introduce Wagnerian compositions will prove less disastrous than M. Padeloup's similar attempt at the Concerts Populaires during the Empire, which resulted in a signal failure. Perhaps, however, Herr Wagner's adherents will come from Germany in a body to ensure success, as, according to *Maysair*, they are in the habit of travelling considerable distances in order to attend their master's operas. Thus on Sunday next 200 members of the Berlin "Wagner Verein" will proceed to Schwerin by express train to be present at the performance of the "Walkure." They start at 9 a.m. from Berlin, and are expected to arrive at 1 p.m. in Schwerin. They will find dinner prepared for them at the Hotel du Nord. The opera begins at 5 p.m., and is to end at 10 p.m. They will have only an hour for refreshments, for at 11 p.m. the special train starts on its return journey to the Prussian capital, where it is due at 3 a.m.

A YACHTING CRUISE.—The *Whitehall Review* is glad to see that the Rev. J. Nelson Palmer has beaten an extortionate tug owner in the Portsmouth County Court. During the Southsea Regatta last summer, the *Dolphin*, Bro. Palmer's yacht, showed her ensign at the mast-head (not reversely) as a signal for a tug. The wind was blowing fresh at the time. The Robin Hood tug towed her off, Bro. Palmer offered £2 for towage and the tug owner tried to claim £40 for salvage. He endeavoured to make out that the yacht's ensign at the mast-head was a signal of distress, and that she would have gone ashore but for help. The £2 had been paid into Court, and for this amount only did the County Court Judge give judgement. The Plaintiff, therefore finds himself let in for the full costs upon the higher scale. He will not make much by his venture. Yacht owners are expected to pay "through the nose" by all the harpies at yachting stations. For once we are glad to see a bitter bit, and congratulate Mr. Palmer on his victory.

The directors of the Bank of England met on Thursday, and advanced the rate of discount from 2 to 3 per cent.

## "THE MONDE MACONNIQUE."

(Communique.)

We have received and read the March number of this French Masonic journal with much interest.

Bro. Thevenot's letter to Bro. Bagary is an able resumé of past French Masonic history, and we shall try and find a place for it in the pages, (pace the editor,) of the *Masonic Magazine*. Bro. Grimaux, like other French writers, cannot comprehend why we in England find fault with the action of the French Grand Orient. Let us try and see if we can make them realise alike our views and our position in respect of this "vexata questio."

If he will look back to the pages of the *Freemason*, he will see that we have always carefully pointed out what is our real complaint in England, which has been publicly endorsed and expressed by Grand Lodge.

It is not that the French Grand Orient has taken out a profession of faith from the Constitutions simply, because we have none in our own wise code of laws. It is not that the Grand Orient professes "absolute toleration," because though all do not realize the validity or even the honesty (excuse us, Bro. Grimaux), of such a plea in the present situation of affairs in France, no one body in the world so adheres to "absolute toleration" as we understand it, as the Grand Lodge of England.

But what we do complain of is this, that the French Grand Orient having made a declaration of such belief in its Constitutions in accordance with Cosmopolitan Freemasonry, has erased it, and has not replaced it elsewhere, and so far as the public is concerned utterly repudiates it. Such a profession might have been wrongly placed where it was, but it ought to appear somewhere, (as with us), and it ought not to be denied to be the "common law," the standing profession of French Freemasonry. But, on the contrary, not only is there now no such an authoritative expression anywhere, in any form, but we are distinctly told, by Bro. Caubet, that despite the theory of "absolute toleration," the French Grand Orient is only culpable of wishing to open the doors of Masonry to those who cannot acknowledge belief in God, and henceforth, in consequence, (which is the "crux" of the whole matter), an absolute atheist can be admitted knowingly, as such, into French Freemasonry. An atheist might obtain admission into English Freemasonry through a "suppression veri," but he could not and would not be admitted into any English lodge as an avowed atheist.

We hope that Bro. Grimaux sees what our position is, and will give us credit for honesty of belief, and loyal attachment to our well-known principles. If in the *Freemason* we have spoken earnestly and clearly, it is because we have felt deeply the present untoward position of affairs in France, in our humble appreciation of them; and we assure those of our French brethren who agree with the Grand Orient, that in all we have asserted and in all we have avowed, we have been actuated solely by a sincere desire for the honour and prosperity of French Freemasonry.

## FREEMASONRY IN INDIA.

A most interesting ceremony took place in the Bangalore Lodge, 1043, on the 22nd February. Through the untiring exertions of several earnest and zealous brethren, the District Grand Master for Madras was some time ago moved to grant a provisional warrant for the establishment of a lodge at Mysore. In consequence of various unforeseen circumstances, but more particularly of the famine, which has so severely taxed the energies and time of all our countrymen and brethren in this province, opportunity had been wanting for a sufficient number of the rulers in the Craft to proceed to open this new lodge at Mysore. It happening, however, that the worthy and distinguished brother who had been selected to preside over the lodge, finding himself ordered to and detained in Bangalore, a special dispensation was obtained, and by command of the R.W. the District Grand Master, Past Master Bro. Balfour Cockburn, now ruling the Bangalore Lodge, was directed to place the W.M. elect in the chair of K.S. A very numerous gathering of the brethren assembled in answer to the summons, and in the presence of nearly all the Past Masters of the lodge. Bro. John Hill M'Cally Hayes was duly installed. After labour, the brethren repaired to the dining-room of the Masonic Hall, where a sumptuous banquet had been provided by the liberality of the newly-installed W.M. In the course of the evening several very effective speeches were made by Past Master Bro. Nepean Smith, Past Master Bro. J. W. Hayes, sen., Past Master Bro. Pratt, Past Master Bro. Alfred Hayes, and others. In proposing the toast of the evening Past Master Bro. Balfour Cockburn took occasion to pass a high eulogium, not only in W.M. M. Cally Hayes, but also on his father, Past Master J. W. Hayes, to whose great exertions the establishment of this new lodge was in no small degree due. He reminded the W.M. that he was about to preside over a lodge opened in a perfectly new and untried district, and not only in India, but at home in England, he would be looked upon as a pioneer of the Craft, and that his lodge might, if he carried out the genuine tenets and principles of the Order, eventually become the parent of many other lodges in that district. The town of Mysore had, in all probability, a great future before it; in a few years the province of Mysore would be handed over to the care and guidance of the great young Rajah, who was now being so carefully educated and brought up by the English Government, and it was reasonably to be expected that under the wise sway and rule of this young Prince, Mysore would become in a very few short years one of the most important towns in Southern India. The "Mysore Lodge" will now be opened without delay, and it is expected that Bro. Balfour Cockburn will be deputed to consecrate and open it. The hot weather, however, having set in with unusual fierceness, some few weeks may elapse before the ceremony can be carried out.

## NOTES NO ART, &amp;c.

The Castellani Collection of Antiquities will not, after all find a resting-place in New York. The Museum Trustees cannot scrape together the requisite £30,000, and the collection is now packed up to go to Paris, much to the disappointment of the New Yorkers, who had hoped at least to secure the pottery, which, in addition to the Cesnola purchases, would have laid the foundation of a very fine collection.

MR. HOLMAN HUNT.—We are glad to announce that Mr. Holman Hunt is in a fair way of recovery from his late illness. He will return to England at Easter, and will bring with him an almost completed picture which will be the most important work he has yet produced.—*Athenæum*.

Art circles in America are so dissatisfied with the management of the National Academy of Design that a number of painters have formed a counter association "The Society of American Artists," and have held their first annual Exhibition in New York. The collection is said to be far better than that recently shown at the National Academy, and the influence of the Paris and Munich schools of painting is especially noticeable.

WAREHOUSEMEN AND CLERKS' SCHOOLS.—The Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne) has consented to preside in the course of the summer at the opening ceremony of the Leaf Memorial wings of the Warehousemen and Clerks' Schools.

Chrysanthemums in Japan are trained into numerous quaint shapes like the old English yew trees in the forms of peacocks, &c. In Tokio there are gardens filled with life-sized figures made entirely of the flowers and leaves, the faces being masks, and these chrysanthemum figures accurately represent court ladies, warriors, children, and animals, one of the favourite characters being a young lady with a fox's tail peeping from her dress, and a mask, which, by the touch of a string, turns into Reynard's head. Scenes from the late insurrection are also common, the rebels being completely composed of flowers, with the exception of their swords, shoes, and caps, while the cavalry are also represented. The Mikado's crest, by the way, is a chrysanthemum.

A RELIC OF THE TEMPLE.—Archæologists have much deplored the disappearance of the venerable tree which for ages occupied a prominent place in the garden of the Middle Temple, and about which there are many interesting traditions; among these is one that the tree was a favourite tryst of Henry VIII. and Anne Boleyn. We are informed that its timbers have been used in the construction of a cabinet of antique pattern, which is a valuable addition to the art treasures in the corridor of the Middle Temple Hall. The old tree was removed at the time when the ground was cleared for the continuation of Plowden-buildings, facing the Embankment, during the trusteeship of the late Mr. George Loch, Q.C., Attorney-General, of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

The Polytechnical Society of Berlin in a recent sitting discussed at length a scheme for connecting the Prussian capital with the sea by means of a navigable canal provided with locks so as to enable vessels to ascend to the higher level. The scheme was pronounced feasible. Berlin is situated about 105ft. above the level of the Baltic, and the level of the Baltic and the German Ocean is about equal.

AFRICAN EXPLORATION.—Dr. Emin Effendi, who in 1876 travelled with Gordon Pasha to the Somerset River, sends from Mruli to Dr. Petermann, a sketch dated November last, of his second journey from Magungo on the Albert Nyanza, across Kirota and Masindi to Mruli in August last, and from Mruli to Mpara-Njamoga, in the south of Masindi, and back to Mruli (in September and October). Sir Samuel Baker, it will be remembered, found Kaba Rega, the lord of Ungoro, utterly intractable, but Dr. Emin Effendi spent a month alone with him, showing the impossibility of anticipating the chances of such travels. In November Dr. Effendi was to go from Mruli to Uganda and Karague, and thence, according to Gordon Pasha's desire, to reach, if possible, Lake Akanyaru, the Mfumbiri Mountains, and Ruanda.—*Nature*.

AN OYSTER BED.—In the year 1873 the Jersey States, with a view to encourage a revival of the oyster fishery, which at one time gave employment to a fleet of between 300 and 400 vessels, offered a reward of £50 to the discoverers of a new bank of oysters in the neighbourhood of the island. The old "banks" had been assiduously worked and the young molluscs were destroyed in vast quantities. For the past few years only two or three boats have been able to find employment, and that not of the most profitable character, in searching round the island and off the coast of France for a supply for the island market. Recently the crews of the smacks Baron and Guide reported that they had found off the south-west corner of the island a large bed of valuable oysters, samples of which they brought for inspection. Since that time a sufficient opportunity has been afforded of testing the value of the "find," numerous boats having engaged in the fishery and reaped a rich reward. The price of oysters in the island has fallen 50 per cent. since the discovery, and the fortunate finders were on Wednesday the 20th inst. awarded the sum of £50 by the States Assembly.

A LONG FAST.—The large female anaconda (*Enactes murinus*) now in the Zoological Society's reptile house, purchased on the 15th of February, 1877, has invariably declined the most tempting offers of food until Friday last, when she killed and swallowed a duck. It is impossible to say how long she may have been without food previous to her arrival at the Gardens. One thing is certain, however, that she could not have taken food while in the box in which she arrived from South America, as she was so closely packed as to be barely able to move.

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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.

DAVIES.—On Jan. 29 at Hobart Town, Tasmania, the wife of G. R. Davies, of a son.

KNOWLES.—On the 23rd inst., at Streatham, Mrs. W. Knowles, of a son.

PARKER.—On the 22nd inst., at Woolpit, Suffolk, the wife of D. Parker, of a son.

WONTNER.—On the 24th inst., at The Cottage, Old Charlton, the wife of St. John Wontner, of a son.

## DEATHS.

ARMSTRONG.—On the 22nd inst., at Fairlight Hall, Hastings, after 48 hours' illness, Thomas Armstrong, aged 63. Friends will kindly accept this intimation.

BAKER.—On the 20th inst., suddenly at his residence, Myrtle House, Whitstable, John Baker, aged 63 years.

DAWES.—On the 20th inst., at Aix-les-Bains, Savoy, Edward Alleyn Dawes, aged 47.

KING.—On the 24th inst., at Laburnum Villa, Slaithwaite-road, Lewisham, Harry, second and dearly-loved son of Alfred George and Susanna Jane King, aged 6 years.

SCOTT.—On the 21st inst., at Mundesley, Norfolk, Elizabeth, the affectionate wife of the Rev. E. T. Scott, Rector of Mundesley.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 1878.

## OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER.

The following letter from Major-General Sir Dighton Probyn, on behalf of the Prince of Wales, to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Dorsetshire, and which appeared in the *Times* of Friday last, will be read with pleasure and interest by countless loyal Craftsmen in all parts of the world. We give it without further note or comment, seeing that it is eloquent in its very language to our whole Order, and will best tell its own tale. The whole Craft will feel deeply this interesting statement, these kindly and gratifying words:—"Major-General Sir Dighton Probyn has sent a letter, on behalf of the Prince of Wales, to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Dorset, apologising for the delay in its transmission, and acknowledging the reception the Freemasons gave the Prince on his recent visit to Dorset. The letter says—'I am commanded by the Prince to assure you that the prosperity of the Masonic Craft is ever uppermost in His Royal Highness's thoughts, and the position of Grand Master of the Ancient Order of Freemasons is one in which he feels the greatest pride. I am specially desired to express His Royal Highness's thanks for the sentiments of loyalty and devotion contained in your address towards the Queen, the Princess of Wales, and the other members of the Royal Family.'" All of us, we think, will hail such Masonic assurances from our Grand Master with that loyal devotion which is the characteristic of our Craft.

## IN MEMORIAM.

The most affecting characteristic of "poor mortality," is its short-lived reality, its passing away, its ending, its disappearance, as a "dream when one awaketh." Each day gives evidence of this truth, each hour proclaims this unchanging certainty to men. Do what we will, go where we may, this great law of human destiny here follows us, keeps close to us, hangs upon our steps, accompanies our undertaking. Everything, as Horace says of old so beautifully, has one day to be left behind, and barely a week passes over our heads, but we have to mourn over the departure of old friends, dear relations, those who tenderly ran with us in our race, those who have been the stay of our families, the pride of our hopes, the joy of our lives. And if this is true of our human life, it is equally the case in respect of lodge associations of our Masonic fellowship. The able writers of "Celia's Arbour" which has lately appeared in the ornate pages of our excellent contemporary, the *Graphic*, closes a very striking story, well worth perusal, by the way, with the statement that most of the well-drawn characters in the tale have "passed away." So it is in our lodges to-day. Let us recal the associates of early and gracious hours, let us summon up before us the guests of many a felicitous banquet, the mates of many a cheery gathering. Where are they all now? Gone away! Passed away! Yes, passed and gone to that great and as yet undiscovered country, of which no traveller can tell us any strange or pleasant tales, to that solemn "bourne" from which no sojourner returns! We form new lodges, we meet in old lodges, we are part of a kindly companionship, a genial fellowship, and yet how often, in a few short hours, there are empty places at our board, there are missing members on our lodge rolls, the warm, the true, the kindly, the goodly are all absent, their "place on earth," their seat in the lodge "know them no more." It is very melancholy, sometimes, to note how many are missing from the lodge work or the lodge social circle, who were once the "decus columenque" of that good old lodge, who once lent grace to every gathering, humour to all conversation, harmony to each aggregation, and pleasantness to every scene. No, nothing here will stay! The kind heart, the tolerant mind, the "charity which never faileth," the smiling countenances, the loving companionship, and the sagacious will, all have in turn to be things of

the past. We are led into these reflections, never in themselves unseasonable, by an "obituary," which appears in another column, being that of our lamented Bro. Bentley Shaw, Provincial Grand Superintendent, and Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master for West Yorkshire. Those who know anything of that distinguished province are well aware, and hardly need to be told by us, how much Freemasonry in that district is indebted to his genial qualities of head and heart, to his sagacious, and tolerant, and pleasant rule. In him Freemasonry loses a most loyal brother, and the West Yorkshire Freemasons a most true-hearted friend. We cannot, therefore, allow so great a loss to us all alike to pass by without a few words of sympathetic remembrance and admiration. Missed as Bro. Bentley Shaw will be by a large number of devoted friends, missed as he will be in a loving family circle, missed as he will be in his native town and in his immediate district, he will be emphatically a missed man in that province of which he has been a distinguished ornament, over which he aided to rule, (with the best of Provincial Grand Masters), so long, so wisely, so gently, and so well. Long, however, will his memory endure among Yorkshire lodges and among Yorkshire Masons, and no more kindlier ruler, no more zealous brother, no more thoroughly genial man will ever adorn the honoured annals of West Yorkshire Freemasonry.

## INVASION OF LAWFUL JURISDICTION.

One of the great evils attendant upon the recent regrettable changes in the French Grand Orient, has been the development of most revolutionary views as regards Masonic jurisdiction. Not that unsound theories are altogether novel. Both in France and Germany a section of Freemasons have long held what in England we consider very "queer notions" indeed on the subject. In our opinion it cannot be too distinctly laid down, that no alien Masonic power has a right to claim a Masonic jurisdiction in a national territory except under the following conditions: 1. Previous Constitution of Lodges. 2. Ancient Ties. 3. Daughter Lodges. And even in all cases, when a district or national Grand Lodge is legally appointed, all such arrangements, which are only temporary and provisional at best should cease as soon as may be, as they cannot any longer subsist "de jure," and are both abnormal and inadvisable. A Grand Lodge can only grant warrants lawfully within its own jurisdiction, or in a country where no competent authority exists, or where, for some reason or another, Freemasonry has fallen into abeyance, desuetude, and disorder. In such cases, in order to introduce a "healing influence," any lawful Grand Lodge can grant a warrant in order to endeavour to revive a dormant or discredited organization. But otherwise, we apprehend all other proceedings are illegal and unmasonic, and acts of invasion and intrusion, and those who commit them, must be thrust out of the Masonic family, until they make the "amende honorable" for their Masonic "lâches" and schism. We are among those who have always deplored and condemned, on these grounds, certain French proceedings in the United States, (if out of the cognizance, we believe, of a Craft Grand Lodge), and we do not feel quite sure but that some German Lodges in America come under the same category. If they were founded after the formation of the State Grand Lodges, they clearly are schismatic bodies, as by this time, for the sake of Masonic Order, they ought to recognize existing natural Masonic jurisdictions. But it seems as if a new "gloss" was going to be given to the whole of our Masonic canon law by those representatives of Ultramontane and Jesuitical Masonry, who seem to be increasing amongst us. When it is coolly contended, e.g., that it is simply the principle of "absolute toleration" which is invoked, in order to admit non-believers in God, one is at a loss which most to do, to feel astonished at the paradox proposed to us, or to grieve over the chicanery of this hyper-Jesuitical subtlety commended to our acceptance. But more

than this—any Grand Lodge which refuses to accept this “new order of things,” to bow down before this “iconoclastic” revolution, just like the Septembrisers of old, is henceforth to have French warrants granted by the French Grand Orient to lodges that hold meetings in England—yes, in Great Britain. When Bro. Findel can even approve of such ridiculous and impertinent threats, by the statement, which is an insult to the whole of Freemasonry in Great Britain, that those foreign refugees, and those who are ashamed to own belief in God, (Les Philadelphes Lodge, or Grand Lodge, to wit), are to do good to English Masonry, one sees to what length party spirit can lead sensible men, and evenlightened Masons. When Bro. Rosenberg, in *Der Bund*, talks of the “monotonous” work of English Lodges, (of which he knows nothing), and coolly suggests that Gallic teaching may improve them, it becomes an outrage on good sense and kindly feeling, to say nothing of all Masonic profession. We, who know of what material such lodges, (or Grand Lodges, if you like, my little dear) are composed, must laugh heartily at the idea of the like, or countless such, doing any good to English Masonry. If our English lodges were to be turned into revolutionary and irreligious factions, we quite understand that with some the “wish” would be “father to the thought,” but that our loyal, decorous, earnest, kindly brethren are to be so metamorphosed to please a revolutionary “camarilla,” is, beyond all conception, monstrous and impertinent. And then we beg to say to Bro. Findel, once for all, and we hope he will think it worth his careful consideration. When he can show us that French and German Masonry seeks to do one fiftieth part of what our English Masons are doing for charity, (the great practical tenet of our Order), quietly, heartily, unostentatiously, year by year, we will talk over the matter with him—inasmuch as we hold it to be really almost too absurd to require further animadversion, though we cannot well leave it unnoticed. We protest once more against the threatened invasion by the Grand Orient of France, according to Bro. Caubet and others of all lawful Masonic jurisdictions.

### THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

We congratulate Bro. Dr. Morris, the House Committee, and Bro. Binckes, on the remarkable report of the result of the last Cambridge Local Examination. Out of twenty-five candidates, twenty-four passed, two seniors and twenty-two juniors, only one failing. Of the twenty-two juniors, nineteen gained honours and three satisfied the examiners; six being in the first class, seven in the second class, and six in the third class. Now, having had some experience in the middle-class examinations, we beg to call attention to the fact, specially and pointedly, as most creditable to the School, and, above all, as most significative of the careful, and sound, and correct teaching of Bro. Dr. Morris. No such result could have been achieved without laborious “grounding” and steady “all-round work,” and we beg, once more, to express our admiration of such a result, and our gratification to all concerned in the management and tuition of the School.

### ILLNESS AT THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

We regret to have to call attention to a statement we make elsewhere, that whooping-cough has been superadded to measles at the School, and that eighty children are now suffering from one or other of these complaints. Under these circumstances it must be patent to all our readers that the probability of a Royal visit to the School this year is very greatly diminished. We think it well to point this out, in order to prevent eventual disappointment.

We are requested to state, which we do with much pleasure, that our esteemed Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.D., has kindly consented to preside at the 61st anniversary banquet of the Stability Lodge of Instruction, to be held at the Cannon-street Hotel on the 26th proximo. Further particulars will be duly announced.

### 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.]

#### BRO. CAUBET'S LAST.

To the Editor of the “Freemason.”

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I see by the *Monde Maçonnique* that that able but excitable Bro. Caubet is threatening and thundering against the Grand Lodge of England, if it dared to pass any censure, direct or implied, on the Grand Orient of France—if, in short, it does not accept the last Masonic French revolution. In most, according to my view, (though I am an old fogey) indecent and inflammatory language, he proposes to give French warrants or French charters to French lodges in England. And, stranger still, I note that this childish and unmasonic threat is actually commended by Bro. Findel, in *Die Bauhütte*, and Bro. Rosenberg, in the *Bünd*. Well may an old Mason like myself rub his eyes, and ask, what next? Whither are we going? What is the end of it all? With regard to the fact, I, for one, do not apprehend that it matters “two brass farthings,” despite Bro. Findel's complimentary belief that such a French “descente,” or invasion, will do good to English Masonry. If the new lodges are of the calibre of the “Philadelphes” they may well be left to the atmosphere of the “Bellows and Bagpipes,” the “Cat and the Monkey.”

But the violence of Citizen Caubet's remarks remind me of some famous lines of George Canning, whose whole poem, from which they are taken, may well still be read over by Englishmen:—

Good Republicans all  
The Directory's call  
Invites you to visit John Bull.  
Oppressed by the rod  
Of a Queen and a God,  
The cup of his misery's full.

Yours fraternally,

LOYAL.

#### VAGRANT MASONS.

To the Editor of the “Freemason.”

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Can nothing be done to stop the idle fellows who go prowling about the country in the guise of Freemasons; they are Masons in name only, not in heart? Being Treasurer and Almoner of my lodge, I see many of these gentry, and make a practice of enquiring from their mother lodge their antecedents, with the invariable result that they are undeserving members. This morning I had a letter about an Irishman; he was raised in 1873, paid his dues, and has not paid a single penny to the lodge since, besides carrying off property not his own.

Now, I would suggest that the Treasurer or Almoner should, whenever he grants relief, endorse the certificate of the applicant, with his name, date, name and No. of his lodge. I venture to think, sir, that this will materially stop the sponging on lodges as carried on at present, because on presenting his parchment to the Treasurer or Almoner, thus endorsed, he would naturally infer that something was wrong. I endorse those to whom I grant pecuniary assistance, and only those presenting their papers are relieved. Charity is our grand virtue and jewel in Freemasonry, and justly so, but it is not charity to encourage loafers and spongers who make a living out of the donations from sister lodges.

March 20th, 1878.

ST. PETER'S.

#### THE CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the “Freemason.”

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As a Vice-President of all the Masonic Charitable Institutions I beg to throw out a suggestion, which should be seriously considered, in order to lessen the risk of a repetition of the very painful ordeal to which two of the Charities and the Grand Lodge have had to submit. It is that all the eggs, i.e., the funds, of the different institutions should not be placed in the same basket, i.e., bank. If the funds are all placed in the same bank, and that bank should, as all banks are liable to, break, then all the Charities suffer, and the tax upon the brethren becomes trebly hard to make good their losses; whereas, if each Institution had its own bank, and that bank sanctioned by Grand Lodge, then in the case of failure of one of them the loss is comparatively small and easily borne by the members of the Craft. I beg to bring this matter thus publicly before the Masonic public for their consideration before the next general meeting of Grand Lodge, not out of any invidious feeling towards any bank in particular, for I believe that the present bank used is as sound as that of England, (and who would have thought that Messrs. Willis, Percival, and Co., after weathering the battle and the breeze for upwards of a century, would have had to succumb,) but as a measure which carries its self-evident advantage in its face.

I am, dear Sir, yours fraternally,

C. S. PERCEVAL, V.P. 174, S.W. 1607.

To the Editor of the “Freemason.”

Dear Sir and Brother,—

May I ask for a small space to state briefly a custom we have down here? Instead of giving a P.M.'s jewel our plan is to vote two guineas, on condition that the brother receiving it adds three more and qualifies himself as a life governor.—Believe me, yours fraternally,  
JAMES A. HAYES.

#### KENNING'S CYCLOPEDIA OF FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the “Freemason.”

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I fail to see any need of apologising for the omission of this, or that, from the “Kenning's Cyclopædia” just issued, as it is not intended to be an exhaustive history of Freemasonry, but simply a handy volume for reference, which I contend it truly is, and well worthy of the extended circulation it is destined to receive. The ground occupied by Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, M.A., P.G.C., is peculiarly his own, and makes the “Cyclo” different in many respects to all others. To those who desire more information on the many points alluded to in this work, we recommend them to consult Dr. Mackay's splendid Encyclopædia, or Bro. Kenneth R. Mackenzie's Cyclopædia, published by Bro. John Hogg, two works of great value and research. The present work, however, for the great bulk of Masons will prove most acceptable, and is exceedingly cheap as a volume, and even those who may possibly be supplied with the other cyclopædias will find the one by Bro. Woodford in some respects capable of supplying portions omitted in the larger volumes, especially as to Masonic Bibliography. Had it not been for a little haste in compilation, it might have been made still more useful, after due condensation and additions, but to compile a cyclopædia well you require almost to re-write it several times.

Yours fraternally,

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

To the Editor of the “Freemason.”

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It has occurred to me that as H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, our M.W.G.M., is about to open the new wing of the Girls' School, and eighteen girls are to be elected from twenty-four candidates at the election in April, it would be a graceful compliment to His Royal Highness and an appropriate way to commemorate the event by the Committee of the Girls' School sanctioning the election of all the twenty-four candidates without a poll, and with that view I have taken the liberty to write to you, that the matter may be brought before the Governors for their consideration.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

R. THORPE, W.M. 588.

#### ADMISSION OF CANDIDATES INTO FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the “Freemason.”

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I trust you will allow me a small portion of your valuable space for the ventilation of a subject which I was glad to see treated of by you some short time back, but which is of such vital importance to our Order that it is to be hoped it will be earnestly taken up by the Fraternity. I refer to the evil practice of admitting candidates into Freemasonry without that strict examination as to their fitness which is enjoined by our Constitution.

It too frequently happens that brethren propose as candidates men of whom they have but the scantiest knowledge, the ability to pay the necessary fee, and a fair appearance of respectability are thought amply sufficient qualifications, and no searching enquiries are made in order to learn whether the candidate possesses that moral rectitude and sense of honour which the most impressive ceremony will fail to impart, and that discretion which should be a distinguishing characteristic of every Freemason. Masonry is, doubtless, capable of stimulating into active exercise virtues which may have previously lain dormant in the soul, but it cannot impart those virtues, neither can it make a good brother out of an indifferent citizen.—Yours fraternally,

March 27th, 1878.

FIDELITAS.

#### MASONIC SPEECHES.

To the Editor of the “Freemason.”

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I write to ask you if there is any book in publication containing a selection of Masonic speeches, which would give a young man and a Worshipful Master elect some idea or outline as to the kind of speeches which should be made at the banquet following an ordinary lodge, and also at the festival banquet following the installation ceremony.

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

YOUNG MASON.

#### THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

To the Editor of “The Canadian Craftsman.”

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The recent action of a large majority of the representatives of the various lodges acknowledging the supremacy of the Grand Orient of France is a death-blow to the existence of that Supreme body as a legally recognised Masonic organisation. It is quite unnecessary for us to argue the question. The very corner-stone of the Masonic edifice is based upon a belief in the Great Architect of the Universe. To remove this landmark (the most ancient of all) is to throw open our portals to those whom it has ever been our effort to discountenance and discourage. The whole of our system of allegory and symbolism owes its beauty to the broad and liberal principles, the high and noble thoughts, the grand and priceless virtues, which have their origin in a belief in the Omnipotence, the Omniscience and the Omnipresence of the Great I AM. Those misguided men in the Grand Orient who have dared to decree that it is not absolutely necessary for the neophyte to acknowledge a belief in God, have literally sapped the Masonic tree of the very essence that renders its growth so strong and vigorous, its foliage so green and thick, and its blossoms and fruit so beautiful and so luscious—to rob Masonry of that great and grand principle is to take from her the vital spark that renders her

dear to the Christian, the Hebrew, the Mussulman, and Confucian alike. Around her sacred altar, all who had faith in an Immortal Being could kneel, and hand united to hand, raise their voice in prayer to that God who recognises the cry of the supplicant, whatever his minor points of creed may be. It is that basis of a fixed and firm belief in the Creator that has induced men from every branch of the Christian Church, followers of Mahomet, Buddhists and Hebrews, to seek entrance to our lodge rooms, and it is that alone which teaches us to unite in common brotherhood. To deny the Fatherhood of God, the Supreme Grand Master, is to denounce the brotherhood of man. The latter rests upon the former, and thus we see, these bigots would destroy our whole fabric by obliterating the recognition of the Maker, and the immortality of the soul.

But upon what plea do they base their action? "An unlimited freedom of conscience." What a plea! Let this majority go one step further—some men have committed murder and claimed that they had the right to do so, their consciences were not seared because their hands were imbued with innocent blood; others have broken every moral law, and yet claimed for themselves a clear conscience—are we as Masons to recognise and receive such men as brethren? Certainly not. Yet if we once acknowledge this French theory of "an unlimited freedom of conscience," we shall be obliged to admit within our ranks men whom we would not allow to cross our domestic thresholds. This is, then, the position in which the Grand Orient of France would place Masonry throughout the world.

How should this action upon the part of the Grand Orient be met? The answer is clear, and the path plain and straightforward. Every Grand Master should issue his edict at once, annulling all Masonic intercourse with Masons hailing from the Grand Orient of France, and every Grand Lodge, upon assembling, should hasten to endorse the action of their respective Grand Masters, in the strongest and most emphatic terms. Protest after protest should be sent to them, so as to strengthen the hands of ninety-six lodges that nobly rejected the base and devilish theory, and at the same time the Supreme Grand Council of France should be upheld as the true and only recognised Supreme Masonic authority in that country. By some such prompt action upon the part of Grand Lodges, and even Grand Chapters, and other supreme bodies throughout the world, this action upon the part of our thoughtless and ill-advised French brethren may be averted. To remain silent, however, at such a momentous crisis in the history of the Craft is to give tacit consent, which might be construed into encouragement, to wild theories of this so-called Masonic Grand body.

ROBERT RAMSAY.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE TRINITY LODGE, NO. 1734.

This newly formed lodge was consecrated on Tuesday, the 19th inst., in solemn Masonic form, at the Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh. The Consecrating Officer appointed was the V.W. Bro. the Rev. Charles J. Martyn, P.G.C., D.P.G. M. Suffolk and Provincial Grand Superintendent Suffolk, who is well known, not only as a popular Mason, but also as one of the most efficient Consecrating Officers in the Craft. It is needless, therefore, to say that the ceremony was most admirably performed; very valuable assistance being given by the V.W. Bro. the Rev. S.R. Wigram, P.G.C., P.P.G.C., Essex. P.M. Nos. 214 and 1000, P.Z. Nos. 214 and 1000, who acted as Chaplain; W. Bro. A. Lucking, P.M. Nos. 160 and 1000. M.E.Z. No. 1000, and Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies; and W. Bro. J. A. Wardell, P.M. Nos. 160 and 1000, P.G.A.D.C. Lodge was opened at 2 p.m. the Consecrating Officer appointing as his Wardens W. Bro. Joseph Burton, P.M. No. 276, P.G. Treasurer; and W. Bro. Thos. J. Ralling, W.M. No. 51 and P.G. Sec. The ceremony was then proceeded with, an interesting and practical oration on the Nature and Principles of Freemasonry, particularly as regards "the Five Points," being given by V.W. Bro. the Rev. S. R. Wigram. The musical portion was ably carried out by W. Bro. E. E. Phillips, P.M. Nos. 379 and 1000, P.Z. No. 1000, and P.P.G.D. Essex. The installation of the first W.M. followed; and the petitioning brethren having unanimously chosen W. Bro. William Pissey, P.M. No. 160, P.P.J.G.W. Essex, he was placed in the chair of K.S. in ancient Masonic form, and subsequently invested the following as his officers for the year: W. Bro. John Allen, P.M. No. 160, P.P.G.S.B. Essex, as S.W.; W. Bro. Edward Judd, P.M. No. 160, P.P.G.R. Essex, as J.W.; Bro. W. J. Belcham, No. 160, as Treasurer, W. Bro. Frederick J. Wiseman, P.M. No. 160, as S.D. Bro. F. R. Bernard, No. 1373, nominated as J.D. A together the proceedings were of a very interesting and successful character, and the Trinity Lodge may be said to be launched under very favourable auspices. After lodge was closed, the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Host Deadman, of the Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh. After dinner the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, between which excellent harmony was rendered by Bros. Martyn, Frederick Wiseman, J. Allen, E. E. Phillips, F. R. Bernard, Harper, Dennis, Jas. Syer, &c. The following brethren were present during the day, V.W. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C.; &c., V.W. Bro. the Rev. S. R. Wigram, P.G.C.; &c., W. Bro. Joseph Burton, P.G.; Treasurer; W. Bro. Thos. J. Ralling, Provincial G. Secretary; W. Bro. A. Lucking, P.M. 160 and 1000, Provincial G.D.C.; W. Bro. J. A. Wardell, P.M. Nos. 160 and 1000, Provincial G.A.D.C.; Bro. T. F. Bishop, P.P.G.P. No. 276; Bro. W. Bell, W.M. No. 1024; Bro. J. C. Johnstone, J.W.; No. 1000; Bro. W. Bishop, No. 160; Bro. G. Goodman, S.D. No. 160; Bro. W. V. Willson, No. 160; Bro. R. A. Francis, No. 1024; Bro. H. Harper, J.D. No. 160; Bro. J. Harrington, No. 160; Bro. B. Johnston, No. 1000; Bro. Will Allen, No. 60; S.W.; Bro. the Rev. A. F. Heaton, No. 425; Bro. Jas. J. J. Bro. Thos. Dennis, Bro. J. Allen, Tyler, No. 10; W. Bro. William Pissey, P.M. No. 160, P.P.J.G.W. Essex;

W. Bro. John Allen, P.M. No. 160, P.P.G.S.B. Essex. W. Bro. Edward Judd, P.M. No. 160, P.P.G.R. Essex; Bro. W. J. Belcham, No. 160; W. Bro. Frederick J. Wiseman, P.M. No. 160; Bro. F. R. Bernard, No. 1373; W. Bro. E. E. Phillips, P.M. and P.Z. Nos. 379 and 1000; and others.

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The first meeting of the Stewards for the forthcoming festival of this Institution, which is to be held on the 10th of May, under the presidency of the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro. Grand Master, took place at the Freemasons' Hall on Monday last, Bro. John Boyd, P.G.P., in the chair. The brethren present were Bros. A. Durrant, George Kenning, Robert Secker, W. Stephens, George Ward Verry, E. Perkins, Arthur E. Gladwell, Thomas Massa, Le Page, G. Phillips, Charles Tye, J. F. Romer, Edwin Izod, J. J. Hutchings, G. Bolton, H. A. Bennett, J. Faulkner, Peter de L. Long, H. Bartlett, M. D. Loewenstark, George H. Phythian, John Mason, J. Kingham, J. A. Farnfield, J. W. Baldwin, H. Massey (Freemason), and F. R. W. Hedges.

The usual preliminary arrangements were made, including the election of Bro. E. J. McIntyre, Q.C., G.R., as President, Bro. Boyd, as Treasurer, Bro. Little, as Hon. Secretary; the arranging of the bill of fare, the toasts, the music, and the Steward's fee (which was fixed at two guineas). It was resolved that a letter be written to the Earl of Carnarvon, expressing the thanks of the brethren to his Lordship for kindly consenting to take the chair at the festival. It was then resolved that the next meeting should be held at five o'clock on the evening of the 17th April, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Bro. Boyd.

Bros. Long, Verry, Kenning, Stephens, and Gladwell, were appointed as the musical committee, and £30 was voted for that purpose.

The price of dinner tickets was fixed at 21s. for gentlemen and 10s. 6d. for ladies.

We are sorry to have to inform our readers that in addition to the measles, whooping-cough has appeared at the Girls' School. There are now eighty children ill, and it may be a question whether there can be any probability of a Royal visit to the School this year.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, (held at the club), 101, Queen Victoria-street, E.C., on Monday, April 8th, at 6 o'clock; W. Smallpeice, P.M. 1395 (Secretary Emulation Lodge of Improvement), W.M., assisted by the following brethren:—

##### FIRST LECTURE.

1st Section ... Bro. C. J. Turner, J.W. 157  
2nd " ... " E. Legg, P.M., S.W. 1107  
3rd " ... " J. E. Shand, S.D. 1563, Hon. Sec. Lodge of Instruction  
4th " ... " D. M. Bellfrage, S.W. 179  
5th " ... " G. Brooke, P.M. 63  
6th " ... " C. A. Woods, J.D. 145  
7th " ... " A. Marvine, 1656

##### SECOND LECTURE.

1st Section ... Bro. W. A. Dawson, 421  
2nd " ... " F. R. Spaul, I.G. 1124  
3rd " ... " E. G. Tattershall, 165  
4th " ... " J. Muzio, P.M. 1159  
5th " ... " G. B. Smallpeice, P.M. 370

##### THIRD LECTURE.

1st Section ... Bro. T. W. Ockenden, S.D. 1512  
2nd " ... " W. Sharrett, J.W. 181  
3rd " ... " C. P. Cobham, P.M. 957

This is first time the Sections have been worked here, and first time the whole have ever been attempted strictly in accordance with the Emulation Lodge of Improvement system. Brethren are invited to attend.

**NEWSVENDORS' BENEVOLENT AND PROVIDENT INSTITUTION.**—The annual meeting of the supporters of this Institution was held on Tuesday evening, at 28, Martin's-lane, City, Captain Thomas Hamber presiding. A very satisfactory report was presented to the committee, special allusion being made in it to the success which attended the festival celebrated on the 2nd inst., under the presidency of Mr. William Lethbridge, a partner in the firm of Messrs. Smith and Sons, of the Strand.

The ceremony of installation will be worked in the Star Lodge of Instruction at the Marquis of Granby, New Cross Road, this (Saturday) evening, by the Preceptor, Bro. Govan Macdonald, P.M. 1158. The lodge will be opened at 7, sharp.

**H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, accompanied by the young Princesses, attended the services at St. Anne's Church, Westminster, on Sunday morning last. H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge was also present.**

**The Elephant and Castle Theatre was utterly destroyed by fire on Tuesday morning.**

**MADAME TUSSAUD'S.**—Amongst recent additions to the exhibition in Baker-street are portrait models of the Czarewitsch and Prince Gortschakoff.

**Casting about for a nice, convenient name for the telephone, the Germans have at last hit upon "doppelstahlblechzungenprecher."**

**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.—Advr.

#### ROYAL ALBERT ORPHAN ASYLUM.

The following is the report presented to the General Court of Governors and Subscribers, on Wednesday, 27th March, 1878:—

The Committee of the Royal Albert Orphan Asylum have great pleasure in presenting to the Governors and Subscribers their thirteenth annual report and treasurer's cash account of receipts and expenditure, and the details of the actual cost of the management of the institution for the year 1877.

##### The subscriptions for the past

| year amounted to        | £    | s. | d. |
|-------------------------|------|----|----|
| Donations ...           | 1641 | 7  | 0  |
| Proceeds of Dinner ...  | 1054 | 6  | 1  |
| Legacies ...            | 2117 | 4  | 0  |
| Purchased Admission ... | 131  | 5  | 0  |
| Sermons ...             | 15   | 13 | 10 |
| Sundries ...            | 227  | 4  | 1  |

making the gross total £7086 17s. 1d.; thus showing an increase of £1596 19s. 6d. over the receipts of the previous year.

The cost for maintenance as per audited accounts is £3566 7s. 8d., with the interest on mortgage (£469 1s. 3d.) charged in lieu of rent, makes the cost for food, clothing, lodging, education and training of the children in the asylum during the past year £21 os. 4d. per head, but if furniture, building repairs, and outfits are included, it will amount to £22 4s. 3d. per head.

The Committee are pleased to report that the third public dinner in aid of the funds of this Institution, was held at the Cannon-street Hotel, E.C., on Tuesday, the 26th June, and that the most noble the Marquis of Hertford presided, supported by the Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs of London and Middlesex; and they take this opportunity of returning their most sincere thanks to his lordship for presiding, and to those noblemen and gentlemen who so kindly undertook the office of Steward, also to those friends who attended the festival and contributed so liberally to his lordship's appeal, the result being that the sum of £1054 6s. 1d. was added to the funds of the Institution; the committee are further pleased to report that his lordship has most kindly consented to become a Vice-President of the Institution.

The Committee beg to return their most grateful thanks to the Executors of the late James Graham, Esq. for having kindly granted the sum of £500 in aid of this Institution from the funds that were placed at their disposal for charitable purposes under the testator's will. The Committee also with much thankfulness acknowledge the receipt of legacies of £2000 from the late George Moore, Esq., and £117 4s. from the executors of the late C. W. Dalton, Esq.; and it is from these sources that the income for the past year has so largely increased.

The farm and kitchen garden are still a successful source of revenue, likewise a valuable addition to the industrial department at the asylum. The value of produce supplied to the house during the past year amounted to £406 7s. 10d.; this, after deducting the cost for labour and working expenses (including sale of produce) resulted in a profit of £185 5s. 2d., being an increase of £87 14s. over that of the preceding year. The Committee anticipate that in the future this sum will still be increased, as they contemplate cultivating a further portion of the land.

The Committee beg again to return their warmest thanks to those clergymen who have so kindly advocated the claims of the Institution from their pulpits during the past year.

The industrial departments still continue to work most satisfactorily; a further addition to these having been made by the engagement of a thoroughly practical carpenter and painter, who had already commenced to effect a saving in the repairs to the building and estate, these being now carried out under his superintendence, with the assistance of a certain number of boys attached to this branch of industry.

The number of children admitted into the asylum during the past year was 43, being 39 by election, 3 on presentation, and 1 purchased admission, thus making 611 children that have been received into the Institution since its establishment. 21 boys and 21 girls left the Asylum last year, of these, 18 returned home to their friends, and 24 entered situations provided for them, several of which were obtained by the Committee and officers of the Institution.

The general health of the children and household has been most satisfactory.

Before closing the report the Committee beg most earnestly to call the attention of the governors and subscribers to the liabilities of the institution, these, they are pleased to state, are £1341 5s. 10d. less at the close of last year than they were at the end of the previous year, but the Committee regret to report that there is still £1000 due to bankers, and £2376 5s. 8d. for various accounts owing to tradesmen and others, thus making a total of £3376 5s. 8d.; this the committee are very anxious to liquidate, and are now making a special appeal to meet this deficiency, and they trust that those friends who have so liberally supported this institution will not fail now to help them to pay off this debt, which presses very heavily upon them, so that the present year's receipts may not be encumbered with these old liabilities, and the committee earnestly trust that the friends of the widow and orphan will still exert their influence on behalf of this excellent public charity, and that God in His good providence will prosper the labours undertaken for its success, and will impart His Divine blessing on all those connected with this Christian work.

Vicount Holmesdale, Provincial Grand Master of Kent, has accepted the invitation given by the three Canterbury Lodges to hold the next annual Grand Lodge in Canterbury during the ensuing summer. The second Wednesday in July will probably be the day fixed on for the gathering.



## Obituary.

## BRO. BENTLEY SHAW.

Freemasonry in West Yorkshire has suffered a most severe loss in the regretted decease of Bro. Bentley Shaw, the Prov. G. Superintendent, who for many years acted as Deputy Provincial Grand Master to Lord Ripon, when Prov. Grand Master. It is not too much to say, that the present remarkable position of West Yorkshire Masonry may be mainly attributed to the genial rule of Bro. Bentley Shaw, whose memory will ever remain fresh and cherished in the minds of West Yorkshire brethren of all ranks. His courtesy and cordiality, his wishfulness to oblige, and his unceasing kindness of disposition, always made him alike a graceful ruler and a welcome guest, while his good sense and moderation, and love of Masonry and of peace, caused him ever to exercise a discipline of considerate goodwill, rather than any mere assertion of authoritative interference.

No one ever more completely enjoyed the confidence and regard of his brethren than did Bro. Bentley Shaw, and his death will be a great loss, undoubtedly, to West Yorkshire Masonry. As a worthy and zealous brother and fellow worker in West Yorkshire well says, "When I remember how faint was the interest taken in this Province in the Masonic Charities, when I first entered the Order, and how warmly Bro. Shaw joined a few of us in taking up the cause, and set the movement a-going which has culminated in such excellent results, I feel that he has done a good work in his day."

Under his amiable and attractive supremacy, the outer and inner life of the West Yorkshire lodges developed in a most wonderful manner, and to his fostering sympathy the work of the Charity Committee and the extension of charitable labours for the Metropolitan Institutions received an energetic impulse. To the last he remained most faithful and attached to the principles of Charity organization for which West Yorkshire is famed, and always avowed his unchanged sympathy and adherence to the great and good work of the Metropolitan Masonic Charities.

It is impossible in a short memoir like this to do justice to his many good qualities of head and heart, and from long and kindly intercourse, we are able to say that few more thoroughly true-hearted and fraternal rulers have ever adorned our Masonic circle, and that his name will long endure a household word, in those many "bright" lodges in West Yorkshire, where the mention of Bro. Bentley Shaw will ever conjure up the recollection of a kind friend, a warm-hearted brother, and able and a tolerant ruler.

Bro. Bentley Shaw was initiated into Masonry, January 15th, 1846; having served the offices of J.D., J.W., and S.W., he became W.M. of his mother lodge, the well-known Lodge of Harmony, Huddersfield, in 1851.

On the death of Bro. Fearnly, he was appointed by Lord Ripon as his Deputy, and for eleven years no province was more ably or admirably directed than by our lamented friend, Bro. Bentley Shaw.

As the *Doncaster Chronicle* well reminds us, on the resignation of Lord Ripon, a few years ago, Bro. Shaw also resigned the Deputy Mastership, though tendering the most practical marks of sympathy and support to the new Grand Master, Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., and his able coadjutor, Thomas Tew, Esq., the present Deputy. To mark their high appreciation of his distinguished services the brethren of West Yorkshire presented him with a costly piece of plate, which took the form of a magnificent "Corbeille à fleurs," valued at 300 guineas, and which was presented to him with becoming ceremony on the 21st July, 1875.

Bro. Shaw also had filled the office of Grand Deacon of England.

In Royal Arch Masonry Bro. Shaw was exalted on the 31st August, 1848, and on the 6th March, 1855, was installed M.E.Z. of the Chapter of Perseverance, No. 275, South-parade, Huddersfield. He was installed Provincial Grand Superintendent of West Yorkshire, at the Masonic Hall, Dewsbury, on the 10th Nov., 1875, under the banner of Chapter Three Grand Principles, No. 208, E. Comp. John Hervey, G.S.E. (as the representative of the Grand Superintendent, the Prince of Wales), being the installing Officer. The proceedings were most enthusiastic.

On the 7th of November last a Provincial Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Freemasons of West Yorkshire assembled, in considerable force in the Masonic Hall, South-parade Huddersfield, under the banner of the Chapter of Perseverance, No. 275. Most Ex.-Comp. Bentley Shaw, Prov. Grand Superintendent, presided. Having been most cordially saluted by the companions, he thanked the meeting for the heartiness of their reception. He rejoiced to see so large a gathering of West Yorkshire companions, which was the largest he ever remembered in those rooms, and he gave them a welcome to the hospitality of his own chapter. They were met for no unholy purpose, but for wise and judicious action in a good cause. Some of the companions, prior to that meeting had been engaged on the Charity Committee. He hoped the work of charity would long characterise that province, and would be imitated by many others. This was the last Provincial Grand Chapter Brother Bentley Shaw attended, and his observations on this occasion, as also on the occasion of the last meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge, are somewhat noteworthy.

Bro. Shaw was also the M.W.S. of the Prince of Wales Chapter Rose Croix, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield (which was founded on the 9th of March, 1876), having previously been connected with the Talbot Chapter, Sheffield, and between his connection with that chapter and becoming the M.W.S. of the Prince of Wales Chapter, he took the degrees up to the 30th in London, and subsequently he took the 31st degree also in London. His successor as M.W.S. of the Prince of Wales Chapter (his term of office having expired) was to have been installed last Saturday, but the ceremony was postponed on it being learned that Bro. Bentley Shaw had passed away. When the Prince

of Wales Chapter was opened Bro. Bentley Shaw entertained the illustrious brethren of the 33rd degree with thorough Freemasonry hospitality and splendour at his residence, Woodfield House.

Bro. Bentley Shaw was seized with an apoplectic fit at Woodfield House a week or two ago, and it was then thought that he would not survive. Under the care, however, of Dr. Scott, of Waverley House, he rallied, and hopes were entertained that he might recover, but he succumbed on Wednesday, March 20th, being in his 62nd year.

The funeral was appointed for Saturday, March 23rd, and was a remarkable expression of sympathy for the loss of a most valued citizen, a warm friend, a kindly employer, and a most true-hearted man. In addition to a numerous circle of friends, a large number of the brethren assembled to do honour to his remains.

Lockwood Church had been draped in black for the ceremonial, and the side galleries had been filled long before the service commenced. When the mourners had entered the Church, it was filled to its utmost capacity. The service was conducted by the Rev. D. J. MacKimm, assisted by the Rev. Canon Calvert. The 39th Psalm was sung to a very effective chant, by Battye; and, after the epistle, the congregation sang the hymn "When our heads are bowed with woe," to Redhead's well-known and appropriate tune. Miss Gledhill, the Organist, played a funeral march as the cortège entered and left the church. At the grave, the Rev. D. J. MacKimm continued the service, the choir singing the responses.

The coffin was of polished oak, and the plate bore the simple inscription—"Bentley Shaw, born January 16th, 1816, died March 20th, 1878."

The Freemasons assembled in the Masonic Hall, South-parade, and before being marshalled into processional order, were addressed by Bro. Sir Henry Edwards, the Provincial Grand Master.

Sir Henry, after explaining that he did not intend formally to open the lodge, said:—I cannot allow this occasion to pass without first saying a word or two with regard to the very sad loss we have sustained by the death of our friend and brother, Bentley Shaw. I don't know any man in the county of York who was more respected than he was, especially in his own immediate district, where he was so thoroughly beloved by all men, women, and children, and especially by his Masonic brethren, that I don't see that we can ever "look upon his like again." He was always kind and courteous to everybody. If a man had him for his friend he had secured a friend for life. But we all know perfectly that what has happened to him must happen to us all—in a very short span, probably, everyone of us will be called hence to the presence of his Maker, and I do beseech you all—I entreat you—I don't want to read you a sermon—to make the best of your time while it remains to you. The time is short, and the nearer we approach to our destinies the more seriously we ought to think. This is indeed a very sad ceremony, for we have been accustomed so long to look upon his benevolent face, and to see the manner in which he treated us. As a father no man ever surpassed him in affection. One of the greatest blows he ever received in life was by the death of his eldest son, and I don't think he ever got over it. I am now about to go and see his widow—I dread the ordeal. We are all subject to unpleasantness of this kind—I say unpleasantness, because it is peculiarly painful to my feelings; but it is our duty that we should submit to everything Providence has fore-ordered. All I can say is that I shall give to the widow an assurance of the best feeling towards her and her children; I shall give her an assurance that each and all of you—that no class of men on the face of the earth more truly sympathise and condole with her than the brethren of West Yorkshire. With these few words, brethren, I think for the present we will say adieu.

Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P., D.P.G.M., said: I can only say that the words of the Grand Master will find a responsive echo in the hearts of every one of us. The Masonic career of Bro. Shaw to us, since he became a member in 1846, has been one of pleasure, joy, and satisfaction. However, it has pleased the Great Architect of the Universe to take him suddenly away from us. But he has left to all of us a legacy, the worth of which I hope we shall imitate, and that his virtues will be remembered by every one of us. I am sure we are all pleased to see so many of you rally round the Grand Master this morning, to accompany the remains of our dear brother, Bentley Shaw, to their last resting place.

The following brethren attended the funeral:—Bros. George Haigh, P.M., Lodge of Peace, No. 149, Meltham; W. Hall, P.M., St. Oswald Lodge, 910, Pontefract; John Johnson, Tyler, Huddersfield Lodge, 290, and David Turver, Tyler, Lodge of Harmony, 275, Huddersfield; John Shaw, Secretary, Clement Wood, Treasurer, John Helliwell, G. H. Walker, Samuel Sugden, W.M., R. R. Armitage, Colne Valley Lodge; J. W. Brunton, P.M., Helme Valley Lodge, 652, Holmfirth; Sergt-Major Anderson, of Huddersfield; W. T. Beanland, Wearcliffe Lodge, 1462; J. T. Haigh, James Crowther, Ellis Netherwood, George Horsfall, W. Crowther, Thomas Shawe, James Sykes, Thornhill (Lindley) Lodge, 1514; J. Stansfield, G. Greenwood, M. Schofield, W. Elliott, E. Mackerel, Sowerby Bridge, 1283; G. Normanton, C. Naylor, 1302, Halifax; A. A. Stott, Thomas Normington, 1102, Mirfield; Joseph Fozzard, W.M.; W. Sheard, P.P.G.I., P.M. 971, Batley H. G. E. Green, 1019, Sincerity Lodge, Wakefield; Rawson Kelley, W.M.; Dan Hopkins, P.M.; George T. Bull, 750, Cleckheaton; H. Heeley, S.D.; J. A. Heastie, Thomas Beardson, J.W.; John Haigh, S.W.; John Tinker, S.W.; Jonathan Midgely, W.M., Holme Valley Lodge, 652; Ramsden White, Leonard Fisher, W. Todd, B. S. Stewart, J.W.; A. Graham, J. Firth, P.J.D.; Alfred Taylor, Henry Partridge, James Wood, Edwin Barker, Lodge of Truth, Huddersfield, 521; B. Micklethwaite,

P.M. 495; Wakefield, George Rhodes, T. K. Potter, R. Williamson, P.M. Lodge of Truth; Charles Shaw, S.W.; Edwin Woodlat, W.M. Candour Lodge, 337, Saddleworth; George Sykes, P.M.; G. W. Farrar, W.M.; Allan Haigh, P.M.; W. Harrop, P.M.; W. Fitton, Henry Nield, John James Tickers, George Milnes, O.G.; Henry Haigh, P.I.G.; Joseph Dobson, P.I.G.; Walker Dyson, Robert Dyson, P.S.D.; W. Mitchell, J.W.; George Harling, P.M.; J. A. Cocker, J. Woodcock, W. O. Clough, J. B. Abbey, P.J.O. of Huddersfield Lodge, 290; C. Woolens, Three Principles Lodge, 298, Dewsbury; D. A. Shaw, P.M. St. John's Lodge, 827, Dewsbury; Follet Dunsford, S.W. 306, Leeds; David Blakeley, P.M.; W. H. Hick, J.W.; Charles Avison, W.M.; Nelson of the Nile Lodge, 294, Batley; Alfred Moffatt (Moorlands, Mirfield), Amphibious Lodge, 251, Heckmondwike; Joseph Sykes, (Huddersfield) P.G.D., Craven Lodge, 812, Skipton; Joseph Knight, C. H. Redfern, P.M.; John Ellis, William Myers, P.M.; Jos. W. Sykes, J.D. (Huddersfield); H. W. Wrigley, J.W. (Huddersfield); David Cairns, W.M.; Lodge of Peace, 149, Meltham; Wright Battye, York Lodge, 236, York; James Haigh, P.M.; W. Haigh, P.M.; Lodge of Peace, 149, Meltham; C. J. Walshaw, P.M.; W. H. Crossley, Abraham Walshaw, St. James Lodge, 448, Halifax; James Charnock, P.M., Three Graces Lodge, 408, Halifax; Edward Smith, P.M. Eccleshill Lodge, 1034, near Bradford; Christopher Pratt, P.P.G.S.W.; F. W. Nicholson, S.W., P.P.G.O.; J. W. Monckman, P.M.; H. Latimer, W.M.; Shakespeare Lodge, 1018, Bradford; Alfred Robertshaw, W.M., Hope Lodge, 302, Bradford; Fred. Booth, P.M., Airedale Lodge, 387, Shipley; Jonas Sheard, Prov. G.T., 208, Dewsbury; Joshua Lee, P.M. P.G.T., Huddersfield Lodge; F. M. Tindall, P.G.S., 1239, Sheffield; Philemon Smith, P.M., 904, Rotherham; J. C., Malcolm, P.G.S. (Coroner of Leeds); Thomas Ruddock, P.G.S.; A. H. Kirk, P.G.S.; J. Wilson, P.P.D.C.; J. M. Woodhead, P.P.D.C.; W. Schofield, Pur.; J. W. Tempest, P.P.A.D.C.; J. T. Rhodes, P.P.A.D.C.; T. Schofield, P.P.G.D.; A. Jackson, P.P.G.D.; H. N. Crowther, P.P.C.D.; T. Heaton, P.P.J.D.; Sir Henry Edwards, J.P., D.L., Provincial Grand Master; T. W. Tew, J.P. (of Pontefract), D.G.P.M.; R. E. Collinson (Mayor of Ripon), P.P.S.D.; Colonel Day, Lodge of Harmony, 275, Huddersfield; Rev. Abraham Smith, P.P.G.C.; Rev. R. Oldfield, I.P.M.; G. W. Rhodes, P.M., 275, Huddersfield; C. L. Mason, P.G.S. (Leeds); Henry Smith, P.G.S.; J. Hirst, P.G.J.W.; Dr. Blackburn, P.P.S.D.; Saddleworth; J. W. Booth, P.G.W. 258, Heckmondwike; Jno. Beanland, P.G.S.W. 600, Bradford; W. Murphy, F. A. Barras, F. W. Danmann, E. Carter, J. B. Donkersley, W. Hirst, Lodge of Harmony, 275, Huddersfield; J. Summer, S.W. 1311, Leeds; R. W. Jubb, A. Jubb, Secretary Lodge of Harmony, Huddersfield; R. H. Armitage, D.C.; C. W. Keighley, S.W.; R. Whiteley, Joseph Lowenthal, P.M.; W. Wid'op, P.P.G.W. Lodge of Harmony. There were also present among the Fraternity Bros. George Harper (Lockwood); H. Moseley (Huddersfield); Manohar Rhodes, J.P. Pentalpha, 974, Bradford; T. A. Haigh, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. 149, Meltham; W. H. B. Tomlinson, P.M., P.P.G. Reg. Unanimity, 154, Wakefield; R. Craig, P.M., F. Horsley, P.M. 304, Leeds; J. J. Schaeppi, 302, Bradford.

We are indebted to our contemporary, the *Huddersfield Chronicle*, for the great part of this report, but feel it to be our duty to call the attention of the Craft emphatically to the loss of so good a brother and so kindly a ruler as Bro. Bentley Shaw. We shall not often see his like again, and the void which he leaves in the hearts of his family and friends, and the memories of all who knew him, will not be easily filled up.

Though all that is mortal of Bro. Bentley Shaw has now been committed to the silent grave, "Multis ille bonis febelis occedit," and he will long be remembered by many loving hearts, innumerable friends, and sympathetic brethren. His active zeal, his genial and unflinching courtesy, have greatly endeared him to all who had the privilege to know him and have enshrined in that trust and warmest of all depositories, the hearts of Yorkshiresmen.

## BRO. JOHN MAY.

The funeral of Bro. John May, of Cecil-street, Plymouth, took place at the Cemetery. The attendance was very large, the fact of his being an old and much esteemed Freemason, and holding the office of Provincial G.A.D.C. for the current year, drew a numerous gathering of the members of the fraternity. The brethren of the local lodges with which he was most prominently connected, Brunswick, No. 159; Charity, No. 223; and Metham, No. 1205, met in their lodge rooms, and proceeded in carriages to the late residence of their departed brother to join the funeral cortège. A large number of the members of other lodges also attended. The directors and members of the Stonehouse Building Society, of which the deceased had been an active director for several years, the Wesleyan body, and the "trade" (the bakers), of which he had been a successful member, were also numerous represented. Eight bearers were provided from among the P.M.'s of two Masonic lodges—W. Bros. R. Rose, P.P.G., Purs.; A. R. Lethbridge, W. D. Thomas, and G. Stentiford, from "Brunswick"; W. Browning, P.P.G.D.C.; J. M. Hifley, P.P.G.A.D.C.; S. Anniss, and T. C. Lawson, from "Charity." Fifteen fully occupied carriages, with a long procession of friends on foot, formed the cortège.

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

## Masonic and General Tidings.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall will probably be held in July or August at Redruth. There will be no lack of business, for in addition to the ordinary work, there will be the dedication of the Masonic Hall in that town, one of the most handsome and commodious buildings of the kind in the West, and a credit to the Druids' Lodge of "Love and Liberality," No. 589. There are now twenty-seven lodges in the province, and under the genial rule of the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Prov. G. Master, the Craft is in a prosperous state, there being about 1570 members on the roll, or fully 100 members in excess of the last returns. There are also ten Royal Arch Chapters with about 240 members, and a new chapter to consecrate at Bodmin, No. 330. Nearly all the lodges and chapters meet in halls of their own, and, doubtless, ere long the twenty-seven lodges will assemble only in Masonic rooms, dedicated exclusively to the uses of the Craft.

The boys of Christ's Hospital of the Royal Foundation of Charles II., went from London to Windsor on Monday, to exhibit their drawings and charts to Her Majesty the Queen. Luncheon was served in the dining room for the gentlemen and boys of the school. The Queen, accompanied by Princess Christian, and attended by Lady Abercromby, the Marquis of Hertford (Lord Chamberlain), the Earl of Dunmore (Lord-in-Waiting), Mr. Cameron of Lochiel (Groom-in-Waiting), Lieut.-Gen. H. Ponsonby, and Col. J. C. McNeill, V.C. C.B. (Equerries-in-Waiting), and Col. Sir John Cowell, K.C.B. (Master of the Household), entered the corridor at three o'clock, when the following gentlemen connected with the Hospital had the honour of being presented to her Majesty by the Duke of Cambridge, K.G., President:—Mr. John Derby Allcroft (Treasurer), Mr. John Peter Gassiot and Mr. William J. Thompson (Governors), the Rev. Edward Stafford Carlos (Head Master of the Mathematical School), Mr. Henry Watts Mason (Head Master of the Drawing School), and Mr. M. S. S. Dipnall (Clerk of the Hospital); after which the Queen inspected the drawings and charts, which were laid before her Majesty by each boy separately.

A Grand Masonic Concert will be given in the Free Trade Hall, Manchester, on Tuesday week, April the 9th, in aid of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution. Several very eminent vocalists are announced to appear. The R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Col. Starkie, and Bro. Mellor, the W.D.G.M., have announced their intention of being present. Fuller particulars may be obtained from the advertisement which appears on the front page.

The anniversary meeting of the Stability Lodge of Instruction, No. 217, will be held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Friday, the 26th April, at half-past five o'clock precisely, when the Lecture of the First Degree will be worked in sections by the following brethren, viz:—1st Section, Bro. Henry Muggeridge, Sec. 1704; 2nd Section, Bro. A. H. Diaper, P.G.S., P.M. 5; 3rd Section, Bro. J. W. Clever, W.M. 171; 4th Section, Bro. E. H. Hewett, W.M. 235; 5th and 6th Sections, Bro. Muggeridge (Lodge Board), W.M. 1679; 7th Section, Bro. A. Sack, Secretary 1679.

A colossal equestrian statue in bronze of the Prince of Wales, in commemoration of the visit of his Royal Highness to India, was cast at Messrs. Young's foundry in Eccleston-street, Pimlico. The statue has been given to the City of Bombay by Sir Albert Sassoon. The ceremony was preceded by a luncheon, given by Sir Albert Sassoon at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Sassoon, in Belgrave-square, at which were present the Prince of Wales, the Princess Louise and the Marquis of Lorne, Lady Salisbury, Lord and Lady Granville, Colonel and Mrs. Keith Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Boehm, &c. After luncheon the distinguished party proceeded to the foundry, where the metal was being prepared. The Duke of Cambridge was also present at the works. The metal was transferred above the mould by the "traveller," and, the Prince having pulled the lever, the eight tons of flaming metal commenced to stream out of the valve box into the mould. His Royal Highness has throughout taken the greatest interest in this work, and after the casting was performed desired to know when the model would be ready to be dug out of the ground, that he might be present to see whether the cast had been successful. This, however, cannot be known for a week at the least, as that time must elapse before the vast mass of metal is sufficiently cooled. The model and design were executed by Mr. J. E. Boehm, who has been engaged on the work for the past eighteen months. The model will be placed on a very elaborate granite pedestal, in the shaft of which will be bronze reliefs, representing on one side the arrival of His Royal Highness in Bombay and his reception by the native princes, and on the other is a representation of the Parsee school children of Bombay bringing wreaths of flowers to the Prince, who is surrounded by his staff. On the front of the pedestal is the Prince's coat of arms, and on the other side a shield, bearing the inscription of the donor and the occasion of the gift. The whole work will cost Sir Albert Sassoon about £10,000. The plaster model of the statue and also a model of the pedestal and reliefs will form a prominent feature in the Indian Court of the Paris Exhibition. It may be mentioned that a colossal statue of Lord Northbrook, for Calcutta, is also in progress at Messrs. Young's foundry, the model being also the work of Mr. Boehm.

Sir E. Y. W. Henderson, K.C.B., has sanctioned, on the application of the superintendents of the various divisions, a subscription being made among the members of the Metropolitan Police Force on behalf of the widows and relatives of the gallant seamen and marines who lost their lives in the Eurydice. A substantial sum will doubtless thus be realised.

A warrant has, within the last few days, been granted for a lodge to be called the Royal Savoy, No. 1774, the meetings of which will be held at Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden. The officers designate are Bro. James Willing, jun., founder and P.M. 1507, I.P.M. 177, W.M.; Bro. John Douglas, W.M. elect, 1507 S.W.; Bro. F. H. Clemow, J.W. Further particulars will be duly announced.

Bro. Dr. Kenneth R. H. Mackenzie delivered a lecture on the Spirit World as seen through crystals, mirrors, and vessels of water, of an historical and descriptive character, on Monday evening last, the 25th inst., before the British National Association of Spiritualists, a society of investigators into this singular subject, there were many of the Fraternity present. Desmond Fitzgerald, Esq., presided. The lecture concluded, the meeting was addressed by Mr. Thomas Shorter, Dr. Wylde, Dr. C. Carter Blake, who alluded to a singular fragment of a crystal discovered among the vestiges of the driftmen. Bro. the Rev. W. Stanton Moses, M.A., also addressed the meeting, pointing out methods of investigation, and read a curious extract from Froude respecting crystal work. Mr. W. H. Harrison, Mr. A. J. Pearce, and others also spoke, when the chairman, Mr. Fitzgerald, summed up, after which Bro. Mackenzie replied to the various speakers. The meeting was very crowded, and a lively interest was taken in the paper, which in no way affirmed or denied the reality of the subject, but treated it in an impartial and critical manner.

The centre and south transepts of the Crystal Palace are now rendered specially attractive by a more than usually fine display of spring flowers, consisting of choice varieties of hyacinths, azaleas, and other plants of the season, all grown in the company's gardens and greenhouses.

Immediate orders will be given by the Admiralty for the widows of all petty officers and seamen lost in the Eurydice to be paid a sum of money equal to one year's pay of their late husbands. This will be the means of preventing the families of these unfortunate men from being reduced to a state of poverty by the sudden loss they have sustained, and will keep their homes together until further relief comes to them from the fund now being raised by public subscription.

The amateur pantomime, "The Forty Thieves," will be once more represented in London on the afternoon of April 10th in aid of the above fund. The seats this time will, as advertised, be sold by tender.

On Wednesday preparations were commenced on the Embankment for taking down the upper portions of the two massive granite pedestals which stand on each side of the spot where Cleopatra's Needle is to be erected.

The West Ham Board of Health have resolved to apply to the Home Secretary, under sections 26 and 27 Vic., cap. 97, for the appointment of a stipendiary magistrate for Stratford and neighbourhood, at a salary of £1000 per annum.

Bro. Emra Holmes announces as preparing for publication "Amabel Vaughan" and other tales, &c., being the second series of "Tales, Poems, and Masonic Papers," with a Masonic memoir of the author, by Bro. George Markham Tweddell. Bro. Holmes kindly proposes to present any pecuniary profit that may be derived from the publication of those volumes to a brother Mason who has been unexpectedly plunged in poverty in the declining years of his life. The present work will be put to press as soon as a sufficient number of copies are subscribed for; and, as the first series is already out of print, it is proposed to republish it also, at the same price (2s. 6d.), when the exact number of copies required is ascertained. These volumes are supplied to subscribers only, who, if brother Masons, in giving their names will oblige by stating their rank in the Craft or Chivalric Degrees, for publication in the list at the end of each volume. The list of itself will have its value, both in the present day and in future to members of the Craft. Subscribers' names will be thankfully received by the Publishers, Tweddell & Sons, Stokesley; or by Bro. George Kenning, *Freemason* office.

The Prince of Wales, who left Lincoln by special train of the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway, at 25 minutes to 5 o'clock on Wednesday evening, reached the Central Station, Liverpool, at 11 minutes past 7, thus accomplishing the journey of 119 miles in 2 hours 36 minutes. At various stations on the route the Royal train was cheered as it passed by, while at Liverpool an immense crowd collected to welcome the Prince. The Earl of Sefton attended at the Central Station to receive his Royal guest, who then drove to Croxteth-hall. The Prince was accompanied by Lord and Lady Downs, and attended by his equerry, Major Russell. The Prince will attend Aintree Race Meeting, and at 11 o'clock on Saturday forenoon he will leave the Edgemoor Station of the London and North-Western Railway for London, where he is due at 4 p.m.

We are gratified to hear that Mr. J. D. Allcroft, the Treasurer of Christ's Hospital, has been invited by an influential section of the electors of Worcester to put himself in nomination for the vacancy in the Parliamentary representation of that city, caused by the death of Mr. A. C. Sheriff, and that he has acceded to the request. Mr. Allcroft is deservedly respected in Worcester, where the famous firm of Dent, Allcroft, and Co. has been established for some generations.—*City Press*.

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

A Court of the Governors of the Scottish Corporation was held on Wednesday in the chapel, Fleur-de-Lis-court, under the presidency of Sir J. H. Maxwell. After the transaction of routine business, a report was presented from the Special Committee appointed to consider the question of re-building the hall destroyed by the late fire, in which they recommended that the interests of the charity would be best advanced by re-building on the present site. A report from Professor Donaldson was also submitted, stating that the estimated cost of the new building was £6500, whilst a hall and offices affording accommodation as well for other Scottish societies might be erected in a good thoroughfare further west for £26,700, including the cost of the land. The old premises in Crane-court he considered would realise about £17,000. A lengthy discussion took place as to the advisability of at once commencing to re-build, but it was ultimately resolved to hold the matter over until the next general Court in June. In the course of the proceedings the secretary Bro. Macrae Moir, mentioned that a new insurance to the amount of £6,600 had been effected upon the premises of the corporation.

"EXTRACT OF COFFEE."—A preparation of coffee in the form of an extract has been recently introduced by a Mr. W. P. Branson, of Clapham, whose name is associated with the subject of coffee by a paper read at the Society of Arts about four years ago. This "Extract or Coffee," or "Caféine," is fine coffee in a concentrated form, and merely requires the addition of boiling water or milk to supply instantly the most fragrant and delicately flavoured coffee. All the care required in preparing coffee is thus avoided, and we can indulge in this valuable nerve-stimulant without the fear of being half-poisoned by the acrid properties often developed in coffee by the carelessness of servants.

Prince Leopold arrived at Marseilles last Wednesday evening from Nice. His Royal Highness proceeded on Thursday to Naples on board the *Arethusa*.—*Reuter*.

## METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, April 5, 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 30.

Lodge 1686, Paxton, Crystal Palace, Sydenham.

" 1706, Orpheus, F.M.H.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.

Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.

Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.

Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.

Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

## MONDAY, APRIL 1.

Lodge 12, Fortitude & Old Cumberland, Ship & Turtle.

" 69, Unity, Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's-inn.

" 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

" 83, United Lodge of Prudence, Albion Tav.

" 144, St. Luke's, M.H., Basinghall-st.

" 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

" 256, Unions, F.M.H.

" 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.

" 1610, Northern Bar, F.M.H.

" 1625, Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd.

" 1670, Adelphi, 4, Adelphi-terrace, Strand.

Chap. 28, Old King's Arms, 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, APRIL 2.

Colonial Board, at 3.

Lodge 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H.

" 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

" 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

" 765, St. James's, Bridge House Hot.

" 1261, Golden Rule, Regent M.H., Regent-st.

" 1298, Royal Standard, Wellington Club, N.

" 1381, Kennington, Surrey Tav., Kennington Oval.

" 1472, Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich.

Chap. 165, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.

Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.

Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.

Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.

Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.

Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.

Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.

Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.

Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bds., at 7.

Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.

Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.

Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.

Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.