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NOTICE.

CHRISTMAS WEEK.

The *Freemason* for Dec. 28th will be published as usual on Friday morning, Dec. 27th, but the Editor will be glad to receive reports, communications, etc., on the previous Monday, or by the first post on Tuesday morning.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—This lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Tuesday, the 26th ult. There were present Bros. Charles Diary, W.M.; Rumball, S.W.; Morrison, J.W.; Carter, P.M., Treasurer; W. Stuart, P.M., Secretary; Mallet, I.P.M.; Heaphy, S.D.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.O. of Middlesex, J.D.; Clark, I.G.; Titley, W.S.; E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S. of Middlesex, P.M.; Themans, P.M.; Longstaffe, Tyler. The minutes of the installation meeting, in October last, having been read and unanimously confirmed, the W.M. with the assistance of his officers most ably passed Bros. Weeden and Nathan to the F.C. Degree, and initiated Mr. George Kendall into Craft mysteries. The W.M. announced that he intended to represent the lodge of Faith, as Steward, at the forthcoming festival in connection with that valuable institution,—the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. He hoped that the brethren would endeavour to assist him to the best of their ability in order that his list of subscriptions should not only do credit to the excellent charitable object which he represented but should be worthy of this old and distinguished lodge. Many of the brethren having responded to this appeal by handing in donations, the lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren separated. There was no banquet.

LION AND LAMB LODGE (No. 192).—The December meeting of the above lodge was held on the 5th inst., at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street. The following brethren were present:—Bros. Henry Legge, W.M.; Cobu, P.M., S.W.; Rickwood, J.W.; George Kenning, P.M., Treas.; George Abbott, P.M., Secretary; Lucas, S.D.; J. Lorkin, J.D.; Chillingworth, I.G.; Edward Jones, I.P.M.; George Newman, P.M.; J. G. Marsh, P.M.; H. A. Carter, Fisher, Goddard, Dart, Pratt, W. H. Lee, Davies, Organist; T. Agutter, W. Darnell, Robert Clark, John Kent, and other brethren. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Henry Norris, James Fraser, and Edwin Follett, were raised to the degree of Master Masons. Bros. Thomas Coleman, W. Simms Cobb, and George Cook, were passed to the degree of Fellow Crafts, Bro. Henry Stephenson was elected a joining member. The sum of five guineas was voted from the lodge funds towards the Wentworth Little Memorial Fund, and three guineas to the George Chamber's Testimonial. It was proposed by Bro. Edward Jones, I.P.M., and seconded by Bro. J. G. Marsh, P.M., "That a letter of condolence be sent to the widow of the late S.W., Bro. Frank Fellows." Notice of motion was given by Bro. Edward Jones, I.P.M., "That the sum of five shillings be contributed annually by each member of the lodge for the purpose of forming a Charity Fund, instead of the charity box now in use." The brethren dined together, and the usual toasts were proposed and acknowledged.

WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE (No. 766).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday week, at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, under the presidency of Bro. S. D. Ewins, W.M.; the Officers present were Bros. Dr. Cutmore, S.W., and W.M. elect; E. Kidman, J.W.; W. Drake, S.D.; W. J. Roberts, J.D.; W. F. Smart, I.G.; W. J. Collens, D.C.; Captain Kain, P.M., Treas.; Worrell, Sec.; W. J. Miller, P.M.; George Newman, P.M.; B. Abbott, P.M.; A. K. Braun, P.M.; J. Pringle, P.M.; A. C. Rees; and a large muster of lay brethren, and a goodly company of visitors. After the introductory formalities, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. S. D. Ewins vacated the chair in favour of Past Master Miller, to whom Bro. George Newman presented Bro. Dr. Cutmore for installation. The customary ceremonies having been completed in the Three Degrees, the new Worshipful Master invested the following

brethren as his officers for the year ensuing:—Bro. S. D. Ewins, I.P.M.; E. Kidman, S.W.; W. Drake, J.W.; Captain Kain, P.M., Treasurer; W. Worrell, Secretary; J. R. Roberts, S.D.; W. F. Smart, J.D.; W. Collens, I.G.; E. B. Broomhall, D.C.; and George Newman, P.M., Steward. After the delivery of the addresses to the W.M., officers, and brethren, Mr. J. G. Appell was initiated in Freemasonry by the W.M., who, by his performance of the ceremony, gave the fullest promise of discharging his duties efficiently during his year of office. This portion of the lodge work having been discharged, Dr. Cutmore, in the name of the lodge, presented to Bro. S. D. Ewins, I.P.M., a massive gold P.M.'s jewel, of elegant workmanship, which had been unanimously voted to Bro. Ewins by the members of the lodge, in recognition of his ability and courtesy as Master of the lodge from November 1877 to November 1878. The jewel bore the inscription, "Presented by the William Preston Lodge, No. 766, to Bro. Samuel Daniel Ewins, P.M., in appreciation of his eminent services as W.M., and as a token of fraternal regard and esteem, 28th November, 1878." In making the presentation, Dr. Cutmore, after recounting the services of Bro. Ewins in the different capacities in which he had worn the collars of the lodge, informed the brethren that he considered the jewel had been well earned, for Bro. Ewins had set a bright example to the other brethren of the lodge, which he trusted they would not be slow to follow. Every brother of the lodge must have looked on Bro. Ewins with pride while he was W.M., and must have noticed that his best efforts were being directed to advance the interests of the lodge in which he had served, with so much credit to himself and advantage to the brethren. He was sure he was only expressing the sentiments of all the members of the lodge, as well as of himself, when he said he trusted that Bro. Ewins would live long to wear the jewel, and encourage other brethren to make the same endeavours to earn such a high distinction as had been conferred on him that day by his brother Masons. Bro. Ewins, in acknowledging the very handsome present which the brethren had honoured him with, said that the honour conferred upon him would always be looked upon by him with the greatest pride and satisfaction. Although he had been content to pursue a quiet and unobtrusive course, ever since he had entered the lodge, he was much gratified when the dignity of office was first conferred on him, and from that moment he resolved to be a working member, and attain, if he should be spared, that summit of a Freemason's ambition, the Mastership of the lodge. He must have given the brethren satisfaction or he would not have been promoted from office to office by the respective Worshipful Masters. When he reached the chair he determined, so far as he was able, that the lustre of the William Preston Lodge should not be dimmed by his year of office, and the result of that determination was best evidenced by the jewel which now adorned his breast. It would ever be deemed an honour by him to display that adornment in all Masonic assemblies. A jewel of less beauty would have marked the satisfaction of the brethren, but the exquisite workmanship and great value of that with which he had been presented were more than an ordinary testimony of appreciation. He should ever look back with pride on his year of office in the William Preston Lodge, and he hoped his connection with it would be long, and as pleasant both to the brethren and himself as it had been hitherto. Bro. Ewins having resumed his seat amidst loud cheers, Bro. George Newman announced that he had undertaken to represent the lodge as its Steward at the forthcoming annual festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and he trusted that the lodge would support him on that occasion. The lodge then voted the sum of five guineas, to be placed on Bro. George Newman's list, and after closing down, the brethren adjourned to a choice banquet, at which they were headed by the W.M. After banquet had been disposed of, the usual list of toasts was proposed, and the introductory compliments to the Queen and the Craft, the Prince of Wales, the Earl of Carnarvon, Lord Skelmersdale, and the Grand Officers having been duly paid, Bro. Ewins proposed "The Health of the W.M." Speaking to the toast, he said that Bro. Cutmore had obtained the goodwill of the brethren by his kindness, courtesy, and geniality, while he had distinguished himself in his various offices in such a way that the choice by the brethren of him as Master of the lodge was unanimously expressed in his favour. He considered the health of the W.M. was the principal toast of the evening. The brethren had seen how well he had performed the work of the lodge by initiating a new member, and the style in which he had done it was a happy augury of good work during his year of office. His presidency at the banquet table so far had been a great success, and no brother could doubt that under the direction of Bro. Dr. Cutmore the prosperity and success of the William Preston Lodge was assured. The W.M., in thanking the brethren and Bro. Ewins for the toast, also expressed the compliment he felt it that he had been chosen as W.M. They might rest assured that he would endeavour to do credit to their choice, by fulfilling the duties of the chair in as perfect a manner as he was capable of. His object would be to make the working of the lodge as impressive as possible, and with this object in view he hoped the brethren and officers would give him their support. The W.M. next gave "The Health of the Initiate," and said that every one knew that as in nature so in Masonic lodges, everything must come to an end if there was not a constant accession of new blood. He had great pleasure in welcoming the new member who had been introduced into Freemasonry that evening, and hoped that this new member would be the means of stirring up the brethren to new efforts on behalf of the Order. Bro. Appell replied, and said he felt that a very great honour had been conferred upon him by admitting him to such an ancient and respectable society as that of Freemasons. He would ever retain the memory of that beautiful

and impressive ceremony he had recently witnessed and been such a prominent figure in. The W.M. next proposed "The Health of Bro. Miller," who, he said, had carried out the whole of the installation ceremony in a most impressive and perfect manner. Bro. Miller, in thanking the brethren, said he was always most heartily received in the William Preston Lodge, and, as a consequence, he felt more at home there than in any other lodge which he was privileged to enter. Since the lodge had met at its present most convenient quarters the number of members had largely increased. He hoped that this prosperity would continue, and that the lodge would always enjoy the distinguished position it at present occupied. He might add, in conclusion, that he was much gratified at thinking that he had been of some service to the lodge in installing the W.M. "The Health of the Visitors" was proposed by Bro. George Newman, who, while tendering them a hearty welcome, trusted that it would be long before it was necessary to omit this toast in the William Preston Lodge. Replies to this toast having been made by each of the guests, the W.M. proposed "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. S. D. Ewins," again complimenting him on his admirable performance of the duties of all the offices he had filled in the lodge in succession. Bro. Ewins, in reply, said: "Worshipful Master and brethren, I consider it a very great honour to have the opportunity of replying to so important a toast as that of the Immediate Past Master of the William Preston Lodge. I am desirous of doing my duty in every station of life to which the G.A.O.T.U. may call me, and it was with that view I entered on the various offices I have filled in this lodge, and no less in the office of Worshipful Master. But though I was determined to carry out my duties properly, I must confess that I am glad to be relieved from the distinguished post I have just left. The poet speaks of "the fierce light that beats upon a throne," but, in my opinion, that "fierce light" is nothing to the eyes of all the brethren of a lodge being upon a Worshipful Master. A Master may be pardoned if, in such circumstances, he feels some little nervousness in his position, and I confess that I felt such nervousness on taking the office of your Worshipful Master. However, that is past now, and in the position of Past Master I feel some confidence. In this position I shall, like other Past Masters, be most happy to render the W.M. any assistance that is in my power, and the elegant Past Master's jewel, with which you have presented me, will be an incentive to a further performance of my duties. I hope I shall be able to attend the meetings of the lodge for many years to come, and the happy evenings I have spent here will be an encouragement to me to come amongst the brethren, and participate in those joyous reunions which, for so many years, have taken place in the William Preston Lodge. The other toasts were then given, and the evening, which had been enlivened by some well executed music, came to an end.

HERVEY LODGE (No. 1260).—The December meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. John H. Southwood, W.M., presided, and among the other brethren present were Bros. E. J. Goodacre, S.W.; W. Spalding, J.W.; Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.M. Treas.; Charles Atkins, P.M. Sec.; E. S. Foot, J.D.; Orlando Latreille, I.G.; A. Rosenthal, D.C.; and C. T. Speight, Tyler. The visitors who were entertained were Bros. A. Head, W.M. 27; George Andrews, 1420; A. Hayes, 184; William Darling, 1259; James Terry, P.M. 228; H. G. Buss, Asst. Grand Secretary; Stephen Horncastle, 101 P.M. 15; Samuel L. Maynard P.M. 101; N. Hunt, L'Amitié (Boulogne), John Green, P.M. 27; Fred. C. Hill, 90; and H. Massey (*Freemason*). There were also a large number of lay members of the lodge in attendance. The work of the lodge consisted of initiating Messrs. Cox, Boughton, Grimwade, and Macpherson. Afterwards Bro. Southwood, W.M., was elected president of the Hervey Lodge Benevolent Fund, and Bros. Dr. Hogg, Southwood, and Charles Atkins, Trustees. Bro. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, was elected an honorary member in consequence of his connection with the Egyptian Bye-Law Benevolent Fund. Subsequently twenty guineas were voted to the list of the W.M. as Steward for the next festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Lodge was then closed and the brethren banqueted together at Freemasons' Tavern, and honoured the customary toasts. In giving the toast of the "Queen and the Craft" the W.M. took occasion to allude to the serious illness of Her Royal Highness the Princess Alice, and reminded the brethren of the time, now seventeen years ago, when the late Prince Consort succumbed to a fatal disease, during the different stages of which the Princess Alice devotedly waited upon her father with the true instincts of a daughter. The W.M., in giving the toast of "The Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M.," said he was extremely pleased to find that the Hervey Lodge had that evening added to its roll of members a Grand Officer who from his activity in the past, and from his juvenile appearance, gave promise of his utility in the future and of giving lustre to the Hervey lodge as he had to that antique lodge the Egyptian. Dr. Hogg, another Past Grand Officer, was also a member of the lodge, and his virtues would be constantly spoken of among the members. He was always endeavouring to benefit society, and brought to that work a vast amount of experience, scientific knowledge, and kindness of heart. Within only a few days past a friend of his (the W. L.) took an afflicted daughter to him, and he no sooner mentioned to him the name of the W.M. of the Hervey Lodge than Dr. Hogg's most kindly sympathies were enlisted on behalf of the child, as if he had known all the family for the last fifty years. Dr. Hogg and Bro. Buss replied, the latter, in the course of his observations, remarking, that it afforded him great gratification, as well as being a source of pride to him, to be elected a member of the Hervey Lodge. He referred to a period when the lodge was not in such a

distinguished position as it was at the present time, and highly commended the endeavours which had since then been made to bring the lodge to the foremost rank. In this endeavour the present W.M. had played no unimportant part, for he had steered his ship into safe water, where he (Bro. Buss) hoped it would long remain. The lodge stood now as well as any lodge could stand, and so long as it was under the guidance of the present W.M., and those who would follow in his footsteps, and display the same amount of perseverance, ability, and determination, that everything should be conducted in a proper and methodical style, the lodge would hold its own against all comers. To be elected a member of such a lodge was indeed an honour, and the honour was enhanced by the vote of the brethren being unanimous. Dr. Hogg proposed "The Health of the W.M.," who he said did everything for the lodge deserving of the highest praise. Even that evening he had been again thoughtful with regard to the brethren, and had provided every brother with a present to take home, the married to their wives and families, and the single to their sweethearts. Before the brethren separated they would each have given to them a very handsome box of bonbons for Christmas, which would come round before they met in lodge again. He had displayed during his year of office similar thoughtfulness for the brethren's enjoyment, which must prove to them that the lodge was always in his mind. The fact was that Bro. Southwood was thoroughly desirous of seeing the lodge prosperous. He (Dr. Hogg) had had the pleasure to propose in lodge that they should give twenty guineas to the list of the W.M., who would be steward for the next festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The lodge voted it, and he would inform the brethren that the Hervey Lodge had never given so large an amount before. They had at times given five and ten guineas; but that night they had given twenty guineas, and he hoped that the brethren would supplement that gift by individual donations. In that way they would show their appreciation of the W.M. The W.M. replied, and thanked the brethren for their attention to the work of the lodge. He did not take any credit to himself for what he had done, but when he became Master, two years ago, he determined to do his best to raise the Hervey Lodge to a proud position. He had had during the last twenty months an almost insufferable amount of domestic and professional trouble to overcome, and although he had slipped out of the very hard work of business into the arduous duties of the Master-ship of the lodge, it had been really a work of most agreeable refreshment, and he felt that he came out of the chaos of business into the pleasant sunshine of relaxation. He had endeavoured to impress on the officers and brethren the dignity and responsibility of their professions, and they had acted on what he had inculcated. If he had succeeded in inspiring any member with the spirit he possessed, he should feel amply repaid. He hoped the brethren would follow up their profession by strongly supporting the cause of charity, and if they did he should feel that he had done this much good, that he had succeeded in enlisting a little army of brethren who would carry forward into the future a wholesome, beneficial and profitable example, and make the Craft more respectable during the next generation than it had been before. The W.M., next gave "The Initiates," and delivered to them a wholesome lecture on the work they had entered upon, and how they were to perform it. Each of the initiates responded; and afterwards the visitors were honoured with a toast. Several of those brethren responded. The P.M.'s were duly complimented, as were also the Treasurer and Secretary. Dr. Hogg and Bro. Charles Atkins, acknowledged the toast; after which "The Charities" were remembered. Bro. James Terry made an excellent reply setting forth the great benevolent work those institutions were engaged in, and when he had concluded his observations, in which he thanked the Hervey lodge for what it had already done, and the efforts that were being made to do yet more, the W.M. announced that the list for his Stewardship of the Benevolent Institution already amounted to over £60. After "the Officers" had acknowledged the toast drunk in their honour, the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings, and the brethren on leaving were presented with Bro. Southwood's Christmas present of a large and elegant box of bonbons.

FARRINGDON WITHOUT LODGE (No. 1745).—This lodge met on Monday, the 25th ult., at the Viaduct Hotel, Holborn. There were present Bros. H. A. Dubois, P.P.G.D. of Middlesex, Hon. I.P.M., acting as W.M., in the absence, through very severe illness, of Bro. W. H. Jackson, jun., who holds that position; Charles Jacques, S.W.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.C. of Middlesex, J.W., and Secretary, pro tem. (*Freemason*); W. Ramsey, P.M., Treasurer; H. J. Lardner, S.D.; M. Samuel, J.D.; Quilter, D.C., acting I.G.; Parkinson, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. Wildash, 742; Hart, St. James's Union; Acland, Lodge of Israel. The minutes of the September meeting having been read and confirmed Bros. C. and W. Potter, and C. L. Eberardt, were passed to the F.C. Degree, and Mr. James Strugnell initiated into Craft mysteries. It was proposed, seconded, and carried with acclamation, that a letter of sympathy be forwarded to the W.M. Bro. Jacques, S.W., then gave notice of motion, "That the sum of ten guineas be taken from the lodge funds and placed upon the list of Bro. W. Ramsey, P.M., as Steward for the forthcoming festival in connection with the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls." The lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary Royal and Craft toasts were done full justice to. In proposing "The health of the W.M.," Bro. Ramsey said that on that occasion the brethren had a double duty to perform. They had to drink the health of Bro. Dubois, as well as that of Bro. Jackson, their W.M., whose absence from his post was caused by very severe illness. As they had had

an opportunity of witnessing the "working" of Bro. Dubois that evening, and as his social qualities were also so well and deservedly known to them, he should not dilate upon that portion of the toast beyond calling upon them to pledge his health most cordially. The well-being of their actual W.M. was a matter of more serious moment, and demanded more than a mere passing thought. He had been informed that their W.M. had had a very narrow escape from the King of Terrors, and even now the subject of his entire recovery to health was not wholly void of concern. In the lodge room, he, Bro. Jackson, had exhibited a thorough knowledge of the responsibilities of his position, and, at the banquet table, he had admirably displayed those social and genial qualities of mind and heart, which were also highly necessary to complete this circle of the Masonic duties of every W.M. who desired to be thought a worthy representative of his high rank. In concluding his speech, (which was throughout a very excellent and feeling one,) Bro. Ramsey said he sincerely hoped that at the next meeting they would have an opportunity of not only seeing their W.M., but of hearing the sound of his voice, whilst performing the beautiful ceremonies of their ancient Craft. This toast was received with excellent "fire." Bro. Dubois having responded, then gave "The Initiate," in which he said it had afforded him a very great pleasure at being present that evening, although he deplored the cause which had led to his being called upon to discharge the duties of the chair of K.S. Their candidate that evening had throughout the ceremonial evinced a very commendable attention to the serious matter contained in the initiation ceremony. He believed that their newly made brother would make a very worthy Mason, but at the same time he would impress upon him the necessity of exercising at all times the excellences of Freemasonry, particularly that of Charity in his communion with the outside world. Bro. Strugnell having replied, "The Visitors" followed. Bro. Wildash, in response, expressed the gratification it had afforded him in being present that evening. To him it had been more like a social gathering of old friends and neighbours than the formal meeting of a Masonic lodge. He had been highly delighted with the "working" of the lodge, and pleased with its hospitality which had been most profuse and costly. In concluding a very flattering speech he said he saw no reason why the Farringdon Without Lodge, composed as it was of so many excellent Masons and citizens, should not flourish, as one of the best representative Masonic communities in the good old City of London. "The Officers" came next, and was acknowledged by Bro. Jacques, Walls, and Lardner. The brethren shortly afterwards separated. The success of the proceedings was enhanced by the instrumental and vocal contributions of Bro. Hart and others.

SAINT LEONARD LODGE (No. 1766).—The December meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 4th inst., at the Town Hall, Shoreditch. Bro. L. Stean, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. G. T. Barr, S.W.; C. F. Barham, J.W.; C. Stevens, Treas.; E. Benjamin, S.D.; J. A. Jones, J.D.; A. A. Clement, I.G.; H. J. F. Gale, D.C.; R. Marshall, S.; G. C. Young, Organist; and the Secretary. The lodge was opened in ancient form. Messrs. John Tidball, H. J. Thrower, and R. Drysdale, were initiated into the mysteries of the Order in a most impressive manner. Messrs. Funston, Henderson, Waynforth, King, and Matthews were passed to the F.C. degree. Bros. E. T. Henman (1243), R. S. Mendey (177), and Dr. W. Holt (928) were elected joining members of the lodge. Various matters of business were transacted, and the proceedings were marked with much cordiality throughout. It appears that this new lodge is progressing in a very satisfactory manner.

SUNDERLAND.—Phoenix Lodge (No. 94).—This lodge held its regular monthly meeting on Dec. 4th, in their own hall, Queen-street, the foundation stone of which was laid, in great pomp, on the 5th day of April, 1784, and in the following year it was dedicated on the 5th day of April, 1785, in the presence of upwards of 180 brethren. It was originally called the King George's Lodge, but the former hall was destroyed by fire on the 19th day of November, 1783, and the new hall was raised from its ashes, and then called the Phoenix Lodge. It has just been thoroughly repaired, ventilated, and re-decorated in a most splendid and artistic manner, under the direction and superintendence of the W.M., Bro. W. W. Collie, architect, the painting and decorations being entrusted to our talented townsman, Bro. Geo. Tawse, decorator, &c. The upholstery and cabinet work were entrusted to Bros. P. and F. Maddison. The splendid manner in which the hall has been restored to its old pristine glory, reflects the highest credit on the artistic skill of the Worshipful Master and Bros. G. Tawse and P. and F. Maddison. There was a large attendance of members and visitors, amongst whom were Bros. W. H. Crookes, P.M. 80, and Provincial Grand Secretary; Robt. Hudson, P.M. 949, and P.G.D. of C.; J. Lowes, W.M. 80; D. Huntly, I.P.M. 80; T. Sharp, W.M. 97; G. Lord, P.M. 97; N. Taylor, W.M. 949; G. Hall, I.P.M. 949; G. Grey, P.M. 949; Rev. Walter Beattie, W.M. 1389; J. Nicholson, I.P.M. 1389. The W.M., Bro. W. W. Collie, P.P.G.S. of W., presided. The lodge was opened in the First Degree with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the last general meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. George Moir, who was duly accepted for initiation. The lodge was then raised to the Second Degree, and Bro. J. S. Pearson, P.M., and P.P.G.P., took the chair, and installed Bro. Mark Frampton in the chair of K.S., in a very able and effective manner. The W.M. then invested his officers, viz.:—Bros. Ephraim Sutherland, S.W.; J. Smart, J.W.; John Rixborough, Treas.; J. J. Siles, Sec.; John Hudson, S.D.; Ric. Urison, J.D.; H. Nicholson, I.G.; J. W. Brown,

Tyler; Wm. Bailes and Bell, Stewards. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The usual Masonic toasts were given, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA.—Priory Lodge (No. 1000).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 5th inst., at the Middleton Hotel. This being the annual election of the W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing year, a large number of brethren were present, including V.W. Bro. Rev. S. K. Wigram, P.M. and P.Z., P.G. Chap., I.P.M., acting W.M.; Bros. Rev. H. J. Hatch, P.M. 160, P.P.G. Chap., acting S.W.; J. C. Johnstone, P.M. 20 (I.C.), J.W.; J. A. Wardell, P.M. 160 and 1000, P.P.G.D., Sec.; G. F. Jones, S.D.; G. Berry, J.D.; Thos. Barrett, I.G.; F. D. Grayson, D.C.; A. Martin, Tyler; A. Lucking, P.M. 160, P.M. and P.Z. 1000, Prov. G.D.C., acting I.P.M.; J. W. Harris, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; W. S. Cox, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. R. Hemmann, P.M., P.P.G.D.; W. D. Merritt, L. Warren, W. Griffin, A. F. Godward, W. Wallis, W. Waterhouse, H. Hicks, J. G. Glasscock, S. M'Call Walker, H. Beecher, B. Johnstone, W. Popplewell, H. Hassell, J. English, W. Allen, jun., W.M. 160; H. Luker, F. Canton, G. R. Dawson, O. Bentall, and C. Eltham. Visitors:—Bros. Dr. S. W. Fisher, J.W. 379, and J. W. Farr, 1536. After the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, the acting W.M. passed Bro. M'Call Walker to the Second Degree. The brethren then proceeded to elect the W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler, when Bro. J. C. Johnstone, P.M. 20 (I.C.), J.W., was elected W.M., F. Wood, P.M., P.P.S. G.W., re-elected Treasurer, A. Martin re-elected Tyler. After the transaction of some other business, the lodge was closed, and adjourned to the 9th January, when Bro. J. C. Johnstone will be installed as W.M.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—The annual installation banquet of this young and prosperous lodge was held at the Queen's Hotel, on Monday, the 25th ult., and was well attended. The dinner was of an excellent character, reflecting every credit upon the host, Bro. H. Churchill. The W.M., Bro. J. S. Cumberland, occupied the chair, supported by the following members of the lodge: Bros. T. B. Whytehead, I.P.M., P.G.D.C.; T. Cooper, P.M. 1611, and P.M. 236, P.P.G.D.C.; P. H. Rowland, P.M. 237, P.P.G.J.W.; R. W. Hollow, P.M. 236, P.G.S.B. England; C. G. Padel, S.W.; J. T. Sellar, J.W.; J. Kay, Sec; M. Millington, S.D.; T. D. Smith, J.D.; G. Simpson, M.C.; A. T. B. Twiner, Asst. M.C.; G. H. Simpson, Org.; J. Blenkir, I.G.; W. Hill, Stwd.; G. H. Hebblethwaite, Stwd.; C. Blackstone, G. D. Goodall, J. R. Jackson, J. E. Wilkinson, P. H. Matthews, H. Churchill, T. E. Abbey, M. Varvill, J. Morgan, R. Ware, G. C. Lee, and J. Pearson, Tyler. The special guests of the lodge were Bros. W. Valentine, W.M. 236, P.P.G.C.; G. C. Baskett, S.W. 236; A. Buckle, J.W. 236; J. Hanly, W.M. elect 295 (I.C.) W. Harris, Sec. 295; J. B. Somerset, I.G. 295; and C. Cheeseman, W.M. 1605; and the following visiting brethren were also present: Bros. J. Todd, P.M. 236, Prov. G. Reg.; R. Boggett, P.M. 1605; M. Rooke, 236; W. H. Sampson, 236; W. T. Gowland, 236; C. Abbott, 236; G. W. Flint, 1429; C. Winn, 938; Meek, T. M. Richey, F. G. Beilinger, and others. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair, Bro. R. W. Hollow responding to that of "The Grand Lodge," and Bro. J. Todd to that of "The Prov. Grand Lodge." Bro. T. B. Whytehead then gave "The Health of the W.M.," which was received with great heartiness. He said that after a very long absence from England he had returned four years ago, a Mason, to make many pleasant acquaintances, and none more so than that of the W.M., with whom he had been associated intimately in Masonry during that period, and he knew no brother who stood second to Bro. Cumberland in point of Masonic zeal and a true fraternal spirit. He was very proud to have had the honour and privilege of installing him as W.M. of a lodge of which he was one of the first founders, and he wished him health, strength, and a happy term of office. In responding, the W.M. thanked the brethren for their good wishes, and said he would take that early opportunity of saying that he hoped great care would be exercised in the proposal of candidates. Brethren should remember that they had not themselves alone to consult in this matter, but that they must remember the comfort and pleasure of the other members of the lodge, and never attempt to introduce anyone as a candidate whose presence they did not think would contribute to the universal happiness and harmony of the lodge. The W.M. then proposed "The I.P.M. and Installing Master, Bro. T. B. Whytehead," which was very warmly received, and suitably responded to, Bro. Whytehead thanking the brethren very cordially for their strong support during his happy year of office, and expressing a hope that it might be extended with the same warmth to his successor. "Prosperity to the Eboracum Lodge" was proposed by Bro. Valentine, W.M. of the York Lodge, 236, who spoke of the gratification with which he noticed the progress of the lodge, and above all the excellent manner in which it was ruled and conducted. If he had ever had a doubt on the question, it would have been removed at this time, but he had always held that the establishment of the Eboracum Lodge was a right and proper step, and he wished it every success. "The Sister Lodges of the Province" was proposed by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, and replied to by Bro. Buckle, J.W. of the York Lodge, 236. Bro. Buckle, in the course of his remarks, said that he thought Masons too often lost sight of that part of their duty which came under the head of charity. Charity did not consist only in giving. "Though I give all my goods to feed the poor and have not charity, I am nothing," said a very old Divine. There was the charity which tried to hide the faults of a brother, which put a kind construction on his actions, which hoped the best and believed the best, and was not carping

and anxious to display the foibles and weaknesses of others. This he maintained was real charity—not to lose sight of the actual practical "giving," but to look to higher aims, and to work out the real meaning of the word "charity" in its highest sense. Bro. C. G. Padel, S.W. 1611, proposed "The Visiting Brethren," congratulating the members of the lodge upon the constant numbers of visitors whom they had the pleasure of so frequently entertaining. Bro. G. C. Baskett, S.W. 236, and Bro. Hanly, S.W. 295, responded. The W.M. proposed "The Wardens and Officers of the Lodge," to which the Wardens responded. Bro. Rowland, P.M., proposed "The Masonic Charities" in happy terms, to which the W.M. responded. Bro. Rowland took occasion to state the large amount this very young lodge had already given in the way of sending up stewards with good lists, and rejoiced to know that a continuance in well doing was contemplated. Bro. T. D. Smith, J.D., proposed "The Ladies," and Bros. M. Varvill and A. T. B. Turner responded. The Tyler's toast then brought a very happy evening to a conclusion. The toast list was well worthy of notice as a work of lithographic art. It bore a series of appropriate mottos, selected from the ancient charges and regulations, and on the first page was a photograph of an ancient Masonic flagon, the property of the Eboracum Lodge, the original occupying a prominent position in front of the W.M., and being used as a loving cup in the course of the banquet. Some capital songs varied the proceedings, contributed by Bros. Blagbro, Wilkinson, Dodd, Cheeseman, and Flint, Bro. G. H. Simpson, Organist, effectively presiding at the pianoforte.

On Monday last there was a large attendance of members of this lodge, when the W.M., Bro. J. S. Cumberland, presided; there were also present Bros. T. B. Whythead, I.P.M.; C. G. Padel, S.W.; J. T. Seller, J.W.; G. Balenford, P.M. Treas.; J. Kay, Sec.; T. Humphries, Asst. Sec.; M. Millington, S.D.; T. D. Smith, J.D.; A. T. B. Turner, Asst. M.C.; J. Blenkin, I.G.; Wm. Hill, Steward, and many other members. A successful ballot was taken for a candidate, and the lodge having been opened in the Third Degree, Bro. W. J. Girling was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. The lodge having been lowered again, Bro. T. B. Whythead presented to the lodge a copy of the beautifully prepared memorial volume of the grand banquet given at Freemasons' Hall, by Bro. Geo. Kenning, to the American Pilgrims in July, and also a copy of Mackey's Lexicon of Freemasonry. He also said that he should like to suggest the formation, in connection with the lodge, of a Masonic Literary and Archaeological Society. Such an association had been worked very successfully in Thirsk by some of the members of the Falcon Lodge, who were fortunate in having as their Organist Bro. J. T. Wilkinson, the W.M. elect, at whose installation on Thursday, he (Bro. Whythead) hoped to be present. But although they had no such able brother to lead them, he still thought that great good would result from the formation of an association. In York itself there was ample material for a society of that kind to work upon for many a pleasant day in the fine weather. The W.M. highly approved of the suggestion, and thought that the movement would tend to the formation of an additional pleasing bond of union between the members. Several other members expressed approval, and a Committee was appointed to carry out the idea. The W.M. made a few remarks as to the importance of accuracy in working, and said he purposed calling a lodge of instruction together shortly. The Eboracum Lodge had already attained a celebrity for good work, and he hoped that good reputation would be maintained.

HAMPTON WICK.—Wolsey Lodge (No. 1656).—This prosperous provincial lodge held its regular meeting on Monday, the 2nd inst., when there were present a very considerable number of the brethren, amongst whom were Bros. S. W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. of Middlesex, &c., W.M.; Bond, P.P.G.D.C. of Surrey, S.W.; the Rev. F. J. C. de Crespigny P.P.G.C. of Middlesex, Chaplain, and J.W.; J. Hammond, P.G.S. of Middlesex, Hon. I.P.M.; Baldwin, P.P.G.O. of Middlesex, Hon. P.M.; Ockenden, Secretary; Honeywell, Hon. Organist; J. Hurst, J.D.; T. Walls, P.P.G.O. of Middlesex, I.G.; Gilbert, Prov. G. Tyler of Middlesex, Tyler. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Drummond, was passed as a F.C., and Bros. Handel and Bonell, raised to the degree of M.M. The ceremonies were performed by the W.M. with his usual ability. The names of three candidates were on the agenda for initiation, but through unavoidable circumstances they were all prevented from attending. A notice of motion by Bro. Walls as to the advisability of altering the day of meeting from the first to the second Monday was adjourned until the next regular meeting. Bro. Ockenden was unanimously appointed as Steward, to represent the lodge at the next festival in connection with the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and the sum of ten guineas from the lodge funds will head his list. Several minor matters having been satisfactorily disposed of the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent collation. The visitors were Bros. Davey and Chilcott, both of 1512. Upon the removal of the cloth, the W.M. gave briefly, but most pertinently, the royal and Craft toasts which were duly honoured. Bro. Walls having responded on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers," Bro. Baldwin in a few well chosen sentences proposed the health of "The W.M." The W.M., having briefly replied, gave in very happy terms "The Visitors," which was acknowledged in a humorous speech by Bro. Chilcott. In giving "The Officers" the W.M. specially alluded to the services of Bro. T. W. Ockenden, the Secretary, and F. Honeywell the honorary Organist. The proceedings throughout were most eminently successful, and the brethren adjourned until the first Monday in February next, highly pleased with the instruction and pleasing entertainment that had been provided for them.

LIVERPOOL.—Kirkdale Lodge (No. 1756).—The members of this, the youngest lodge in the province of West Lancashire, consecrated on the 8th ult. with so much promise of a successful existence, fairly got to work on the evening of their day of meeting, the fourth Wednesday in the month, at the Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Westminster-road, Kirkdale, Liverpool, where there was a good muster of Masons, embracing several prominent visitors as well as members. The lodge was opened in ample form by Bro. Edward Johnston, the W.M., who was supported and assisted by the following officers:—Bros. Charles Bromley, P.M.; R. E. Milton, Treasurer; William Gick, S.W.; Hugh Ferguson, J.W.; James Grierson, Secretary; Charles Bargery, S.D.; T. Hay, J.D.; Henry Alexander, I.G.; W. S. West, Henry Marshall, and Geo. Marsden, Stewards; and Williamson, Tyler. The minutes of the consecration meeting, as well as those which had been held in connection with the formation of the lodge, were read and unanimously confirmed. After this part of the work had been concluded, twenty-eight brethren were elected, nem. con., as joining members, and eight candidates, unanimously elected as a result of the ballot, being all in attendance, were initiated into Freemasonry, a special dispensation having been obtained for this large number from Bro. the Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Dep. G.M. of Eng., R.W.P.G.M. of West Lancashire. The ceremony of initiation was most ably and admirably performed by Bro. E. Johnston, W.M., who is well-known for his Masonic zeal and ability, the assistant officers and Deacons also showing great proficiency in their several spheres. The by-laws of the lodge were afterwards considered and adopted, subject to the approval of the P.G.M., and three new joining members were duly proposed during the evening. In reply to the W.M., Bro. R. Milton, the Treasurer, stated that he was not at that moment in a position to give a list of all the donations to the lodge, but he (Bro. Milton) was exceedingly proud to be able to say that, notwithstanding the great expense which had been incurred in connection with the consecration of the lodge, they were even, at that early period in their history, entirely free from debt. After this most gratifying and eminently creditable announcement, the lodge was closed in peace, and the members and visitors adjourned, for refreshments, to the banqueting-room, where harmony prevailed to the greatest extent. The new lodge has thus had a most auspicious beginning, and there is no doubt it will fully maintain the high character which is possessed by so many Masonic bodies of a similar kind in Liverpool and throughout the extensive province of West Lancashire.

INSTRUCTION.

UNION WATERLOO LODGE (No. 13).—The annual banquet of the above prosperous lodge took place on Friday evening, the 6th inst., at the Lord Raglan, Burrage-road, Plumstead, some sixty-five brethren assembling round the hospitable and elegantly served board. Bro. G. Davis, P.M. 13, one of the Preceptors, filled the chair, supported by Bros. Macdonald, P.M., and co-Preceptor with Bro. Davis; Bros. Hutton, S.W. 13; N. Brown, J.W. 13; H. Syer, Sec. 13; G. Deans, I.G. 13; W. Lloyd, S.W. 913; H. Wetherilt, P.M. 66 (I.C.); R. Hodgkinson, P.M. 13; G. Beaver, I.G. 700; C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*); and others. The following lodges were well represented: Union Waterloo, Pattison, United Military, Nelson, and Henley. Bro. Rowley, 1636, was placed in the East, and Bro. T. Hassell in the South. The W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. He then rose to give that which he called the toast of the evening, "Success and Prosperity to the Union Lodge of Instruction," and said that during the four years of its existence, it had been the means of teaching Masonry in its fullest sense to a great many old Masons, who thought they knew all about it, and to a number of young Masons, who heard there, in the Lectures and Sections, what they, perhaps, might never hear in their regular lodges, and many of them could do the work in a manner that was highly creditable both to themselves and the lodge. He felt that a great good must arise, from a perfect knowledge, not only of the ritual, that was to say, the simple text of it, but the meaning of it as well. In their Lodge of Instruction the whole of the beautiful symbolism of the Craft was illustrated, and made plain to them, so that they could not only see the working of a lodge carried out, but could understand what they heard and saw, and that he considered to be the best foundation for all Masonic knowledge, truth, and fidelity. During the last year there had been 549 attendances, at forty-eight meetings, giving an average of a little over twelve at each meeting. That, he thought, was something to congratulate themselves upon. Then they were in a sound financial position, and had qualified the lodge as a Life Governor to the Masonic Benevolent Institution, and he hoped some day to have to announce that the lodge was a Life Governor of all the Masonic Charitable Institutions. He hoped those brethren present who were not members, and had not seen the working of the lodge, would soon join it, as he felt sure they would never regret the step they had taken. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Macdonald, their first and most respected Preceptor. Bro. Macdonald, in response, thanked them for the honour done him, and rejoiced with them in the prosperity of the lodge. He regretted, however, that his health had not permitted of his attending their meetings so often, during the past year, as he should have liked to have done, on account of a serious illness that had overtaken him, and the effects of which he felt for some time afterwards, and he was afraid that he could not promise them too much in the coming year, as he had removed from Peckham to Brixton, and they could readily appreciate the difficulties of travelling from there to Woolwich and back. However, they might depend upon him for any important event, such, for instance, as a gathering like the present, where the Fourth Degree had been so admirably worked by

them all. He was pleased to see so many new faces present, and to hear from their W.M. how prosperously the lodge was going on. He considered that it ought even to do better, for Woolwich was a veritable hotbed of Freemasonry. At his lodge, the night previous, the Star Lodge of Instruction, he was able to announce an average attendance for the last year of 21½, and a very old Mason told him that that was a great average for a London lodge. He was pleased to see so good an attendance that night, and felt sure that under the able guidance of their good Preceptor, Bro. Davis, they would go on and prosper. All they wanted was a little more money, and a little more attendance, and then they would take their proper position among the lodges of instruction of the metropolis. Bro. Macdonald concluded by proposing "The Health of their W.M., Bro. Davis," and soon after left the room amid honours. Bro. Davis returned thanks, and assured them of his intention to carry out his duties in the future as in the past. "The Visitors" were then toasted, and the toast acknowledged. Bro. Cleal, the Secretary for the ensuing year, was then complimented, and Bro. Hassell for his efforts in the past. A warm reception of Bro. Serjeant-Major Rowley's name, of the United Military Lodge, followed the mention of it, as their S.W. that night, and for the services rendered by him in the lodge, and that brother briefly returned thanks. "The Masonic Press" was coupled with the name of our representative, who returned thanks, and after Bro. Tucker had been complimented upon his efforts for the comfort of the brethren, a verse of "God Save the Queen" concluded a pleasant evening.

WANDSWORTH LODGE (No. 1044).—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Wandsworth, on Wednesday, the 11th inst., when Bro. F. Reed, presided as W.M.; Bro. J. Frost, as S.W.; and Bro. J. J. Holland as J.W. There was only a small attendance of brethren, many of them being present at a committee formed for the purpose of giving a gratuitous dinner to 200 poor women and children on Christmas Day.

Royal Arch.

St. JAMES'S CHAPTER (No. 2).—This, the first English Chapter, held its first meeting of the season on Monday week last. It was well attended, and some very excellent work was gone through by its M.E.Z., Erasmus Wilson, assisted by his officers E. Comps. Brodie and Middleton, and P. S. Comp. Letchworth. Among the companions present we noticed Comps. Lt.-Col. Stuart, Creaton, Stephen Pearce, Wood, Woodford, Whipcord, Gover, Captain Davis, Hewett, Romieu, Rivington, and Muggerridge. Some routine business having been disposed of, the meeting adjourned to the social circle, when a most enjoyable evening was passed. The companions separated at an early hour.

DOMATIC CHAPTER (No. 177).—This old and prosperous chapter held its last convocation at Anderton's Hotel on the 28th ult. There were present, amongst other companions, Comps. J. Weaver, M.E.Z.; Hill, H.; T. Adams, P.Z., Acting J.; Bolton, P.Z.; Cubitt, P.Z.; Payne, P.Z.; Cottebrune, P.Z., S.E.; Lawrence, S.N.; Harrison, P.S.; Briggs, 1st. Asst.; G. Everett, Ambrose, Bolton, Fountain, Ford, and others. The visitors were Comps. T. C. Walls, P.G.O. of Middlesex (*Freemason*); and Collier, S.N. 749. The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. J. Jones, 177, and having been declared unanimous, he was duly exalted to the Sublime Degree of the Royal Arch. The ceremony was performed with that attention to detail and correctness of ritual which has always characterised the "working" of this chapter. Upon the motion of Comp. Cubitt, P.Z., which was duly seconded, and carried with acclamation, the sum of five pounds was voted to the fund for the proposed Wentworth Little Memorial, which good object, however, is not progressing so rapidly as many of the admirers and friends of the late deservedly popular Mason could wish. The Chapter having been closed, the companions adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth, the M.E.Z. vacated his seat in favour of Comp. Cottebrune, who ably presided during the remainder of the proceedings. The long, but necessary, array of formal toasts having been briefly proposed and responded to, "The Health of the Exalte" was warmly given by the acting First Principal, in which he congratulated Comp. Jones upon having entered the mysterious portals of the Royal Arch Degree, and from the profound attention which he had manifested throughout the ceremonial he (the acting First Principal) believed that this new step in Masonry had created an impression which he hoped would never be effaced from his memory. This toast having been warmly received, Comp. Jones, in reply, briefly said that he esteemed it a very great honour in having been exalted in the chapter attached to his mother lodge, and he hoped that he should always continue to be thought worthy of the great honour that they had accorded him, by exalting him to this ancient and most interesting degree. "The Visitors" followed, and was duly acknowledged by Comps. Collier and Walls. "The Second and Third Principals" came next, and was replied to by Comp. Hill, in the absence of his colleague. In giving "The Past Principals," the acting M.E.Z. warmly eulogised the great services rendered by those distinguished companions, some of whom held very high positions in the Royal Arch Degree. He felt sorry that several of the oldest Past Principals were absent, but as some of them were advanced in years, it was not to be expected that they could be present on all occasions. This toast having been received with excellent "fire," Comp. Cubitt responded. "The Treasurer and Scribe E.," and

"The Officers" brought the official proceedings to a termination. In the intervals of the toasts several of the companions contributed some excellent harmony.

TWICKENHAM.—Francis Burdett Chapter (No. 1503).—This new provincial chapter met after its long recess at the Albany Hotel, on Wednesday the 27th ult. Amongst those present were Comps. W. Wigginton, P.G.S.N. of Middlesex, M.E.Z.; Tomlinson, H., Cama, P.G.S.B. of Middlesex; C. Horsley, P.P.G.S. of Middlesex, P.Z. Royal Middlesex, Treasurer &c.; H. Court, S.E.; S. H. Knaggs, S.N.; H. Court, jun. 1st Asst.; T. C. Walls, P.G.O. Middlesex, 2nd Asst.; Harrison, Janitor. The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. C. Clark, 1503, and found to be unanimous, but in consequence of indisposition he was prevented from attending to be exalted. This night being the annual election convocation the ballot was taken for the officers for the ensuing year, and produced the following result: Comps. Tomlinson, M.P.Z.; Cama, H.; S. H. Knaggs, J.; H. Court, Sen. S.E.; W. Taylor, S.N.; H. Court, jun. P.S.; and C. Horsley, Treas. The show of hands was in favour of Comp. Harrison, as Janitor. There being no other business before the chapter it was closed in ancient form, and the companions adjourned to an excellent collation. The preliminary toasts having been done full justice to "The R.W.P.G.S. of Middlesex, and the rest of the Grand Officers present and past," was proposed in very warm terms, by the M.E.Z., coupled with the names of Comps. Horsley and Walls, who briefly acknowledged the compliment. In giving the health of "The M.E.Z." Comp. Horsley congratulated the chapter upon possessing so able and distinguished a Mason at their head as Comp. Wigginton undoubtedly was. He had had the pleasure of witnessing his working at the last convocation, and as an old Royal Arch Mason it had afforded him (Comp. Horsley) the very highest gratification in hearing the ritual delivered with so much elocutionary ability. He was sorry that through untoward circumstances there had been no exaltation that evening, because it was the last night of the M.E.Z.'s occupancy of the chair, and he felt sure that they would have liked to have seen the ceremony once more performed by him. In concluding his remarks he hoped that this excellent first principal would be spared many years to come amongst them, not only to assist in the working, but to give the chapter the benefit of his great masonic counsel. This toast having been warmly received the M.E.Z. replied in a few well chosen sentences and quickly gave "The second and third principals," "The Treasurer and Scribe E." and "The Officers," which were acknowledged by the representatives of those officials present. The Janitor's toast at an early hour terminated the proceedings.

Knights Templar.

YORK.—Ancient Ebor Preceptory (No. 101).—The regular meeting of this body was held at York on Tuesday, E. Sir Knt. T. B. Whytehead, P.E.P., S. Captain of Guards, presiding. Comp. Millington, of the Paradise Chapter, 130, was installed a Knight of the Order, and Lord Skelmersdale, G. Prior of England, Colonel S. H. Clarke, Sub-Prior of England, and Colonel Macleod-Moore, Great Prior of Canada, were elected honorary members of the Preceptory. The registrar announced that in compliment to the brilliant reception accorded to the American Pilgrims by the Knights Templar of York, the Mary Commandery had resolved that the E. Preceptor for the time being for ever, of Ancient Ebor Preceptory, should rank as an honorary member of Mary Commandery. Sir Knight Ward presented to the Preceptory a massive and valuable mahogany dining table, and Sir Knight Whytehead presented a copy of Bro. Kenning's memorial volume of his banquet to the American Pilgrims. A guinea from the Benevolent Fund was voted to the list of E. Sir Knt. T. C. Oper, who will act as a Steward at the next Benevolent Festival.

Red Cross of Constantine.

COCKERMOUTH.—Dyke's Conclave (No. 36).—The quarterly assembly of this conclave was held on Friday, the 20th ult., in the Freemasons' Hall, Station-street. The following members answered to their names on the roll being called: Em. Sir Kts. T. Mandle, M.P.S.; R. Robinson, P.S.; E. Tyson, P.S.; W. Shilton, P.S., as S.G.; W. F. Lamonby, P.S. and Orator, as Prefect and H.P. (Freemason); R. Bailey, V.E.; Sir Kts. Jas. Quay, as J.G.; W. H. Lewthwaite, Treas. and Org.; J. Gardiner, Recorder; H. Peacock, Herald; H. Moncrieff, Almoner; Jos. Hewson, Sentinel; Stephen Thwaite, and others. The conclave having been opened, the minutes of the annual assembly were read and confirmed. Bro. George Dalrymple, of St. John's Lodge, No. 252, Thornhill, Scotland, Lewis Lodge, No. 872, Whitehaven, and Arlecdon Lodge, No. 1660, Frizington, was then accepted as a candidate for installation, and he was duly installed, proclaimed, and invested a Knight of the Order, the ceremony being most effectively performed by Em. Sir Kt. E. Tyson, P.S., while the historical oration was delivered by the acting H.P. In accordance with a notice of motion, it was unanimously agreed to hold a concert and ball next February, in conjunction with Skidaw Craft Lodge, No. 1002, and Faithful Mark Lodge, No. 229. A Committee of Sir Knights was appointed to work with the other bodies. The conclave was then closed.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF FORFAR AND ANGUS.

On Tuesday, Dec. 3rd, a meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Forfar and Angus was held at the Queen's Hotel, Dundee, for the purpose of installing Lord Inverurie, Lord Rosehill, Lord Carnegie, and other office bearers.

The Supreme Grand Chapter was represented by Bro. J. Whyte-Melville, P.G.Z.; Bro. R. S. Brown, Z. 83; Bro. Shaw Stewart, 1; and Bro. L. Mackersy, G.S.E.

Bro. Whyte-Melville, who presided, opened the chapter in due form, and the installation was afterwards proceeded with as follows:—Lord Inverurie, Superintendent; Lord Carnegie, Provincial J.; Comp. M'Farland, Scribe E.; Comp. Henry, Scribe M.; Comp. W. Longmuir, Treas.; Comp. James Doig (Montrose), Recorder; Comp. C. B. Pibbado, Chancellor; Comp. H. A. Noble, First Sojourner; Comp. A. Morrison, Second Sojourner; Comp. J. P. Gruer (Montrose), Third Sojourner; Comp. James Bremner, Sword Bearer; Comp. J. H. Mackay, Superintendent of Works; Comp. C. W. French, First Standard Bearer; Comp. John Morris, Second Standard Bearer; and Comp. John Young, Janitor.

Lord Rosehill, being at present on the Continent, will be installed P.G.H. on his return.

On the conclusion of the installation ceremony the companions attended a banquet. Superintendent Lord Inverurie presided, and Comp. J. H. Mackay was croupier. The Chairman was supported on the right and left by Lord Carnegie, Bros. Whyte-Melville, Shaw Stewart, R. S. Brown, Alexander Kelt, William M'Farland, &c. Over forty companions of the province attended. After the usual loyal toasts the noble Chairman gave "The Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland," coupled with Comp. Brown, who replied, congratulating the province on the selection they had made of Superintendent. Comp. Shaw Stewart next gave "The Provincial Grand Chapter of Forfar and Angus," coupled with Lord Inverurie. His Lordship, in responding, returned thanks for the high honour conferred upon him. Lord Carnegie called for a bumper for "The Chapters in the Province," coupled with Companion Mackay, Z. (164), who replied. The Chairman then gave the "Health of Comp. Captain Adams, of the Arctic," who suitably acknowledged the compliment. Comp. M'Farland subsequently proposed the "Health of the noble Chairman," and expressed the hope that the chapter would prosper under his Lordship's Superintendentship. The toast was rapturously acknowledged.

Lord Inverurie, in replying, thanked the chapter for placing him in the position of Superintendent, and trusted to the support of the companions in making the chapter the best in Scotland. Having to leave for the train, his Lordship vacated the chair, which was taken by Comp. M'Farland.

A very happy evening was spent with song and sentiment, and the banquet, for the excellence of which Mr. Smith was specially complimented by Lord Inverurie, gave the greatest satisfaction.

The Installation meeting of the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1572, was held on Saturday last, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Bro. Thomas Stacey Hellier was installed W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. James Cowan, I.P.M. A report of the proceedings is in type and will appear in our next.

Bro. Sir Edmund Lechmere, M.P., R.W.G.M. Worcester, and Lady Lechmere, have returned to London from a visit to Cyprus.

The Annual Ball in aid of the Builders' Benevolent Institution will be held at Willis's Rooms, King-street, St. James's, on Thursday, January 30th, 1879.

Sir William Jenner, by command of her Majesty, left London on Tuesday evening for Hesse-Darmstadt, to attend the Grand Duchess, who is suffering from diphtheria.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL.—The Committee of the National Hospital for Diseases of the Heart and Paralysis, Soho-square, send an earnest appeal for assistance towards paying the heavy expenses for repairs, etc., to the hospital. During the past year 8044 attendances of poor patients was registered. The Committee are enabled to receive a larger number of in-patients, if the funds meet the outlay, and it is their intention to open further wards. Donations, etc., may be sent to the Treasurer, the Earl of Glasgow, at the hospital, or to the bankers, Messrs. Barclay, Bevan, and Co., or Sir Samuel Scott and Co.

The consecration meeting of the Kennington Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1381, will be held at the Surrey Club House, Kennington Oval, on Thursday next, the 19th inst., at half-past four o'clock. The ceremony will be performed by E. Comp. James Terry, P.Z., assisted by other distinguished companions. The Principals designate are Comps. George Everett, Z.; C. J. Page, H.; and Wm. Mann, J.

The consecration of the Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1780, took place on Friday, at the Masonic Hall, Bugle-street, Southampton, the ceremonies being conducted by Bro. W. B. Beach, M.P., R.W. Prov. Grand Master. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

Comp. E. H. Thiellay was installed M.E.Z. of the Prudent Brethren Chapter, No. 145, on Tuesday last. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

Brethren of the "mystic tie" will be glad to be in the early issue of that ever-welcome guide, the "Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar" for the ensuing year, published by Bro. George Kenning, of Masonic fame. Next to the Book of Constitutions and the bye-laws of each lodge, the book is so necessary as Kenning's Calendar, the chief reason of which is, that it is so reliable.—*Brief*, Dec. 13th.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The marriage of Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master, with his cousin, Miss Elizabeth Catherine Howard, eldest daughter of Mr. Henry Howard, of Greystoke Castle, Cumberland, will be solemnised on the 26th inst., at Greystoke.

Miss Hopekirk, niece of Bro. Walter Hopekirk, made a very successful debut as a pianist, in Germany, on the 28th ult. We quote the following from our contemporary the *Daily News*. "All lovers of music in Edinburgh will be pleased to hear of the successful appearance on November 28th of our young townswoman, Miss Helen Hopekirk, at one of the celebrated Leipzig Gewandhaus Concerts. In being selected to play before this critical and exclusive audience, Miss Hopekirk has won the musical 'blue ribbon' of Leipzig, and brings her course of musical study in Germany to a close with the highest possible testimonial to its success. The honour of performing at a Gewandhaus Concert is considered a great one even by artists of no mean reputation, and is only in very exceptional cases conferred, as now, upon a pupil at the Conservatorium. Miss Hopekirk was specially invited by the director to return to Leipzig for a short time this winter in order to play at this concert. She now goes to England immediately to commence her professional career there."

The annual convocation of the Royal Arch Province of Cumberland and Westmorland has been postponed till Tuesday, the 14th of January, in consequence of the winter session of Parliament.

Bro. J. D. Allcroft, M.P., P.M. 1657, has promised £500 towards establishing a free library at Worcester.

The Worshipful Company of Drapers have given a donation of £21 to the funds of the Royal Albert Orphan Asylum.

SHIRLEY LODGE, No. 1112.—Bro. F. H. McCalmont, barrister, Senior Warden of this lodge for the past year, and a Past Prov. Grand Officer of Oxon, has been unanimously elected the W.M. of the lodge, which is held in one of the suburbs of Southampton, for the year ensuing.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught has been appointed by the Emperor of Germany honorary colonel of the Brandenburg Ziethen regiment of Hussars, the commander of which is Prince Charles Frederick of Prussia.

The Post Office Authorities have issued the following table, showing the days on which the mails for Australia and New Zealand, via San Francisco, will be despatched from London during the ensuing year: Thursday, January 2; Thursday, January 30; Thursday, February 27; Thursday, March 27; Thursday, April 24; Thursday, May 22; Thursday, June 19; Thursday, July 17; Thursday, August 14; Thursday, September 11; Thursday, October 9th; Thursday, November 7; and Thursday, December 4.

The Rectory of Swillington, near Leeds, vacant by the preferment of Archdeacon Dealtry, has been given by Sir Charles Lowther to the Rev. George Edmund Fox, vicar of St. John the Evangelist, Kilburn.

Her Majesty will leave Windsor Castle on Tuesday next for Osborne, where the Royal family intend spending Christmas. The Queen is expected to stay at Osborne till about the commencement of February, when the marriage of the Duke of Connaught takes place at Windsor Castle, where, during the absence of the court in the Isle of Wight, preparations will be made for the Royal nuptials.

On December 31, at midnight, the normal hour is to be fixed throughout Sweden. All the Government railway and telegraph clocks are to be set simultaneously. In some places, as for instance, in Stockholm, the clocks will have to be put back as much as 12 minutes.

NEW WATERLOO STATION.—The opening of the New Waterloo Station of the London and South-Western Railway, which has been erected in order to accommodate the main line suburban traffic, will take place on Monday next.

THE COSMOPOLITAN MASONIC CALENDAR, Diary, and Pocket-book. London: Bro. G. Kenning, Fleet-street.—This annual, the previous issues of which have received favourable criticism at our hands, is again published. Its contents embrace a List of Lodges, Chapters, K.T. Encampments, Conclaves, and Grand Councils, with the names of officers in England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland, Canada, United States, France, Germany, Italy, &c. The charge at the initiation and the well-known Entered Apprentice's Song are also printed, in addition to other matter of especial value to the Masonic community. No one inexperienced in the compilation of a work of this class can form an accurate estimate of the trouble and pecuniary outlay involved in carrying out successfully an undertaking presenting so many difficulties. The correspondence necessarily carried on by the editor in pursuit of materials for the volume is both heavy and irksome, and is enough to deter any ordinary compiler from accepting the task. Notwithstanding the vigilance exercised in the production of the work slight imperfections may be detected, but no one gifted with common sense or a kindly spirit will condemn the book on this ground. The ungenerous and hypercritical may, however, indulge their humour at the expense of the calendar. The volume is excellently printed, and is unquestionably of great utility to those connected with the Masonic body. The editor and publisher are entitled to all the patronage that can be awarded them, and we wish the pecuniary result of their laudable enterprise may be encouraging in the highest degree.—*Sunday Times*, Dec. 8th.

Reviews.

NOTES ON THE HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY.
By HENRY SUTHERLAND, M.D., P.M. University
Lodge, 1118.

These "Notes" which were privately printed for "presentation only" in 1877, seem to us to be very useful and meritorious alike in inception, conception and general "construction." Not that we can predicate of them absolute correctness in general outline, or illustrative detail, in "universals," or in "particulars," but the idea is a very good one, per se, is novel in its treatment, and suggestive of subsequent and more matured efforts, which may help materially to benefit the Masonic student, and enlighten properly the non-masonic readers.

The author has evidently taken great pains to put together a concise and summary account of the "landmarks" of Freemasonry, but if we might advise him, we would say, "the skilful and well imagined outline you have sketched out requires a little more careful colouring and filling in." For instance, Mackey is clearly wrong, as others are, in dividing Masonic history into mystical and authentic.

Anderson was, in no sense, a mystic. He simply Anglicised into a readable language, the archaisms of the Guild Legends, and we have no doubt the Guild Legends were "traditions" firmly believed and carefully handed on. We should therefore prefer to divide writers into those of the historical and traditional school, and as Masonry, like most other associations of any importance, has a "prehistoric time," we think the division and the distinction pointed out in Kenning's Cyclopædia are the best and truest for all critical purposes. But these "notes" are very useful and conscientious, and we feel sure may be expanded into a very useful and valuable work.

LA SEMAINE FRANCAISE.

Is a French paper published in London, which offers to the English readers the charm of reading good French, and clever "feuilletons" comfortably in England. And there is no doubt, that the paper carries out its programme, and gives English readers, on the system of our old and well known friend "Galignani," Albert Smith's "Amiable Pirate of the Rue de Rivoli," the "crème de la crème" of current French literature. It will be a good thing for many of our readers, to whom perchance as "whilom of ye olden tyme," the French of "Stratford atte Bowe" is more familiar than the vernacular of Paris.

THE ELECTRIC LIGHT.—A PAPER BY EDWARD CONDER, JUN. FREEMASON OFFICE.

A very interesting and lucid paper, on a most important and probably valuable development of scientific discovery, read by Mr. Edward Conder, jun. at a meeting of the Engineering Society, at King's College, London. Some of our excellent friends of the "Evening Star" Lodge will probably shake their heads at it, but in this age of scientific discovery, and marvellous adaptation of the forces and gifts of nature to man's use, comfort, and enlightenment, who can say what will not be? What may not be? We commend the little pamphlet to the notice of our readers.

PANORAMIC TOY BOOKS.—THE QUEEN OF HEARTS; OR WHO STOLE THE TARTS. JOHNNY GILPIN'S FAMOUS RIDE, by COWPER. ALAS, COCK ROBIN, by S. V. B. Dean and Sons, 160, Fleet-st.

These most interesting Christmas books deserve the notice of the old, just as they claim the admiration of the young. They are very effective, and very happily and skilfully illustrated.

OLD JONATHAN. W. H. and S. Collingridge, Aldersgate-street.

We welcome an old Christmas friend with sincere pleasure. He is an agreeable guest at this time of the year, and records not only present pleasant sympathies, but agreeable souvenirs of "auld lang syne."

MASONIC PHOTOGRAPHY.

We are much pleased with the photographic representation of the Bible, Square and Loving Cup of the "York Masons," obligingly forwarded to us by Bro. Whythead.

MASONIC TOAST LIST AND MENU.

We have received from Bro. J. S. Cumberland, of York, a very handsome toast list and menu, most skilfully drawn up, but which our limited space prevents us doing full justice to. We understand that a fuller review will probably appear in an early "Masonic Magazine."

Muttam in Parvo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

MARK MASONRY.

I see a Bro. "Mark," wishes me to furnish a reference to the earliest Mark Warrant that I know of, and desires "its very words." Doubtless this has something to do with the discussion of late in the *Freemason* as to Mark Masonry generally, which I have carefully perused from time to time, but do not write now to take any part in it, because, unfortunately, I am not so pleasantly engaged at present as to be able to afford the time.

I am not aware of any old Mark Warrants existing anywhere, and hence consider that it is not necessary or desirable to present copies of the modern Charters of a late period. The fact is, in early times, the choice of a Mark was a custom, not a degree, and one much more generally observed than now. Many of our old lodge minutes prove the universality almost of this custom, with speculative as well as operative Masons, during the seventeenth cen-

tury, and early in the last, of which we need only instance the records of "Mother Lodge Kilwinning," Lodge of Edinburgh, Aberdeen Lodge, and others, the pages also of the *Scottish Freemason* being of late devoted to the representation from time to time of the "Haughfoot" lodge records, containing curious marks, &c. When the custom was changed to a degree I cannot say, but probably soon after the institution of the Royal Arch, and certain degrees of the "Ancient and Accepted Rite" from 1736-40. The earliest actual reference to the degrees of "Mark Man" for Fellow Crafts, and "Mark Master" for Master Masons, is dated 1778, and occurs in the records of the old lodge at Banff. My friend, the "Masonic Student," takes rather a different view to what I do as to the antiquity of the Master Mason, as a degree, for I do not think it is proved that Masonic degrees can be traced before the last century, the Fellow Craft being one who had served his lawful time, in early days; and a Master Mason, one who employed or presided over both classes of workmen, viz, Apprentices and Fellow Crafts. However I do not want to raise obstacles, but rather to induce all who can, to add to our store of facts.

W. J. HUGHAN.

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH AND FREEMASONRY.

La Semaine Francaise—noticed elsewhere—gives the following extract from the *Independence Belge*, which we have thought well to translate for the *Freemason*.

"Monsr. Besson, Bishop of Nismes, enters into a war with Freemasonry. He has forbidden [the intrusion of Masonic emblems into the churches of his diocese. Whenever those signs are placed upon a coffin the priest is to remove them. Books sold by the lodges are to be refused. A dying person, notoriously a Freemason, is to be treated as a public sinner, that is to say, his confession in not to be heard except after special and exact retraction."

This order is preceded by a "Mandement" (charge), of forty pages in 18mo.

This charge is not badly written. The Bishop of Nismes is evidently one of our most eloquent prelates, and it is possibly in order to take the place of Bishop Dupanloup, that he commences this campaign. The bishop is, however, in error in nearly all his statements of fact. It is clear that he has received certain information, but it is not the less clear that such information is entirely incorrect. I will only cite one illustration of this. The bishop says, at page 32 "the grade of the Knight Kadosh, is the Supreme Grade. The emblems of this grade are a crown with a three-headed serpent. The serpent points out the evil principle, the three heads are the emblem of the evil which is introduced into the three classes of society. One head of the serpent wears a crown and indicates Sovereigns; another head bears a tiara and indicates the Pope; the third bears a sword and indicates the army. As a pledge of his oath the Knight Kadosh strikes down with his dagger the three heads of the serpent, that is to say, the crown, the tiara, and the sword."

Such statements will make Freemasons laugh. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who is Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of London, has never struck down with his dagger the crown, nor the sword, and though he is a heretic, I doubt if he would strike down the tiara.

At the same time, with the "Mandement" of the Bishop, appeared an account of the centenary of the reception of Voltaire.

We then read how that at the reception of the Patriarch of Ferney, the lodge of the "Nine Sisters" had for W.M. the illustrious astronomer G. Lalande, and among those who were present were to be found the Abbé Pingré, the Abbé Cordier de Saint Firmin, the Abbé Bignon, and the Abbé Remy.

It might be called the relation of a ceremony of the church. But the church has reflected since Voltaire. Formerly she entered into the lodges of Freemasons, now she loads them with anathemata.

It is truly curious to note the formidable idea which Monseigneur has formed of the power of the Masonic lodges.

For instance, he declares that the Freemasons, at a meeting at Wilhelmsbad, in 1785, "decided the condemnation of Louis XVI., and the assassination of Gustavus III. It was the Freemasons who tore Pius VII. from the palace, and imprisoned him at Valence. It was the Freemasons who made Napoleon III. declare war against Italy. Freemasonry counts at present six millions of adepts, spread among 12,000 lodges. It costs Freemasonry nothing to hasten its triumphs, but woe to him who tries to arrest its progress. The Archbishop of Quito was poisoned at the altar. The President of the Republic of Equador was assassinated. The Bishops of Germany, like those of Brazil, have been plundered and exiled."

From one end of the world to the other you will find this mysterious hand, which strikes and slays in the dark. As the *Independence Belge* says, so say we, "Holla!"

His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, has, with the approval of her Majesty, kindly consented to preside at the annual distribution of prizes and certificates at the Birkbeck Literary and Scientific Institution. The date of the event has not yet been fixed, but if suitable to his Royal Highness, it will take place early in January next.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Rheumatism, Neuralgia.—It is sometimes difficult to determine which of the diseases is afflicting the sufferer, but this ignorance will not matter if Holloway's remedies be used. They alleviate and cure all muscular and nervous pains. In hereditary rheumatism, after bathing the affected parts with warm salt water, Holloway's Ointment should be well rubbed upon the spot, that it may penetrate and exert its soothing and regulating properties on the deeper vessels and nerves which are unduly excited, and cause both the pain and swelling. Holloway's treatment has the merit of removing the disease without debilitating the constitution, which was the inevitable result of the bleeding, mercury, and colchicum practice formerly adopted in these complaints.

NOTES ON ART, &c.

The collection of etchings of Mr. Seymour Haden includes examples of Bakhuisen, Jacques de Barbari, the master of the Caduceus; Bartholomew Behan, Nicholas Berghem, Abraham Bosse, Jean Both, Peter Bout, Canaletto, Annibale Caracci, Claude, Durer, Van Dyk, Everdingen, Faithorne, Fyt, Goltzius, Hollar, Karle du Jardin, Lucas Van Leyden, Marc Antonio, Karel le Moor, Nainweencx, Ossenbeck, Adrian van Ostade, Paul Potter, Rembrandt, Ruysdael, Stoop, Swaneveldt, Turner, Adrian Van de Velde, Waterloo, Wilkie, and Zeemann.

Lord Chelmsford, it seems, at the time of his death, was engaged in writing a work containing many amusing reminiscences and anecdotes of the English Bar. He had invited several of his colleagues to assist him with their recollections.—*Athenæum*.

AN ARISTOCRATIC CHRISTMAS NUMBER.—

Among the contributors to the *Vanity Fair Winter Number*, which was published on the 10th inst., are the Duke of Beaufort, the Duke of Manchester, the Marquis of Londonderry, the Earl of Winchelsea and Nottingham, the Earl of Dunmore, the Earl of Desart, the Countess Bathynany, Lady Florence Dixie, and Mr. Bret Harte.

Mr. William Spottiswoode, the newly-elected President of the Royal Society, has resigned the office of secretary to the Royal Institution. We are informed that, in recognition of his valuable services as treasurer and subsequently as secretary, it is proposed that the members shall subscribe for a bust of Mr. Spottiswoode, to be presented to the Royal Institution.—*Academy*.

An Unpublished Composition by Rossini is to be played shortly at Monte Cavallo as a serenade to the King and Queen of Italy. It is a fanfare for a military band, and was composed for the late Victor Emmanuel in return for his present to Rossini of the cross of a new Order, the Crown of Italy, founder, on the marriage of the present King Humbert. Rossini called his fanfare the "Crown of Italy," but the work, composed in 1868, has lain unused till the present time.

The King of Bavaria is erecting at Herrenchiemsee a royal château, on the plan of that of Versailles. When completed it will be at least as large as the Royal Palace at Munich. The building is to be spread over 15 years and the estimated cost is 36,000,000 marks (£1,800,000). Three hundred workmen are at present engaged upon it, who are lodged in barracks temporarily erected for their accommodation, and by the orders of the King the greatest care is taken to insure their comfort and to enable them to provide for their wants at moderate expense.

Mr. Nevill Northy Burnard, the Cornish sculptor, died at Redruth, in that county, on the 27th ult.

Mr. Bret Harte proposes to deliver his lecture, "The Argonauts of '49," an illustration of early Californian life, this winter, in London and in the principal provincial towns.

An interesting exhibition of tapestries was opened in the Windsor Pavilion. The chief specimens were recent. A new collection at the Paris Exhibition. The collection includes eight large panels representing scenes from the "Merry Wives of Windsor," the designs being by Mr. T. W. Hay. They formed the dining-room decoration at the Prince of Wales's pavilion, and received a gold medal. They are now the property of Sir A. Sassoon, K.C.S.I., by whom they have been lent for the purpose of the present exhibition. There is also a series of panels of tapestry representing hunting scenes, designed by Mr. E. M. Ward, R.A., for Mr. Christopher Sykes, M.P., and a number of smaller productions. Among the other specimens is a large panel representing the siege of Londonderry. It formerly was a panel in the old Irish House of Lords, but was transferred to the Bank of Ireland at Dublin. It has just been restored at Old Windsor. It is said to have been the work originally of Huguenot refugees. The exhibition also includes a series of eight panels in appliqué work on gold ground, part of the decoration of the morning room in the Prince of Wales's pavilion, and executed by the Ladies' Work Society, of which Princess Louise is the president. There are also a number of valuable pictures by Bristow (a native of Windsor), Algardi, T. F. Dicksee, Millais, &c. Her Majesty the Queen and other members of the Royal family have taken great interest in the tapestry works. Yesterday afternoon Prince Leopold visited the exhibition.

September 12, 1883, will be the 200th anniversary of the delivery of Vienna from the Turks by John Sobieski. The municipality of the city has resolved to celebrate the occasion with special honour. The new Hotel de Ville is to be completed, and will be publicly inaugurated on that day. A monument to commemorate the patience and bravery of Count von Starhemberg, who conducted the defence against the Turkish host, will also be finished and dedicated. Other appropriate arrangements will be made subsequently.

"Amabel Vaughan" in addition to the tales, poems, and Masonic papers mentioned in our last, will contain an article "On the Social Status of Civil Servants," reprinted from the *Civil Service Review*, as well as a carefully written Masonic Memoir of the Author, from the pen of our well-known veteran Masonic Writer, Bro. G. M. Tweddell, F.R.S.N.A., &c. One of the stories republished from the early pages of the *Freemason* is called "Another Fenian outrage" and is supposed to reveal the Masonic Secret. Copies of Bro. Emra Holmes's new book may be had after Christmas at the office of this paper. Subscribers should send particulars of full Masonic rank.

KING'S COLLEGE SCHOOL.—The annual distribution of prizes will take place in the great hall of King's College on Tuesday, Dec. 17 inst., at seven p.m., the Rev. Canon Ince, D.D., Christ Church, Oxford, Regius Professor of Divinity, in the chair.

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

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Answers to Correspondents.

J.W. 1563 received with thanks.

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ERRATUM.—Bro. A. D. Renshaw's name was inadvertently included in the list of the Committee of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement Festival, in our last.

BOOKS &c., RECEIVED.

"Westminster Papers;" "Tasmania: Information for Intending Emigrants;" "Western Daily Mercury;" "Western Morning News;" "Pantiles Papers" (Christmas Number); "Keystone;" "Eastern Star;" "La Chaine d'Union;" "Hull Packet;" "Citizen;" "Army and Navy Gazette;" "London Express;" "Our Young Folks' Budget;" "Broad Arrow;" "City Diary for 1879;" "Old Jonathan;" "Weekly Times;" "Freemasons' Monthly;" "Masonic Herald;" "La Semaine Française;" "Sunday Times;" "Der Triangel;" "New York Dispatch;" "Freemasons' Repository Kelet;" "Galloway Gazette;" "Hackney and Kingsland Gazette;" "Irish Daily News;" "Masonic Newspaper;" "Hebrew Leader;" "Boletín Oficial de la Masonería Simbolica de Colon."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

LANE.—On the 7th inst., at Witley House, Godalming, the wife of C. T. Lane, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

GORDON—FLEMING.—On the 5th inst., at St. Stephen's, Dublin, Albert Gordon, Esq., C.E., son of the Rev. J. B. Gordon, sometime Prebendary of Doon, co. Limerick, to Charlotte Elizabeth, daughter of the Rev. R. Fleming.

TALBOT—LAWFORD.—On the 16th ult., at Bellary, Madras Presidency, Francis Arthur Bouverie Talbot, Lieut. and Adjt. 43rd. Light Infantry, to Alice Mary Beatrice, daughter of Col. E. M. Lawford.

DEATHS.

ADLER.—On the 4th inst., at Copenhagen, David Baruch Adler, aged 52.

BYRON.—On the 6th inst., at Elmstone Hardwick, Gloucestershire, the Rev. John Byron, M.A., aged 74.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1878.

THE CHARITIES OF FREEMASONRY.

The charities of Freemasonry are many and remarkable, not the product of benefit society motives, or the result of childish and sensational and hap-hazard lottery-like proceedings, but governed by one great law, controlled by one true principle. Freemasons give to all poor and distressed, and decayed and suffering brethren, their widows and children, who have a fair claim on their charity, and as we said before, such offerings are made in various ways and from different sources. Masonic charity begins first of all in the lodges, goes on in the provinces from the Provincial Grand Lodge funds, and in the metropolis is continued, and concluded, as well for the metropolis and the provinces, in the General Lodge of Benevolence. Thus, in the first place, there is a three-fold system of charity giving and administration at work, very striking, and very praiseworthy, and let us trust, actuated always by the true and abiding persuasions of real charity, directed and developed in intelligence, in carefulness, and in discriminating good will. But not content with all this, great as it really is, when its totality, year by year is reckoned up and measured out, the Masonic mind seeks for further proofs of Masonic sympathy, and reaches unto further developments of Masonic zeal in the best of all causes. Accordingly, it seeks to aid and cheer the aged and infirm brother and widow, it endeavours to educate the forlorn and friendless orphans of our Order. For these great metropolitan charities are the living proofs of Masonic charity and energy, which never seem to "wax faint," though we must not forget a number of useful provincial subsidiary institutions, which are very helpful in their measure to the good cause of Masonic charity or youthful education. Our body, not a wealthy body in its great entirety, raises something like £40,000 annually, in round numbers, or the interest on a million of money at 4 per cent., to keep up these remarkable and needful metropolitan institutions, whose real value and lasting need each year, as it passes over our heads, seems to attest more and more, in words and facts, which we should be obtuse to neglect to realize, and unworthy of our name as Masons if we did not heartily endeavour ourselves to make to prosper and to promote. But we cannot shut our eyes if we would, nor should we be acting right to do so if we could, to certain "signs and tokens" which seem to point just now to hesitating support and dubious returns. Not that we show the distrust of others, or endorse the views of others, who think our appeals are too frequent, and the strain too heavy upon us. On the contrary, we are of opinion that in some respects much remains to be done by our Order, and therefore it is that we dwell on the subject to-day. If trade is bad, if the prospects of 1879 are clouded over, if the claims and calls on all are very many just now, yet we cannot see that that is any reason why our Charities should suffer any diminution of their wonted returns, any withdrawal of their untold benefits. Let us bear in mind, as it has often been pointed out, for the last few years, in the pages of the *Freemason*, that six-tenths of our lodges and chapters have, as yet, done nothing for our great Charities, and that the same remark equally applies to forty per cent of our brethren, if not positively fifty per cent. In our opinion, every lodge and chapter should, at the least, be a Life Governor of all the Charities, and were this course to be followed by even a small proportion of our non-contributing lodges and chapters, so far, in 1879 not only would our charitable returns, not by any possibility be reduced, but probably, nay positively, would shew a substantial increase. When we consider to-day the balance sheets of lodges and chapters, and when we remember how very little, except a rare exception, is there done for charity, we feel bound to ask with the really "immortal William," what "all this quantity of

sack," and, alas! so little charity? Bro. Terry opens the ball in 1879, with the anniversary festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and we desiderate for that very active and hard-working brother a goodly and substantial return. We hear that the other two Charities are "up and doing," and we are especially glad to learn that the promises of support for the next Girls' School festival are very numerous and energetic. May our charity returns for 1879 attest once again, what we doubt not, the zeal and vitality of English Freemasons.

MASONIC TESTIMONIALS.

It is, perhaps, a trite observation, that testimonials of all kinds, though not uncommon, are, by the majority of us all, "more honoured in the breach than the observance," that is to say, testimonials are, though we often see them and hear of them, not the most popular things in the world with very many, both men and brethren. We do not wonder at such a feeling in the abstract, and for the best of all reasons. Too often the testimonial to one constitutes an injustice to another, and there is very frequently an excess of sentimentalism about testimonials, which distresses the thoughtful, and annoys the fastidious. For we fear, it must be conceded to our dear Bros. Caustic and Critic, that in our efforts to "testimonialize" somebody, we most frequently ignore those who have a prior claim on our consideration, whose work, long continued as it has been, and first-rate as it has been, has found no convenient friend openly to laud and proclaim, which adulation has not patronized, and interest has not "brought to the fore," and which, therefore, passes by unheeded and unnoticed, amid a thoughtless crowd of contemporaries, or a too excited assembly of competitors for honours and for favours. For these reasons, and many might be adduced if the subject were worth it, or time allowed, there is a common-sense objection to testimonials in general, which we shall do well to note and even to commend. For it is a protest against exaggeration of sentiment, against all "high falutin'" of personal interest, against the forward pretentiousness of self-satisfied mortals, against that tendency to "flatter and to feign," which is one of the most painful evidences to the thinking, of the moral decadence of humanity, and from which no earthly society, not even Freemasonry, is absolutely free. But there are "testimonials and testimonials" always, and if some are dubious, and more despairing, others are seasonable and satisfactory in the highest degree. And among these may be fairly and properly classed that one which the warmth of sincere friends, and the sympathy of affectionate comrades are seeking to raise to the memory and virtues of Bro. R. W. Little. Bro. Little's services to Freemasonry, and the Girls' School, are too well known to need anything but a partial mention in the pages of the *Freemason*, the pages of which in earlier days, he aided to embellish and uphold by his effective and interesting contributions on many topics. There can be no doubt, honestly speaking, that by the assiduous discharge of his Masonic duties, and the sedulous attention he paid to the interests of the Girls' School, Bro. Little impaired a constitution not the strongest of the strong, and shortened prematurely a very valuable life, and one most necessary to a large and loving family circle. Nothing more becomes his public career or private history, than the manly endeavours he ever made, even when ailing, to minister to the ease and comfort of those nearest and dearest to him, and with him many have lost their most necessary helpmate and their most devoted friend. To perpetuate his memory, to proclaim his faithful virtues, his friends are endeavouring to raise a sum of one thousand pounds, the interest of which will be given to his widow during her widowhood, and at her decease will revert, as capital and interest, to the Girls' School, probably as a "Little Scholarship." This seems to us to be a most judicious and seasonable proposal, and we are glad, remembering gratefully Bro. Little's valuable services to Freemasonry and to Charity, to commend it warmly to the kindly attention and sympathy of our many readers.

COSMOPOLITAN MASONRY.

What a wonderful "coup d'œil" is that which Kenning's *Cosmopolitan Calendar* presents to the reflective Mason. We open the little book, and are all alike startled and fascinated by its telling index. Freemasonry seems to us, in its development and its extent, to be conterminous with this habitable world, and lodges are to be found apparently in every spot where the foot of man has trod, or the work of civilization progresses. England, Scotland, Ireland, Canada, Quebec, New Brunswick, British Columbia, the United States, Central and Southern America, the Argentine Republic, Brazil, Grenada, Hayti, St. Domingo, Mexico, Hungary, Venezuela, France, Germany, Liberia, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Bulgaria, Hamburg, Denmark, Sweden and Norway, Switzerland, Greece, Hungary, Turkey, Peru, the Netherlands, Egypt, all proclaim the existence of Grand Lodges, or evidence the link of Freemasonry. And it is a very wonderful thought in itself, both this universality and perpetuity of Freemasonry! Go where we will, north, south, east or west, travel as we may, amid the Pampas or the Pyrenees, over the Alps or the Apennines, the prairies of the "Lone Land," or the pathless wilds of American forests, the civilization of Paris, or the turbulence of Mexico, Freemasons can find a lodge and a resting place, a friend and a brother! It is very easy to criticise and condemn the exoteric and esoteric teaching of Freemasonry; it is by no means an uncommon thing to hear the ignorant and incompetent, dilating in vulgar twaddle, about the questionable teaching of Freemasonry. But be it good or bad, right or wrong, a blessing, or noxious to mankind, *there it is*, none can deny its existence, none can refuse to credit the witness of their own eyes. What then is that bond of union, or what that condition of perpetuity, which appears to dominate and distinguish the onward march of Freemasonry alike in its active work, and its vitalizing message. It appears to us to be its one great doctrine of human brotherhood, which, despite the controversies of ages, notwithstanding the sophisms of the schools, seems to be all but innate in the psychology and sympathy of human nature. It seems strange to say so, but so it is, though the contrasts and conditions of life have served to sever alike our common lives and our common interests, yet since the advent of Diviner teaching, at any rate, man appears to feel that he and his fellow men are one in want, in hope, in longings, that the interests of the most widely contrasted classes are identical after all, (let us ever remember a golden saying of the late Prince Consort), and that just as we all have a common life here in weakness, and sorrow, and trial, so we all look for another restitution and restoration hereafter, when the "former things are passed away," and man has reached at last, unto the "perfection of his moral being." So let us cherish to day the Cosmopolitanism of Freemasonry. Let us do nothing in our time and generation to weaken its framework, or discredit its "outcome," but let us firmly adhere to its "ancient landmarks," as alike the best suited for the true onward progress of Freemasonry, and the benefit of mankind! In humble acknowledgement of T.G.A.O.T.U., first and foremost, ever, at all times and under all circumstances, and in unfeigned and active love to our brotherhood, let us wend on our way, cheered by the consciousness that Freemasonry, in its cosmopolitan form and strivings, is only a symbol to us of that better day, the golden dawn of humanity, when man, no longer warring with, or antagonistic to his brother man, shall be one in God and one in the brotherhood of immortality.

THE "CHAINE D'UNION."

We welcome sincerely the beginning (with the December number) of the fourteenth year of existence of our esteemed contemporary, under the able and conscientious guidance of Bro. Hubert. As English Freemasons, loyal to our own principles, we must all admire the fidelity, steadfastness, and courage manifested by Bro. Hubert in an almost hopeless struggle, and we shall accord to him that sympathy which is due to so devoted and faithful a member of our Order,

while we shall all wish well to the *Chaîne d'Union* in its honourable career of general utility and Masonic enlightenment.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even 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.]

MEMORIAL TO BRO. R. W. LITTLE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
I am anxious, in common with all concerned, to see the proposed memorial to our lamented Bro. Robert Wentworth Little, alike worthy of our dear brother and the other objects contemplated. Bro. Little was connected with so many societies, under the protecting wings of Freemasonry, that I feel certain a ready response will be given to the appeal of the joint secretaries, if the character of the proposed memorial is fully understood. The Treasurer is our esteemed Bro. H. G. Buss, the Assist. G. Sec., and one of the Secretaries is Bro. William Dodd, another personal and valued friend of the deceased, the Joint Secretary appropriately being the Secretary of the R.M.I. for Girls (Bro. Hedges), to which institution the whole of the balance of the fund is to be devoted, after providing for "the erection of a simple monument" over Bro. Little's grave; Mrs. Little, the widow (who is well worthy of anything the Craft can or will do on her behalf) merely having the interest of the principal during her lifetime. Those brethren then, who remit their subscriptions to this fund, not only take part in the simple monument to mark the earthly resting place of their friend and brother, but they provide a pleasing testimony of their appreciation of his exertions, thus cheering the sorely afflicted widow in her loneliness, and, beyond all, substantially aiding the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, on whose behalf Bro. R. W. Little so ably and successfully devoted the latter portion of his active and useful life.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

Truro, 4th Dec., 1878.

BRO. BEDOLFE AND THE MARK DEGREE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
Three or four weeks ago, in reply to our irrepresible Bro. W. V. Bedolfe, I had fully made up my mind to treat any further communications of his with silence. When, however, he coolly charges me with "falsehood," and, with "attempting to convert the *Freemason* into a receptacle for idle tales," it is surely high time that I rise in self-defence. In a sentence, therefore, let Bro. Bedolfe note, that my "article criticised," was wholly inferential, like nine out of ten orations delivered at the consecration of any Craft, Royal Arch, Mark, or other Masonic edifice, and, consequently, our brother must plead guilty, on reflection, to having discovered a mare's nest, when he charges me with telling "untruths," and manufacturing receptacles for "idle tales." Lastly, and for all, let me say, that, as Bro. Bedolfe does not belong to the Mark Degree, his interference is uncalled for, and, in fact, savours of impertinence, from beginning to end, of his many laboured letters thereanent in the columns of the *Freemason*.

W. F. LAMONBY, W.M.

Yours fraternally, Faithful Lodge, No. 229.

MASONIC NOTES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
I feel sure that the whole architectural profession will rejoice at the selection by the M.W. Grand Master of Bro. John Gibson for the post of Grand Superintendent of Works. Bro. Gibson has designed some of the most elegant classic buildings of modern days, and will prove a worthy successor of the lamented brother, who was so universally respected, not only in the Craft, but in the Royal Institute of British Architects and the Artists' Rifle Corps. A thought struck me as Bro. Gibson was being invested, it was: Why not make the appointment for two or three years only, so that other architects, who have deserved well of the Craft, might attain to the distinguished honour? In my opinion, the office of Superintendent of Works in Provincial Grand Lodges should always be held by a member of the architectural profession, and in case one such should not be eligible, then by a builder. It will afford much pleasure to many to know that one of the new lodges will dispense with banquets, and that some older lodges are trying to reduce the house bills. I, for one, should not like the sociable character of Freemasonry to be lost, but feel with others that spending two or three hundred pounds on dinners and five or ten pounds on charity is not in accordance with the teaching of the Craft.

So much is said against meeting at taverns, and the great objection is that something in the way of refreshment must follow the lodge meeting, as, in many cases, no rent is paid for the accommodation. Those who meet in public buildings, apart from taverns, have to pay from one to two guineas per evening for the privilege, an amount which makes considerable inroads in the funds of a small lodge. How is it that we, in London, cannot support several Masonic halls, when many small towns, especially in Cornwall, have a room or hall entirely devoted to Freemasonry? The Masonic Hall in South London has been through many vicissitudes, but now seems to be prospering. Speaking of this building, reminds me that it is a pity that refreshments are not supplied in the building to

prevent the unseemly rush of brethren to the nearest tavern directly the lodge is closed and before the banquet is served.

All brethren who care for the progress of the Mark Degree must rejoice at the decision of the Grand Mark Lodge on Tuesday last, not to take up with any of the so-called "side degrees," more or less connected with Freemasonry, a contrary course must have parted this degree and the Craft more than at present, when a different course is much to be desired. Having mentioned degrees outside the Craft, let me state that some short explanation of some, especially those of Royal Ark Mariners, Rose Croix, and Knight Templar, with the fees usually paid for taking same, usual subscriptions, &c., would be interesting to many of your readers, and help to extend the usefulness of the degrees in question.

Your notice of literary garbage will meet with universal approval. The Church of Rome must be very short of effective weapons against Freemasonry to resort to the poor device of circulating rubbish, and I am surprised that a respectable bookseller in a well-known thoroughfare, can be found to exhibit absurd and ridiculous daubs in his window to induce passers-by to waste their money on utterly untrue statements as to the aim, objects, and ritual of the ancient Craft.

These hasty notes on several subjects may furnish matter for profitable discussion in your pages.

Yours fraternally, OBSERVER.

WENTWORTH LITTLE MEMORIAL.

A meeting of the committee was held on Friday the 6th Dec., Col. Francis Burdett, Prov. G. Master for Middlesex, in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 19th July were read and confirmed.

Letters were read from Col. Burdett, and Col. Creaton accepting the office of President and Vice-President.

The circular letter which had been addressed to all the lodges was read, in which the objects of the proposed Memorial were set forth viz:—

- 1st.—"To erect a simple mural monument over the grave."
- 2nd.—"To invest the balance, and pay Mrs. Little, the widow, the interest during her life or widowhood."
- 3rd.—"To pay the principal at her decease or second marriage to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to perpetuate Bro. Little's name in some manner to be hereafter determined"

The following list of subscriptions was read and ordered to be published in the *Freemason*:—

The Girls' School Club	£	10	10	0
Prudent Brethren Lodge No. 145...	10	10	0	0
Bro. Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, W.M. 1657	10	10	0	0
" George Kenning	10	10	0	0
Robert Burns Lodge, No. 25,	5	5	0	0
Gihon Lodge, No. 49,	5	5	0	0
Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192,	5	5	0	0
Rose of Denmark Lodge, No. 975,	5	5	0	0
Burdett Lodge, No. 1293,	5	5	0	0
Friends in Council Lodge, No. 1383,	5	5	0	0
Palestine Rose Croix Chapter,	5	5	0	0
Plantagenet Conclave Red Cross,	5	5	0	0
Premier Conclave ditto	5	5	0	0
Domatic Chapter, No. 177,	5	0	0	0
Domatic Chapter of Instruction	5	5	0	0
Bro. Fysh (Girls' School Club),	5	5	0	0
" Tidcombe, George jun, Bushey,	5	5	0	0
" John Ll. Jones, P.G.D, Middx.	3	3	0	0
Royal York Lodge, No. 7,	2	2	0	0
Kent Lodge, No. 15,	2	2	0	0
Unity Lodge, 183,	2	2	0	0
Lodge of Justice No. 147...	2	2	0	0
Lodge Loyalty and Charity, No. 1584,	2	2	0	0
Rose of Denmark Chapter, No. 975,	2	2	0	0
Whittington Lodge, No. 862,	2	2	0	0
Naval and Military Conclave, No. 35,	2	2	0	0
Byzantine Conclave, No. 44,	2	2	0	0
Bro. Lieut.-Colonel J. Creaton, P.G.D.	2	2	0	0
" John Boyd,	2	2	0	0
" H. Dicketts, P.M. 23,	2	2	0	0
" Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.,	2	2	0	0
" F. G. Irwin, Bristol	2	2	0	0
" James S. Eastes, D.P.G.M. Kent,	2	2	0	0
" Henry G. Buss, Assist. G. Secretary	2	2	0	0
" A. A. Pendlebury, P.M. 1056,	2	2	0	0
" F. R. W. Hedges, Sec. R.M.I.G.	2	2	0	0
" Wm. Dodd, P.M. 1194	2	2	0	0
St. Luke's Lodge, No. 144	1	1	0	0
New Finsbury Park Lodge, No. 1695,	1	1	0	0
Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D.	1	1	0	0
" W. Collard Moutrie, P.M. 11	1	1	0	0
" S. Rosenthal, P.P.G.W. Middlesex...	1	1	0	0
" Magnus Ohren, P.P.G.W. Surrey	1	1	0	0
" E. Letchworth, P.P.G.R. Middlesex,	1	1	0	0
" Thomas F. Peacock...	1	1	0	0
" A. Barfield, P.M. 511	1	1	0	0
" George Powell, Red Cross Premier Conclave	1	1	0	0
" J. Harrison, P. Sov. Red Cross, No. 35	0	10	6	0
" Chas. B. Payne, P.M. 27,	0	10	0	0
" F. Adlard, P.M. 7	0	5	0	0

It was resolved that collecting cards be printed and sent to Worshipful Masters of lodges in the Province of Middlesex, also to any brother willing to collect subscriptions. A vote of thanks was passed to Colonel Burdett, and the meeting adjourned.

Owing to the pressure upon our columns the following reports unavoidably stand over. Lodges:—41, 78, 215, 379, 913, 1003, 1085, 1472, 1489, 1567, Chapter:—158, Obituary:—Bro. Colonel John Brett. Sermon:—Rev. R. P. Bent, P.G.C.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE EMULATION LODGE OF IMPROVEMENT.

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The Chairman next proposed "The Officers of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement for the Evening," and again praised the working which he had just witnessed. The working of the lodge was so perfect that really he could only look on and admire. It was very kind of the W.M. to put him in the chair for a few moments in order that he (the Chairman) might show them that he was anxious to be a working Mason as well as an apparent one. He had been at a great many lodges and Masonic meetings in his life, but he had never seen anything better done, or anything that took up one's attention more than the working of the Emulation Lodge that night. There was a great deal of difference in the working of lodges. Sometimes the period of being in lodge seemed to have been very long when we came out, and sometimes it seemed to be very short. The latter had been his feeling that evening, for he was very sorry when it was over. It had given him great pleasure; and if he might be allowed to add his small meed of praise he would hope that Bro. Fenn would allow him to say how pleased he should be to set him up in future as his model. In proposing this toast he must not forget a very important officer of every lodge. No lodge that he ever belonged to (he had belonged to a great many), could get on without a good Secretary, and the Emulation had a very good Secretary in Bro. Smallpiece.

Bro. T. Fenn, P.G.D., replying to the toast, said although he could not but highly appreciate the compliment paid him by Lord Heniker in coupling his name with the toast, he could not but feel that on an occasion like that the compliment was half due to the brethren who had responded to the questions which he as W.M. in the lodge put to them. If he was to participate in the honour of the working which had been done, he felt that his thanks were due to those brethren for the very careful manner in which they had got up their work. But he felt sure that their labours had been amply repaid by the very gratifying manner in which their work had been received by the lodge. He ought to tell the company that those who had worked were comparatively young members of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, and most of them belonged to a lodge which had emanated from it, a lodge which he thought was very aptly styled the "Lodge of Progress." He could not but feel that the progress which those brethren had shown had come from the Emulation. This was very gratifying, and it must be patent to all.

Bro. C. A. Murton, P.G.D., proposed "The Lodge of Unions" under whose warrant the Emulation Lodge of Improvement meets. He said they must all feel grateful to the lodge of Unions for allowing Emulation to meet under its warrant, but he was sure the lodge of Unions must be proud of its children, when it knew that this Lodge of Improvement had been the nursery of good working so many years, and had been the cause of so much good working in the Craft. He might almost say he was jealous that the Lodge of Unions should possess the parentage of this lodge, for he belonged to the Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, under which, in times gone by, the Emulation Lodge of Improvement met. Why it should have passed from the Royal York he did not know. He was sorry it had, but it honoured its parent, and he was quite aware that they also felt honoured by their child. It was quite unnecessary for him to say that the beautiful ceremonies of Freemasonry, unless they were properly worked, became a mere mockery, but he would impress the brethren with this fact that the ceremonies could not be worked intelligently and with proper feeling, unless the brethren understood the lectures which elucidated them.

Bro. Davis replied, and he regretted exceedingly the absence of the W.M. of the lodge of Unions. As his locum tenens, by command of Bro. Murton, he responded to the toast, although that duty ought to have fallen to Bro. Farnfield, the Senior P.M., always excepting Bro. Hervey. He could assure the brethren that all the members of the Lodge of Unions equally appreciated the compliment they had been kind enough to pay the lodge, and he fully concurred in all that Bro. Murton had said, as to how proud they felt at the very high position as to working which the Emulation Lodge had attained. Bro. Murton had alluded to the Royal York, and expressed his regret, or rather his jealousy, that the Lodge of Unions should have the honour of being the patron of the Emulation. He happened to have in his possession the first minute books of the Emulation, and in that it was described as the Lodge of Perseverance, not the Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, but simply the Lodge of Perseverance. That minute book extended as far as his memory served him, from 1818 to 1825, or 1826. From that time to 1831, or 1832, there was a gap, and he understood that the early minute books of the lodge were destroyed by fire. About 1831 or 1832 the lodge became affiliated to the Lodge of Unions, and from that time, although in their old Lodge of Unions they had had many things of which they were proud, there was nothing which afforded them greater gratification than their connection with the Emulation Lodge. And they had too another source of union, between the Lodge of Unions and the Emulation Lodge, and that was that Bro. Hervey was the father of the Lodge of Unions, and, at the same time, he had been for upwards of thirty-one years the Treasurer of the Emulation.

Bro. J. A. Rucker proposed "The Masonic Charities." He congratulated himself on having the opportunity of earnestly congratulating the brethren. It was unnecessary for him to say more than a few words in support of it; there was no one at that table who had not heard of it over and over again, and most of them understood what the Royal Masonic Institutions meant. He took it that in that assembly, before it had attained its present position, there were

but two classes of Masons present—Masons who had subscribed to those institutions, and Masons who were going to do so—and he hoped they would take the hint from the chair to-night that those who had not subscribed would emulate those who had gone before them, and give as largely; and that those who could, without detriment to themselves or connections, would subscribe more largely. If there was a brother who had not seen the Institutions and their working, he would recommend him to go down to all of them and satisfy himself that there was not a halfpenny thrown away from year's end to year's end; but that every farthing that was contributed to those Institutions was most honestly, scrupulously, faithfully, and economically disposed of by those in whose hands was placed the control. There was nothing further necessary to be said. If there was he was sure that Bro. Binckes, who would respond, would not omit to mention it.

Bro. Binckes, P.G.S., said that in an assembly constituted as this was, (which comprised among those he saw around him what he assumed to be the élite of so many various lodges under the English jurisdiction, who were thoroughly conversant with all the higher and better principles of Freemasonry,) it was not necessary for him in responding to this toast to add more than a few words to the excellent observations of Bro. Rucker. He would only say that he very much appreciated the compliment paid to him by associating his name with this toast, and he would simply ask to be allowed, first of all, to express the gratitude he felt to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement that, from their resources, the consequence of their prosperity, the various Masonic Institutions from year to year derived very large and substantial advantage. He hoped that all the members of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement who attended the meetings of that lodge for the purpose, of course in the first place, of acquiring that necessary knowledge of our ritual, which he held to be very essential on the part of every one who aspired to take an active part in Freemasonry, that they would also be led to take an equally active part in support of our great institutions. Bro. Rucker had made one allusion on which he would just address an observation or two, that there were two classes in Freemasonry, and he had given a very forcible description of those two classes,—there was the class that had given, and there was the class that had not given. He would simply say that he very much feared the class that had not given was a more numerous class than the class that had; and he was sure that Bro. Rucker's energies, with his own and with others', would constantly be directed to make that class less numerous than it was, and to add to the numbers of that class who did contribute to the support of the Masonic Institutions. He was not going into the vexed question of whether what we called charity, as we understood it in Freemasonry, was really giving. He held that it was—that Masonic charity meant practical support to our Masonic Institutions. However, those considerations he left to the conscience of every brother there, and to others among whom this question was discussed. He could only say that he had peculiar pleasure in responding to this toast that evening, because he was enabled to add to what the Chairman himself had said, addressing the brethren on more than one occasion, on more than one toast that night, that he was not content with the dignified and honoured position which he held under the Grand Master of England, but that he had voluntarily undertaken the very active duty of a Steward of one of the institutions, in the ensuing year, in connection with the province of Suffolk, and he (Bro. Binckes) was proud to announce that it was an association he was connected with—the "Royal Masonic Institution for Boys." He hoped that his lordship would find himself thoroughly well supported on that occasion. He (Bro. Binckes) would not occupy the brethren's time, for he was sure it was utterly unnecessary, with detailing the claims of the institutions; they were constantly before the brethren, their needs were widely known. He hoped that as they had been supported in the past, and were being supported in the present, they would be more largely supported by the brethren's bounty in the future.

Colonel Shadwell Clerke, G.S.D., proposed "The Stewards." At these annual meetings of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement there were very large gatherings of brethren, and to-night had been no exception. They all knew that such gatherings required a great deal of looking after; there were a great many details to work out, to conduce to the comfort and pleasantness of the evening. These duties devolved on the Stewards, and he was quite sure the brethren would all agree with him that the Stewards of the day had carried out their duties in the most perfect manner.

Bro. Pulsford responded, saying that the Stewards did what they could for the benefit of the Craft. Certainly they had a great deal to do in making the arrangements, but they were repaid by the great results.

The "Tyler's toast" brought the proceedings to a close.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

The regular meeting of the above Prov. Grand Lodge was held in Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Friday, 29th November, when a large number of brethren were present, including Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, R.W. Prov. Grand Master; George Mellor, Deputy Prov. Grand Master; Edward Ashworth, Prov. Senior Grand Warden; W. O. Walker, Prov. Junior Grand Warden; J. L. Hine, Dr. Lees, R. H. Hutchinson, Colonel Parker, C. R. N. Beswicke-Boyd, Edmund Ashworth, jun., J. Gibb Smith, James A. Birch, C. H. Coates, P. Prov. Grand Wardens; George A. O'Neil, Prov. Grand Treasurer; Jno. Barker, J. J. Hooper, James Hall, P. Prov. Grand Treasurers; Thomas S. Ainsworth, Prov. G. Registrar; J. F. Twed-

dale, P. Prov. Grand Registrar; John Tunnah, Prov. Grand Secretary; Edwin Hardon, Prov. Senior Grand Deacon; Edmund Heywood, Prov. Junior Grand Deacon; G. H. Brockbank, Dr. Royle, P. Prov. Grand Deacons; John Salmon, Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies; John Tennant, Prov. Grand Assistant Director of Ceremonies; G. E. East, Robert Whittaker, C. M. Jones, J. H. Sillitoe, P. Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies; Jno. Halliwell, Prov. Grand Sword Bearer; Wm. Barlow, P. Prov. Grand Sword Bearer; J. Randle Fletcher, Prov. Grand Organist; Charles Wood, Prov. Grand Pursuivant; Henry Greenwood, P. Prov. Grand Pursuivant; George Pilling, Assistant Prov. Grand Pursuivant; Charles Brierley, Prov. Grand Steward; Thomas Mitchell, Prov. Grand Tyler; and representatives from eighty-five of the eighty-nine lodges in the province; also Bros. H. A. Bennett, P. Prov. Grand Warden Cheshire; James Terry, P. Grand Junior Warden Herts, Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; E. C. Cooper, Prov. Grand Sword Bearer West Lancashire, and others.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was opened in due form, and with prayer, at 4.15 p.m.

The minutes of the last regular meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge, held at Bury on 23rd May, 1878, were taken as read, and were thereupon confirmed.

Bro. Hine, Chairman of the Charity Committee, read the minutes of proceedings of that Committee, which were then adopted and confirmed.

Bros. Thos. W. Probert, W.M. 191; James Andrews, P.M. 1219; and J. H. Greenhagh, W.M. 1723; were appointed Auditors of the Prov. Grand Treasurer's accounts.

A grant of five hundred guineas was made from the Prov. Grand Lodge Fund to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, on the occasion of the R.W. Grand Master, (Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie) presiding at the festival of that Institution, on 12th February, 1879.

It may also be stated that thirty-two brethren of the province have consented to serve as Stewards on the occasion, and this number is expected to be very largely increased before the festival.

A grant of fifty pounds was made from the Prov. Grand Lodge Fund to the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution.

All business being concluded, the Prov. Grand Lodge was closed in due form, and with prayer, at 5.15 p.m.

DRAMATIC NOTES.

PRINCESS'S.—The new piece at this house is an original and romantic drama, entitled "No. 20; or the Bastille of Calvados," written by Messrs. James Albery and Joseph Hatton. These authors have, in the piece named, aimed high, and if they have not quite attained the standard of excellence they desired, it must be admitted that the shortcoming is not a great one. That this play has provoked, and will continue to provoke, a deal of hostile criticism among the guardians of the public taste—firstly, because the play itself is conceived in a bold audacious spirit, and the portraiture of the villain is so strikingly unconventional in its wickedness, its blasphemy, and its thoroughness in devilment; and secondly, because all the other characters in the play are shadowy outlines, mere sketchy puppets introduced to enable the villain the better to develop the realism of his infernal nature—will not be a matter to cause wonder in those who love the stage and who are therefore, in this respect, somewhat conservative. Success in dramatic literature depends mainly upon two things—laughter and tears—in "No. 20" there is not a laugh, though the witty Albery wrote much of it; there is not a tear, though the clever author of "Cruel London" is credited with the plot. Herein lies the secret of this play failing to be the absolute success it might have been. Had the villain been truly in love with the heroine, and one could have seen, therefore, that such a love would soften and redeem him, and some pathetic scenes given in which he pleads for her love, though in vain, the emotion that is provocative of tears would have been worked upon; and had the lawyer, who is supposed to be the comic element in the piece, been made comic, as only Mr. Albery among our living dramatists could have made him, then our laughter would have checked our tears, or rather, blended with them, or rather again, we should have wept with one eye and laughed with the other. But, notwithstanding all I have said, "No. 20" is a very fine play; a fine play because well written, well conceived, well constructed, well, very well mounted, and well, excellently well, played. The "Distouchi," the villain, as played by Mr. Charles Warner, is, without exception, the finest bit of acting to be seen on the English stage to-day. This play then, taken as a whole, is a good one, its little faults are hidden by its greater goodness; it fulfils a purpose, a grand purpose, it teaches, it marks the stage as a platform that supplants the pulpit as a teacher, for whilst the latter can but theorise, the former can, and here does, illustrate and demonstrate the moral it is sought to inculcate. The authors of "No. 20," wins our love of virtue by no stagey hyperboles, no clap-trap of over-wrought pathos, but they produce her in all her native moral beauty, captivating the remnant of the divine within us. They never make us laugh at virtue, even in our sleeves, nor laugh aloud with vice, and if at times we cannot repress an inward chuckle, we rejoice because it is hidden. They have made good things loveable by the strength of God's own goodness. They make sin and crime hideous and hateful, vice and folly contemptible and ridiculous, and this, after all, is the only praiseworthy work the playwright has before him; he may win the plaudits of unworthy hands by producing works that make one weep or laugh, but teach nothing, or

he may, as have the authors of "No. 20," seek rather to teach and elevate than make us either laugh or weep.

HAYMARKET THEATRE.—"Crisis," the new play at this house, is adapted by Mr. Albery from Mr. Augier's bold comedy "Les Fourchambault." Notwithstanding the success of "Les Fourchambault" in Paris, it was thought by many, not a few of whom are considered good judges in such matters, that the piece could not be transported to the English stage with any chance of a successful issue. Mr. Wyndham thought otherwise; he knew that Mr. Albery's dramatic instinct would steer the piece safely among the rocks and shoals that seemed to endanger its reception here, and with even greater certainty he felt confident that this brilliant writer could by his unequalled wit, his bold portraiture of character, and by his vigorous treatment of trying scenes, make this remarkable comedy a genuine and deserved success. "Crisis" is now declared to be the "best thing" in London, and yet I believe that in the hands of any other English dramatist it would have been a failure. Had the one delicate scene in the play been treated nervously, as though the writer were himself afraid of the result, his fears would have been well grounded; had the pathos been less quiet and self-contained, or the dialogue less racy, witty, and spontaneous, this fine comedy, as it stands, would have been absolutely spoiled and have degenerated into a poor farcical drama. Any sign of timidity in the treatment, any exaggeration of the pathetic, and diminishing of genuine wit, would have been fatal. Such were the difficulties Mr. Albery had to encounter, but he has conquered them, like the good dramatic general he is. The piece is mounted in a manner that reflects no small credit on the management, and of the acting generally it would be difficult to speak too highly. Miss Moodie when she played in "Mammon" gave great promise and in "Crisis" she has fulfilled that promise.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, December 20, 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, day, or months of meeting.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14.
Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 176, Cavenar, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1426, The Great City, Cannon-st., Hot.
" 1612, West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing.
" 1671, Mizpah, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16.
Lodge 1, Grand Masters, F.M.H.
" 8, British, F.M.H.
" 21, Emulation, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 58, Felicity, 101, Queen Victoria-st.
" 185, Tranquillity, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-street.
" 862, Whittington, F.M.H.
" 1537, St. Peter, Westminster, 68, Regent-st.
Chap. 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
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.
Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17.
Board of Gen. Purposes, at 4.
Lodge 73, Mount Lebanon, Bdge. Hse. Hot., London-bdg.
" 95, Eastern Star, Ship & Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 162, Cadogan, F.M.H.
" 1339, Stockwell, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 1420, Earl Spencer, Swan Hot., Battersea O. Bdge.
" 1695, New Finsbury Park, Seven Sisters Tav., N.
Chap. 19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., E.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bdgs., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18.

Lodge 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 700, Nelson, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
" 1382, Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Docks.
" 1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1673, Langton, 101, Queen Victoria-st.
Mark 144, Grosvenor, 68, Regent-st., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.
Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd, N.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19.
House Com. Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 169, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.
" 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch, Hoxton.
" 1287, Great Northern, F.M.H.
" 1475, Peckham, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 1613, Cripplegate, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
Chap. 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 1381, Kennington, Surrey Club House, Kennington Oval, Consecration.

Mark Bon Accord, 2, Red Lion-sq., W.
" 7, Carnarvon, 68, Regent-st., W.
Encamp. E., Observance, 14, Bedford-rd.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
Ebury, 12, Pensonby-st., Millbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-road, at 8.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20.
House Com. Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 143, Middlesex, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 201, Jordan, F.M.H.
" 1704, Anchor, Bridge House Hot., London-bd ge.
Encamp. 6, St. George's, Albion, Aldersgate-st.
Rose Croix 10, Invicta, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C.
Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., 6 to 8 p.m.
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 8.
Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
William Preston, Feathers' Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.
Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulbourne-rd., Notting-hill.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot. London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, December 21, 1878.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16.
Lodge 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 32, Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17.
Lodge 667, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hot., Barrow.
" 1325, Stanley, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1570, Prince Arthur, M.H., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
Bootle L. of I., 146, Berry-st., Bootle.
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18.
Lodge 178, Antiquity, M.H., Wigan.
" 428, Sincerity, Angel Hot., Northwich.
" 537, Zealand, M.R., Birkenhead.
Lodge 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale H., Kirkdale.
" 1276, Warren, Queen's Arms Hot., Liscard.
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
" 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
" 1730, Urmston, Lord Nelson Hot., Urmston.
De Grey and Ripon L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19.

Lodge 203, Ancient Union, M.H., Liverpool.
" 343, Concord, Militia Mess Rooms, Preston.
" 425, Cestrian, M.R., Chester.
" 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.
" 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hot., West Derby.
Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20.
Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

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